



from the Yavapai Baptist Association

February 2011

ON TARGET



Hello:

Here's the Jeopardy clue: Arthur Flake identified five steps to grow *this*."

The answer is: "What is the Sunday School?" How many of you got that right? Oh, only the old guys. Oops.

Arthur Flake was a Sunday School man and is best remembered for his work in the area of Sunday School growth. He developed the five steps to Sunday School growth, which are sometimes referred to as "Flake's Formula for

Sunday School Growth." Those five steps are as helpful today as they were when Arthur Flake first published them:

1. Know the possibilities.
2. Expand the organization.
3. Enlist and train the workers.
4. Provide the space.
5. Go after the people.

Flake and others have known for years that new classes reach more people for Christ than older more established classes do, so he emphasized the need to start new Bible teaching units.

In a much newer work, Stetzer and Rainer recognize the same need. In their recent book *Transformational Churches* the authors say: "For community (the church) to be transformative, new people must constantly be welcomed into the fellowship. (page 180)" For new people to be added to the fellowship, new small groups must be started.

On a larger scale, we need to recognize that new churches need to be started if we are going to win more people to Christ. We have several areas in Yavapai County that are too large or too diverse to be effectively reached by one congregation.

Would you be in prayer about the matter of starting new work? For you and your church the new work might be a new Sunday School class or a new home Bible study. But that new work might also be helping to establish a home Bible study in a neighborhood that could one day grow into a new church.

Every day we see that God is doing something new. Every year God is doing something new. Be open to the fact that God wants to do something new in this area, too.

Your Brother,
Rik Danielsen

CHURCH STRENGTHENING TEAM

The Church Strengthening Team will meet at Robert Road BC on Thursday Feb. 17th @ 10 a.m. If you are interested in being a part of this team contact Hobby Wiles at 928 772-0703

Be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

YBA VBS Clinic is April 30th - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ZonaYuthKamp is July 10-16 at CBU in Riverside, CA.

INTERIM PASTOR at

First Southern Baptist Church Cornville

Our Director of Evangelism and Missions, Rik Danielsen, has been called to serve the First Southern Baptist Church of Cornville as their interim pastor.

His service begins February 1st. Rik will still be available to serve the other churches in the Association so please feel free to call on him.

Prayer Walking in Jerome

A morning of prayer walking is planned in the town of Jerome. We will meet at the YBA office in Prescott Valley at 9:00 AM, Saturday, February 12th. If you would like to be a part of the team, please contact Rik Danielsen @ rdyba@cableone.net.

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

February 2011

- 1 ASBC State Mission Team in Phoenix
- 3-5 ASBC Church Planter Basic Training Journey workshop location TBA
- 10 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 10 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 12 ASBC Hispanic Marriage Retreat in Prescott
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 Church Strengthening Team will meet at RRBC at 10 AM
- 21 Presidents Day
- 26 NET 21 Training in Scottsdale

NET 21

(also known as the National Sunday School Director Seminar)

Are you a new Sunday School or small group director or leader?

Do you want to grow your Sunday School or small groups?

Do you need new ideas? Do you need motivation?

NET 21 is:

- Highly energetic
- Intensely focused
- Quickly moving
- And totally devoted
- To making you and your people better disciples
- Equipped to serve in the 21st century

NET is for:

- Sunday School directors
- Age division coordinators
- Department directors
- General leaders
- Pastors and ministers of education

Through NET 21 you will:

- Gain insight into the purpose and mission of Sunday School and/or your small group strategy
- Develop practical growth skills
- Learn to transform teaching
- Build a step-by-step strategy
- Deliver practical tools for all aspects of Sunday School work
- Facilitate opportunities to network with others
- Build team spirit among your people
- Assist pastoral staff and volunteer leaders to pray and plan together

Spanish track also available

All this for \$20!

Register online at www.azsobaptist.org or call

Corrin Conway at the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention

480 945-0880 or 800 687-2431 *Registration deadline is February 14, 2011*

See the session topics and schedule at www.azsobaptist.org

Pastors and Mission Leaders! You are invited ...

Join us for the Impact Your World conference March 7-9, 2011, at Green Valley Baptist Church in Henderson, Nevada!

At this missions event you will have the opportunity to dialogue with pastors who have effectively engaged the international mission field. You will also spend time with field personnel, IMB leadership, and strategists who will coach you through the process of developing your church's own unique mission plans.

Registration is just \$79.00, and it includes a welcome banquet, lunches and conference materials. Your spouse may join you – with no additional fee! Please note, however, that spouses **must** register. (Note that Paula Hemphill will provide a special track for women!)

Please take a moment to read the attached flyer, and visit our website www.2allpeoples.com for more information and to register.

Bring your staff, lay leaders or pastor friends. Mark your calendar for March 7-9, 2010 and register today!

CHURCH NEWS

From FSBC Robert Road Baptist Church

A new Ladies Bible Study started Jan. 19th - They are studying Esther and meet weekly.

The WMU got together with the WMU of FSBC Chino Valley on Jan. 13 for a time of sharing ideas and having fellowship with each other.

The Youth of RRBC are busy each month with a service project, fundraiser, and a fun activity. In February they will be performing a skit "Dinner for Two", hosting a fundraising Valentine's Banquet on Feb. 13th, and having a Video Game Night on Feb. 25th.

VBS Training and preparations are ongoing the first Monday of each month. Praise God that all lead teaching positions are filled! In May we will kick off the "season" of VBS with Adult and Youth VBS going on at the same time, followed up with VBS for preschool age thru 6th grade the week of June 6-10!

From Beaver Creek Baptist Church

The Church is offering to anyone interested:

Allen Digital Computer Organ, 2 keyboards, internal speakers, self contained.
The organ is complete, with all the pedals, and is in good working condition.

If you are interested please contact the church at 928 567-4557

From Mountain View Baptist Church

Join us for a concert with the Schuler Family Band, followed by refreshments and a Jam session for any that are interested. Call 928 632-5787 for more information.

For more information about our Association please go to the website yavbaptists.com.

Please forward this email to all of your Christian friends and church members.

Rik Danielsen