



August 2013

## ON TARGET



**Hello:**

**One of the struggles of most churches today is the graying of the church--our churches are filled with gray heads like me. So the question is often asked, "How do we effectively minister to young adults and their families?" Sadly, a lot of our churches have given up on that mission; they can't figure it out so they have decided that young adults just aren't interested in the things of the Lord. In the meantime, young adults**

**are seeking out spiritual answers in a variety of places that include the internet and television, but because the churches in their communities are so irrelevant they aren't seeking spiritual answers from Bible believing churches.**

**Other churches are trying to win young adults through entertainment. Gotta tell you, the world puts on a better show. Besides, even if we could pull off a great show, you need to remember that the way you win them is the way you keep them. If you win them through entertainment, you will keep them through entertainment.**

**So how can we win young adults and keep them? One of the keys to winning and keeping young adults is through genuine ministry to hurting people. Young adults today are interested in helping people who can't help themselves. Your church needs to get outside of the building and engage the community in real helping ministries. Young adults aren't interested in being a part of an introspective organization; they don't care what color your carpet is or how much fun your monthly fellowship is. They want to know if you are helping widows and orphans. They will be interested in helping children south of the border or on another continent. They want hands on involvement in helping others. If your church is involved in those kinds of ministries, let the world know and it will win you a hearing.**

**The church my son and his wife are a part of in Missouri is successfully winning young adults. I asked them how they are doing it and he told me they are involving young adults in significant ministry in the community. They are a Bible teaching, doctrinally sound church that emphasizes community and serving others. That is how you reach young adults.**

**Your brother,  
Rik Danielsen**

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

We hope to see you at Robert Road on August 8 to spend time and encourage each other with gospel-focused conversations (lunch is only \$5)!

And, here's the contact information for Steve Valero, our guest speaker from last month who spoke to us about gospel-centered ministry to our neighbors. <http://www.ekklesia-communities.com/> [info@ekklesiacc.org](mailto:info@ekklesiacc.org) Feel free to contact him about more questions you may have!

**Jim Masters**

## ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

### August 2013

- 3 ASBC Hispanic Conference AEI in Phoenix**
- 8 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist**
- 8 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist**
- 9-10 Church Planter Retreat in Chandler**
- 15-17 Refresh Student Ministry Retreat in Carefree**
- 24 NET 21 Conference in Tempe**

## CHURCH EVENTS

### August 2013

- 25 Red Mountain Boys 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.**

# **YARNELL CLEAN-UP HERE IS A WAY THAT YOU CAN HELP!**

Our DOEM/CPC Rik Danielsen spent part of the evening in Yarnell on the July 11th with the AZ So. Baptists Disaster Relief Team. Here's what is going on.



The Disaster Relief Team is working with people who lost their homes, but didn't have insurance. The reason they didn't have insurance was because they were uninsurable. They had very old mobile homes or really old homes that were in bad shape. They are going to get help from the county to help rebuild.

IF everyone shows up this weekend (July 20-21) who said they were going to, the clean up phase for uninsured home owners will be complete.

## **The real need is going to be the rebuilding phase.**

**They may be getting started in the next 2-3 weeks (that's what they told me). They will need *lots* of volunteers and can use *any-one with any skill level*. They need basic laborers like me and they need people with every construction skill (from carpenters to electricians to tape and texturers). People can volunteer from one day to a week or more.**

Please get out the word. Please let everyone know how they can help. You and they will be glad that you did.

**Willow Hills Baptist Church is going to be building a data base of workers who are volunteering.**

**You can contact them at**

**[willowhillsfsbc@willowhills.com](mailto:willowhillsfsbc@willowhills.com) or (928) 445-5520.**

**If you would like to read more about the work the AA So. Baptist Relief Team is doing in Yarnell visit this website [http://azsobaptist.org/article4\\_page.shtml](http://azsobaptist.org/article4_page.shtml)**

# WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

What's your church's strategy for reaching people in the community for Jesus?  
How can you best utilize online training and technology? How can you use  
Bible Storying to lead a group of Adults?

NET 21 (Networking/Equipping/ Training for the Twenty-First Century)  
Helping your church reach people through the Small Group/Sunday School  
environment

Training and equipping of Small Group/Sunday School workers

- Advanced tracks for seasoned veterans
- Basic tracks for new recruits



Saturday, August 24  
CrossPoint Church, Tempe

\$20 per person  
Register at [www.azsobaptist.org](http://www.azsobaptist.org)  
Registration deadline: Friday, August 16

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## Schedule

8:30 AM - Registration

9:00 AM - Opening Rally

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Basic & Advanced Tracks

12:00 - 1:00 PM - Lunch (provided)

1:00 - 2:00 PM - Elective 1

2:00 - 3:00 PM - Elective 2

Questions? Contact Corrin at the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention  
480.945.0880 or 800.687.2431

# CHURCH NEWS

## First Southern Baptist Church of Mayer

FSBC Mayer held Vacation Bible School the week of July 15 – 19. We were blessed to have an average of 19 kids each day! Billy & Janeen Palmer did an excellent job in leading the children through prayers, study, and worship. The girls collected far more than the boys did, so Billy got a good sized piece of cake! All together, the kids collected \$158 for the Arizona Baptist Children's Service. That's a lot of pennies and quarters! Billy and Janeen are hard at work preparing for next years VBS!



## Willow Hills Baptist Church



Nada Davis of Willow Hills is offering American Sign Language Classes. Her next class begins August 6th through October 29th Tuesday evenings, 5:30pm to 7:30pm @ Willow Hills Baptist Church, 1071 Mogollon Rd, Prescott. Please call 445-5520 to sign up.

I will be teaching from the book 'Signing Naturally 1' ---- The classes are available to anyone wanting to learn American Sign Language. This will be a basic beginner class. If you have taken beginning sign or know some sign, please let me know when you call to enroll. Lessons are **FREE**; class-room type lessons; along with fun and games to help you remember your signs.

Even though this particular class is a beginning class; I will have many intermediate students as well. Those students are a big help for first time students.

My goal is to help you learn how to speak with and welcome any deaf person into your life, share your faith and learn to sign worship music.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about our Association please click here to visit our website:

[yavbaptists.com](http://yavbaptists.com)

Please forward this newsletter to all your Christian friends and Church members.

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