

*Happy Thanksgiving*

November 2012

## News from the **YAVAPAI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**



### **ON TARGET**

Hello,

On Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the YBA had its annual meeting in Rimrock.

The biggest issue we dealt with was whether or not the churches felt led to fully support the position of the Director of Evangelism and Missions and thus gain true self-direction concerning its mission and how to accomplish that mission. The churches voted that this is the direction we want to go. Now the hard work of accomplishing that goal is ahead of us.

We dealt with another matter that has great importance for the health of our churches and that is the matter of church membership. Jim Masters, pastor of FSBC of Cottonwood, introduced a resolution encouraging our churches to reaffirm the importance of regenerate membership and to seek to deal lovingly with those people who call themselves members, but never darken the doors of the church. Unfortunately, we dropped the ball and didn't make copies of the resolution for everyone's examination so we are going to post that document on the YBA website as a PDF file for your examination.

Here's an important fact: we need to reaffirm the importance of regenerate membership and help our people become healthy church members. There are entirely too many people in our churches who show little evidence of regeneration. If they were put on trial for being Christians, there would be little evidence to convict them. This may be due to the fact that they have never been saved; all they did was walk the aisle, shake the preacher's hand and fill out a membership card. However, this could also be due to the fact that they have never really been discipled; no one ever taught them how to walk in Christ and to grow more like him.

I want to encourage all of our churches to work to elevate the importance of church membership. Historically, we can see that churches are only weakened when membership is taken lightly and they are strengthened when it is taken seriously.

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# ON TARGET

How can we elevate the importance of church membership?

- Preach the gospel and be sure to emphasize the need for godly repentance and faith in Christ. Too many people “raised their hands” in an emotional moment, but never turned from their sin and turned to Christ with biblical faith.
- Develop a strong discipleship ministry that teaches people to grow in Christ and walk with him.
- Have a strong new members’ class that teaches people what the church will do to help them grow in Christ and what the church expects of them as members. It is my conviction that this membership class should teach who we are as Southern Baptists, what we believe, and how we support missions locally and globally.
- Care for the members who are slipping away. Don’t allow them to drift off into the shadows without someone showing genuine concern for them and for their lives.
- Hold wayward members accountable. Let them know that membership is important and that if they won’t take membership seriously, they will be removed from the membership role of the church.

Churches that have never done some of these things may have to move slowly at first to implement these kinds of practices, but pastors and churches that want to have strong members must make changes that help to elevate the importance of being a member of the church.

Here are some resources that might help you in this matter:

*Membership Matters* by Chuck Lawless.

*What is a Healthy Church Member?* By Thabiti M. Anyabwile

A sermon my son Aarik Danielsen preached in 2011 entitled “The Blood Bought Church” can be found on the website of the church where he serves as an elder  
<http://karischurch.org/resources/sermons/page/6/>

Your Brother,  
Rik Danielsen

## 2012-2013 YBA COUNCIL MEMBERS

Welcome to the our Officers and Team Leaders elected at the October 20, 2012 Annual Meeting. Thank you to out going Officers and Team Leader, Mark Reeder, Ed Imbierowicz and Hobby Wiles for all your hours of prayer and service.

- **Moderator - John Ott**
- **Vice Moderator - Jim Masters**
- **DOEM/CPC - Rik Danielsen**
- **Treasurer - Fay Ott**
- **Church Strengthening Team - Bart Young**
- **Great Commission Team - Dave Arden**
- **Leadership Development Team - Bob Evans**
- **Clerk - Susan Falwell**

## ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 2012

- 8 No Pastors' Fellowship**
- 8 No Administrative Council Meeting**
- 9 ASBC Convention Annual Meeting**
- 10 ACE Conference**
- 11 Veterans Day**
- 22 Happy Thanksgiving**



*Pastors and Wife's Christmas Dinner*

*6:30 PM December 7, 2012*

*Robert Road Baptist Church*

*As always \$20.00  
per couple*

*Come and enjoy an evening of good  
food, great fellowship and wonderful music.*

*This year we are inviting the churches to host a  
table and decorate it. Let your creativity shine!  
A prize will be awarded for the best decorations.*

*If you are interested or would like more  
information just let Susan know,  
tables will be given on a first come basis.*

*RSVP to Susan ~759-2246 or  
susan@ybaoffice.com*

*Checks can be mailed to the  
YBA office*



Making **STRONGER DISCIPLES**

November 10, 2012

North Phoenix Baptist Church

5757 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ



The 2012 ACE Conference will challenge you to think like a missionary about your church and your church's mission field.

