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New Website

Our web address has not changed (azcasb.org), but the website has! It has taken a little longer than we had hoped, but it is finally up and running. The most important things are available (funding request forms!), and there are some other things that we will be adding as we go along. This new website will allow us to do a better job of networking and sharing information. I will also be using it as a link for my twitter account — BruceAFord ... yes... I am tweeting...twittering...I am by this definition a ... twit!

As we continue to build out the website, please feel free to send me any information about your church — current ministries, missions, mission opportunities, outreach events, staff, staff needs, etc. — things that you might want to let other churches know about. This will be an ongoing project for us, as we seek to connect our churches for more effective and ever expanding ministry in our communities.

Thanks for your patience!!

Bruce

Director's Corner



Uplift Project

In response to our evaluation meetings, the Church Strengthening Team has revisited its mission and vision, and is initiating a pilot project known as the “Uplift Project.” The following is a summary of what the team has been working on over the past two months.

Church Strengthening Team

This proposal is designed to strengthen existing churches by networking churches that are interested in improving training, leadership, community outreach and ministry.

Mission: *The mission of the Church Strengthening Team is to assist the local church in accomplishing its mission and vision.*

Vision: *In addition to providing financial resources to assist the local church in the areas of training, equipping, equipment, and second staff, the Church Strengthening Team will also seek to network existing churches for the purpose of improving training, leadership, community outreach, and ministry.*

Uplift Project

The Church Strengthening Team will:

- 1.) Recruit churches to participate in the Uplift Project.*
- 2.) Facilitate the initial meetings where goals, timetables, and resources are identified.*
- 3.) Identify a lead church for each project.*
- 4.) Assist the networking churches as needed in order to design and implement a strategic plan to meet specific needs.*

(I will keep you updated as this pilot project develops!)

Finances

In addition to the **general fund** (from which we fund our ministry requests), you may also want to consider giving to our church planting fund. **We are currently funding 14 church plants...** with four more on the way! Our church plants may also be a place where you want to send some of your mission teams for mission projects!!



CASB is looking for a volunteer receptionist... flexible hours free coffee, internet...and a great boss!

Church Planting

Jason & Mindy Griffin are moving cross country this week to plant a church in the far west valley (Freedom Valley Church). **The Church @ Arrowhead** will be sponsoring this church, and is being joined by **Palm Vista, Mountain Ridge, Happy Valley, Emmanuel, and Woodstock (GA).**

We are in the midst of putting together **five partnerships** for five new church plants in the valley! If you are interested in being a part of a partnership (financial, prayer, mission teams, etc), or in starting a new work inside your facility, please contact **Jerry Bowling at 602.692.3767.**

Annual Patriotic Concert North Phoenix B.C. July 1st - 6 PM

- Admission is free - 50 cent hot dogs, etc following the concert.



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About Us

Why do we exist? Central Association exists to resource churches as they seek to fulfill their unique, God-given vision for carrying out the Great Commission.

Central Association will seek to fulfill its purpose through three major priorities:

**CHURCH PLANTING
CHURCH STRENGTHENING
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

July

Emphasis: Youth Camp

- 4 Office Closed
- 8-12 **Zona Youth Camp, CA**
Glorietta Youth Camp, NM
- 30-31 **Send America Conference, GA**

* Team Meetings Canceled in July

August

Emphasis: Student Evangelism

- 4 **Hispanic Conference, ASBC - Phx**
- 7 **Pastor's Lunch - Noon**
New Beginnings Baptist Church
12207 N. 112th Ave, Youngtown, 85363
* C.S. Team Requests - 11:30
- 10-11 **Church Planter Retreat, Chandler**
- 21 **C.S. Team, Uplift Project - 10:30, CASB**
- 25 **Discipleship Workshop, Noon**



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our **President**, our **military personnel**, our **civic leaders**

Health and family concerns

Chuck Gibson

Churches Seeking Pastors:

Hillside

The Meadows

Church on Fillmore

New Church Planters:
Brian & Brooke Bowman
Ray & Sharon Lepage
Joe Knowles
Leon & Janice Sikes



July Birthdays!



1st - **Dick Stafford**

