

# News from the YAVAPAI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



April 2013

## ON TARGET



Hey:

A few weeks ago I was walking my wife's dog before I took off to whatever church I was preaching at that day. When we got to the little park across the street we noticed a house cat sitting at the top of a little tree. It was sitting on a couple of very thin branches (see the attached picture). Cooper (my wife's dog) almost laughed himself silly thinking about that cat up the tree. I, of course, felt sorry for it. But more than that I began wondering why did the cat go up the tree and how did it go up the tree. Since the cat wasn't talking, I was left up to my own imagination. My best guess is that a coyote was chasing the cat (that answers the "why" question); the cat went up the tree to save his life. "How" did the cat get up that skinny little branch? I think his motivation made the seemingly impossible possible.

When you look at the internal problems facing the American church today (which are too numerous and too obvious to those of us involved in the church to name), we have to ask ourselves, "How and why did we get where we are at?"

I hate to be simplistic, but I think the biggest cause of our problems is a lack of effective discipleship in the churches. We have not done a very good job of growing disciples and we are reaping the results today. Sadly, we have lost our evangelistic zeal. Leading people to Christ is the first step in effective discipleship. But when we do lead someone to faith in Christ, we have forgotten how important the care and feeding of spiritual babies is. No one with any sense at all would give birth to a child and leave it on its own to survive, but that is exactly what many of our churches have been doing for generations.



In a recent Pastors' Fellowship our pastors discussed the greatest needs our churches are facing. Guess what? The pastors identified discipleship as one of the greatest needs in the churches they serve. In response to that need the Church Strengthening Team has asked me to lead a discussion on effective discipleship at the April Pastors' Fellowship.

So on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM, at Robert Road Baptist Church, I will be leading a discussion on the subject of discipleship. I will have samples of discipleship materials that are available and even have some resources to give away. Pastors, please make this a high priority, we will be discussing the most effective, long term cure for the ailments of the church.

Your brother,

Rik Danielsen

## CHURCH STRENGTHENING TEAM

### *~DISCIPLESHIP~*

The YBA Pastors identified this as one of the areas of need in the Churches they serve.

In response Dr. Rik Danielsen, YBA DOEM/Church Planter Catalyst, will be speaking about **Effective Discipleship** at the April Pastors' Fellowship Luncheon. All Pastors are encouraged to attend. Rik will be showing resources that are available and there will also be some **FREE** resources available.

We are looking forward to seeing you Thursday April 11th, starting at 11:30 AM at Robert Rd. Baptist Church.

As always the cost is \$5.00, please RSVP to Susan by email or calling the office at 928 759-2246.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Put down on your schedules the:

### **May 9th Pastors Fellowship**

because we will have as our guest

### ***Dr. David Johnson.***

Be ready to ask him some good theological questions as well as a few chair-squirming questions! :) It would be good for him, especially if he is voted in to be our next State Missionary this April! We hope to see you all there on May 9!

# ASBC SPECIAL-CALLED SESSION

The Convention has a Special-Called Session to vote on a new State Executive Director for the ASBC. This will be on:

**First Baptist Church, Chandler**

**Friday, April 12th**

**1:00 PM at**

This is very important to the future of our work in AZ, please plan to be there to vote as the Lord leads.

# CHILDREN'S WORKERS TRAINING

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**the YBA Church Strengthening Team is sponsoring**

**Children's Workers Training**

**Deb Wolfrey will be the speaker**

The training will be held at:

**The Ridge, A Christian Fellowship which is located at**

**6540 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Prescott Valley.**

**The training is for all children's workers from preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**This training is free and provided by the Yavapai Baptist Association.**

PLEASE RSVP TO SUSAN BY EMAIL OR CALLING THE OFFICE 928 759-2246

# DYNAMICS OF BIBLICAL CHANGE

## Biblical Counseling and Training Center of Arizona

### Did you miss the fall conference??

It is being offered again in beautiful Cottonwood, AZ.

