

from the Yavapai Baptist Association

ON TARGET



Hey:

In David Platt's book, *Radical*, the story is told of the building of the *SS United States*. In the 1950's the Navy had this massive troop carrier built. At the time it was the fastest, most reliable troop carrier ever built. It could carry 15,000 troops and travel to any place in the world in 10 days. Unfortunately, the ship was never used to its capacity and was turned into a luxury liner to entertain presidents, heads of state, and other celebrities.

Platt makes the point that the church like the *SS United States* was designed for battle. The church's purpose is to mobilize people to accomplish a mission, yet we have turned it into more of a luxury liner that caters to the whims of its members. (*Radical*, pages 169-171)

I have heard Ken Hemphill use a similar metaphor when talking about the church. He says that the church was meant to be a hospital ship for sinners, but we have turned it into the *Love Boat* where the members get to sit in deck chairs while the staff and a faithful few bring them drinks with little umbrellas and cater to their every whim.

In Philippians 2 we read Paul's great passage on Jesus' example of servanthood. I think we like the idea of being servants better than we like serving others, but we also miss the point that the best example of service that Paul can name in this passage is Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation. His greatest example was not washing the feet of the disciples or the miraculous feeding of the 5000 (which were both great things); the greatest example was the fact that he went to the cross for the salvation of sinners.

That tells me that our greatest acts of service will help to lead sinners to the Savior. Should we serve and help our brothers and sisters in Christ? Of course we should; the Bible tells us to do that. However, we must remember that the people down the street who party too much or the person you work with who just went through a divorce need Jesus more than anything else. We will serve them best when we serve them in such a way that we build a loving and trusting relationship with them that leads to a gospel witness.

The church will accomplish its mission when it has mobilized people to serve others and share the gospel with people who don't know the Savior.

Let's go out and glorify God with our witness for him.

Rik Danielsen

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Pastors' Fellowship Luncheon

Note the different date

September 15th at 11:30 am

at Robert Road Baptist Church

Mark your calendars and plan on some good food and GREAT fellowship.
Call 759-2246 or email ybassoc@cableone.net and let Susan know you will be there.

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

September 2011

5	Labor Day – YBA office closed
8-9	ASBC State Mission Team Quarterly meeting
15	Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
15	Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
9-10	ASBC Al dia con Lifeway: Escuela Dominical Sencilla
11-18	Week of Prayer for Arizona Missions
19-20	ASBC Convention Council Quarterly meeting
22-24	ASBC Church Planter Basic Training Journey
30	ASBC New Challenge Seminar in Scottsdale

**ANNUAL MEETING
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
OCTOBER 22, 2011**

Join the YBA in welcoming the Puett Family



Andrew is the new Pastor at FSBC Cornville.

Andrew, his wife Missy and their two daughters Melaina and Taylor come from Pueblo, Colorado.

Keep them in your prayers as they get settled into their new home and Church.

ARIZONA MISSION OFFERING

Ephesians 5:2

**"And walk in love, as the Messiah also loved us and gave Himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God"
(HCSB)**

Every year in September, Arizona Southern Baptist churches give to the Arizona Mission Offering. The offering provides additional support beyond the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention budget for missions and ministries aimed at sharing the gospel with those who don't know Christ.

SEPTEMBER 11-19, 2011

GOAL: \$125,000

CHURCH PLANTING: \$30,000

DIASTER RELIEF: \$25,000

CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE: \$25,000

STUDENT EVANGELISM: \$20,000

HISPANIC MINISTRIES: \$12,500

MINISTERS IN CRISIS: \$12,500

How much has God given you? Christ did not hold back: He gave *Himself* for us. And just as Christ's love is for the sake of giving, not getting, so we are to follow His example. We give of ourselves, in love. Your sacrificial giving to the Arizona Mission Offering can touch lives and be a "fragrant offering to God"!

CHURCH NEWS

From FSBC Mayer

Mayer held VBS the last week of July.



We praise God that we had far more kids than last year! We had over a dozen kids each day!

What a blessing to share with these kids each day.



Although none made a profession of faith during VBS, we know that the seed was planted, and we trust that God will see the increase down the road!

PRAISE THE LORD!

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