



## ON TARGET



Some of you know that I recently attended and completed the “Transitional Pastor” training offered by LifeWay and the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. The whole experience was very interesting and I had the opportunity to meet some wonderful brothers in the Lord. By the way, a “Transitional Pastor” is an Interim Pastor on steroids. J Actually, a “Transitional Pastor” is a person with this specific training who is able to lead a church without a pastor through a specific program to help them transition successfully to a new pastor.

This program involves a number of “stages” that you help the church work through. The first stage is prayer. The church that will successfully transition from the old pastor to a new pastor will be a church that seeks the Lord in prayer.

Currently I am reading the newest book by Stetzer and Rainer entitled *Transformational Church*. In this book they identify a number of values and practices that churches have that are genuinely seeing people’s lives transformed. The third value listed in the book is “Prayerful Dependence.” It is listed third, but notice what the authors say about that: “Though we listed it third in three values, it may very well be the most important. With prayerful dependence, we recognize the true source of transformation (page 122).”

I recently received my copy of SBC Life and on pages 18-19 you will find a lot of information on the subject of a Southern Baptist Day of Prayer and Solemn Assembly. The new president of the SBC, Bryant Wright, has issued a call for all of our churches to hold a day of prayer on January 30<sup>th</sup> or another time that works better for you church. (If you don’t get this publication see [www.namb.net/sbcdayofprayer](http://www.namb.net/sbcdayofprayer) .)

When the people of God gather for prayer, they are recognizing God’s sovereignty (he’s in charge; we are not) and our dependence on him. If we don’t seek him, his will, and his help, we are saying that we don’t need him because we can handle things on our own. So, how’s that working for you?

Every one of our churches should be a “house of prayer,” but they aren’t. This does not have to be; it can change. Pastors, deacons, people in the pews, will you prayerfully work to see that your church is a house of prayer. If we transform our churches into houses of prayer, God will transform us and the world around us. Be careful as you move forward, though, the enemy won’t like what you are doing and will fight you. I didn’t say be afraid; I said be careful. The Lord will lead you and help you fight the battle.

Your brother,  
Rik Danielsen

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

**Rik Danielsen, Director of Evangelism and Missions for the Yavapai Baptist Association will be the quest speaker at the January 13th Pastors' Fellowship lunch at Robert Road Baptist Church.**

**Rik will give a presentation on "Missions to the Mescalero Apache Reservation".**

**Call or email Susan at the office to reserve your spot.**

## ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

**January 2011**

- 1 Happy New Year**
- 13 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist**
- 13 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist**
- 17 ASBC Tax Seminar in Flagstaff**
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 18 ASBC Tax Seminar in Tucson**
- 20 ASBC Tax Seminar in Scottsdale**
- 20-22 ASBC VBSI Training for State VBS workers in Albuquerque**
- 29 ASBC Hispanic Leadership Conference in Avondale**
- 31 ASBC State Mission Team in Phoenix**

## CHURCH NEWS

### **From FSBC Cordes Lakes**

On December 11 A team of young adults from Sun Valley Community church in Gilbert helped Cordes Lakes members paint the complete inside of our Fellowship Hall.

On December 12, FSBC Cordes Lakes Choir and Drama Team presented "Stranger in the Manger" a whimsical musical about the birth of Jesus. Total attendance for two performances 120.

For more information about our Association please go to the website [yavbaptists.com](http://yavbaptists.com).

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

Rik Danielsen