

Calendar of Events

September

- 1 Resort Ministry Meeting
- 7 Labor Day-DPBA is closed
- 13-20 Week of Prayer/Arizona Missions
- 15 Resort Ministry Meeting (last one)
- 16 DPBA's Administration Team meeting
- 17 DPBA's Administration Team meeting
- 18 North Cluster Prayer Group
- 21-22 Convention Council
- 24-26 Refresh Student Ministry Retreat
- 26 Hispanic Leadership
- 27 Resort Ministry Closes for 2015 Season

October

- 2-3 New Challenge Seminar
- 15 DPBA's Administration Team meeting
- 17 VBS Jumpstart
- 20 North Cluster Prayer Group
- 23-25 City Impact
- 23-25 Hispanic Men's Retreat
- 25 DPBA's 65th Annual Meeting-St Johns

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



September

- 7 Matt Gaston
- 13 Agnes Trudgeon
- 13 Peggy Warren
- 14 Jon Schendel
- 26 Dawne McCraw

October

- 6 Margie Schendel
- 7 Wade Carlisle
- 8 Daniel Walker
- 15 Esther Butterworth
- 18 Sandy Carlisle

20 William & Shirley Clark

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We are planning a Marriage Enrichment event on August 5-6, 2016 (Friday and Saturday) with Dr. Charles Lowery as our guest speaker. I am asking each of our churches to include in your budget funds to assist your people in being able to attend. Valley View Southern Baptist Church in Snowflake will be hosting this event. More details will be coming at a later date.

Deacon Training

I want to thank Linden Hills Family Fellowship for hosting our Deacon Training on Saturday, August 8, 2015. We had 17 in attendance and 6 churches represented. I am looking forward to the next training event in 2016. More information will be available at a later date.

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"A glimpse of who we are together"

Desert Pines Window

Desert Pines Baptist Association exists to assist churches in fulfilling their God-given purpose.

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Desert Pines Baptist Association 64th Annual Meeting October 25, 2015, 4:00 p.m. First Baptist Church, St. Johns









³⁸ Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. ³⁹ Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. ⁴⁰ Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God? ⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. ⁴² And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. ⁴³ And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. ⁴⁴ And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. ⁴⁵ Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

John 11:38-45

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THE DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

I came across the following article that I believe touches the heart of what the church's focus should be.

"Information Overload" is a trendy catch phrase, but it accurately describes the condition of modern life. There are over 30,000 books published each year, more than any person could read. Even the Sunday Newspaper can't be read in a single day. There are television, radio, and internet outlets that clamor to feed us information with so many voices demanding the average person's attention. How can the church communicate the message of the Gospel?

The human mind is designed to accept that of which it has knowledge or with which it already has experience. Most other things get filtered out. The church must learn to position its message so that it will be received for consideration. Positioning doesn't seek to manipulate the message. Instead, it attempts to evoke some change in the mind of the hearer.

Avis Car Rental, for example, is number two in the rental business. Who wants to hear about number two? Its slogan, though, is catchy and easy to remember – "We Try Harder." By positioning its message effectively, Avis occupies a place in the minds of people.

What can the church do to implant its clear message in cluttered minds? Some suggestions would be **FIRST**, one thing it can do is to be there first. The Wright brothers were the first to build a successful airplane. Who was the second? People usually fail to remember those who came in second with a new idea. The principle also applies to the delivery of a revolutionary message of hope. **SECOND**, the church should also discover the true wants, needs, and dreams of the people to whom it is communicating. Social and economic improvements are nice, but they will never fully satisfy. People are groping for something to fill the emptiness that only God can fill. They are looking for the comfort that is found only in Christ. And Christ is the primary message of a New Testament Church.

As a church we need to keep the message of Christ clear and primary in all we do. Let others see Jesus in You. That is **OUR MINISTRY**. God bless.

Bro. Warren, Prov. 3:5-7

FBC-Springerville

We are sad to see Pastor Clayton and Jessikka Paslay leave FBC Springerville this month. Because of health issues within the family it was necessary for them to move back to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Please be in prayer for them and First Baptist Church-Springerville during this time of transition.



