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*How do you get from
where you are to where
you want to be?*

Mark your calendars!
April 15-16

“Count the Cost”

Director's Corner**Getting a Second Opinion**

This is a two part story ... the first part happened on Thanksgiving morning at our annual turkey bowl (a flag football game for teenagers, college students, and few older men who should know better). By the time I got there, they had already played one game, and claimed to be in desperate need of a Bret Favre. I started to stretch, only to be harassed and told that it wouldn't matter, so against my better judgment, I jogged out onto the field—no snaps, no throws, no stretching...mistake #1. Three plays later I ran out of the pocket only to discover that he who does not wear cleats on wet grass, usually ends up rolling in it ... mistake #2. It hurt a little, but hey, I'm Bret! I played for another hour and a half, threw another hundred passes ... mistake #3, and hobbled home. Sometime after an incredible Thanksgiving lunch, I realized that my right shoulder wasn't working very well, and had a big knot right on the joint. I told my wife, that was the last time I was going to play in a turkey bowl without cleats...she looked at me, smiled and said, "I'm not too sure that cleats are the answer to your problem!" Two days later, I turned 52, and my wife and children gave me a pair of cleats for my birthday!!

Oddly enough, the pain in my shoulder, and the reality of another birthday, caused me to contemplate finding a doctor and asking him what he thought about my general wellbeing. The only problem is, I don't have a doctor, never have had one, never asked, never needed one before. Five days after the great turkey bowl, my wife called to tell me there was a mobile unit in the grocery store parking lot that had a deal on blood work, heart & cardioid scan, etc., etc...it was a deal I couldn't pass up! The good news is, I'm probably not going to die anytime soon...barring the unforeseen ... which is ... unforeseeable!

On a more spiritual note ... when was the last time you had someone with fresh eyes take a look at your church - what's working, what's not, options, insights, resources, etc., etc.. You may be a lot like me - never had one, never asked, never needed one! However, let me just say, after having been poked, pumped, and scanned ... it's fairly painless, and it provided me with some very helpful information and direction!

"Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success."

Proverbs 15:22

Still In the Game,
Bruce

Children's Ministry Corner



Resources available to check out from CASB: TeamKID Leader Guides for:

Preschool:

Here I Grow
Way To Go

Grades 1-6:

God's Way=My Way
Reach Up, Reach Out
Wise Up
Running the Race
Day by Day
Count on Me
Jesus IM's
Step Out

Contact Cheri Dempsay at cheri@fsbcg.org for any assistance in getting started or doing training for this program.

ASBC

CHURCH TAX SEMINAR

Conference Leader:
Kathy Keller
ASBC Business Administrator



Saturday, January 5, 2013

Arizona Southern Baptist Convention office, Scottsdale
Registration deadline: December 21, 2012

Saturday, January 12, 2013

Mountain View Baptist Church, Tucson
Registration deadline: January 2, 2013

Conference Schedule: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. *(Lunch is provided)*

Registration: No cost, however, registration is requested.
Call or email Corrin Statezny, 480-945-0880 or
1-800-687-2431, corrin@azsobaptist.org

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WINTERFRESH
This year's theme:
SURRENDER

A CHRIST-CENTERED RETREAT
FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH

February 15-17, 2013
*
United Christian Youth Camp
*
Prescott, Arizona

For more information,
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REGISTRATION
AND DEPOSIT
due by Friday,
January 11, 2013

Registration forms are available at www.azsobaptist.org

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CHINO BANDIDO'S!!

**Dec. 4th
CASB
Noon**

Church Strengthening Team

In addition to funding requests from our churches, the Church Strengthening Team is working on developing church to church partnerships for the purpose of improving ministry and outreach. If you are interested in being involved in these partnerships, please contact Bruce Ford at 602.841.1400.

Church Planting

Our Church Planting Team is preparing for at least four new plants in 2013! Jerry Bowling has lined up 4 sponsoring churches and is in the process of recruiting other churches that would like to be a part of one of the four partnerships. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the early stages of the church planting experience. If you have never been involved in helping to plant a church, it is an exciting experience that energizes your congregation and grows the kingdom! For more information, contact Jerry Bowling at 602.692.3767



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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our President, our military personnel, our civic leaders

Health and family concerns

Chuck Gibson

Churches Seeking Pastors

Church on Fillmore

Palm Vista

New Church Planters

- Jason & Mindy Griffin
- Brian & Brooke Bowman
- Ray & Sharon Lepage
- Joe Knowles
- Leon & Janice Sikes

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Executive Director Search



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December

Emphasis: International Missions

- 2-9 **Week of Prayer**, Lottie Moon Offering
- 3 **Church Planting**, 10am, CASB
- 4 **Church Strengthening**, 11:30, CASB
- 4 **Pastor's Lunch** - Noon, CASB
- 18 **Leadership Development**, 10:30, CASB
- 24-31 **Christmas Holiday**, CASB Office Closed

January

Emphasis: January Bible Study

- 1-7 **January Bible Study**
- 5 **Tax Seminar (ASBC)**
- 7 **Church Planting Team**, 10 AM, CASB
- 8 **Church Str. Requests** 11:30 AM, Meadows, BC
- 8 **Pastor's Lunch**, Noon, Meadows BC
- 15 **Leadership Devel. Team**, 10:30, CASB
- 22 **Church Str. Team**, 10:30, CASB
- 26 **Hispanic Leadership Conf.** (Avondale)

December Birthdays!



- 7th - **Brian Goodman**
- 15th - **Jamal Bishara**
- 28th - **Dan Yeary**

