

Yavapai Baptist Association

April 2009

On Target: Windows of Opportunity



There are windows of opportunity that people can take advantage of or miss out on. Most of us can look back on opportunities that we missed. Do you remember when you could have bought property for a song, but didn't recognize what a bargain it would have been or just didn't have the money to make the investment?

Our nation is going through some difficult times right now. The economy has tanked and tragically many good, hard working Americans have lost their jobs including many who are members of our YBA churches. But this "downturn" is an opportunity for Christian ministry. People are struggling to find hope and help. Where will they find that hope if we don't find share our hope in Christ? In a recent post on SBC.net, Dr. Morris Chapman made these comments:

...we must keep our ears tuned to the ministries God would have us undertake to witness to the power of God to answer prayer and shine light where there is darkness. Will Hall, vice president for news services at the Executive Committee, is a deacon and spiritual leader in his local

church. Last month, God gave the pastor of the church, the College Heights Baptist Church in Gallatin, Tennessee, an inspired idea to post a message on the sign in front of the church. The message asked people to text their prayer requests to a cell phone number. When the church listed the number on the sign, the phone was flooded with text messages from all ages of individuals requesting prayer. And they keep coming. The local television station did a newscast on it and even more made requests. I want to read one of the text messages which I believe is representative of millions of people who are outside the doors of our church.

"Can you please pray for me? And she gives her name. My 37-year-old son attempted to commit suicide last June. He lived for 12 hours on a machine and I had to make the decision to take him off life support. Now I feel like I have murdered my son. He left behind a daughter and a son. My mother passed away 9 weeks later. My father lives in my home now and is on hospice, suffering from congestive heart failure. My husband is looking at the possibility of closing his business due to the economy and health reasons. We have bills piling up. We have a home in a nearby town that we are trying to sell to pay off our debt. And in capital letters which means to shout or to cry out PLEASE PRAY!!"

God has given us a window of opportunity to point people to the true Savior, Jesus the Messiah. If we don't point them to Jesus, someone will point them in the wrong direction and the window of opportunity will be closed.

How we respond right now is critical. We can focus on ourselves or we can focus on the greatest task of all—glorifying God in all circumstances.

NIV Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Your Brother,
Rik





Associational Calendar:

April 9th

Pastor's Fellowship Lunch 11:30 @ Robert Road BC

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Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 @ Robert Road BC

Church Events:

April 9th

The Ridge a Christian Fellowship will host a Passover Seder, Al Rodriguez of Ahava B"Shem Yeshua Messianic Fellowship will be leading us through the Seder meal. The Seder meal will begin with the blowing of the shofar ,Al will explain each step during the Seder meal. This is a great opportunity to see how Passover looks forward to the coming of Jesus the Messiah.

April 11th

Camp Verde BC will be holding a Yard Give Away

April 18^h

Mountain View BC Women's Day & Luncheon 8:30 - 2:00 All women are invited to come and enjoy a Special Guest Speaker and a day of fellowship. Please RVSP to Ione Chappell 632-8650

April 17^{ty} - 21st

Hillcrest BC will be holding a Revival for the Spanish speaking community. Richard Vera , Director of Multi Cultural Evangelism will be coming from the California General Baptist Convention.

April 19th

Bay Forrest will be preaching at Mountain View BC. Service begins at 10:50AM Bay is a former Phoenix basketball player and head of Focus Ministries.

April 22nd - 25th

Hillcrest BC will be holding a Revival. Richard Vera , Director of Multi Cultural Evangelism will be coming from the California General Baptist Convention.

April 25th

Chino Valley FSBC will be holding a Grand Opening/Block Party 11:00 - 3:00 to celebrate their new building

All are invited to come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. There will be balloons for all and a bounce house for the kids.

April 25th

Prescott Valley FSBC will be holding a Youth Yard Sale.

April 26th

Mountain View BC come enjoy the fellowship and some bluegrass music by EXTRA TOUCH, at 5:50 PM

May 7th

National Day of Prayer. Hillcrest BC will be holding a prayer service 6:00 - 8:00 with a special message from Pastor Brian LeSturgeon

Great Commission Team:

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We're still looking for team members that have a passion to build bridges into their community to share the love of Christ. Our core team has met twice already (Harry Boldin, Mary Baker, Mark Reeder, Linda Philips, Rik Danielson, and Dave Arden). Write me if you're interested [ar-](#)

den118@hotmail.com.

In the next couple months, we will be approaching each of our churches to offer support, encouragement, and equipping to fulfill the Great Commission.



We truly value the opportunity to work with each church one on one.

Dave Arden

Leadership Development Team:

Pastors - what a powerful time of sharing and vision we had last month! Thank you to all who participated. Several times, I thought "We are thinking thoughts after God." Thank you to the YBA Team Leaders who challenged us to find those local missionaries in our churches who can

serve through the YBA - don't forget to pass their names along to Dave, Hobby, or Rik. Meetings will begin soon to discuss future Pastor's Events and a ministry to Pastor's Wives. This month's Pastor's Fellowship will focus on handling the demands of ministry. God bless you

- we're all in this together.

Brian LeStourgen



Church Strengthening Team:

How time flies when you are having fun...right?! Well, by the time you receive this we will have already held the YBA VBS Training and I hope your workers were blessed, encouraged, and received

the help they needed.

Just a reminder, we, the Church Strengthening Team, need your input about your needs and vision for your church family.

Pastors, if you have someone in your church you would like to recommend to us please have them contact me. Thank you and God bless.

Hobby Wiles

Please, give me a call at RRBC (928) 772-0703 or email RRBCPV@aol.com or YBA Office (928) 759-2246, or [YBAS-SOC@Cableone.Net](#).



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Mission Trip to Columbia, MO August 20-28, 2009

Rik Danielsen will be leading a North American Mission Trip, August 20-28, 2009 to work with Karis Community Church in Columbia, MO. This is a new church plant that meets in a downtown theater and serves both the University community and the downtown area of Columbia.

The team will be doing servanthood evangelism projects, sharing the gospel and inviting people to attend Karis Church.

Cost: approximately \$1000 for all expenses.

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