

# The VALLEY VOICE

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## Making a Spiritual Impact

A common struggle among Christians is how to make a spiritual impact in everyday life. Each believer is called to a specific vocation, and is uniquely gifted by God to witness and minister in his or her setting. Whether at work, at home, participating in leisure activities, or at the grocery store, believers are to live out their calling in the world.

A good place to start is by taking small initiatives. Do not try to do everything at once; instead, begin by doing small things which will advance the Kingdom. Perhaps, changing the way one responds to stressful situations. Maybe you need to learn to respond in kindness when challenged or threatened. Perhaps, gossip or unkind words is a problem. By acting and reacting in a Christ-like manner, believers are able to influence the people around them in a positive way. Ask God to show you how to begin to make small steps toward being a witness wherever you may be.

- From *The Insiders*, by Petersen and Shamy

## VBS Clinic

*\*Saturday, April 1, 9:30 am; Parkview Baptist Church, Las Animas*

This year's VBS features an adventure to the Artic for the large VBS, and space adventure for the small VBS.

On April 1 (no foolin') you can learn about VBS and get ideas as you prepare. The VBS clinic is for all VBS teachers and workers.

Bring your entire VBS team and get a head start on VBS 2006.

To learn more about the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering, visit the "events" page at [www.avba.net](http://www.avba.net). Or visit the Annie Armstrong Offering web site at [www.anniearmstrong.com](http://www.anniearmstrong.com).

## Disaster Relief Training

*\*Friday & Saturday, April 7-8; New Hope Baptist Church, La Junta*

Have you ever seen a disaster on television and wondered how you could help? Have you ever wanted to go help, but didn't know how?

On April 7-8 you can be trained to respond to disaster situations to help victims and rescue workers. The Colorado Baptist's disaster relief training will be hosted by New Hope in La Junta. By completing this basic course in disaster relief you will be certified to respond in disaster situations.

Relief workers assist the Red Cross and other relief organizations by providing meals, chain saw crews, and mud-out crews. You can be part of providing a ministry to hurting people.

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Each year in March, Southern Baptist Churches collect the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.

One hundred percent of your donation will go to support mission efforts across North America. The offering supports many forms of evangelism, church planting, and other ministries.

You may contribute in special envelopes provided to your church.

## Mission Opportunities

There are several opportunities to go on mission trips this year. April 22-29 there will be a trip to Mississippi to assist with hurricane rebuilding

On July 16-21 there will be a trip to FBC Ignacio, CO to assist with VBS, construction, and outreach.

If you would like to participate in either of these trips, please contact Frank ([frank@avba.net](mailto:frank@avba.net)) as soon as possible for more information.

## Looking Ahead

March 4	Prayer Walk – Sugar City; meet at Sugar City Baptist Chapel; 10:00 am
March 5	Begins Week of Prayer for North American Missions
March 11	State VBS Clinic – First Southern, Colorado Springs
March 14	Wise Up Training – AVBA Office; 6:45 pm
April 1	AVBA VBS Clinic – Parkview, Las Animas; 9:30 am
April 7-8	Disaster Relief Training; New Hope, La Junta
April 11	Wise Up Training; AVBA Office; 6:45 pm
April 18	AVBA Executive Board; AVBA Office; 6:30 pm
April 22-29	Mississippi Mission Trip

## Quick Facts

The AVBA website has many helpful features. You can view information about upcoming events or see the calendar for the whole year. There are also several videos which can be viewed on the training page. Each church can have a web page too. Visit [www.avba.net](http://www.avba.net) to learn more about your association.

## Contact Information

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