

Our Acts 16:6 Experience with the Navajo in Pinon, AZ and More

Dear Beloved Churches,

In the book of Acts, chapter 16, Paul experienced the joys and challenges of mission work. As he travelled throughout Asia Minor, he came to the city of Lystra where he would meet his lifetime friend and son in the faith, Timothy, who would join him in his mission endeavors. With such a dynamic duo, God blessed these two immensely, and the Scriptures tell us that “[T]he churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in number daily.” Isn’t it amazing how the God brings people together to advance the Kingdom of God?!

However, the very next verse says that they planned on taking that message further into Asia minor (modern day Turkey). Interestingly, it says that “were prevented *by the Holy Spirit from speaking the message in Asia.*” Why would the Holy Spirit prevent them from sharing the Gospel there? We don’t fully know the answer to that question. All we know is that God had plans to use them elsewhere.

This is how I view our recently planned trip to Pinon, AZ. For over 8 months, we have prepared to take a group from SEBA to share the Gospel amongst the Navajo. For reasons ultimately known only to God, we were prevented. The weather did not cooperate for our door-to-door evangelism and sports camps. We were advised by our local pastor contact in Pinon to postpone the trip, which we did. My strong belief means that God has something else in store for us instead, and for that I rejoice! Our God is able to reach the Navajo any way He chooses. He does not need us. Though we were disappointed we did not get to go, we saw God raise up great leaders and supporters along the way. For that, I praise our God!

What’s next for us? I don’t honestly have that direction yet from God. What I do know is that He has already begun mobilizing us for mission. Those who planned on going on the trip are still committed to doing mission work together. We now ask you to join us in praying for when and where that will be.

Please see the events mentioned throughout this newsletter. There is a **free VBS training** with the Pecos Valley Baptist Association in Artesia coming up for all who will use Lifeway’s VBS material. This one is expected to be bigger and better than ever before.

Also, coming up is the annual REPLANT Conference. Having personally attended this conference in years past, I can personally affirm this is worth your time. We hope to rally up some of our SEBA churches to go to this wonderful conference, so be sure to put it on your calendars.

Also, for all ordained individuals, there will be a **deacon ordination service at Hillcrest Baptist Church on Sunday April 17 with ordination council beginning at 5:00 PM and the service at 6:30 PM. All ordained pastors are invited to be a part of this council.**

Finally, I wish to express a word of gratitude and appreciation to Pastor Andy Lareau. He has been a friend and fellow pastor for the past several years in Lovington. Recently he has announced that he will be moving to Roswell and thus has resigned from Trinity Baptist Church. Join me in praying for Pastor Andy, his family, and the wonderful people at Trinity. God bless you all.

—Danny Kirkpatrick, Associational Coordinator

VBS Training Sponsored by BCNM

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Taking Place at These Two Locations:

Artesia: Thursday, April 21st, 6:00-9:00 At
First Baptist Church of Artesia

Meal Provided at 5:00 by reservation only.

Call 575-746-2729 by April 15th to make
reservation.

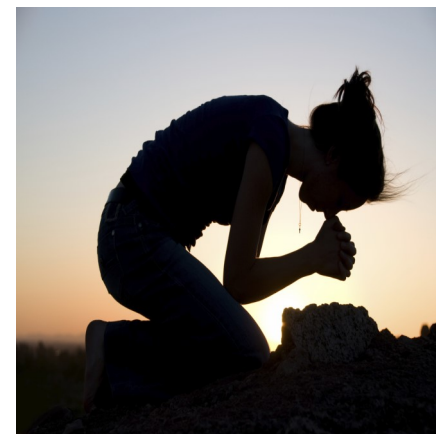


Spanish Only Training Roswell Saturday, April 30th 9:00-12:00 Iglesia Centro Nuevo
Esperanza 417 Wildly St Roswell, NM 88210

For More Information, contact Krista Peterson at 505-924-2333, kpeter-
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Please Pray for Our Pastorless Churches



Please pray for our pastorless churches in the Southeastern Baptist Association:

