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Basics of Making a Spiritual Impact

As Christians our main objective should be making a spiritual impact on the lives of people around us. Our mandate is to be agents of transformation in the world. Unfortunately, we get sidetracked by many “good” activities and fail to really impact our world for Christ.

As with everything else in life we have to be intentional in our efforts to impact our world. It will not happen by accident. Here are a few thoughts about getting started.

1. Pray for God to give you a vision for how you can make an impact where you live, work and play.
2. Pray for opportunities to share your faith with people you know.
3. When the opportunities arise, share how God has made a difference in your life.
4. Be patient with people and help them really understand.
5. Partner with other Christians to impact mutual friends and acquaintances.

AVBA PraiSing

*Saturday, February 25, 6:30 pm;
First Southern, Lamar

Join other churches from the association in worship as we sing and praise. Participants are encouraged to sing, read poems, and do drama. Everyone can be involved.

If you would like to sing, read, or do a skit, please contact Peggy Gragert by February 22 to get on the program. Her phone is 719-469-6951. Her email is pjgragert@msn.com.

Bring a snack to share during the fellowship time to follow.

A Second Chance

If you missed the Saturation Evangelism Conference, you can view the conference by going to www.avba.net/training.

Mission Opportunities

*Thursday, February 16, 7:00 pm;
AVBA Office – Las Animas

There are several opportunities to go on mission trips this year. On Thursday, February 16, there will be an informational meeting. You will learn more about each trip and have the chance to commit to the trip you are interested in.

Following is a list of trips scheduled:

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| April 22-29 | Gulf Coast Rebuilding |
| June 10-17 | Gulf Coast Rebuilding |
| July 16-21 | FBC Ignacio, CO VBS & Outreach |

Come learn how you can be involved.

Minister's Wives Appreciation Day

February 12 is Minister's Wives Appreciation Day. This is a day set aside to show appreciation for the wives of pastors. Don't miss this opportunity to honor your pastor's wife.

Here are a few ideas:
Honor her with a special gift and cards. Give her a gift certificate for her favorite restaurant. Present her with flowers. Host a fellowship in her honor.

Ministers/Wives Retreat

*February 10-11; Washington Ave,
Rocky Ford

The Ministers and Wives retreat will begin with supper at 6:30 pm on Friday. On Saturday morning it will begin with breakfast at 8:30 am.

All pastors, staff, and other ministers are welcome to attend. Please call the association office to RSVP if you have not done so.

Dallas and Sheila Speight from the state office will be leading the retreat.

Looking Ahead

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| February 4 | WMM Meeting and Prayer Walk Springfield Baptist Chapel; 10:00 am |
| February 4 | Prayer Walk – Eads; meet at FBC, 705 Maine; 10:00 am |
| February 7 | Wise Up AVBA Office, Las Animas; 6:45 pm |
| February 10-11 | AVBA Minister/Wives Retreat Washington Ave, Rocky Ford |
| February 12 | Minister's Wives Appreciation Day |
| February 13 | Pastor's Fellowship Lunch Las Animas; 12:00 noon |
| February 17-18 | Second weekend of Basic Training for Church Planting |
| February 25 | AVBA PraiSing First Southern, Lamar; 6:30 pm |
| March 4 | Prayer Walk – Sugar City; meet at Sugar City Baptist Chapel; 10:00 am |

Quick Facts

The population of the AVBA ministry area is 52,850. An estimated 46,000 people in our area either do not attend church or do not have a relationship with God based on faith in Jesus Christ.

Pray about how you can be involved in making a difference in our area.

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