



MOUNTAIN VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS

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The Mountain View

Encouraging Words from Pastor Bret D. Burnett

Summer at Mountain View Baptist Church

These are definitely exciting times at MVBC. There is so much to share about how God is blessing and using our church. Here are a few items:

Student Ministries:

VBS: Average attendance was 104 children with 5 decisions

Children's Camp: 13 students attended

Youth Camp: 36 students attended with 5 baptisms in the ocean

College Camp: 12 students leave Aug. 4th and return Aug. 10th

Adult Ministries:

Senior Adult Summit: 11 Senior Adults leave Aug. 5th for Flagstaff

Missions:

Warm Embrace: this ministry was highlighted in the Portraits magazine

Coppolas: are now in Ghana and working at the Baptist hospital

Construction:

Have you noticed the big empty space just north of the café? Mod. 2 has moved and is sitting in its new location although it is not ready for use yet.

We are close to getting our permits for construction. Our hope is that around Sept. 1st we could begin construction. In preparation for that, many things have to be done. Here is a timeline of some of the items in preparation for construction:

Sunday, August 4th: Grades 1-6 Sunday School move to Mod. 3

Sunday, August 11th: Last Sunday for the Café to be open

Sunday, August 18th: Last Sunday for Preschool to be in Mod. 1



Encouraging Words Cont.

This means during each week of Aug. we could use some help to move things to storage or relocate items to mod 3. If you are available please let Diana know so she can call on you when needed.

August will be a month of confusion as we move people and things around in preparation for construction. Please be patient, flexible, and ready to help. Also, pray that we keep our focus on the Lord through all this transition.

Linda Groen

On another more somber note, we are sad that Linda is no longer with us. She was such an inspiration to so many. She was a true servant of the Lord using her skills and gifts to play piano, sing, help with finances, and play with the preschoolers among other things. She will be missed. Linda's celebration of life service was one of the most beautiful worship services I have been a part of lately.

Laura Adams

We welcome Laura Adams as our new church bookkeeper. Her office hours will be Mondays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Laura has been a member of MVBC for 21 years and is a part of the Koinonia Sunday School class. She recently retired from Raytheon where she worked in accounting.



Burnett Family

One more time I want to say thanks for allowing me to go on sabbatical. It was a wonderful time to rest and relax. I greatly enjoyed my time in Brazil. Please continue to pray for Claudia as she has stayed in Brazil to help care for her mother who is going through some medical issues. Claudia will be returning to the USA on Sept. 11th.

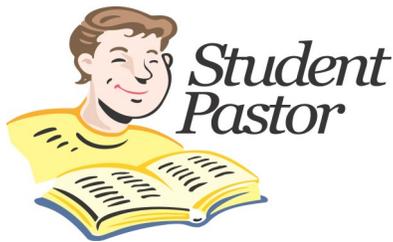
Upcoming Sermon Series

Starting Sunday, August 4th we will be looking at the life of Abraham in a new series entitled: Father Abraham: A Life of Faith. Come worship with us and grow in your own faith as we study the Bible.

Making disciples for Jesus,

Pastor Bret





MVBC STUDENT MINISTRY VISION: *Worshiping God through 1) Study 2) Sharing 3) Service 4) Supper.*

Philippians 2:2 *...fulfill my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, sharing the same feelings, focusing on one goal.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

With construction coming soon, we have decided to move our Children's Ministry classes over to Mod 3. August 4th will be promotion Sunday.

AWANA – AWANA begins this year on September 4th. Online registration begins August 5th! For more details please see the AWANA page in newsletter.

YOUTH MINISTRY (7th -12th Grades)

God has been working in mighty ways with our youth over the summer. We had 5 Baptisms while we were away at camp. We want to keep the momentum from camp going! Please be in prayer for our youth team and leaders as we continue to plan and lead MVBC youth.

Parents: You are a key component in our youth witnessing and bringing others into our church. I want to challenge you to talk to your youth about being a witness and bringing friends (lost or saved) to MVBC and to youth group. I want to encourage you to take that extra step, to give rides to and/or do whatever it takes to bring others. For those of you have been doing this already – THANK YOU! We are seeing God at work with these youth. Their presence at church is pivotal in their path to a relationship with Christ!

Sunday Night Schedule:

Aug 4th – TBA

Aug 11th - **LAST Water and the Word for the summer!** – 6-8PM @ Pastor Bret's home.

Aug 18th – Return to regular Powerhouse schedule @ MVBC, **5-6:30PM**

Aug 30th – **Service Project** – Help Vintage Church set up for church **Friday night (6:30-8:30 PM)**

-We will team up with one of our church-plants, to serve them, and learn more about what it takes to start a church. Youth and families are invited!

September 21st – SEE YOU AT THE POLE RALLY @ the University of Arizona (4:30-8:30PM)

Join the Catalina Baptist Association along with other churches in Tucson for a mega-SYATP Rally. This is going to be an awesome night! Please put this on your calendar and invite friends!

COLLEGE MINISTRY

From August 4th-9th our college group will be traveling to Glorieta, NM for Collegiate Week (put on by Lifeway). Please pray for our safety and that God will work in the lives of our students and might even call some into full time ministry.

