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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.

It is safe to assume that God is at work around us, drawing people to himself. Our role as believers is to discern where God is working and join him. Prayer is the key to learning what God is doing. Prayer also helps to cultivate the soil of a person's life so the seed of the gospel can be planted there. Prayer often opens opportunities to share the gospel with a person. As believers, we should be praying for people around us and for opportunities to share the gospel with them.

- From *The Insider*, by Petersen and Shamy

New Church Starts in Hasty

April 1 marked the start of a new church in Hasty. Parkview Baptist Church in Las Animas and First Southern in Lamar are working together to launch the new church.

Mid Valley Cowboy Worship, SBC meets on Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm. The church targets people in the Ft. Lyon, Hasty, and McClave areas, although others are welcome to attend. Currently, the church is meeting at the Hasty Fire Station.

Jack Martin, Harold Bohl, and several others will be preaching.

Forty-five people attended the first worship service, including quite a few from the two sponsoring churches. Three people accepted Christ.

Please pray for the new church and those involved in leadership.

Preparing for VBS

Summer VBS is a great opportunity for reaching out into the community. Although summer is still a few months away, now is the time to prepare.

There will be quite a few VBS supplies to be passed around during the summer. Contact Karen (kjc_1113@yahoo.com) for more info. Also, there will be information on the website at www.avba.net/dom/vbs.

Block Party Equipment

Within a few weeks, the block party equipment will be available for use. It can be used for block parties, county fairs, VBS registration, and other outreach events. Contact Stephen Hiers (stephen@avba.net) to reserve the equipment

Ministers' Retreat

This year's Ministers' Retreat will be May 22-24. Any pastor or other minister can attend. The location is Ponderosa Camp and Conference Center.

Dr. Charles Carter from Birmingham, AL will be the Bible teacher for the retreat. Larry Black will be leading the worship.

Scholarships are available through the association for any AVBA minister who wishes to attend.

Mission Opportunity

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 this mission trip, please contact Frank (frank@avba.net) as soon as possible for more information.

Keep watching the monthly newsletter for other mission opportunities.

Looking Ahead

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	CBGC Stewardship Summit
April 22-29	Mississippi Mission Trip
April 28-29	CBGC Evangelism Conference
May 1	Pastors' Lunch, Las Animas; 12:00 Noon
May 2	Wise Up Training; AVBA Office; 6:45 pm
May 6	Kim/Pritchett Prayer Walk
May 22-24	Ministers' Retreat - Ponderosa

Quick Facts

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