



# Yavapai Baptist Association

July 2009



## WITNESSING WHEN IT'S NOT PC

Most of us are familiar with the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts and remember how God blessed the fledgling church Jesus established in Jerusalem. People were coming to faith in Christ by the thousands. This was primarily the result of the Spirit filled preaching of the Apostles.

If you look at verses 13-22, you will see that the Apostles were warned not to preach or teach in Jesus' name again. The message of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection was very offensive to the Jewish leaders who had voted to have Jesus crucified. In the end, however, the Apostles said that they had to obey God rather than man. What did they mean by that? The evidence shows that they were going to continue to tell people that Jesus was the one and only way to salvation.

We live in a culture that has been telling us for years not to preach or teach in the name of Jesus because that message is offensive to people. Many have been working to remove any mention of Christ or even of God from the public square. Sadly, the response of the church in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century and the early 21<sup>st</sup> century has been different than that of the 1<sup>st</sup> century. We (the church at large) have chosen not to offend anyone and have quit sharing Christ with people who need him.

The Bible says that the Christians of the 1<sup>st</sup> century turned the world upside down. How did they do that? They shared Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, they loved one another, and served people with the spiritual gifts God gave them.

If we want to see our world turned "upside down", we are going to have to quit being PC (Politically Correct) and start doing the things our forefathers in the Jerusalem church did.

Your Brother,  
Rik Danielsen



## CHURCH STRENGTHENING TEAM

We have been encouraged with the YBA Churches that have had extremely successful Boomerang Express experiences! Children have been making decisions to accept Christ and this is what VBS is all about! Next year it would be great if all YBA Churches sent their VBS dates to the YBA Office by January 2010 so that the YBA VBS decorations and supplies could be shared with more churches.

Again, if there is anyone who has a passion for Church Strengthening and would like to serve on the Church Strengthening Team, please contact Rik Danielsen at the YBA Office or Hobby Wiles at Robert Road Baptist Church! This is the time to plan for 2010!

**Hobby Wiles**

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The Pastor's Fellowship lunches continue to be a time of refreshing, blessing, and encouragement. Thank you to all of the pastors who have been attending; we are seeing the effects of iron sharpening iron. Pastors - if you have not been to one of our lunches, you're missing out. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11:30.

**Brian LeSturgeon**

## ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

July 4	Independence Day
July 5 - 11	Youth Camp in Southern California
July 9	Pastor's Fellowship Lunch 11:30 AM at Robert Road Baptist
July 9	Council Meeting 1:30 PM

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### WHERE and WHEN

Beaver Creek	July 4-11th
Camp Verde	July 20-24th

## CHURCH EVENTS

### Tuesdays

Willow Hills has a knitting class; every Tuesday; at 2:30 PM. All are welcome. Contact Willow Hills for more info.

### July 6 - 10

Children's Missions Camp! Grades 1st -6th.

### July 11

**Voice of the Martyrs** will be having a conference in Flagstaff. VOM speakers from Pakistan, Ethiopia, North Korea, and Gracia Burnham will be there. There is no fee to attend but an offering will be taken. Registration is required, to register and for more information visit [www.vommeetings.com](http://www.vommeetings.com) or call Phyllis at 877-337-0302.

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## CHURCH EVENTS Cont..

### July 13

Robert Road Baptist will host performance by the musical group from **California Baptist University**. Starting at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to encourage these college students who are serving the Lord through music.

### July 26

Mountain View Baptist Church have the Ridge Worship Team (Cyrus) in concert on July 26 at 5:30 PM.

### July 31

Last day for early registration for the ACE Conference. For more info go to [www.aceconference.org](http://www.aceconference.org).

### August 1

Ladies Summer Fellowship 20009, "**Wisdom For Wining**", 9am to 3pm at the Ridge. Kara Rosendaal, author of "The Practical Saver," will be the guest speaker, along with Chandra Conwell and Sandy Drake. The cost is ten dollars and includes lunch, snack and beverage. RSVP no later than July 25th to Sandy Drake 928 775-6466.

