

I read an article that is so true. Here is the article and see if you are willing to agree with me? Why is it so difficult for you and me to admit that we have a problem?

We men are chronic at what is almost a gender-oriented disability. We get in our car to go somewhere convinced that we can find our way without specific directions. After wandering around futilely in the general vicinity of our destination, our wives suggest that we stop and get directions, only to fuel in us a greater determination that we know precisely what we're doing. We refuse to get help until finally we're forced to admit that we're lost. Why is it?

You had better call the repairman. Our TV is on the blink again." "Who needs a repairman!" "I can fix it myself." Four hours later, "There, that should do it." As it is plugged in, there is a loud buzzing noise, smoke rises from the TV, the lights begin to flicker, and then darkness blacks out the room. "Uh . . . I suppose calling a repairman couldn't hurt."

Whether we're dealing with frustrating but not so crucial issues like these all the way to those debilitating addictions of drugs, alcohol, sex, power, and greed that hold us in their stranglehold, we somehow think that we can solve the problem ourselves. We learn that when it comes to addictions, you and I are helpless to solve them on our own without the help of our "higher power."

This is precisely what the Apostle Paul is addressing in Galatians 3:15-29 as he deals with the doctrinal section of chapters three and four with the theme of Grace and the Law. The bottom-line thesis is that the Law is there to confront you and me with our need of outside help and then to point us to Jesus Christ as the only one who can give that help. He is the one who gives the best directions. He is the one who is the true repairman. He is our "higher power" who can do for us what we cannot do in our own effort.

Jeremiah 29:11

Lowell

BURTON CAMP is looking good. We have a lot of the work done but there is still some cleaning and minor landscaping work to be done. We will have a team from Arizona Campers on Mission here beginning Monday after Mother's Day to help us get our camp ready for the summer. Also we are planning an Associational Work Day on May 14 beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will provide lunch for the workers. Please bring a group from your church to join in the fun and fellowship as we get our camp ready for Christ and His mighty work there. Also when you get your Portrait Magazine please check our Burton Camp advertisement. We are excited about how God is going to use Burton Camp this year.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY ENRICHMENT plans are under way. I have received names from a couple of our churches of couples that would be willing to serve as a steering committee as we make the plans for this powerful weekend. Mark your calendars for August 5 and 6, 2016. This is a Friday evening and Saturday event. Dr. Charles Lowery will be our guest and it promises to be an exciting and encouraging weekend for our families in Desert Pines Baptist Association. The cost is \$30.00 per couple if paid by July 15. Please get the names of those and their fee into Desert Pines Baptist Association office as soon as possible. The registration form is on Desert Pines Baptist Association website. After the July 15th deadline the price increase to \$45. We have contacted Silver Creek Inn, Snowflake (928-536-2600) and they have given us a special rate for those who would like to spend the night. This is a nice motel just 4 blocks from Valley View Baptist Church where the event will be held. That rate is \$62.99 plus taxes and to get the rate you must mention that you are participating in the Marriage and Family Enrichment weekend. Dr. Warren has asked the management to reserve 20 rooms so if you want a room please make your arrangements as soon as possible. They will have a hot breakfast for you before the conference begins on Saturday morning. Our schedule for Friday evening is eating at 6:00 p.m. and then at 6:45 p.m. beginning the session with music and then Dr. Lowery will lead us in taking a good look at ourselves and our marriages and family. We should be finished by 8:30 p.m. On Saturday morning we will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. with music and then the second session with Dr. Lowery. We will take a break at 10:30 a.m. At 10:45 a.m. we will start the third session with music and then Dr. Lowery will take us up to lunch time. After lunch we will have a closing session with Dr. Lowery and finish by 2:15 p.m.. It promises to be a great weekend and we don't want any of our church families to miss out on it. So promote it in your Bible Study Classes and register as soon as possible.

Eleanor Ferry Resort Ministry

Eleanor Ferry Resort Ministry is getting off to a great start. We will have our Orientation Meeting on May 20. For those who may not know, we have pastors in five of the R V Resort parks here in the White Mountains. We have Greer, Waltner's R V Resort, Venture Inn, K-Bar RV Resort, and Juniper Ridge Resort. God has blessed Desert Pines Baptist Association for almost 30 years as we have ministered to our summer guests that love coming to the White Mountains to escape the heat and enjoy the fellowship within each park. Please keep these ministers and parks in your prayers.

Desert Pines Baptist Association

Prayer Week

May 15 - 21, 2016



Associations are about partnership. This partnership happens when area churches come together, united in a common mission, to reach the community, state, nation, and world. Associations are committed to providing training, resources, leadership, and encouragement to area pastors, church leaders, and the community.

Sunday, May 15	Associational Staff
Monday, May 16	Truckstop Ministry
Tuesday, May 17	Resort Ministry
Wednesday, May 18	Burton Camp Ministries
Thursday, May 19	ABCS Ministries/New Life
	Pregnancy Centers
Friday, May 20	Pastors and Churches
Saturday, May 21	Association Teams

Semi-Annual Meeting

THANK YOU to all the churches that were able to participate in our 66 semi-annual meeting at Linden Hills Family Fellowship on April 24th. We had great attendance and able to meet our new church leaders. We welcome each of you to our Associational team. Our Annual Meeting will be held at Porter Mountain Fellowship on October 23rd. Mark it on your calendar.

