



ON TARGET



Hello:

There are two shows on TV that are very similar in nature: *Restaurant Impossible* and *Kitchen Nightmares*. One stars Chef Robert Irvine and the other stars Chef Gordon Ramsey. Both shows deal with restaurants that are failing and about to close and in both cases the world renowned chefs are working to save the restaurants.

If you watch those shows for very long you see some similarities in what the chefs do to try to save the restaurants. One thing they almost always do is simplify the menus. Over the years the restaurants have been in business their menus have grown with new items, but they never take off any old items. This causes several problems:

It makes it difficult for the customers to know what to choose. Too many choices are simply confusing.

The cooks have to know how to cook all of the items on the menu, which is a daunting task.

The kitchens have to stock all of those ingredients, which is very expensive.

In 2006 Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger wrote the book *Simple Church*. Rainer says this: A young man by the name of Eric Geiger came into his office with some research he had done, “he found that the healthiest churches in America tended to have a simple process for making disciples. They had clarity about the process. They moved Christians intentionally through the process. They were focused on the elements of the process. And they aligned their entire congregation to this process.” (page ix)

Looks to me like those churches had one thing on the “menu” and that one thing was “making disciples”. They had to take things off the menu if those things weren’t going to help them make disciples.

You need to know that an existing church will not be able to simplify its ministry overnight. You will have to convince the congregation that this is necessary and you will have to say “no” to some very good things the church has been doing for a very long time. Unless your congregation realizes how desperate it is, this process should be implemented over a period of time, not all at once.

If you make this transition successfully, you will end up with a church that is focused on the main verb of the Great Commission—making disciples. You will have to be constantly on guard against the temptation to add “stuff” to your church’s ministry schedule. “You know, we did this really neat thing in our last church.” But a focus on disciple making ought to pay big dividends in the long haul.

Simply yours,
Rik Danielsen

CHURCH STRENGTHENING

NET 21 TRANSFORM - March 24, 2012 - Transform Lives Through Teaching @ CrossPoint Church, Tempe, AZ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm cost is \$20.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 21ST-

Call 1-800-254-2022 to register - Excellent training for Sunday School and Small Group Teachers!

YBA VBS CLINIC - April 28, 2012 - Amazing Wonders Aviation @ Robert Road Baptist Church, Prescott Valley, AZ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm **FREE EVENT** (If you would like to lead a class please notify Theresa Walton @ (928) 848-4193)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Many of you participated in the ASBC Solemn Assembly in Glendale. Everyone I know who did participate was blessed by the experience, but many were not able to attend because of time and distance. As a result we are sponsoring our own Solemn Assembly here in the YBA. For those of you who are not familiar with the term "Solemn Assembly", this term originates in the Old Testament (Joel 1:14 is a good example) and was a call for the people of God to turn to him in repentance and prayer. The YBA leadership believes we are in need of just such an assembly.

Here are the pertinent details:

When: Sunday, February 26th, 6:00 PM

Where: Camp Verde Baptist Church

Leaders: Byron Banta the ASBC Interim Executive Director, and the Worship Team from Beaver Creek Baptist Church.

Who: Who should come? Everyone from our churches - especially our leaders.

Please plan to be a part of this important time of prayer.

Mark your calendars!

Pastors' Fellowship Luncheon

February 9th at Robert Rd. BC

11:30 AM

**Click [here](#) to let Susan know you will be there or call
928.759.2246**

A Solemn Assembly

I want to report on the Solemn Assembly we held at Camp Verde Baptist Church on Sunday Feb. 26th.

We had at least 14 churches represented at the meeting, which is 2/3 of our total number of congregations, which is phenomenal to me. We estimate that at least 120 people participated from those 14 churches.

Bart Young and the worship team from Beaver Creek BC did a wonderful job of leading us in worship and Byron Banta was spot on in his sharing and leading us to the throne of God in prayer. My prayer would simply be that real revival would spread to the 14 churches that participated and then that it would spread to all of the churches of the YBA.

Some simply couldn't come because of the amount of time it would take to travel to Camp Verde or because of an unavoidable conflict of schedules. I understand that and want to offer to help your church have its own Solemn Assembly. Please call me and let me know how I can help.

**Your Brother,
Rik Danielsen**

February 2012

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

3-4 ASBC Church Planter Basic Training Journey Workshop
9 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
9 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
11 ASBC Hispanic Marriage Conference, Phoenix
14 Valentine's Day
14 Church Strengthening Team will meet at RRBC at 10 AM
20 Presidents Day
21-22 ASBC Coaching Seminar, Scottsdale
26 YBA's Solemn Assembly 6 PM at Camp Verde Baptist Church
27 ASBC Convention Council Orientation, Tempe
27-28 ASBC Convention Council, Tempe

NET 21: transform TEACHING THAT CHANGES LIVES

The goal of TRANSFORM is to equip every Bible study teacher of every age group to teach God's Word in a way that brings about transformation in their class members' lives. Teachers will learn how to do more than just share information; they will see how their teaching and their relationships with class members can be used by God to transform lives. One of the finest faculties in the nation will come together to provide a day of training for your leaders that could have a life-changing impact on teaching in your church. Learn more at www.lifeway.com/events or call 800.254.2022

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TRAINING FOR EVERY AGE GROUP - JUST \$20* -

MARCH 24, 2012 ~ CROSSPOINT CHURCH ~ TEMPE ~ 8:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

Conferences for leaders with: Babies . 2 year olds. 3 year olds . Pre-Kindergarten . 1st and 2nd grade . 3rd and 4th grade . Pre-Teen . Middle and High School Students . Young Adults . Median Adults . Senior Adults . Small Groups. **See the session topics and schedule at** www.azsobaptist.org

Conferences for: Pastors Ministers of Education Sunday School Directors from Smaller Churches and from Larger Churches **Register through Events Registration at LifeWay, 1.800.254.2022. or through the Lifeway website**

Registration deadline is March 21, 2012 Questions? Contact Corrin Statezny at the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention,

corrin@azsobaptist.org, 480.945.0880 or 800.687.2431 *for Arizona Southern Baptist Church Members. \$29 for others. Program fee Only. Travel and accomodations are not included. Event subject to change without notice.



