

We have all heard the old saying, "They broke the mold after they made him." I came across a great illustration that I would like to share with you. A pumpkin farmer was strolling through his rows of beautiful green leaves at the beginning of the season. The acorn-size pumpkins were starting to add dots to the landscape. He glanced down and noticed a clear glass jar. Curiosity got the best of him, so he took the jar over to one of his pumpkin buds, threaded the small pumpkin on its vine inside the open jar, and left it sitting there in the field.

Months later, with the experiment long forgotten, the farmer was walking his land, greatly satisfied with the large beautiful pumpkins that covered the patch. He rediscovered the glass jar, totally intact, and was startled to see it completely filled up with the little pumpkin that grew inside. The thin glass barrier had defined the shape of the orange mass within it. The pumpkin was only one-third of the size it should have been.

The problem for this little pumpkin is the same problem for most churches today. Rather than growing to their full potential, they conform to the shape of the external mold or model. These "glass jars" create invisible barriers to growth and predetermine the same of community for our churches across our country. So often our ministries are shaped by traditions and customs rather than allowing God to develop and design His church.

As an association of churches, we are to be unique. We are not to take on the form or shape of other churches or organizations. God describes that as hypocritical. Each church, each pastor should allow God to mold him into the servant God desires. As your Director of Mission I commit to you that we are going to be unique in our ministry approach.

Brother Lowell

Eleanor Ferry Resort Ministry

At this time the Eleanor Ferry Resort Ministry is more than half way through the summer. The resorts are doing better than last year. The current resorts are: Greer, K-Bar, Juniper Ridge, Waltner's, and Venture In. The ministers for the parks are: Vern & Glenda Hardee at K-Bar, Ted & Janie Northrop at Juniper Ridge, Dot & Bill Hutchison at Waltner's, and Tom and Dickie Rhodes at Venture In. We have a new minister in Greer, Bob and Joann Tolliver. They were asked and have agreed to come back next year. JoAnn is Dot Hutchison's sister and Bob Seymour went to school with Bob.

People attending worship have also increased this year. Juniper Ridge has had a high of 166 people in attendance for one Sunday service and hoping to increase more. As Janie said they try to sit with people they do not know at the various activities. They encourage the new people to attend the service which is happening. Ted was ordained Sunday, August 21 at Valley View Baptist Church. We congratulate you, Ted!

Many more people are becoming involved in this resort ministry. How wonderful are our ministers and the Eleanor Ferry Resort Ministry!

LIVING PROOF Simulcast with Beth Moore

First Baptist Church in Holbrook is serving as the North Eastern Arizona host location for this live internet streaming event which features popular women's author and speaker Beth Moore. This is a fantastic "Girls Day Out," so get some friends together and make a memory! Or invite a friend or co-worker you've been praying for, but getting them to a church service has been a "no-go"? Treat them to this simulcast event; it could be a life-changer!

Living Proof Live is a fun-filled Bible study, teaching, and worship experience to enrich your mind, soul, and spirit! Bible teacher Beth Moore brings a fresh Word from God to each Living Proof Live event - no two are the same. As she explores the Bible and how it applies to real life, you will be inspired to magnify and strengthen your own relationship with God.

Tickets are still available for \$15.00 a person, we cannot guarantee lunch since we are past the catering dead line, but there are numerous restaurants in Holbrook to choose from. Tickets can be purchased directly through the church office during regular office hours Monday-Friday 9am to 12pm. We are located at 360 N. 1st Ave. (928) 524-2555.

DISCIPLESHIP NOW WEEKEND

OCTOBER 14-16, 2016

YOUTH: 7TH - 12TH GRADE

Our associational Discipleship Now Weekend (DNow) weekend is coming up rapidly and we are so excited about the work the Lord is going to do in the hearts of our young people!

For those of you unfamiliar with the concept, DNow weekends are intended to be an intense, focused weekend of Bible study and community. Students are engaged both in small group sessions and main group sessions throughout the weekend with large group and fun activities scattered throughout. The goal of the weekend is to submerge students in the Bible and activate genuine transformation in their lives through contact with God's Word.

Our theme for the weekend will be RESOLVE. We will be using curriculum from the Precept Ministries Transform Weekend series also titled "RESOLVE." The curriculum will focus on the Daniel 1-6. Daniel was a teenager and the world events happening around him were out of his control. The only thing in his control was whether or not he would obey God - pretty applicable in today's culture!

