



from the **Yavapai Baptist Association**

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ON TARGET



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

"Leadership." What does that word mean to you? That's not a rhetorical question. You have a definition somewhere in your brain and it influences both how you lead and how you are led. It is worthwhile to consider what that word really means - telling others what to do, being the final arbiter, solving every issue - what does leadership mean to you?

Now, think about what leadership means to Jesus: Luke 2:8-14, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 20:20-28, Ephesians 4:11-14. Might we use the words service, humility, and responsibility?

This Christmas season, reflect on the leadership of Jesus Christ the Lord. Understand what he came to teach us - through both his words and his actions. Pastors, love your flock and shepherd them (all of them) by laying your life down for them. Love your wife by nurturing her soul through the craziness of holiday church activities (especially by treating her to the Christmas Dinner on Dec. 4!). Let your children know that their father is a daddy first and pastor second. Live Christ in front of your people this season; point them to something better than December consumerism. Leadership is not easy, but it is worth the effort (1Peter 5:1-4), brothers. Peace to you, and merry Christmas.

Brian LeSturgeon

CHURCH STRENGTHENING TEAM

We hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and that you have a very Merry Christmas.

We are looking forward to serving your churches in the new year.

Hobby Wiles

GREAT COMMISSION TEAM

Preventing Scroogitis:

Ten Ways to Share the Love of Christ this Christmas

(Pick 2-3)

1. Share a peppermint mocha with your supervisor and pepper him/her with kindness.
2. Joyfully share a vibrant ornament or small-decorated tree with the homebound.
3. Get your Sunday school/small group leader a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble for appreciation - preferably one worth more than \$5 bucks.
4. Give generously enough to your church's Christmas mission offering that a missionary might actually be impacted by it.
5. Bake some oatmeal cookies for your neighbor & share your life with them.
6. Humble yourself and take a homeless person out to lunch (or share a warm dinner).
7. Give a gracious gift (like a magazine subscription) to the most difficult person at your office - without telling them they're the most difficult person at your office.
8. Fast for a couple meals and take the money you would have spent on food to your homeless shelter.
9. Assemble your own hot chocolate/tea mix and bottle it up for friends.
10. Shock and honor someone in your family by sharing a REAL letter (not e-mail) of your love, respect, and hope for them.

Dave Arden

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

December

- 3rd Verde Valley Hispanic Missions meeting
- 4th YBA Pastors' & Wives Christmas Party 6:30 PM at FSBC Prescott Valley
- 10th YBA Administrative Council 1:30 PM at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 23rd YBA office will be closed from the 23rd - 30th
- 25th Christmas Day

CHURCH EVENTS

December

- Knitting class every Tuesday at Willow Hills Baptist Church
- 5 Community Winter Arts and Crafts Fair at the Community Center in Cordes Lakes. Starts at 8AM
- 6 Linda Phillips will be speaking on Lottie Moon 10:50AM at Robert Rd. BC
- 6 Christmas Potluck Dinner at Cordes Lakes FSBC after morning worship.
- 6 Hanging of the Greens 6:30PM at Beaver Creek BC
- 13 Winter Musical "Christmas Hang-Ups" 11AM and 6 PM at FSBC Cordes Lakes
- 13 Annual Holiday Meal at Mayer FSBC
- 13 Adult Christmas Cantata 10:50AM at Robert Rd. BC
- 20 Candlelight Services at Cordes Lakes FSBC at 5PM
- 21 Christmas Caroling 5:30PM at Robert Rd. BC
- 24 Christmas Service and the Lords Supper by candlelight 5PM at Robert Rd. BC

CHURCH NEWS

From Willow Hills BC

India Mission Trip scheduled Dec. 27 - Jan. 11, Eye Care Clinics, looking for volunteers to go. All training will be done by Team members at Willow Hills. Contact Pastor Jesse Liles for more information. jes-seliles@cableone.net

From Robert Rd. BC

There will be a Ladies Secret Pal Fellowship on Dec. 7th at 6PM. The Men's Ministry will have a Fellowship time on the 18th at 5PM.

Everyone is invited to go Christmas Caroling Dec. 21st at 5:30PM, meet at Robert Rd. BC.

From Chino Valley FSBC

A total of 203 Christmas boxes were sent. Thanks go to all involved. Pray that a child will come to know Jesus through this project.

Deadline for Upward Basketball sign-ups are Dec. 11th. See Carlos Levya.

CHURCH NEWS cont.

From Beaver Creek BC

Dec. 6th at 6:30PM will be *Hanging of the Greens* our annual kick-off for the Christmas season. God is worshipped through Christmas songs and via the declaration of the Christmas Gospel while explaining each of the major themes and symbols represented in the auditorium's decorations. For more info contact Kristy Reay 928 301-0745.

From Mayer FSBC

Mayer will be having our annual holiday meal on Sunday, Dec. 12th. Ham and turkey with all the trimmings! The WMU is sponsoring an Angel Tree. They have received eight children's names from a local charter school for anyone to sponsor. The church also provided Thanksgiving boxes to three families that have children attending this charter school. We are blessed and fortunate to be able to provide for some of our less fortunate neighbors. And from all of us at FSBC Mayer to each church family in our association - may you have a wonderful and blessed Christmas! We must always remember the reason for the season! It isn't and "X" or the presents, or even the huge meal we will eat, rather it is all about our Lord and Savior! Happy Birthday Jesus!

From Cordes Lakes FSBC

Cordes Lakes participated in the Samaritan's Purse "Shoe Box Ministry" last year and gave 50 boxes, we decided to do it again this year. We are sending over 50 boxes again. They will be shipped to distribution centers in AZ on Nov. 23rd. God has used this ministry for us to help spark interest in missions in our people. For example, we are developing a team to be lead VBS at at church on the Reservation this summer. One small step for us one giant leap for Jesus.

From Cky John Carrigan:

Anyone in the Association is invited to host student preachers from Southwestern Seminary for Spring Break Revival Meetings. The revival dates are March 14-17, 2010 or May 16-19 or May 23-26.

The information about this program and the church application itself is available online at www.swbts.edu/srep. The application deadline of October 30, 2009 is rapidly approaching.

If you have any additional questions you may contact Janet Petersen at jpetersen@swbts.edu or 817-923-1921, ext. 6677.

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

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