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Arizona Southern Baptist Convention

ANNUAL

MEETING

November 9, 2012

North Phoenix Baptist Church

10:00 a.m. – Leadership Conference

12:00 p.m. – Lunch provided & Mission Fair opens

3:00 p.m. – Worship Rally & Business Session

For updates and a list of hotels in the area visit

www.azsobaptist.org

Bring nonperishable food to contribute to
the North Phoenix Food Drive.

Director's Corner



Jesus ... or a Crowbar

Two weeks ago, while sitting at my desk in the association office, I heard our chain link fence rattle. We have a lot of traffic at the office throughout the week, so it's not unusual for our fence to rattle...only this time it kept rattling, and rattling, and rattling! I finally decided that I should peek out the window to see what was going on. As I looked, I noticed two boys (ages 8 & 6) approaching our shed. At first I couldn't tell what the 8 year old had in his hands, but I recognized the upward swinging motion...He was attempting to break my lock with some kind of rod, and steal all of my worthless junk! I thought about letting him haul it off, but then decided I should probably stop him. I went outside, told him to stop trying to break my lock...and that there was nothing inside but junk. As I got closer, I got a better look at what he was using - it was a crowbar, but not like anything I had ever seen. It was about two feet long, with hardened steel and a handle grip...it was designed to do exactly what this eight year-old was attempting to do...break and enter. I asked where they had come from, and he said they lived over in the apartments - I told him I thought it was time for them to head home. He agreed tossed the crowbar under the fence and attempted to scale the fence. It was then that I realized where all of the noise had come from...he was having an extremely difficult time getting over the fence! He finally gave up and said he needed to go around. I nodded my head and away he ran. Now the question...where does an eight year-old get a crowbar like that...and how did he learn to use it?! My guess is, he has seen a family member use it.

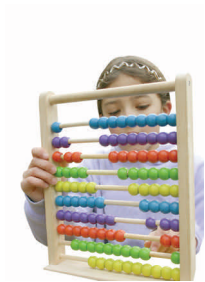
Now to the more important question...what are we going to do about it? How are we ever going to reach an eight year-old and a six year-old, when they are learning how to break and enter with their parents tools? I have a few thoughts. Actually, we have a few churches that are doing it! The answer is to get into the schools - get to know the principals, the teachers. Find out what you can do to help the school. It may be a simple project, a clean-up project, a school supply fund raiser, helping with a festival, an after school program, or even tutoring. Get engaged with the school and the kids. For lack of a better phrase, adopt the school! When you get involved in the school, the teachers and staff get to know you, the kids get to know you, and ultimately, the parents get to know you. It is not a short-term project, but when they get to know you and trust you, you have an opportunity to explain why you do what you do — you love Jesus and you love them, and you want to help make a difference in their lives and in the community.

Do we have a choice? Well...I suppose we could build more prisons, put up barbed wire around our properties, and get a few guard dogs...or we could take Jesus into the schools where they spend most of their time.

I Vote For Jesus,
Bruce

Children's Ministry Leaders

Let's get together and learn some new and different ways to improve our ministry areas! The Arizona Southern Baptist Convention's *Children's Ministries Resource Team* has organized some events that can help with some of the challenges you may be facing in your ministries. Come join us!!



Wildflower Bakery

Fellowship Lunch

Thursday, November 8, 11:30 a.m.

(Arrowhead Mall, west side outer loop, 75th Ave. north of Bell)

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Foothills Baptist Church-Awahtukee

Tuesday, November 27, 11:00-1:00

15450 S. 21st St. (Chandler Blvd. & Pecos)

Presenters:

Lorie Honeycutt: LifeWay Multiplier

Mike Bond: NPBC - Graphics & Website Design

*Ideas on using technology and helpful website designs for children's ministries.

Lunch will be provided.

****** Please RSVP to Cheri Dempsay for each event
FSBC Sahuaro Ranch, 623-937-9216**



Our Women of Faith family would like to join yours for Christmas! Gathering together in one hope-filled and joyful celebration. This event will be the biggest Christmas event of the year!

Celebrate the Birth of Christ at the First-Ever Women of Faith Christmas Event for the Entire Family

Christmas Music:

Woven through the evening: classic carols and songs from Point of Grace and Anthem Lights plus a special time of worship led by Kari Jobe.

Christmas Stories:

Women of Faith speakers Sheila Walsh and Lisa Harper will share stories about the miracle of Christmas and noted author Francis Chan will bring a heartfelt message of hope.

Christmas Experience:

The Nativity story will come to life before your eyes as shepherds, wise men, live animals, and more come to kneel before the new-born King.

Live Simulcast

November 30, 2012 / 8:00 - 10:30 PM
First Southern Baptist Church at Sahuaro Ranch
 10250 N. 59th Avenue, Glendale AZ / www.fsbcg.org

Tickets are \$5 per person. Suggested ages 12 & up, no childcare provided.

ACE Conference

Nov. 10th

The 2012 ACE Conference will challenge you to think like a missionary about your church and your church's mission field. Breakout sessions will help you address these questions:

Where are we? Who are we? What are we doing?

Registration: 7:45 – 8:30 AM

Opening Rally: 8:30 – 9:45 AM

Session 1: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Session 2: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Session 3: 2:15 – 3:15 PM





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**



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November

Emphasis: Cooperative Program

- 2-4 **Hispanic Women's Retreat**, Prescott (ASBC)
- 5 **Church Planting Team**, 10 AM, CASB
- 6 **Church Stren. Team**, 11:30 AM, Apollo, BC
- 6 **Pastor's Lunch**, Noon, Apollo BC
- 9 **ASBC Annual Meeting**, North Phoenix BC
- 10 **ACE Conference**, North Phoenix BC
- 15 **Leadership Devel. Team**, 10:30, CASB
- 22-23 **Thanksgiving Holiday**, Office closed

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Health and family concerns

Chuck Gibson

Churches Seeking Pastors

Church on Fillmore

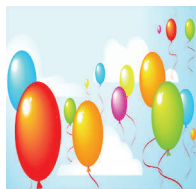
New Church Planters
 Jason & Mindy Griffin
 Brian & Brooke Bowman
 Ray & Sharon Lepage
 Joe Knowles
 Leon & Janice Sikes

ASBC

Executive Director Search



November Birthdays!



- 4th - **Brian Oh**
- 8th - **Brent Johnson**
- 10th - **Daniel Key**
- 20th - **Sharon Buell**
- 25th - **Curtis Brown**
- 25th - **Bruce Ford**
- 29th - **Bob Alexander**

