



YAVAPAI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

March 2009 Newsletter



Free Training Opportunities



Josh Hunt Conference March 28th, 9:00-Noon

Josh Hunt will be teaching "Doing Evangelism as a Team" and Missy will lead a workshop for children's teachers.
Continental Breakfast and Registration 8:30-9:00 AM
Willow Hills Church, Prescott

VBS Worker Training Saturday, April 4th, 9:00-Noon

Robert Road Baptist Church



On Target: Thoughts from the Associational Missionary:

The U.S. is facing some of the most difficult financial times it has seen in several decades. People are losing their jobs and their homes. Some tell us that things will get worse before they get better. Is there any hope? What is the church's response? Does the church have a response?

Recently, I saw two news reports that spoke to me about responses the church can make to show the love of Christ.

Most of us know that Arizona is being hit especially hard in this "economic downturn." Due to cuts in the state budget, our local schools are going to be hit hard. Schools will soon have fewer teachers and larger classrooms. Another thing that will happen is that teachers will be required to buy even more of the classroom supplies than they already have to buy. What would happen if your Sunday School Class, Small Group or Church adopted a local school. Go to them and ask the teachers to give you a list of the supplies they will need. Ask your members to begin gathering those supplies. You might even get some local businesses to donate supplies. Then give those supplies to the school and teachers. Let them know how much you love them and that you are showing God's love in practical ways.

Something I didn't know was that Arizona is one of the lowest states in paying unemployment. One single mom shared that her unemployment check barely paid for groceries for her and her children. She had already lost her house and was desperate to know how she would support her family. What would happen if your church began focusing on donating food to the unemployed? Many churches have food pantries for the needy. Could you advertise a bag of groceries for the unemployed on a certain day? Give those groceries free of charge and remind those that you help that you are doing this because God's love is free and you want to show that love in a practical way.

What else can a church do? Ask the Lord; he has far better ideas than I do. People are hurting and we can help.

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Calendar of Events

March 2009

5th...9 AM: Verde Valley Hispanic Mission Partnership Meeting
6th-7th...Disaster Relief Training, ASBC
12th...11:30 AM: Pastors' Lunch, Robert Road Baptist Church
12th...1:30 PM: YBA Administrative Council, Robert Road Baptist Church
12th...3:00 PM: Great Commission Team Meeting, Robert Road Baptist Church
28th...9:00 – Noon: Josh Hunt Conference: "Doing Evangelism as a Team", Willow Hills Church
28th...Hispanic VBS Clinic, ASBC

April 2009

4th...9 AM – Noon: VBS Training Clinic, Robert Road Baptist Church
9th...11:30 AM: Pastors' Fellowship, TBA
9th...1:30 PM: YBA Administrative Council, TBA
12th...All Day: Easter Sunday

May 2009

13th-17th...Verde Valley "Blessed Hope Revival" Clarkdale Baptist Church

Ministry Team Reports

Church Strengthening Team:

As part of the new YBA Structure I would like to introduce myself, Hobby Wiles, as your new YBA Church Strengthening Team Leader.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve YOU the YBA Churches, however, I will need your help. We have a lot to learn with new responsibilities within the new structure.

I look forward to your help and input as well as serving on the Church Strengthening Team. For additional comments, questions, or suggestions, please feel free to reach me on my cell phone (928) 848.3403.

Great Commission Team:

Wanted: Great Commission Team Members who are passionate about reaching their community for Christ. We're looking to touch every sector of the county with the love of Christ. In addition, we need prayer walkers, door knockers, a special events developer, church planter apprentices, and hot blooded Jesus followers. Stale believers with cold testimonies need not apply. Contact Dave Arden (arden118@hotmail.com) or Rik Danielsen (rdyba@cableone.net) if you are interested.

Leadership Development Team:

The YBA Leadership Development Team is still forming, but we've already managed two pastor events! If your pastor has missed the monthly pastor fellowships, encourage him to begin attending. Pastors and all staff leaders need time to get together with others who know pastoral ministry firsthand to receive encouragement (Pro. 27:17).

The March 12 fellowship is particularly important because each of the new YBA Team Leaders will be explaining how our new structure works for and with the churches. Lunch will be free (and good!).

Future Mission Trip:

Rik Danielsen is planning to lead a mission trip to Columbia, Missouri in late August. We will be partnering with a new church plant (Karis Church), which is ministering to students from The University of Missouri @ Columbia and people of downtown Columbia. More information will follow. If you are interested, please contact Rik @ rdyba@cableone.net

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