



June 2012

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One of the most difficult things I had to deal with when I was a pastor was conflict in the church. Whether I was at the center of the conflict or the conflict was between other members of the church, conflict was a source of great pain and was a major deterrent to the church fulfilling its mission.

In April I had the privilege of helping to train a group of men from around Arizona and the country to be future Transitional Pastors. A part of my assignment was to give them one hour of training in the area of conflict management. We came to recognize that most of our churches have no idea what the Bible says about dealing with conflict and have no culture that permits biblical church discipline. I know of a church where the congregation was forced to deal with a divisive person and remove him from the fellowship. They did the best they could to do this as biblically as possible and there are still people in the church who think that if you cross the pastor you will get kicked out of the church. They really don't understand what was done or why.

Pastors and church leaders, you need to be preparing your church to deal with problems. Pretending that you will never have problems is more than naïve; it is foolish. Two things can help prepare the church to deal biblically with problems and conflict:

Teach the biblical principles on conflict management. Matthew 5 and 18 contain a good deal of information on this subject, but they are certainly not the only passages that guide us in this area. John 13 tells us that the world will recognize us as followers of Jesus by our love for one another and 1 Corinthians 13 helps us see the practical definition of Christian love. In the book of Titus we find God's instruction on dealing with a divisive person (a three strike rule). We could go on and on. Peacemakers Ministry has curriculum to teach these biblical principles to the entire church. When should you teach biblical principles of conflict management? You can do it anytime, but I would suggest that the best time to teach them is when the church is not embroiled in conflict. You can't just teach this once; you will have to repeat these teachings over and over again.

Live peacemaking. Leaders must show others what it means to live out the biblical teaching on peacemaking and conflict management. People need the biblical teaching, but they must see how it is lived out in day to day life and in the midst of our relationships with one another. If we as leaders are not living this, who will? Remember that Jesus lived everything he taught, everything.

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Let us practice that ministry inside the church.

Your Brother,

Rik Danielsen

Pastors' Fellowship Luncheon

at Mountain View Baptist Church

11:30

Lunch is Free!

Topic: "What has Alpharetta to do with Jerome?
Funding YBA Missions in an Age of NAMB Cut-backs"

All pastors should attend!

Email your RSVP to Susan or call 928.759.2246

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

June 2012

- 9-16 ASBC Crossover New Orleans
- 14 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Mountain View B.C.
- 14 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Mountain View B.C.
- 14 F Flag Day
- 19-20 SBC Annual Meeting in New Orleans
- 17 Fathers Day

Save the Date September 7-8, 2012

Discipleship Workshop

*More Information to
follow!*

led by Max Barnett

Camp Pine Rock, Prescott

CHURCH EVENTS

June 2012

24 Brush Arbor Revival will be in concert at Mountain View BC. Concert starts at 5:30 pm. with refreshments to follow. For more information call 928 632-5787.

From First Southern Baptist Church Mayer

FSBC Mayer Women's Ministry hosted Reaching Out in Love Ministry during Mayer Days. The ladies (and some guys!) assisted in setting up the clothing and assisting visitors coming through. There were 15 families assisted, and 370 items of clothing given away during the day! VBS directors Billy and Jane were on hand also, and registered 10 kids for VBS coming up in July!

From Bagdad Southern Baptist Church

Our youth - TEAM LIFE (Teens Experiencing A Meaningful Life), took part in the 30 hour famine fast for funds for food for World Vision, on May 18th and 19th.

We will be working on floats for the 4th of July parade, and handing out flyers for our VBS. VBS held from 9:00 to noon on July 9 to 13.

Craft Day every Monday @ 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited to come, if you don't do it, come for the fellowship!

From The Ridge Christian Fellowship

"What a great turnout we had for the Walk for Life? Together our church raised \$15,000 for The Community Pregnancy Center. We had 16 walkers from The Ridge. The total Walk for Life goal was \$30,000 and so far 99% of that goal has been raised for this worthy cause. CPC hopes to open in Prescott Valley in June

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For more information about our Association please visit our website:

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The pictures tell the story of what a great VBS Clinic we had.

YBA VBS Clinic April 28, 2012



At the beginning of the Clinic



Worship Rally



Who is this mystery Airman? Pr woman?



Crafts



Music



Missions



Snacks



Workshops for everyone



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WE ARE PREPARED TO LEAD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**