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VBS Clinic – March 31

The AVBA VBS clinic will be held at Parkview Baptist Church in Las Animas on March 31, 2007. It will begin at 9:30 am and conclude with lunch. Those attending will have an overview of the materials, including stories, music, crafts, and missions.

This year's theme is **GAME DAY CENTRAL**. This VBS will get kids in the game and help them learn how to become heroes both on and off the field by focusing on Jesus and following God's plan for their lives. For more information about ordering VBS materials visit www.lifeway.com/vbs.

Pastoral Leadership Conferences

Phil Largent will be leading two Pastoral Leadership Conferences in our association in March and April.

The first conference will be held March 5-6 at the AVBA office. The conference will begin at 5:30 pm each evening with a meal. The sessions will conclude around 9:00 pm.

The second conference will be held April 2-3. It will follow the same schedule and will also be held at the AVBA office.

The conference is open to pastors, deacons, and other church leaders.

Phil is the president of IMD International (www.imdinternational.org), an organization that trains leaders internationally.

Upcoming Events

March 4-11 Week of Prayer for North American Missions

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March 5-6 Pastoral Leadership Conference; AVBA Office; 5:30 pm

March 20 Discipleship Strategies Workshop; ABVA Office; 6:30

March 31 AVBA VBS Clinic; Parkview, Las Animas; 9:30 am

April 2-3 Pastoral Leadership Conference; AVBA Office; 5:30 pm

Discipleship Strategies Workshop

The Discipleship Strategies Workshop will be held at the AVBA Office on March 20. It will begin with a light meal at 6:30 pm.

Many churches struggle with retaining new Christians and members. As believers, our responsibility is not only to win the lost, but also to help them learn how to live a Christian lifestyle.

This workshop will help churches build a strategy for training new believers. It will focus on mentoring and peer accountability groups as the means for accomplishing our task.

On the Horizon

The Mexico Mission Trip is coming up April 14-21. Please pray for the team that is making the trip to Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. We will be prayer walking and distributing the Gospel to sections of Hermosillo. Pray that the Spirit will open the hearts of people in Hermosillo to receive the Gospel. Hermosillo is the capital of the state of Sonora. It is a very strategic city in reaching the entire region.

March 23-24 is the Front Range Evangelism Conference at FBC Black Forest. Promotional packets have been sent to each church.

The National Bivocational Ministers' Conference will be held in Denver April 27-28. Scholarships are available. Contact the AVBA office.

Website Updated

The association's website has been updated recently. Some new features have been added and others updated.

The main site can be found at www.avba.net. From there, you can navigate throughout the site.

The calendar has been updated through May and contains a few newly added events. The photo gallery contains several new pages of AVBA event pictures. More galleries will be added in the near future. The training page has information about upcoming AVBA training events.

The resource page contains information about resources available to AVBA churches. We have listed the study materials available as well. These are mainly video studies available for churches to use for small Bible study groups. If your church has a study you are willing to share with other churches, please let me know and we can include it in the list of study materials.



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