## “The Dynamics of Biblical Change”

April 12th & 13th, 2013

Will be offered at

First Southern Baptist of Cottonwood, AZ.  
1020 W. Camino Real, Cottonwood, AZ 856326  
(928) 634-7388  
[www.firstsoutherncottonwood.com](http://www.firstsoutherncottonwood.com)

For Conference Registration contact  
the church office.

### Workshops

- **Addressing Conflict**  
Pastor Keith Palmer
- **Answers to Dark Days of Depression**  
Dr. Wayne Nieman
- **The Holy Spirit as the Chief Agent of Change**  
Pastor John Giarrizzo
  - **Resolving Anger**  
Pastor Keith Palmer
  - **God Esteem vs. Self Esteem**  
Sandra Nieman—(Women Only)
  - **Progressive Sanctification**  
Joseph Godal
  - **The Trap of Sexual Sin**  
Pastor Keith Palmer
  - **The Rules for Fair Fighting**  
Pastor Darrell & Janet Gustafson
- **The Place of the Gospel in Biblical Change**  
Pastor Trey Richardson
- **Shame & the Healing Power of the Gospel**  
Janet Gustafson—(Women Only)

### General Sessions

The Dynamics of Biblical Change

By Keith Palmer

“Worship and Repentance”

“Heart and Desires”

“Putting Off and Putting On”

### *First Southern Baptist Cottonwood Conference*



### General Session Speaker

**Pastor Keith Palmer**

The conference’s main speaker will be Keith Palmer: Keith is the associate pastor of Grace Bible Church in Granbury, TX. Keith has served in that capacity since

July, 2002 and is the Director of the Granbury Biblical Counseling Training Center. He and his wife Lisa have been married since December 2000. They have three children: Alan, Aimee & Aric.

Keith is a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (B.S. Electrical Engineering) in Prescott, Az. and The Master’s Seminary (Master of Divinity). He is also a NANC certified biblical counselor. His passion in ministry is studying and teaching God’s Word, and seeing God transform the lives of His people as they apply and live the Truth. Keith enjoys dating his wife, playing with his kids, and quiet evenings at home with his family. He also enjoys running, playing volleyball, photography, and reading.



# COUNT THE COST SEMINAR

# 80%

OF CHURCHES ARE  
PLATEAUED OR DECLINING.

HOW DO I LEAD MY CHURCH  
TO THE NEXT LEVEL?



## YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND: COUNT THE COST SEMINAR (WITH BILL AGEE)

THIS SEMINAR IS DESIGNED TO HELP PASTORS LEAD THEIR CHURCHES OFF PLATEAU AND FULFILL THEIR VISION. WHETHER YOUR CHURCH IS BRAND NEW OR 100 YEARS OLD, THIS STRATEGIC EXERCISE WILL HELP YOU LEAD YOUR CHURCH TOWARD GROWTH AND IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

### DATE:

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013

TIME: MONDAY 10-6, TUESDAY 9-5

### LOCATION:

MOUNTAIN RIDGE CHURCH

23104 N. 67TH AVENUE

GLENDALE, AZ. 85310

COST: \$50

STARTING TIME: 10:00 AM

REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.AZSOBAPTIST.ORG](http://WWW.AZSOBAPTIST.ORG)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MONTY PATTON AT

[MPATTON@NAMB.NET](mailto:MPATTON@NAMB.NET)

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# ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

## APRIL 2013

- 6 ASBC State VBS Clinic in Phoenix
- 8-12 ASBC Associational Listening Tour
- 11 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 11 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 12 ASBC Special-Called session 1 PM at First Baptist Church Chandler
- 13 ASBC Hispanic VBS Clinic in Yuma
- 15-17 ASBC Transitional Pastors Training
- 20 ASBC State VBS Clinic in Overgaard
- 26-27 ASBC New Challenge Seminar in Scottsdale
- 27 ASBC Historical Commission Annual Meeting in Phoenix
- 28 YBA Children's Workers Training (see above for info)

## CHURCH EVENTS

### February 2013

- 24 Hired Hands will be in concert at **Mountain View Baptist Church**.  
The concert starts at 5:30 PM with refreshments to follow. All are invited to come and enjoy some great music.

**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**