

# Merry Christmas



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2

The Association office will be closed Dec. 22—Jan. 2



## Christmas Caroling to Refugee Communities

Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 – 8:00pm

Church groups interested in touching the lives of Tucson area refugee families, please call Cherie to get involved or for more information: 360-9195

Donations requested for caroling night:

- cookies and/or cocoa
- wrapped shoe box (ask for item list)
- Fry's gift card for \$25

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# Desert News

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## A Note From Our DOEM

We are entering one of my favorite times of the year – the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. I love the traditional Thanksgiving meal shared with family and friends. I love the football games on that weekend. I love left over turkey sandwiches. I love a good nap while the football game is on (don't turn the channel I am listening to it).

I love the Christmas/New Year holiday. We spend time with our 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren ( oh and the sons-in-law, too). Since our daughters and their families live in Georgia and Tennessee – Christmas is the one time of the year that we intentionally get together as a family. We have established some traditions – the low country shrimp boil and shrimp gumbo are two favorites. I also have noticed that most of our traditions center around food!

But what is extra special is the time we spend with our 3 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. We get to “grandparent” them for a few days up close instead from across the country. We do things with them that our daughters will often say, “You never did that for us!” That’s what being a grandparent is all about! Doing those extra love-giving things for those little lives that mean so much to us. We love our grandchildren more than we ever thought possible.

Dr. Dan Yeary, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church, spoke at the Mission Rally of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting at FBC Avondale a few days ago. He shared a phrase that has stuck in my mind that I have been thinking about – “We need to ‘grandparent’ our churches.”



That one statement has really impacted my thinking. I have asked myself, “What would it look like for me to “grandparent” the churches of Catalina Baptist Association. This is what I think...

- Patient
- A good listener
- Soothe the hurts
- Generous with resources
- Generous with time
- Share our wisdom in life’s lessons
- Tell them how much you love them
- Tell them how much God loves them

You may think of other things to add to this list...But I wonder what our churches would look like if we decided to “grandparent” them. Some of you aren’t grandparents yet, but you know enough of how grandparents treat or should treat their grandchildren. Let’s do it!

Donna and I wish for you and your family a wonderful holiday season. Remember to count your blessings this Thanksgiving. Reflect on the real reason for the season this Christmas. Celebrate God’s goodness as we start the New Year.

John Guillott  
Director of Evangelism and Missions

## Calendar

- **Pastor’s Breakfast:** first Tuesday of each month, 8:00am at First Southern Baptist Church
- **Ministry Wives and Women in Ministry**—Planning meeting December 5. Contact Donna for information. donna@catalinaassociation.org
- Association office closed December 22-January 2.
- **VBSI**—Training for State VBS workers, Glorieta, NM. Contact Mark Gibson or Corrin Conway, 480.945.0880, 800.687.2431
- **The Pilgrim’s Promise**—Seminar, January 17-18, Pima Street Baptist Church. Call for info: 520-795-2085
- **State Tax Seminar**—January 20, Mountain View Baptist Church.
- **Heaven: Energy for Living**—Seminar, February 7. Pima Street Baptist Church. Call 520-795-2085 for info.
- **State VBS Clinic**—February 7. Training for associational VBS teams, Phoenix. Contact Mark Gibson or Corrin Conway, 480.945.0880, 800.687.2431
- **Focus on WMU**—February 9-15.

Please check our online calendar for updates and additions:  
catalinaassociation.org/events

## Please Pray

- For our pastorless churches: Enchanted Hills Baptist Church.
- For all the pastors, churches and staff of the Association.
- For support and growth of new church plants.

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INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS AND  
INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY**  
NOV. 30 - DEC. 7, 2008

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## Budget Requirements for 2008

Annual Budget	\$154,639
Monthly Requirement	\$12,887
Income October	\$18,396
Over (under) for month	\$5,509
Income Jan-Oct	\$141,782
Over (under) for 2008	\$12,916