

THE DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

A Shepherd's Note:

Most churches view the time between the resignation of one pastor and the call of another as unproductive time. Some will feel it is wasted time. Others fear the congregation will lose members and dollars. There are some who will want to rush to call a new pastor as quickly as possible so things can return to normal.

Neil Chafin, an experienced church consultant, said, "*The way a congregation chooses to use its interim time will shape the congregation growth, identity, and health for years to come. We also know that what is done in the interim really determines whether the new minister and congregation will form a solid ministry team.*"

Everyone involved wants a healthy church that God is using to carry the cause of Christ forward. It doesn't matter how good your Interim Pastor, Transitional Pastor, or Interim Consultant might be – it is the body of Christ and their commitment to get into the Word of God each day and spend quality time praying that will make the difference.

Listen to God in **II Chronicles 7:14-16**, "**IF My people who are call by MY name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, THEN I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (15) Now MY eyes will be open and MY ears attentive to prayers made in this place. (16) For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that MY name may be there forever; and MY eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.**"

As the old saying goes, "what part of this do we not understand?" God is saying to that it is up to each one of us to determine what we will allow God to do in this church. Remember, God has never failed in the past and He will not fail in the future. God Bless you.

Bro. Lowell , Prov. 3:5-6

Pastor Coming in View of a Call

First Baptist Church, Show Low is bring Rev. Michael Heath in view of a call on March 20th. If this is where the Lord is leading him and everything is very positive, then he will be a great assets to our Association ministries as well. Please keep him, his church, and FBC, Show Low in your prayers during this transition.

Please keep Valley View Southern Baptist Church in your prayers as we get ready to lead this great church through the Transitional Process. God has great thing in store for this Southern Baptist influence in Snowflake.

Props for VBS

Our VBS Director has ordered 2 sets of props for VBS. Please contact Patty at DPBA to reserve for your VBS days. You can contact her at (928) 536-7200 or e-mail her at patty@desertpines.org.



Children's Camp

Grades 1-3, June 5–7 and Grades 4-6, June 8-11

Acts 5:29, "...We must obey God not man"

"Whale you obey?"

Burton Camp Needs Our Attention

Last summer we had a rain storm that caused a lot of damage to our camp property. We are looking to have a Saturday work day in April or first of May. Joshua Inman, our caretaker, is making a list of things we need to do so we will be ready. Our Arizona Campers on Mission will be here the week of May 8 to help get the cabins ready. Where we need the most help is the landscaping. So, depending on the weather, would you get a group of folks from your congregation and join us for a great day of ministry at Burton Camp. I will let you know and we will have a hamburger cook out for each of you that day. We will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

Ministry-Missionary House

Our Association has been given a park model unit located in Venture In RV Park in Show Low. The park is open from May 1 through September 30. It is an adult park and the unit is a one bedroom and in the "no pet" area. We are dedicating it as a Ministry/Missionary house. We want to make it available to our churches if they have someone coming in to lead in revival, special teaching, a missionary for their church from our state convention, or national convention. If you have someone who is going to be leading your congregation in a ministry for a few days then let me know. It is going to be the "first come first serve" guidelines. Also, because our budget is tight for the Association, I would like to ask if our churches would make a monthly contribution of 25-50 dollars per month to help cover our park expense. If we had our churches set aside this amount then we could cover the rental property, utilities, and cable. We believe the Lord will provide for this ministry.

TRUCKSTOP MINISTRIES

The Ministry has been blessed by individuals stopping that were seeking the answer to life. We have had several that have tried to change what they have been told falsely, but have been unsuccessful on their own. They stopped because they knew that this trailer, this sanctuary was a place where they could find truth. We are grateful to the Lord for their being led here and our privilege of being able to share the Truth with them.

We are eagerly looking forward to the Easter Season when we can tell them how their salvation was purchased. We have some Devotional booklets that have been procured by the donations and contributions from the Churches in the Association. We are again looking forward to purchasing more Bibles to hand out to those that request a Bible.

Agnes and I want to thank every person and Church for participating in this Mission Work. Just this morning at the Sunday morning Bible Study, drivers thanked us for being here and what we do.

It's 1:15 on Sunday afternoon and another driver just came in asking for prayer for his future and settling his heart over an accident he just came through. Lord touch him and give him Peace.

Our numbers for January and February are **26** and **3** salvations.

In His Service

Duane and Agnes Trudgeon

Semi-Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for our semi-annual meeting at Linden Hills Family Fellowship on April 24th. We will begin at 4:00 p.m. with our business session and then have a meal. At 6:00 p.m. we will come together for a time of worship and praise. Dr. Jeff Iorg is our guest speaker. It is an exciting time for Desert Pines Baptist Association because we are so blessed with the great leadership of our pastors and congregations.