Breakout sessions will help you address these questions:

Where are we? Who are we?  
What are we doing?

### Schedule

Registration: 7:45 – 8:30 AM

Opening Rally: 8:30 – 9:45 AM

Session 1: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Session 2: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Session 3: 2:15 – 3:15 PM

## ARIZONA SOUTHERN BAPTISTS GIVE FOOD TO THE HUNGRY.

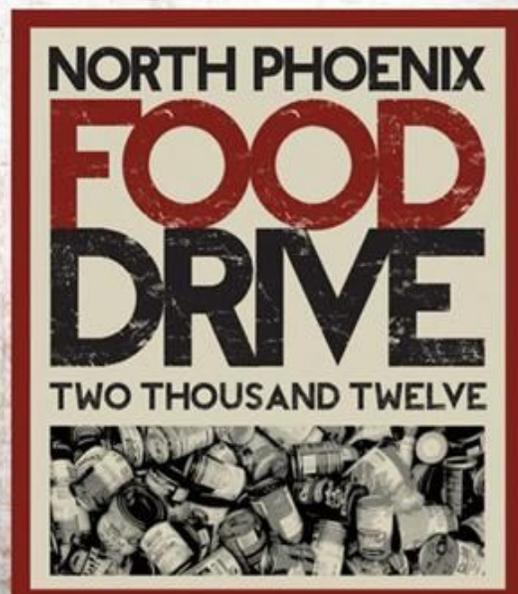
Friday, November 9 at the **Arizona Southern Baptist Convention** and Saturday, November 10 at the **Arizona Church Equipping Conference (ACE)**, donations of nonperishable food will be collected for the Rio Vista Center, other Phoenix area food banks, and North Phoenix Baptist Church's Calico Closet.

You can drop your donations off in the parking lot in front of the Worship Center at North Phoenix Baptist Church before the opening session on November 9 or 10.

Thank you for helping us live God's love in the heart of our city.



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## CHURCH EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 2012

- 4 FSBC Cordes Lakes Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Pack the Shoe Box Day \*
- 18 FSBC Chino Valley Celebrates 50th Anniversary\*
- 20 Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Mayer High school\*
- 25 Gospel Joy 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 country gospel & blue-grass music.

\* (see below for more details)

## CHURCH NEWS

### The Ridge Christian Fellowship

The Financial Peace University continues on Wed. nights. There are 34 registered participants and recently 19 credit cards were cut up in response to the lesson on "Dumping Debt". Dave Ramsey's teaching is definitely having a positive effect!

### First Southern Baptist Church Mayer

FSBC Mayer, along with three other churches in the area will host the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner will be held at Mayer High School on November 20, 2012. The four churches get together and cook the turkeys, make mashed potatoes and gravy, as well as the rest of the trimmings! Each year, more and more people come out for the dinner, usually well over 300 meals served! This is an opportunity for the churches in Mayer to give a cup of cold water in Jesus' name, share His love, and the gospel message! From Mayer to you-as we celebrate all of God's blessing on us, we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

### First Southern Baptist Church Cordes Lakes

Halloween Night October 31<sup>st</sup> Harvest Fest at CL we were invaded by the masses covered with outrageous costumes and makeup to play games, and more ... the community joined us with a Trunk or Treat, decorated cars and trucks with beds and trunks filled with goodies for the kids.

November 4<sup>th</sup> our annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Pack the Shoe Box Day. We partner with Samaritan's Purse, Operation Shoe Box, to fill as many shoe boxes to send overseas.

December 23. Our Christmas Musical "A Candlelight Christmas" will be performed both AM and PM services.

### First Southern Baptist Church Chino Valley

#### THANKING GOD AND CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

First Southern Baptist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, November 18, 2012. The celebration will include a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner Covered Dish

We had a great Harvest Festival on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This was a great outreach with awesome food, candy, games and prizes.

Our Christmas production will have 2 performances on December 16: 10:45am and 5:00pm. The 5pm performance will be followed by a covered dish pot luck dinner fellowship time.

The ladies will be packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child on the 8th, with the Blessing on the 11th.

Shirley Buckner will be hosting the Baby Shower for the Community Pregnancy Center on December 6th.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about our Association please visit our website:

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