



January 2013

## ON TARGET



**Hello:**

I'm writing this article before Christmas so people's decorations are still up; as a matter of fact they are still going up. We are impressed and sometimes amused at the light displays that some of our neighbors put up. Some people have very tasteful and artistic displays of lights while others have gone all Clark W. Griswold on us. Some people have Santa and elves and reindeer and mangers all mixed together while others pick either sacred themes or purely secular themes in their decorations. One of my neighbors has a tee-pee in the front yard. I don't know if they are Native Americans or just confused.

As a Christian I cannot help but be reminded that Jesus is and was the light of the world who came into the world in the flesh on Christmas. But then I am reminded that he has called us to be lights to the world, too. We are to shine his light to the world through our good works (Matthew 5:16) and by spreading the light of the gospel (2 Cor. 4:4). It seems to me that one without the other is incomplete. One is the proclamation of the good news and the other is a demonstration which gives validity to the good news (before you start emailing me read Romans 5:8).

Pastors of the YBA, God is giving me a new message on this subject that I believe I need to bring to your church. Would you please look at your calendar to see when I could come to bring this message to your congregation? When I do I will challenge your members to do the things you have challenged them to do-show love to their neighbors and share the good news with them. I will also be asking people to join a group of people who will be a part of a prayer walking/evangelism team that will minister in areas around our county that need new works and will minister in other areas of the state where we partner to help plant a new work.

What's the benefit to your church? Anyone who joins me in this venture will be trained in the areas of prayer walking and ministry based evangelism. They will come back better prepared to serve through your church than perhaps ever before.

I look forward to hearing from you and scheduling a time to share with your congregation.

Your brother,  
Rik Danielsen

# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

## PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

**January 10, 2013**

**at 11:30 AM**

**Robert Road Baptist Church**

**Come and hear Mitch McDonald share how God is blessing in the area of evangelism and asking you to share how YBA and ASBC can best partner with you in the area of evangelism.**

**As always lunch is \$5.00 and the fellowship with one another will be great. RSVP to [Susan@ybaoffice.com](mailto:Susan@ybaoffice.com) or call the office at 759-2246.**

## ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

### January 2013

- 1 Happy New Year
- 5 Tax Seminar Scottsdale
- 10 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 10 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 12 Tax Seminar Tucson
- 17-19 VBSI Ft. Worth
- 20 Solemn Assembly Glendale
- 26 Hispanic Leadership Conference Avondale

## CHURCH EVENTS

### January 2013

27 Hahner Family Band 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.

## CHURCH NEWS

### From River Community Fellowship

Our church office, River Community, has moved. We are now right across the parking lot from our old office. The mailing address remains the same but the physical address has changed to 1760 E. Villa Drive, Suite A in Cottonwood. Come by and see us!

### From First So. Baptist Church Mayer

First Southern Mayer delivered 27 Angel Tree Christmas presents on December 21, 2012 to Mayer Elementary School. Each of these kids was so happy to receive a gift! Each child was provided a Christmas stocking made by the Ladies Sewing Club. Each stocking had some fruit, candy, and toys! One parent told the pastor that the gift his little girl received was likely to be the only gift she would get this Christmas. Such hard times for many people, and different people came forward at FSBC to help these kids!

On January 13, 2013, FSBC will have a Call to Prayer during the evening service. The church will come together to pray for our nation, families, communities, and the work of Jesus' church for the new year. Any that would desire to join us are more than welcome. The service will begin at 6 p.m.

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