Calendar of Events

February

- 2 Pastor's Wife's Luncheon
- 5 Disaster Relief
- 12-14 Winterfresh
- 15 Presidents' Day (DPBA is closed.)
- 18 DPBA Administration Team Meeting
- 19-20 Hispanic Marriage Conference
- 19-20 WMU Annual Meeting
- 26 Disaster Relief Training
- 29 Convention Council

March

- 1 Convention Council
- 4 Disaster Relief
- 4-5 Great Groups Conference
- 7 Christian Challenge
- 11-12 Great Groups Conference
- 17 DPBA Administration Team Meeting
- 19 Hispanic VBS Clinic
- 25 Good Friday, DPBA is closed.
- 27 Easter Sunday

Birthdays & Anniversaries



January

- 10 Shelly Perkins
- 17 Shirley Clark
- 22 Yvonne Tomlinson
- 24 Ken Elliott
- 27 Fred Harris
- 28 Larry Hamblen

February

- 3 Jim Stansberry
- 14 Patty Pate
- 17 Lowell Warren
- 23 Melissa Berg
- 24 Acey Martin

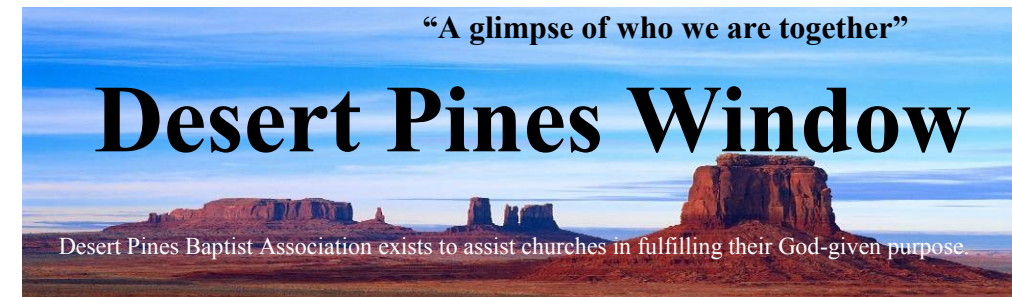
15 Steve & Pam Gerton

29 Ken & Thelma Elliott

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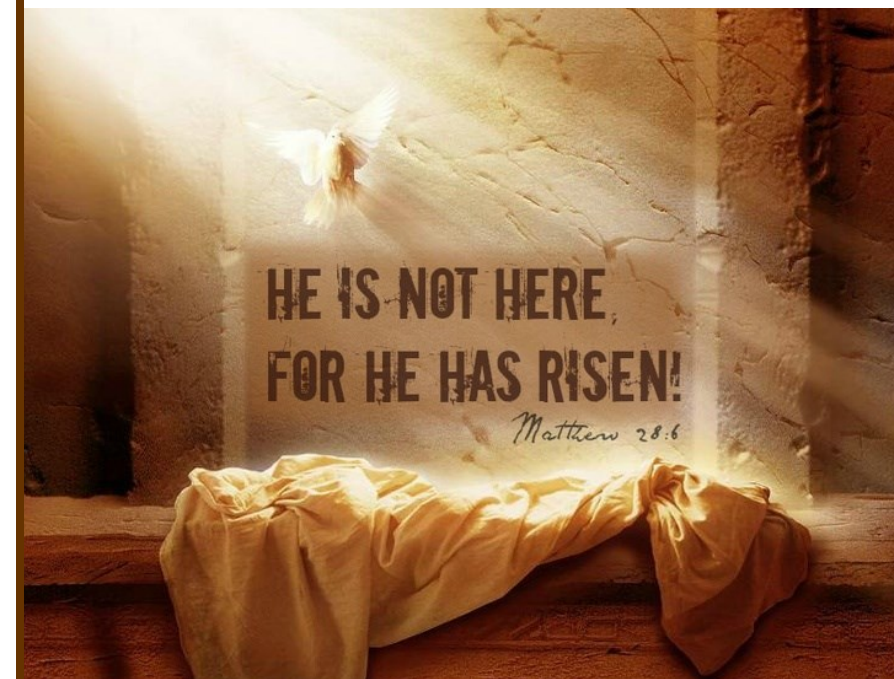
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Easter Sunday, March 27



**White Mountain Lake
Community Baptist Church and
Maranatha Bible Church invite
you to our sunrise service on
Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016 at
6:00 a.m. held at the west end of
White Mountain Lake.**

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