

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

MARCH 1-8, 2009

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SOWING TOGETHER FOR HARVEST



NATIONAL GOAL: \$65,000,000
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Catalina Baptist Association VBS Clinic



Saturday, April 18, 2009

Manor Baptist Church
433 W. Lerdo Rd

For information and registration,
call Rachel 294-5046

Register by April 3



This New Year has already seen challenges, not only in our nation, but also in some of our lives. The economy continues to dominate the nightly news with announcements of more layoffs, home foreclosures, and bankruptcy filings. Our nation is in transition as new leaders assume leadership across our country. Then, lives have been changed because of deaths of loved ones and births of new babies.

I recently read an article written by a pastor in Texas that addresses the way we view life. He wrote, "It is amazing how quickly the lens through which we view this life here on earth can change. We can live through hundreds of days, weathering the highs and lows, experiencing joys, frustrations, sadness, complacency, satisfaction and contentment, but maintaining the same perspective on life, or said in another way, viewing life through the same set of lenses."

But suddenly something happens that forces us to change the lenses through which we see life in order to still see clearly this world in which we live. Someone very close to us dies and the world just doesn't look the same without them. A new baby is born into the family and suddenly the world looks completely different. Those test results the doctor ordered, well, it isn't good news and our view of life changes dramatically.

When we become a follower of Christ, the lens of Christ's call on our life becomes the lens through which we see everything we do. Chance encounters become divine appointments. Our skills and talents are suddenly seen as gifts to be used by God for His Kingdom. Our time, resources, and careers shift from being used, as we so desire to being used as God leads us. When we become followers of Christ, His will for our life is the lens through which we view life, especially the change life brings.

We need to be aware of the lenses through which we are viewing, and therefore, living our lives. The challenge, as it is

always, is for each of us and for all of us to live for Christ. May it be so in my life and your life – today, this week, this month, and this year!

Donna and I thank you for your prayers, cards, and concern in the death of her brother, Tommy Rives. Pray for Ami Creech. On January 10th her dad, grandparents, and an uncle were killed in a car accident near Houston, TX. Pray for her mom, Karla Sexton, as she recovers from injuries sustained in the accident. Ami is the wife of Billy Creech, pastor of City Edge here in Tucson.

John Guillott
Director of Evangelism and Missions

Announcements

- Please welcome Mike Sams, new pastor at Living Word Baptist Church (formerly First Baptist Church of Avra Valley).
- Pastor P.L. "Tex" Merilott has retired from his position at Corona de Tucson Baptist Church.
- Pastor Ron Hart has resigned his position at First Southern Baptist Church.

God is bringing the nations to Tucson!

Last fall, local refugee agencies resettled approx. 300 new arrivals from countries like Iraq, Afghanistan, Bhutan, and Burma. You can play an important part in welcoming and encouraging them and other refugees coming to our community.

If you would like more information about how your church, Bible study or Sunday School class could adopt a refugee family, contact Cherie Gray at 360-9195,



- **Pastor's Breakfast:** first Tuesday of each month, 8:00am at First Southern Baptist Church
- **Hispanic Pastor's Breakfast**—second Tuesday of each month, 9:00am at the Association office.
- **Associational Executive Board Meeting**—Thursday, February 5, 10:00 am. Central Baptist Church.
- **Heaven: Energy for Living**—Seminar, February 7. Pima Street Baptist Church. Call 520-795-2085 for info.
- **State VBS Clinic**—February 7. Training for associational VBS teams, Phoenix. Contact Mark Gibson or Corrin Conway, 480.945.0880, 800.687.2431
- **Focus on WMU**—February 9-15.
- Association office closed President's Day, February 16.
- **State Hispanic VBS Clinic**—March 28. VBS training for Hispanic churches, Phoenix. Contact Fernando Amaro or Alma Perez, 480.945.0880, 800.687.2431.
- **Association VBS Clinic**—April 18, Manor Baptist Church, 433 W. Lerdo Rd. For information and registration call Rachel 294-5046

Please check our online calendar for updates and additions:
www.catalinaassociation.org/events

Please Pray

- For our pastorless churches: Enchanted Hills Baptist Church, Corona de Tucson Baptist Church.
- For all the pastors, churches and staff of the Association.
- For support and growth of new church plants.

Budget Requirements for 2008

Annual Budget	\$154,639
Monthly Requirement	\$12,887
Income December	\$18,629
Over (under) for month	\$5,742
Income Jan-Dec	\$164,680
Over (under) for 2008	\$10,041

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