STATE WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Lost Canyon Ranch,
April 13th, 14th, & 15th, 2012**

**Sponsored by the
River Valley Baptist Association**

We're planning a great retreat for 2012. . . and we're looking forward to you joining us! Please note our special theme is "More Thank Me & My Shadow" based on Isaiah 43:1-3. Our retreat team has been praying and working hard to make this year's retreat an enriching and incredible experience for the ladies of our state.

Now is the time to begin registering. . . Simply download the [registration form at rvba.net](#) These can be mailed in individually or as a group, but each lady must fill out a registration form. All forms and payments must be received in the River Valley office prior to the retreat. It works best to have a Retreat Contact Person in your church who will take care of promotion, distributing brochures, collecting registrations, and sending payment in one check for your group. Please note the registration deadlines and costs.

Once you arrive at Lost Canyon. . . We are planning to have several registration lines to make check-in quick and easy. Since all registrations are pre-paid, you will simply receive a name tag with a room assignment. Though Lost Canyon has beautiful facilities, they are basically a youth camp with two story buildings and upper and lower bunks. We will provide lower floors for ladies with special needs as well as providing a shuttle to event locations. You can best help us address special needs in two ways... First, by indicating on the registration form if anyone uses a walker or wheelchair. Second, by each group working to take care of their ladies, switching beds as needed, etc. Parking can be very crowded at Lost Canyon, so please try to carpool if possible. More info will be sent with registration confirmation to each registrant.

Remember. . . **In life,** it's more than me and my shadow. "He calls me by name and I have nothing to fear!" We can't guarantee there will be snow (or no snow!) but, we are looking forward to you joining us for a unique time of fellowship, worship, and spiritual renewal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the River Valley office at 928.753.9262 or e-mail us at rvba@citlink.net.

Missionary Tommy Thomas
River Valley Baptist Association

**SPACE IS LIMITED TO 400,
SO REGISTER EARLY!**

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MILE HIGH FELLOWSHIP

As we progress in planting the new church, Mile High Fellowship, we need some people to help Prayer Walk South Prescott in the coming weeks and months. If you are interested, please contact Mary or Pastor Steve White at (928) 713-7609 or email to steve@love98.com. Please call if you have any questions. Thanks so much!

Steve White

Pastor, Mile High Fellowship

HARVEST MINISTRY

Do you enjoy gardening and fellowship? Then this is for you! The YBA owns three greenhouses in Chino Valley and Jesse Liles heads up the group of people who work, plant, harvest and distribute the produce. They are starting to prepare the beds for planting in the next few months and many hands make light work and lots of FUN. If you are interested here is the contact information:

Jesse Liles

Pastor, Willow Hills Baptist Church

1071 Mogollon Rd.

Prescott, AZ 86301

928-445-5520

GRAND CANYON BAPIST CHURCH

Grand Canyon Baptist Church would like to invite you to consider becoming a ministry partner. Please consider the following opportunities:

Prayer Warriors, individuals or groups, who pledge to pray for the ministry.

Prayer Walkers, individuals or groups, who come to the ministry field and walk targeted areas.

Financial Partners, individuals or groups, who pledge to send funds on a schedule to be determined by the partner.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the ministry opportunities.

Rick Wiles

Pastor, Grand Canyon Baptist Church

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CHURCH EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2012

26 The Hahner Family Band in concert at Mountain View BC at 5:30 PM. The concert is free! Refreshments to follow the concert. For more info: www.mtviewbaptist.com

CHURCH NEWS

First Southern Baptist Church Mayer

Our Women's Ministry (aka WMU) started the year off with a new director. Laura Meyer has taken the reins, and jumped right in. At the first meeting in January, she had an excellent display board made up, and lots of information for the ladies. Prayers were offered for the missionaries we support, as well as other listed in the Mosaic magazine. All of the ladies in attendance were very pleased with Laura and her first meeting! Great job Laura!

The ladies sewing club continues to meet at on the first Monday of the month for charity sewing, second Monday for beginners sewing, and the fourth Monday for advanced sewing. Any one is welcome. Sewing machines are available for those that need one for the day. Sewing begins at 10 and ends when everyone leaves!

Mayer would like to encourage everyone to plan on attending the Solemn Assembly planned for the 26th of this month in Camp Verde. Only when the church seeks God's face can His work be accomplished! A great time of fellowship with the Holy Spirit was had during the assembly held in Phoenix in January. There is no doubt that the Spirit will be present in Camp Verde also!

Willow Hills Baptist Church

Willow Hills has a "Spider Dolley" for up to a 6' Grand Piano to give away. New these are worth about \$800. If your church could use this, please call Willow Hills and ask for Jack Baker. He will be glad to give you information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about our Association please visit our website:

yavbaptists.com

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