



# from the Yavapai Baptist Association

March 2012

## ON TARGET



Hello:

The other day I was reading in Luke 6 and was reminded of several great truths. One of the things the Lord reminded me of relates to how the people of the Bible treated the prophets. Now remember we are talking about the people who of the covenant community. Notice Jesus' words:

*NAS Luke 6:22-23, 26 "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. Be glad in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets...Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for in the same way their fathers used to treat the false prophets."*

All of the leaders of the Bible had people who either hated them or fought against them. I can't think of any that were universally loved, can you? According to verse 26 above, the only people who were always spoken well of were the false prophets.

Pastors and leaders, it is difficult to face opposition in the church; frankly, it is often extremely painful, but we shouldn't be surprised when opposition comes, because there have always been people in the covenant community who have opposed the work of God and those who are following him. You may not be following the Lord's will, if no one is upset by the things you are leading the church to do.

***Here is a big word of caution:*** Notice that Jesus said people will hate you and cast insults at you for the "sake of the Son of Man." In other words, if people hate you and cast insults at you, it should be for following him and seeking to do his will. If people are angry at you because you are an obnoxious so-and-so, you are to blame. But if you have lovingly sought to follow the Lord and lead others to do the same, there will be people who frankly don't get it and who oppose everything the Lord is trying to do.

Don't give up; keep being faithful and leave the results to God.

Your brother,  
Rik Danielsen

## SOMETHING BIG IS HAPPENING

Did you know that Willow Hills Baptist Church is helping to sponsor two new works in the Prescott area. They are one of the supporting churches for the Mile High Fellowship in South Prescott led by Steve White, but they are also in the process of establishing another congregation called The Shore. The Shore is a new congregation that will be meeting in the Willow Hills Gymnasium that will be targeting young adults and their families. Steve Morgan, a member of Willow Hills, will be serving as the church planter.

With The Shore coming on line in March, there are five new works in Yavapai Baptist Association:

- The Shore
- Mile High Fellowship
- The Springs in Rimrock
- Summit Church in Chino Valley
- Verde Valley Hispanic Baptist Mission.
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None of these new works have too much money or too many people praying for them. Please feel free to contact the pastors to let them know you will support them in prayer, then consider how much the Lord might lead you to give them to further his work in their area.

## 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)

## **Mark your Calendars!**

### **PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

March 8<sup>th</sup> at Robert Rd. BC

11:30 AM

Email or call to let Susan know you will be there

susan@ybaoffice.com or 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**

### **March 2012**

### **ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR**

- 8 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist**
- 8 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist**
- 9-10 ASBC Disaster Relief Training**
- 10 ASBC State VBS Clinic in the East Valley**
- 17 St. Patrick's Day**
- 17 ASBC WMU Annual Meeting/Retreat**
- 17 ASBC State VBS Clinic in Tucson**
- 24 ASBC NET 21 Transformational Teaching**
- 31 ASBC State VBS Clinic in Phoenix**
- 31 ASBC Hispanic VBS Clinic in Phoenix**

# **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](http://www.lifeway.com/events) or call 800.254.2022*

**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](http://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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
928-445-5520

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## **CHURCH EVENTS**

### **March 2012**

25 The Sidekicks in concert at Mountain View BC at 5:30 PM. The concert is free!  
Enjoy refreshments after the concert. For more info: go to [www.mtviewbaptist.com](http://www.mtviewbaptist.com)

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information about our Association please visit our website:

**[yavbaptists.com](http://yavbaptists.com)**

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