## CHURCH NEWS

### **From Pastor Jim Masters Cottonwood 1<sup>st</sup> So. Baptist Church**

Our VBS was June 1-5, and we had 42 kids. We used John Piper's curriculum called 'Things Hidden', a study on some of the parables on the kingdom of heaven. We served dinner to all the kids and the parents at the very beginning, and we had great conversations with Xn parents as well as opportunities to discuss spiritual matters with non-Xn parents!

### **From Pastor Thomas Green Cordes Lakes 1st So. Baptist Church**

Mortgage Note Burning Day at CL – June 7<sup>th</sup> “We are debt free, for now” Boomerang Express VBS, on June 8<sup>th</sup> thro 12<sup>th</sup> Average attendance was 40 kids daily, ABC day (Weds) we had 50 kids With 16 professions of faith There were 11 Adults and 11 Teens on staff

### **From Pastor John Ott Mayer 1st So. Baptist Church**

VBS was held the week of June 15. We had 7 kids, a wonderful time, and made sure that the gospel was presented! No decisions were made, but we know that the seed was planted, and leave it to the Lord to see the increase! Mayer used Club VBS: Truth Trek! We are thankful for the workers that were helping throughout the week. Our teachers, craft lady, and cook were fantastic! We are already looking forward to next years VBS!

### **From Pastor Brian LeSturgeon Camp Verde Baptist Church**

Camp Verde Baptist will host the Verde Valley Art Show on July 3-4. The theme this year is "God's Creation: Power & Beauty". We recently celebrated fatherhood with a "Father's Day Family BBQ" that saw over 40 attend

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## **CHURCH NEWS cont.**

### **From Pastor Hobby Wiles Robert Road Baptist Church**

RRBC had 2 children accept Christ during VBS and we have 14 non churched families as prospects! The follow up to VBS began June 24 with Outreach and will continue on throughout the year.

The youth of RRBC attended ZonaYuthKamp for the first time this year! Lots of anticipation from a year of hard work raising money to attend! Please be in prayer for them that God would do a mighty work in their lives.

The J.O.Y. bunch had a summer picnic and time of games at Lynx Lake for their June activity. The senior adult ministry has monthly activities and would welcome some new faces!

### **From Wade Mansfield The Ridge a Christian Fellowship**

Rebecca and Rachel Sparks are collecting DVDs to be mailed to Travis Selinsky in Iraq. The goal is to make a library for Travis to share with his Army unit. So, please bring an appropriate DVD to church and put them in the box provided in the foyer. Also, we would appreciate a donation of a dollar, or two to help cover shipping, if possible. Feel free to put in a letter of encouragement and support.

### **From Pastor Ed Imbierowicz Mountain View Baptist Church**

MVBC had 12 children make professions of faith during our VBS. Follow up is underway. We will have the Ridge Worship Team (Cyrus) here in concert on July 26 at 5:30 PM.

### **From Pastor Herb Stoneman Prescott Valley 1st So. Baptist Church**

We are cleaning out our children's library and have a very large box of "teaching pictures" we've accumulated over the years from the Resource kits we've used for Sunday School. They measure about 11" X 17" each. We would like to give this whole box of pictures to a church that could use them rather than throw them out

**ACE CONFERENCE** Here is a great training opportunity! The ACE Conference is coming August 22nd and if you register before July 31st it's only \$25 (lunch is provided). This conference will have over 100 breakout sessions topics like; Adult Leadership, Children's Leadership, Evangelism, General Leadership, Media Library, Music Leadership, Preschool Leadership, Youth Work, etc. In addition, noted authors: Connie Cavanaugh-From Faking it to Finding Grace; Dallas Demmitt-Can You Hear Me Now?; Chris Elkins-What Do You Say to a Moonie?; Brad Hoffman-Preventing Ministry Failure; Margaret Feinberg-The Sacred Echo; Anne Jackson-Mad Church Disease, Overcoming the Burnout Epidemic; Lori Keene-Pull Up a Chair; Bob Mayfield-Missional Pivot Points; and Tim Kimmel-Raising Kids for True Greatness: Redefine Success for You and Your Child; Shirley Moses-Heart Friends: Beginning and Maintaining a Small Accountability Group. For more information go to [www.aceconference.org](http://www.aceconference.org)

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

