



Yavapai Baptist Association

November 2010

ON TARGET



Recently, Steve Martin, pastor of First Southern, Duncan, AZ shared how God had taken an exclusively senior adult church to be a multi-generational church. Here is what Steve shared:

“When I interviewed for the pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Duncan, the people assured me they wanted young children and families there. I was surprised because all of the nine members were 70 years or older and I explained that children would bring more work, noise, and wear and tear on the building. The members assured me they knew this and were prepared for it. I told them the first thing we needed to do to get ready for the children

was Sunday School teachers, children’s church teachers, Wednesday night teachers and nursery workers. The next week one of the members said even though she had never taught before she felt God calling her to teach the preschoolers during Sunday School. We also had volunteers for children’s church and Wednesday night. We began a rotation for nursery. God blessed and we soon had 8-12 children attending. After a while, I told the church that I felt we needed to start a youth ministry. God provided us with a youth leader and immediately youth began to appear. We already had a Wednesday night meal that the teens seemed attracted to. God began to bless us with several young families with children and new teens every Wednesday. The members responded by bringing candy for the children, hugging the teenagers, and providing financial assistance where needed. The members voted to start a birthday gift with a card and gift certificate to Wal-Mart for each youth, whether they were church members or not. One teen who had a single mother was making a trip to California with the FBLA from Duncan High School. Since his family didn’t have much money, the church voted to give him \$200 for personal use on the trip. We also began a ministry of support for the youth where an adult agreed to pray for, encourage, provide spiritual guidance, a birthday card and gift for Christmas and their birthday. Enough members volunteered to mentor all the youth. A young man who recently graduated from Duncan High School was going to attend the Scottsdale Culinary Institute. He was \$900 short for tuition and the church voted to provide that shortfall. Members regularly talk to the youth and interact with them. Many needs are discovered during this time and are met individually by the members. We now have a youth pastor and assistant youth pastor who led the youth on their first mission trip to Truth or Consequences, NM to minister in a senior adult living facility. The members have been true to their word and God is blessing.”

I’ve got to tell you, that impresses me. Those people said they wanted to do the right thing, then they volunteered to help and opened their pocket books to help. That’s the real deal. What would happen if the senior adults in every church had a vision for the younger generations in their communities? The world would be changed; that’s what!

Let’s all look around to see where the ministry needs are, listen to the Father’s direction and then put feet to our faith. God can do miracles amongst people who live like that.

Your Brother,

Rik

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Ministers - Mark Your Calendars!

Dr. Steve Bass: Finances

November 11, 11:30 am
Robert Road Baptist Church

YBA Ministers and Wives Christmas Dinner

December 10, 6:30 pm
\$20/Couple - Includes all food and entertainment.
Camp Verde Baptist Church
Find a map at www.CampVerdeBaptist.com

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2010

- 5-7 ASBC AZfuzion in Tucson.
- 11 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 11 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 18 ASBC Convention Council Avondale
- 19 ASBC Leadership Conference
- 19 ASBC Annual Meeting in Avondale
- 19 ASBC Hispanic Women's Retreat in Prescott
- 20 Worship Leader Training with Austin Ryan 9 AM at Willow Hills BC
- 25 Thanksgiving

WORSHIP TEAM TRAINING with AUSTIN RYAN

When November 20th starting at 9 AM
Where Willow Hills Baptist Church
Cost \$5.00 for lunch

This training is for *everyone* and *anyone* involved in any type of worship, and for those who would *like to be involved* in worship. Everyone will come away knowing more, feeling better equiped and **BLESSED!**

Check out Austin at
www.worshipcatalyst.com

CHURCH EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2010

- 21 The music/drama team at Cordes Lakes FSBC will present a short musical "Attitude of Gratitude". The presentation will be part of the Thanksgiving service starting at 11 AM. All are invited to attend.
- 28 Sky Daddy will be performing at Mountain View BC starting at 5:30 PM and ending with an informal jam session. Call the church 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.

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