

## ON TARGET



### **Our Greatest Need:**

In June of last year the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention elected a group of people to a task force called the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force (GCRTF). Recently, the GCRTF presented their preliminary report, which called for a great deal of reorganization in the SBC. I have no doubt that every organization needs to reexamine itself on a regular basis to make sure it is functioning as efficiently as possible in order to accomplish its mission.

Our own Arizona Southern Baptist Convention does this about every 5 years and is in the midst of a self-evaluation right now. The YBA went through a restructuring in 2008 and has been functioning with its new structure for a little over a year now. However, I fear we have missed a major area of need in the GCRTF report.

The greatest need in the local church, Association, State Convention or Southern Baptist Convention is not restructuring, but revival. The most brilliant structure in the world will not accomplish in 100 years, what a great revival can in one year. Many of you have probably read the history of the great awakenings that have swept the American colonies and later the USA between the 1700's and very early 1900's. In some cases the revival died in a matter of months because whole communities had come to Christ and there was no one left to get saved. In other cases as many as 10% of the country's population got saved in less than one year. If that happened today, we would see something like 30 million people swept into the kingdom of God before Christmas of this year. Wow, can you imagine?

Revival doesn't come because a church or a denomination has a great organizational structure; it comes because the people of God are tired. They get tired of living defeated lives and they are tired of seeing Satan have his way. When they get so tired that they turn from their own sinfulness and turn to the only God of hope—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, revival is just around the corner.

I'm all for efficiency in the organization, but we don't need a really slick organizational chart on the wall; we need a movement of the Holy Spirit in the halls of our churches.

Where does revival begin? Go back to 2 Chronicles 7:14, that oft quoted but seldom lived verse:

*and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (NAS)*

When we as God's people will truly humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face (instead of his hands) and repent of our own sinfulness, we will see God move in great power in our lives, our churches, and our land.

I don't know what the final GCRTF report will look like or if it will pass in the SBC in June, but I do know that if real revival doesn't come, we are sunk.

Your brother,

Rik

**April 2010**

## **ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR**

- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter
- 8 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 8 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 10 ASBC Hispanic VBS Clinic in Yuma
- 16-17 ASBC Zona Yuth Kamp College Staffer Training in Scottsdale
- 17 ASBC Hispanic VBS Clinic in Tucson
- TBD ASBC Historical Commission Annual Meeting in Phoenix
- 23-24 ASBC New Challenge in Scottsdale
- 30 ASBC Hispanic Women's Conference in Avondale

### **How to Get Involved**

The YBA has three ministry teams, the Great Commission Team, the Leadership Development Team, and the Church Strengthening Team. How can you get involved? Each team is looking for people with passion for their area of responsibility. If you are passionate about one of these areas, please contact the team leader and volunteer your time.

### **Please Pray for the ministries the YBA supports**

Please remember to pray for:

- The Summit Church and Pastor Eric Woods
- The Verde Valley Hispanic Mission and Pastor Ramon Rodriguez
- Brad Melton Ministries led by Brad Melton
- The Harvest Ministry and Ed Albus
- The work of our Ministry Teams in resourcing the churches of the YBA

Your YBA dollars support each of these ministries, but without God's help they will not be fruitful.

### **CHURCH EVENTS**

**April 2010**

- 1 VBS planning and training at Robert Rd. BC at 6PM. All are welcome.
- 20 "Messiah in the Passover" a Seder Meal, 6 - 8:30 PM at The Summit Church. Call for more details
- 28 "Whistle Stop" will be in concert at Mountain View BC in Dewey Call for details

Knitting Class, every Tuesday, at 2:30 PM. All welcome...beginners who need lessons to those who can teach lessons. The class has many projects...booties, newborn baby caps, etc.

## Witness Training

Our DOEM Rik Danielsen has been offering witness training to the churches of the YBA at no charge. This year he has completed the 6 week training in 2 churches and is currently teaching in a third. Rik is willing to teach the study "How to Make a Difference Where You Live, Work, and Play" in any church in the YBA. If having him teach this study won't work for you, please contact the YBA office and we will be glad to make a copy of the small group leader's material and student material available to your church free of charge.