Calendar of Events

May

- 2 Christian Relief
- 6 Disaster Relief
- 7 ABCS Mother's Day Tea
- 8 Mother's Day
- 13 Church Planter Basic Training
- 15 Burton Camp Work Day
- 15-21 DPBA Week of Prayer
- 19 DPBA Administration Team meeting
- 20 DPBA Resort Ministry meeting
- 23 Convention Council
- 25-27 Summer Missions Orientation
- 30 Memorial Day, DPBA is closed

June

- 3 Disaster Relief
- 5-7 DPBA Children's Camp, Grades 1-3
- 6 Christian Challenge
- 8-11 DPBA Children's Camp, Grades 4-6
- 14 Resort Ministry Meeting
- 14-15 SBC Annual Meeting
- 16 DPBA Administration Team meeting
- 19 Father's Day
- 28 Resort Ministry Meeting

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



May

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| 11 Sharon Heller | 20 Ted & Patty Pate |
| 25 Kevin Berg | 22 Coy & Eleanor Brewer |
| 28 Bob Gallegos | 30 Fred & Jennifer Harris |
| 28 Diana Gallegos | |
| 29 Thelma Elliott | |

June

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| 7 Sharon Brown | 4 Mark & Dawn McCraw |
| 20 Duane Trudgeon | 5 Bob & Diana Gallegos |
| | 11 Jim & Jill Stansberry |
| | 13 Larry & Leigh Stansberry |
| | 20 Acey & Sarae Martin |

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES

I would like our churches to let our office know the dates you are planning for your VBS program. Also please get your reports into DPBA as soon as possible after your VBS program.

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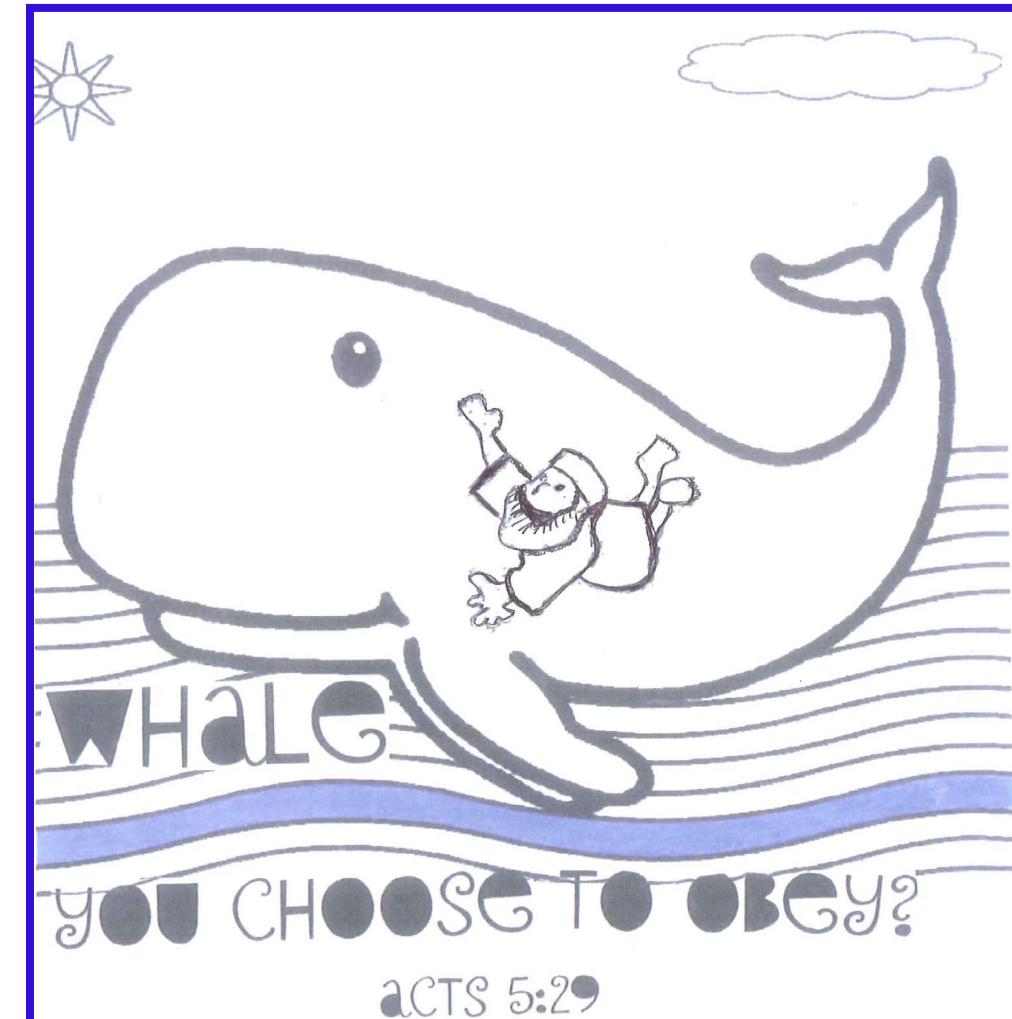
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Children's Camp

Registration Due to DPBA May 15, 2016



Children's Camp Schedule

Grades 1-3, Check In June 5, 3:00 p.m., Pick up June 7, 10:30 a.m.
Grades 4-6, Check In June 8, 3:00 p.m., Pick up June 11, 10:30 a.m.

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