



June 2013

ON TARGET



Hello:

Have you ever been accused of being politically correct? Horrors! What could be worse than that? And yet many of our churches and pastors are bending over backwards to keep from offending people who come to our churches and even join our churches by not talking about or celebrating the fact that we are Southern Baptist churches. Some would rather communicate that they are some sort of independent Baptists (a redundant phrase) or that they are non-denominational churches, because that is not as "offensive".

Why are you a Southern Baptist? Some were born into Southern Baptist families and thus raised in SB churches, others, like me, chose to join Southern Baptist churches later in life, and for some the local Southern Baptist church was just the best choice of those nearby.

Personally, I joined a Southern Baptist church in 1972 because it seemed to me to be the closest thing to the New Testament church I could find. Later in the 1980's I began to look around to see what else was out there and I discovered that I really fit best in a Southern Baptist church because of the doctrine of Southern Baptists. The Baptist Faith and Message is a great document and statement of faith; I have found it to be narrow in the areas where it needs to be narrow and boarder in areas where there is room for legitimate interpretation.

Another reason I am a Southern Baptist is the Cooperative Program. It's not a perfect system of missions support, but it is the best system I know of, anywhere. We have the privilege of supporting missionaries all over the US and all around the world. We aren't the only evangelical mission force in the world, but we are the largest. I've heard about a lot of missionaries in foreign countries who have to repent of their jealousy of our Southern Baptist missionaries, because our missionaries receive better and more consistent support than most of the missionaries in the world.

Both the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board have video and print material you can use to help your members understand why we are a part of this great family called Southern Baptist. Make use of this material in your worship services and especially in your New Member Classes or orientation materials; it will help people understand who you are and why.

Let's stop hiding the fact that we are Southern Baptists and start celebrating the fact that we are Southern Baptists.

Your brother,

Rik Danielsen

PS: This is not a message from the SBC Executive Committee or any other SBC entity. This was the message on my heart.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

We have a change of location for our pastors fellowship on June 13. We will be meeting at The Ridge 6540 E. 2nd Street, Prescott Valley* from 11:30am to 1:00pm. As always, lunch is \$5, but this time, we will be getting Guido's Pizza! Come, and encourage each other in the gospel!

Jim Masters

*Please enter from the side facing HWY 69, (turn on 1st Street instead of 2nd Street) and use the side doorway on the right.

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

June 2013

- 13 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at The Ridge**
- 13 Admin. Council Meeting 1:30 at The Ridge**
- 14 Flag Day**
- 11-12 SBC Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas**
- 16 Father's Day**

CHURCH EVENTS

June 2013

- 30 Cinder Mountain will be 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.**



**CHECK OUT THE VARIOUS DATES
AND PLACES FOR VBS THIS YEAR
IF YOU HAVE NEIGHBORS OR
FRIENDS WITH KIDS
INVITE THEM!**

Robert Road Baptist Church	June 10-14th
FSBC Chino Valley	June 17-21st
FSBC Cordes Lakes	June 17-21st
Willow Hills Baptist Church	June 17-21st
Bagdad So. Baptist Church	July 8-12th
FSBC Cornville	July 8-12th
FSBC Prescott Valley	July 8-12th
FSBC Mayer	July 15-19th
Camp Verde Baptist Church	July 22-26th
Beaver Creek Baptist Church	July 15-19th

CHURCH NEWS

First Southern Baptist Church of Mayer

FSBC Mayer's Women's Ministry sponsored a float in the annual Mayer Days parade. The float advertised the church and VBS, will be held the week of July 15-19, 2013. Lots of candy and flyers were passed out along the parade route. Everyone onboard enjoyed themselves! Thanks to Laura, Dylan, DJ, Terry, Linda, Heather, Devoraha, among many others that worked on the float, in the parade, and with clean up afterwards!



Willow Hills Baptist Church

On June 30th, Willow Hills and FBC Prescott will hold the Patriotic Musical. Dinner starts at 5:00 PM with the concert to follow. For more information contact the church.

First Southern Baptist Church Chino Valley

We are having a free clothing give away, May 31 and June 1, 9 am to 12 pm. Call the Church for more information.

Our VBS will be June 17 - 21, ending in a great Family night for all to enjoy.

Summer will be filled with fun for the Youth who are heading off to camp June 24 - 29 and the Children who leave for camp July 7 -12.

Beaver Creek Baptist Church

Our VBS will be July 15-19. We are excited to have Montezuma Chapel and Freedom Church join us in our VBS program this year. The team has been planning and welcomes your prayers for all involved. May many be reached with the Gospel.

The Ridge Christian Fellowship

Linda Kevern will be making a trip to PA to work at the GAIN Distribution Center June 16-23 to pack humanitarian aid for overseas. Youth and adults have been collecting quarters in M&M tubes to help with this outreach.

Our Rock Climbers will be having a summer long VBS program on Sunday mornings starting in June.

First Southern Baptist Church of Cordes Lakes

Please continue to **pray** for Pastor Tom and Janis' Cape Town, South Africa Mission Trip on June 7-17th - pray for the team and for all the preparations needed (financial and spiritual) while God prepares the field.

Our youth are going on retreat May 31 to June 2nd. Please keep them in your prayers.

We are excited to hold VBS June 17th thru 21st. It will be a fun filled, action packed good time for all

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about our Association please click here to visit our website:

yavbaptists.com

Please forward this newsletter to all your Christian friends and Church members.

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