Paula Simpson—Burton Baptist Church

Truckstop Ministry

We have been blessed the past two months by being able to become a part of the lives of the men and women that carry our goods across the nation and to our front door. We have been able to touch the lives of **34** drivers and have had **1** salvation. We thank God for the opportunity that He has extended to us to be a part of HIS plan for HIS people. We had a driver that is a long-time friend that ended up in the hospital with a heart attack on the road in Boise, Idaho; his home is in Alabama. His wife called and we were able to help with arrangements to get him and his truck back home. He is doing good today and looking forward to getting back on the road.

We are starting to put our plan together for the Drivers' Christmas Day Dinner. If you would like to share some time with us on Christmas Day by putting a little joy in some driver's or a traveler's heart, come on out and join us. Please give us a call and let us know if you are coming so we know how many helpers we are going to have. If your Church would like to donate towards the food, send it to the Association office with a note "Truckstop Christmas Dinner". It is quite a bit of work putting this together so we can use the help.

God bless each of you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers and support for the ministry.

Chaplain Duane & Agnes Trudgeon

Resort Ministry

Time for another Newsletter and update on Resort Ministry. As most of you know, I am retiring this year so this will be my last report for the Newsletter. It has been a wonderful summer and a great 25+ years with Resort Ministry. It has had ups and downs but mostly ups. God has really blessed this ministry thru the years. We have seen seniors come to know the Lord as their personal Lord and Savior with some rededicating their lives. Even though this is a Senior Adult Ministry, we have seen young people accept the Lord as Savior as well. We have had an Ordination Service for one of our ministers at the request of his church. We have had 2 Units given to us which has been a tremendous blessing to the ministry. The men and their wives who come to us each year are truly dedicated servants of the Lord. They truly love the Lord and love the people with whom they have the privilege of ministering to each summer. Here is the report for each park from June 6 thru August 30, 2015:

Park	Offering	Attend	Bible Study	Visits Home/Hosp	Other Activities
Greer	\$ 6,600.00	433	328	34	198
Juniper Ridge	8,400.31	1,397	279	102	59
K-Bar	664.00	205			
Venture In	6,192.10	1,386	351	92	160
Waltner's	3,462.00	465	169	134	588
Totals	\$ 25,318.41	3,886	1,127	362	1,005

We are down a little from last year but that is due to attrition, you know our population in the parks is getting older and we lost a large number of dedicated people to death and health issues. However, all of that aside, we are doing very well. See you all at the Annual Meeting in St. Johns.

In His Service,
Eleanor Ferry
Resort Ministry Director



Burton Camp

The rains that fell on Thursday, August 27th really did a lot of damage to our Burton Camp property. We will need to have extra hands in April 2016 to get it back in shape for our camping season. We are grateful for those

who used our facilities this summer. I know that God has changed many lives through the dedication of our workers and the dedication of our property.

DISASTER RELIEF THEME

We will be headed over to First Baptist Church St Johns where Pastor George Perkins and the fine folks will be hosting our Annual Associational Meeting on October 25th. We will begin at 4 PM with our business conference and then our reporting time. Bro. Mitch Mc Donald will be our guest speaker for the evening. We are asking our churches to take a special offering for our Disaster Relief ministry and bring it to the Annual meeting and we will present our offerings to Mitch at that time. There was an accident this summer where one of our disaster relief units was totaled and we are taking the offerings to help with the expense of replacing the unit. People on the White Mountains have been blessed and greatly benefited from Arizona Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief ministry. It is time for us to step up to the plate and help them. Bring your special offering from your church and we will present it to Mitch during his reporting time during the afternoon business conference time.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Thank you First Baptist Church Winslow for a great time of celebrating your 100 years of ministry impact this summer. The program, the testimonies, and of course the roll call of the number of individuals that have surrendered their life to full time ministry was outstanding.

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING THIS MONTH

The emphasis for September is the State Mission Offering. Because of our churches committing to take special offerings our ministries within the State of Arizona are greatly impacted. It is through our State Missions offering that we were able to help our newest congregation, Silver Lake Family Fellowship get off the ground and established. This congregation continues to impact the community that had no Southern Baptist influence. God has richly blessed Brother David and Nancy Lee as they begin this new work, all because of State Missions.