We have scheduled this event for October 14-16 at First Baptist Church—Show Low. Registration will be at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and we will wrap up the weekend by noon on Sunday. Cost per student will be approximately \$25.00 and this will include all meals, a student book, and t-shirt.

Please be looking for full informational packets to be coming out soon! Registration deadline is September 26th. Contact Pastor Matt Gaston at mgaston@abcs.org, 928-243-0408 or Jessica Boucher at jessicalboucher@gmail.com or 928-240-3608 if you have questions.

TRUCKSTOP MINISTRIES

I want to thank everyone who prayed for me when I had a stroke. It was comforting to me to know not only the family was praying for me but all of the saints, God's people. I thank God that the stroke was a minor one but I suffer the effects of the stroke. I am going to therapy but I have learned that at my age setbacks take much longer to overcome. We still covet your prayers. I returned to the chapel two weeks later, not able to preach, but participating in scripture reading and communion. God brought a couple from Holbrook Baptist Church to do the preaching, Neftali and Judy Soto and their son Noah.

We are looking forward to doing Christmas Dinner for Drivers again. We still desire participation in financing the program for the drivers. We provide them with literature and mementoes for special days during the year as well as a gift sack of usable items and gifts at the Christmas Dinner. If you would care to reach out to a driver, please send your donations to the Association office and mark it for Truckstop Ministry.

We are still being blessed by attendance at the chapel all throughout the week as well as Sunday's. For the last two months we have

been able to witness and minister to **63 souls**. Thank the Lord for the privilege of working in His kingdom.

In His Service

Duane & Agnes Trudgeon

VBS 2017

Desert Pines is attempting to get ready for VBS 2017. We would appreciate it if you can inform us of your VBS Director's name and contact information along with next year's VBS dates. We are trying to be good stewards of God's assets. Contact Patty at (928) 536-7200 or e-mail patty@desertpines.org.

ABCS Annual Golf Tournament

ABCS Annual Golf Tournament was a huge success! It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time. Through hole sponsorships, donations, and teams that came out to play, we raised \$4,680.77! Congratulations to Ted Pate, Verna Pate, and Buddy Pate for winning the tournament.

We would like to thank: Community Baptist Church, FBC-Winslow, FBC-St. Johns, FBC-Springerville, FBC-Pinetop, Valley View So. Baptist Church, Desert View Baptist Church, Haralson Tire Co., and Ace Hardware-Snowflake for sponsoring holes. We would also like to thank Ace Hardware-Snowflake, Butte Barber Co., La Cocina de Eva, Trapper's Café, and Pizza Factory for donating items for our drawings.

Through the support from our local churches and businesses New Life Pregnancy Center is able to reach out to our community and help those who are hurting and needing care and compassion!

Calendar of Events

September

- 2 Disaster Relief
- 5 Labor Day – DPBA is closed.
- 6 Eleanor Ferry Resort Ministry meeting
- 10 Pastors' Wives' Fellowship
- 11 Week of Prayer, Arizona Missions
- 12 Christian Challenge
- 15 DPBA Admin. Team meeting
- 19-20 Convention Council
- 20 Eleanor Ferry Resort Ministry meeting
- 22-24 Refresh Student Ministry Retreat
- 24 Hispanic Leader
- 25 Eleanor Ferry Resort Ministry ends
- 26-27 Arizona Mission Network
- 30 New Challenge Seminar

October

- 1 Christian Challenge
- 7 Disaster Relief
- 14-16 Discipleship NOW Weekend for Youth**
- 15 Heatwave/Children Ministry Workshop
- 15 Heatwave/VBS Jumpstart
- 15-16 Youth
- 18-25 Rooftop Prayer
- 20 Administration Team meeting
- 21-23 Hispanic Men's Retreat
- 21-23 City Impact
- 23 DPBA's 65th Annual Meeting**

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



September

- 7 Matt Gaston
- 13 Agnes Trudgeon
- 13 Peggy Warren
- 14 Jon Schendel
- 20 William & Shirley Clark

October

- 6 Margie Schendel
- 22 Nathan & Sharon Heller

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65th Annual Meeting

October 23, 2016

4:00 p.m.

Porter Mountain Fellowship

Lakeside, Arizona



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