

## Minister & Spouse Retreat 2009

Please join us for a time of rest, renewal and fellowship at Tubac Golf Resort July 23-25, 2009

- Thursday, July 23—optional night, meet & greet
- Friday, July 24—golf, ladies' brunch, evening banquet
- Saturday, July 25—breakfast gathering

Cost is \$65 per night, per room (\$130 for both nights) and includes golf, brunch, Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast. Singles welcome. We encourage churches to send their ministers and cover their fee. Rooms will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis. **RSVP required by June 10, 2009.**

For more information, call (520) 745-1011 or email [office@catalinaassociation.org](mailto:office@catalinaassociation.org)



## Associational Youth Camp

Southern Pines Baptist Camp, Mt. Lemmon  
July 6-10, 2009

For all youth completing grades 6, 7, and 8.

Theme: Mountain of Refuge  
Challenge: "Get Real"  
Cost: \$60 per person

Activities to include: bible studies, worship, hiking, rock rappelling, paintball, human foosball.



Registration deadline: June 30. To register or for more information, contact Jim Minnick at 623-5858 ext. 113. Hosted by First Southern Baptist Church. Counselors needed, please call to volunteer.



## DOEM

This past November the Church Planting Team (formerly known as the New Work Team) met to discuss what the next Associational Church Planter Strategist should "look like." A profile was built that could be used as a template to seek the person for this important role on our team. While not an exhaustive list, we did conclude that the next strategist should...

- Be able to build strong relationships
- Have previous established church staff experience
- Have an understanding of the Southwest and Southern Arizona culture
- Understand the importance of building strong partnerships for church planting
- Had experienced success in church planting

As we built this profile, it became clear to me that we had someone in this association that fit the profile, Ben Barfield, pastor of Common Ground, Sahuarita. This past January, Ben and Jill Barfield started the rigorous process of going through the approval process of the North American Mission Board. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the trustees of the North American Mission Board approved Ben and Jill to serve as appointed North American Mission Board church planters.

Please welcome Ben and Jill to the Catalina Baptist Association team. I look forward to working with Ben as we plant all kinds of churches for all kinds of people in all kinds of places across this association.

### A PERSONAL NOTE

Donna and I thank you for your prayers, visits, cards and letters as I recover from surgery. Your support and encouragement are a constant source of encouragement to us. I should be back in the office on light duty about the middle of June. I am anxious to get back – but cautious enough to do what I am told to do so that I can have a complete recovery. Although, we have had a minor setback with some aspect of the surgery, the good news is that the surgery was successful – no other signs of cancer and no other treatment is needed other than healing.

I am grateful for each of you and thankful God has led us to serve together.

Blessings,  
John

## Church Planting

My name is Ben, and I am a church planter. Sounds like an introduction I would give at a 12 step program. Maybe you have to have a problem to be a church planter. It is tough, but rewarding. I think that many people have the wrong idea when it comes to church planting. They think it is a place for guys who are just a bit unhappy in an established church.

If you have a cool vision, a great band, and a place where there are a bunch of people and no churches (or at least just a few churches), you are ready to plant your church. Of course you also have to also have "style" (like me) and other peoples money backing you. While several of these "MIGHT" be important factors in planting a church I believe that the reason many church plants fail is that a big piece of the puzzle is missing.

The key ingredient to planting a successful church is that you have to LOVE your community and the people who live in it. I know you are thinking that that is obvious and a given, but is it really? Think about it. How many pastors or ministers do you know that do not really love their communities? Many church planters are very entrepreneurial and are in love with the idea of building the next mega-church.

Jesus never called us to build a church as a matter of fact Jesus said, "I will build my church." We need to remember this. It is HIS job. Our job is to simply to love HIM, love people, and make disciples.

At Common Ground we often say, "We exist to make our community a better place to live." We believe this. A church planter or for that matter any pastor needs to look around him and find the needs of his community. Sometimes a community needs a school crossing guard more than they need a visionary thinker. This is what I did. I took a job as the crossing guard at the school where our church meets and it has provided many opportunities for me to show love to the students, teachers and staff. There are areas in all of our communities where we can practically show the love of Jesus by just loving people and interacting in with them. We need to start loving the people around us.

Ben Barfield  
Church Planter Strategist

## Announcements

- A warm welcome to Daniel Steffan, **new pastor** at Enchanted Hills Baptist Church and his wife Jane.

## Events

- **Youth Camp**—July 6-10, Mt. Lemmon. Association-wide camp for all youth completing grades 6, 7, and 8. Cost \$60. Contact Jim Minnick for information and registration: 623-5858 ext. 113.
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- **Pastor's Breakfast**—Last Tuesday of each month, 800am at First Southern Baptist Church.
- **Hispanic Pastor's Breakfast**—Second Tuesday of each month, 9:00am at the Association office.

Please check our online calendar for updates and additions:  
[www.catalinaassociation.org/events](http://www.catalinaassociation.org/events)

## Please Pray

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

### Budget Requirements for 2009

Annual Budget	\$162,489
Monthly Requirement	\$13,541
Income April	\$10,382
Over (under) for month	(\$3,159)
Income Jan-Apr	\$50,867
Over (under) Jan-Apr	(\$3,297)

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