96% of the people who have completed the study and filled out an evaluation said the study was very helpful or helpful to them. Here's what the pastors have said:

Harry Boldin of Clarkdale Baptist Church said: *"I had never before had the pleasure of participating in a witnessing seminar, study or seminar which provided such clear, down to earth, 'how to' details for reaching lost family members, friends, colleagues and acquaintances with the gospel of Jesus Christ. I highly recommend this study for any church interested in reaching these far too often overlooked people."*

Tom Green of FSBC of Cordes Lakes said: *"This study was worth every moment we were involved. Rik is an excellent presenter. I would recommend that he continue to offer this study. (We will do this again later in the year.)"*

## CHURCH STRENGTHENING TEAM

The team had a meeting on March 16th, the team members are: Hobby Wiles, Rik Danielsen, Bart Young, Jessie Liles, Theresa Walton. *New Things are coming!*

YBA VBS Clinic - May 1, 2010 - 8:30 A.M. (Registration) - 1:00 P.M.

**Please RSVP for lunch** to Theresa Walton (928) 848-4193 Cell

Hobby Wiles - Team Leader

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Dr. David Johnson the Director of Golden Gate Seminary Campus in AZ was the presenter at the Preaching Seminar on Saturday March 27th. A total of 12 Pastors and guests were able to attend and all were blessed.

The next seminar will be on counseling addicts, so mark your calendars for July 31st.

**Mission Trip  
to  
Mescalero, NM  
October 1-8, 2010**



Join the Yavapai Baptist Association's Director of Evangelism and Missions, Rik Danielsen, for a mission trip to the Mescalero Apache Reservation in New Mexico. We will be working with Pastor Zach Malott and the members of the Mescalero Baptist Mission.

**We will be:**

- **Leading Revival Services Sunday AM & PM and Monday through Wednesday PM.**
- **Doing prayer walking in the community during the day.**
- **Practicing servanthood evangelism during the day.**

**Contact Rik Danielsen at the YBA office: 7594 E. Palo Verde St., Suite A, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 928 759-8608 or by email at [rdyba@cableone.net](mailto:rdyba@cableone.net) for more information.**

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **From Robert Road BC**

Rik Danielsen is leading "Witness Training" every Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. through April 14th.

### **From Cordes Lakes FSBC**

Easter morning during the 11 AM service the musical/Drama "Though You Slay Me" will be preformed. Music, lyrics, and narration written by Janis and Tom Green.

### **From Willow Creek BC**

This year the Adult Special Education Ministry is going to try something new, and we hope very exciting! Instead of taking a few students to Glorieta this year, we decided that we could put the same amount of money to better use and involve most of our students (approx 25 of them) by sponsoring a 3-day/2-night retreat here in Prescott. So, we are headed to the Prescott Resort June 13-15. The Prescott Resort has been very generous in helping us to lower all the costs involved so that we may include all of our regularly attending students. Our Special Needs LifeWay consultant, Carlton McDaniel, will be joining us and providing training for our teachers and interacting with our students. We will be using our VBS curriculum for the 'meat' of our retreat, but also including fun stuff like swimming, work-out room, a dress-up evening, and a concert by 'Sky Daddy and the Pop Rocks'.

We're still looking for someone that would be willing to come and do a sing-a-long evening after dinner one evening (Mon - 14<sup>th</sup>). We also need a few ladies willing to join us at the Retreat as 'camp counselors'. so if either of those interests you, please contact me.

We will need to raise approx \$1,000.00 to supplement our existing funds in order to make this event happen for everyone. The month of April we will have the 'Willow Hills' license plate frames available before and after the morning worship services. The suggested donation is \$5.00. So, please pick one up and support our Adult Special Education Ministry.

Our students are VERY excited!

## **Arizona State Women's Retreat**

### **"For Such a Time as This"**

### **April 16-18, 2010**

For more information contact Sue Farber at (928) 444-5051 or [valsuef@yahoo.com](mailto:valsuef@yahoo.com)

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