

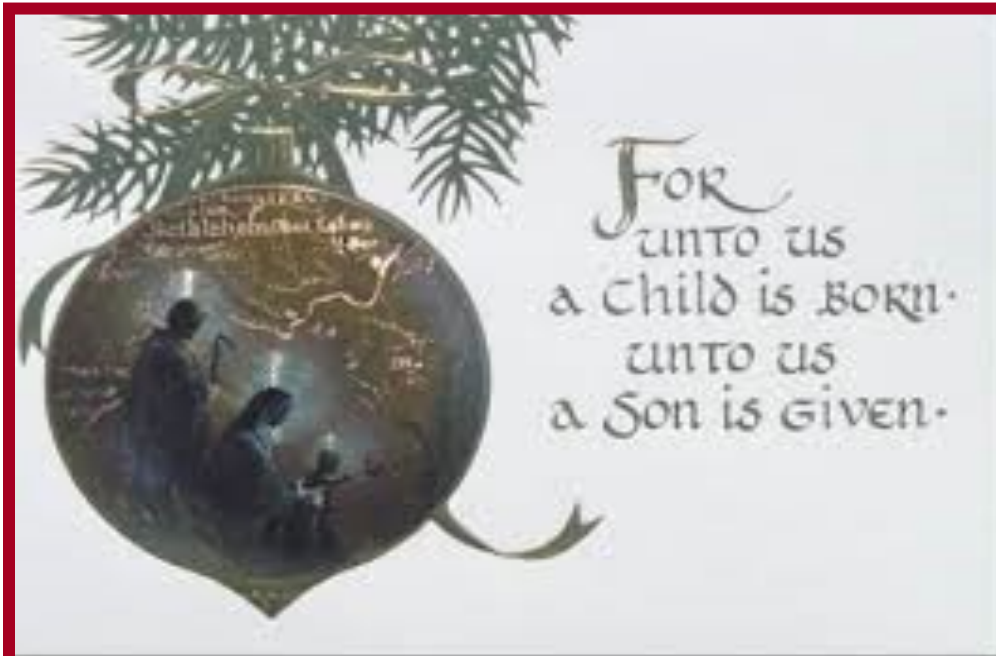
THE DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

As we come to the close of another great year we can look back and see how God has been at the center of our ministries. He has led us to do some great things that only He can get credit and that is the way it should be. It is hard to do our ministry during the time from Thanksgiving through the first of the year. It is my prayer that we will keep our focus as we head into 2016. I heard about a couple who ran out of gas while traveling. It happened at an exit ramp at the top of which was a gas station. The husband figured he could push the car up the ramp to the station, so he told his wife to get behind the steering wheel. He leaned into the back bumper with his shoulder, and pushed and pushed. It was really hard work, but eventually he pushed the car up to the pump at the gas station. "Wow! That hill was steeper than I thought," he breathlessly told his wife. "I know," she replied. "It was so steep I thought we might roll backward and I'd run over you, so I kept the breaks on."

God is working in our Association and we are invited to join Him. Do not keep the brakes on. This new year brings us new and exciting things that we can achieve through the directions of the Lord. Thanks for your ministry and the impact you have led your congregation to have on our communities. You guys are such a great blessing. Thanks for your partnership and support.

We want to wish you the best on this holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our best days are ahead of us.

Lowell



Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year from Desert Pines
Baptist Association!
May you have a blessed 2016!

Lowell

Patty

Churches' Christmas Program

A big thank you to those who participated in the association of Churches' Christmas program held at Valley View Baptist Church, and Linden Hills Family Fellowship. It was a great time for fellowship and listening to good music.

Give a warm welcome to the Associations two new Pastors!

Please welcome Pastor Nathan and Sharon Hellner. He is the new pastor at First Baptist Church-Holbrook.

Also welcome Pastor Acey and Sarae Martin. He is the new pastor at First Southern Baptist Church-Springerville.

Truckstop Ministry Christmas Dinner

You are invited to come

Every year many truck drivers do not make it home to spend the holidays with their families. If they are in the area they stop by the Hopi Truckstop Plaza in Holbrook for a homemade turkey/ham dinner with all of the trimmings.

If you would you would like to help Chaplain Duane and Agnes Trudgeon with this dinner please come at your convenience. They can always use the extra help.

Disaster Relief Trailer



Thank you to every one who contributed to the special offering to assist our Arizona Southern Baptist Relief Ministry. Your contributions made possible the wrapping of the trailer.

Calendar of Events

December

- 4 Pastor & Wife Christmas Dinner
- 5 Hispanic Pastors' Luncheon
- 17 DPBA's Admin. Team meeting (cancelled)
- 25 Truckstop Ministry Christmas dinner
- 23-27 DPBA Office is closed
- 31 New Year's Eve-DPBA Office is closed

January

- 1-3 New year's-DPBA office is closed
- 4 Christian Challenge
- 8 Disaster Relief
- 21 DPBA Admin & Credential Team meeting
- 25 Arizona Mission Network

Birthdays & Anniversaries



November

- 17 Mark McCraw
- 21 Coy Brewer
- 16 Matt & Elaine Gaston

December

- 15 Ted Pate
- 26 Eleanor Brewer

Marriage Enrichment

Marriage Enrichment event is planned for August 5-6, 2016 (Friday and Saturday). Valley View Southern Baptist Church in Snowflake will be hosting this event. There will be more details at a later date.

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TRUCKSTOP MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER

WHEN: DECEMBER 25
WHERE: HOPI TRAVEL PLAZA
WHEN: 11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

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