Pastor Ben



Ken & Kathy Maish



We had 14 go to Kids Camp in the Payson area this year. Here are some pictures showing what a great time they had.

Makes you wish you were there with them!





ZONA 2013



Senior Adult News

Flagstaff Summit

Twelve Mt. View seniors will be traveling to Flagstaff for the annual Baptist Senior Life Ministries seminar on the 5th of August. This is the largest group we have ever taken to the Summit and we are all looking forward to the fellowship and fun associated with joining with other seniors from all over the State and learning about the Power in

the Story. That will include how to share your LIFE story, your FAITH story and stories from GOD'S WORD. We will be returning on the 6th. Prayers for our trip would be greatly appreciated.

July 2013 Vital Statistics

Average Worship Attendance
188

Average Sunday School Attendance:
147

Total Budget Giving July:
31,677.10

Total for Building Fund so far:
60,501.00



Missions Focus for August

"Building a bridge between the Church and the Nations at our Doorstep"

There are 15.4 million refugees in the world who have fled their homes because of persecution based on race, religion, nationality or political opinion. 80% are women and children. Tucson will become home this year for approximately 1,000 new refugees who have been forced from their homeland and are coming to the United States from war torn countries in order to flee persecution. Many of them have been waiting in primitive refugee camps for almost twenty years in the hope of being given a safe place to call home. They go through a long, rigorous selection process with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and if approved they come here ready to start over.

Tucson Refugee Ministry was established in 2006 to build bridges between the Church and the refugees of Tucson. We partner with the refugee resettlement agencies to help facilitate practical, tangible ways that followers of Jesus can love and serve refugees. Volunteer opportunities are numerous and make a significant difference in refugee families and their assimilation to life in America. These opportunities also bring transformation to Bible Study groups, Sunday School classes and entire church congregations. There are new refugee families arriving in Tucson every week that need help navigating in this strange, new country. The nations are at our doorstep and we have an opportunity to literally "welcome the stranger" as we greet them, embrace them and come alongside them to help as they build their new lives.

How you can help

Pray that God will lift up new volunteers to bridge the gap between the Church and the refugees.

Tucson Refugee Ministry has formed a partnership with some key organizations who help distribute goods to refugees. If you have any furniture or household items to donate, these agencies will be glad to come and pick them up from you and even give you a tax-deductible receipt.

- Furniture - Lutheran Social Services #: 721-4444
- Clothing or Household Items - Goshen Ministries #: 312-2989
- Baby items - Arizona Baptist Children's Services #: 795-7541

Arizona Southern Baptist Convention
Net21 Conference



August 24, 2013
Crosspoint Tempe Church
8:30 am - 3 pm

What is Net21?

It is a networking, equipping, and training seminar for the 21st Century. Focusing on Bible teaching methods and outreach strategies for Sunday School and small groups.

If you are interested in the breakout topics go to azsobaptist.org. If you would like to register for the conference please see Diana in the office or call her at 744-9141

AWANA begins September 4, 2013
For ages 3 years through 6th grade

Our year of fun, fellowship and Bible learning is about to start.

Register online, beginning **August 5th**, at <http://mvbctucson.org/#/forms/awana-registration>. **This year registration is free!** You will just have to pay for your uniform and book. You can register online or on the following days at the church:

August 25, 2013 between services

August 31, 2013 10:30 am-12 noon

September 1, 2013 between services

You can contact Pastor Ben with questions at 744-9141.



Ladies Bible Study
Gideon

by

Priscilla Shirer

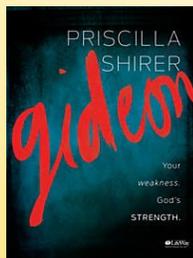
Begins August 12, 2013

6:30 pm

Mod 3

Books are \$12.95 each.

*Sign up sheet in foyer or
call Diana at 744-9141*



Lifeway National Sunday School
Director Seminar

September 21, 2013,

8:30am-2:30pm

First Southern Baptist Church

445 E. Speedway Blvd,
Tucson, AZ 85705

This is for Sunday School Directors,
Pastors, Department Directors and
Age Division Coordinators.

See Diana in the office or call 744-9141
if you would like to register for this
event.

Church Staff

Dr. Bret D. Burnett, Senior Pastor

Benjamin Pate, Student Pastor

Diana Mercer, Secretary

Laura Adams, Bookkeeper

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**FROM THE FAMILY OF
LINDA GROEN**

The family of Linda Groen would like to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone who ministered in any way to our family during the time of Linda's illness, and after her passing to meet Jesus.

This year has been one filled with many ups and downs, from Linda's diagnosis and illness, to Bernie's hospital and rehab stay and then to Linda's final days, but through it all our Lord and our church family has been there with us. There are just so many people who did so many kind and thoughtful acts of kindness we cannot mention everyone. Thank you to ALL that volunteered to help in some way, shape or form, whether it was through the many meals, the sweet cards of encouragement sent, the hugs given, the many prayers said on our behalf or for those that took Linda to her doctor's appointments. Also, a huge thank you to all those that participated in making Linda's Celebration of Life Service a success, it was a beautiful service and could not have been done with all of you behind the scenes and participating in the program. You have been and continue to be a blessing and encouragement to our family! Thank you!