



Yuma Southern Baptist Association

Working Together To Build The Kingdom

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We want everyone to be able to stay informed about all that is taking place in our churches, and to be aware of the opportunities that we have to work together.

You can receive the newsletter by print, or by e-mail. You can make your preference known by going to: www.ysba.org/nl



Jason and Jennifer Graham

Yuma Southern Baptist Association — On Purpose

I am often asked, “How is the Association doing?” It is a hard questions to answer because the Association only exists to help our churches better accomplish the mission that God has given! We look for ways to work together and to learn from each other as we work to reach our region with the Gospel.

This year we have established a board to help us accomplish our purpose of everyone who lives in our region having the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.

As we have met together we have talked about the Association and how we will

measure success. We believe that we will be successful when: Each church has an effective leadership development plan; When each church is effectively sharing the Gospel: and When each church has an effective prayer strategy! We recognize that all of our churches are different, yet we are all called to fulfill the Great Commission.

We are looking for intentional ways for us to encourage each other in each of these areas as we work together to share the Gospel in our region! We want to highlight what your church is doing, so that we can share it with other churches in our region, to encourage

and challenge one another in this great task that God has given to us!

Our board members are David Lindgens from Immanuel, Tom Burks from Stone Ridge, Tracy Newcomb from Foothills, Charles Wesner from Wellton, Luis Moreno from Centro Familiar, and Carolina Castro from Tierra Fertil.

We each have gifts and abilities that can help us better reach our region with the Gospel! We will be sharing what God is doing in our churches through this newsletter and website!

Arizona Western College Ministry

Jason and Jennifer Graham, members at Stone Ridge Church feel God calling them to begin a ministry to college students at Arizona Western College. They have met with Brad Schneeflock, the Director for Christian Challenge in Arizona and are in the process of working to become a recog-

nized group on campus. They are also working to meet with college students and begin a conversation of what this ministry may look like.

Their desire is to see college students reaching other college students and growing in their relationship with Jesus. It is not about one church! This is

about reaching out to a group of people that most churches struggle to reach. If you have college students in your church who attend Arizona Western College, they will want to get to know Jason and Jennifer.

You can reach them by E-mail at godschildjen-nifer@gmail.com



Desert Southwest Prayer Network

Have you ever considered that your prayers literally change the direction of your life and play a significant, strategic role in the Almighty God's work in ministry?

God tells us, "...this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of

Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:19 "You do not have because you do not ask." James 4:2 "You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures." James 4:3

God works through the prayers of His peo-

ple! We have an opportunity to come together for prayer for our churches, our pastors, and our community. The Desert Southwest Prayer Network meets the second Saturday every month from 10:00-12:00 on the East Campus of Immanuel SBC.

Making Your Church A House Of Prayer

Thomas Bush will be with us on November 10th to help our churches in the area of prayer.

We will meet on the East Campus of Immanuel Baptist Church located at 1000 East 24th Street in Yuma.

Our meeting will begin together with lunch at 11:30, and we will be finished with our training time at 2:00.

This is an opportunity for all of our pastors and those in our churches with a passion for prayer to learn together.

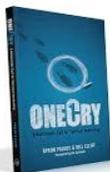
Think about these things as it relates to prayer and your church:

- No church is where it could be in the area of prayer. But on a scale of 1-10, where do you think

your church's prayer life is right now?

- Where do you sense God wants your church to be in the area of prayer?

- What does God need to do in your life, so that He can work through you to lead His church to be a House of Prayer?



This book is a challenge, a plea for readers to shake off spiritual apathy and wake up to the hope of God moving with extraordinary power in our day.

Arizona Southern Baptist Convention Meeting

The Arizona Southern Baptist Convention Meeting will be held on Friday, November 18th at Palm Vista Baptist Church in Surprise, Arizona.

The theme is God So Loved and the meeting will include a message from Fred Luter, former SBC President.

The Leadership Conference will be led by Bill Elliff, Senior Teaching Pastor of The Summit Church in Little Rock, Arkansas and Co-Author of OneCry: A Nationwide Call for Spiritual Awakening. A copy of his book will be given to everyone who attends the Leader-

ship Conference.

There are payer tours on Thursdays, and mission opportunities on Saturdays. For more information visit:

<http://azsbc.org/2016-annual-meeting>

Walk Through the Bible Coming to Yuma

What is Walk Thru The Bible? Walk Thru the Bible (WTB) is a fantastic teaching tool which presents all 66 books of the Bible in cartoon form – an interesting “picture” for each book which portrays both the name of the book and a key word or key phrase which tells one main theme of that book. The cartoons stick in your mind and you can picture that book and a major

theme of the book. So when you read your Bible, you can see that main theme come to life and better understand what that book is all about and why God included that book in His Word.

For example, what book do you think this picture is depicting? Well there is an “ax”, so it must be the book of “Ax”, or the book of “Acts”. And what did the

“ax” carve out? It carved out the “Church”. So the key word for Acts is “Church”. It tells how God “carved out the church.”

This is just one of the 66 pictures that will help you better understand God’s Word as you read it and better understand how all 66 books fit together into one cohesive, divinely-inspired book for all Christians to study and follow.



December 2-3 2016

Immanuel Southern Baptist East Campus

Church Revitalization Meeting

The Revitalization Team from the Arizona Baptist Convention will be visiting several Associations during the Fall. They are wanting to meet with Pastors and Church Leaders to hear about their church’s needs in relation

to revitalization.

They recognize that each church has different needs and are wanting to discover how they can help churches across the state.

We will be meeting in Yu-

ma on Tuesday, October 11th at 11:00 at DaBoyz downtown. Come and help us as we have this important conversation!

Cooperative Program Banquet—YSBA Annual Meeting

We have scheduled a Cooperative Program Banquet along with our Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 6th at First Southern Baptist Church of Wellton.

The meeting will begin with dinner provided by Disaster Relief at 6:00. We will have an opportunity to Worship together and to hear about how the Cooperative Program

is making a difference in Yuma, Arizona, and around our world!

Andy Tuttle from the International Mission Board will be with us sharing about how the Cooperative Program helps us reach around the world.

We will hear about how the Cooperative Program helps us across Arizona and we will be sharing

about what we are doing in our region to give every person in our region the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.

During our meeting together we will have the opportunity to hear about what God is doing at Arizona Western College, in the East County and through Equip Bible Institute!

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Upcoming Events

- 10/11—Revitalization Meeting
- 11/6 Cooperative Program Banquet/Annual Meeting
- 11/10 Making Your Church a House of Prayer
- 11/18—ASBC meeting
- 12/2-3—Walk Thru the Bible
- 1/13-16—Rocky Point Mission Trip
- 7/10-14— CAZ Kidz Kamp

Pastor Clusters

We all need real relationships! A place where we are able to talk to others and share our victories and frustrations. A place where we know we will be cared for and supported as we continue to serve God.

Our pastors need this as well. A Pastor Cluster is a small group of Pastors who meet together each month at a time that works best for

them. We have had two Pastor Clusters meeting over this year and are in the process of expanding our Clusters to six groups to include more Pastors.

Our desire is to see all our pastors engaged in this type of relationship! Contact Don Vickers at 928-304-0785 for more information.