New Hope Baptist Church in Hobbs

Hillcrest Baptist Church in Lovington

First Baptist Church of Lovington

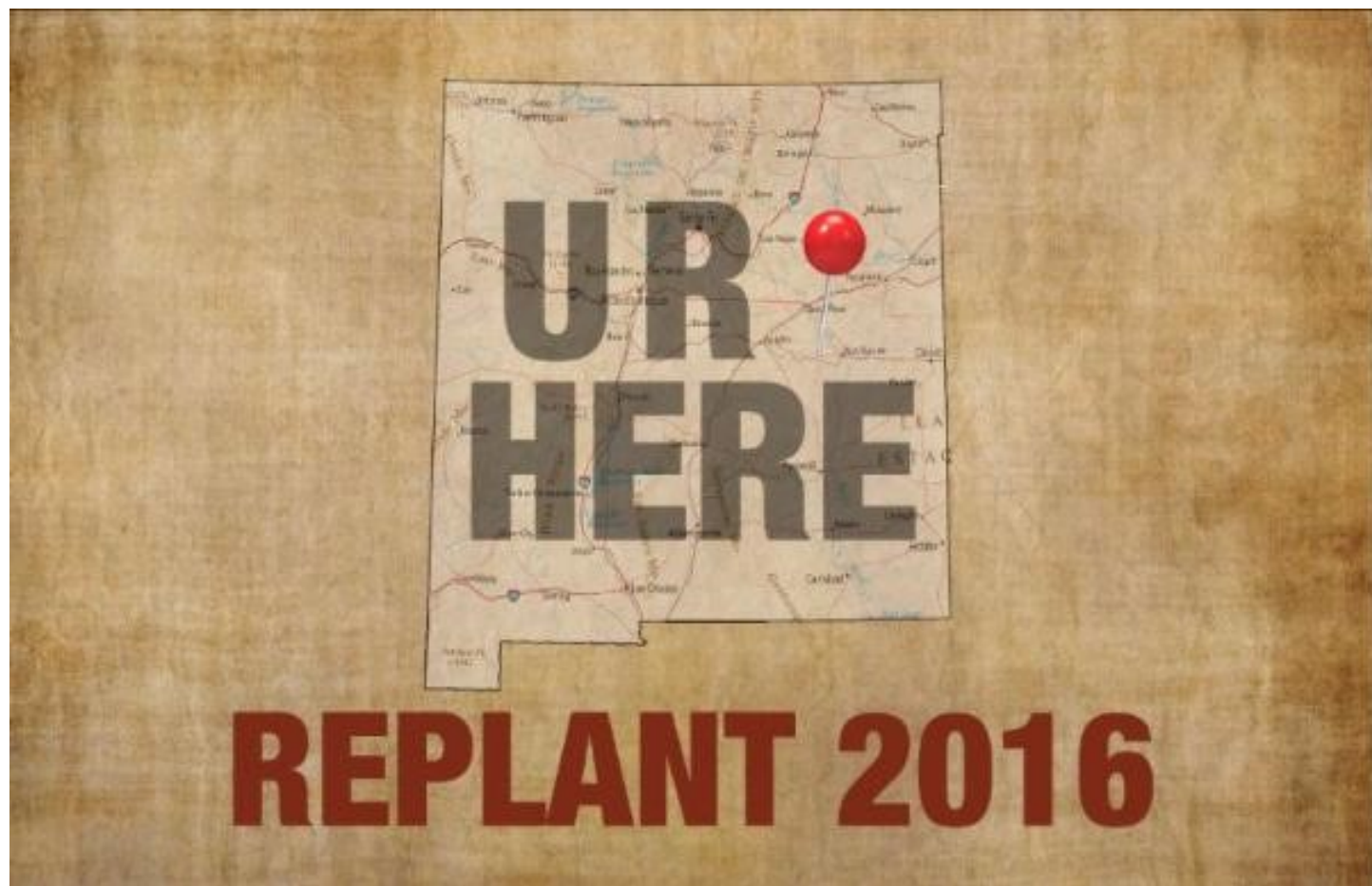
Trinity Baptist Church in Lovington

First Baptist Church of Eunice

Comunidad Christiana La Roca in Lovington

Deacon Ordination Council

Ordained ministers in SEBA are invited to be a part of a deacon ordination council held Sunday April 17 at 5:00 PM at Hillcrest Baptist in Lovington. This will be followed with a service at 6:30 PM and a fellowship to follow. For more information, contact Hillcrest Baptist at (575) 396-2524.



May 19—21, 2016 at Sandia Baptist Church, Albuquerque, NM

The world has changed. We all know it. We have all experienced it. Sometimes we just can't put it into words. Often as ministers we just don't know what to do. Understanding our context is critical. Knowing what it means gives understanding. Then, we can be ready to engage people effectively with the Gospel. But, it all starts with knowing our context. You are here for a reason. You are in your unique location and ministry setting for a reason. God has placed you there. How are you doing in your context?

Join us for the Re/Plant Church Planting and Revitalization Conference to explore how we can better know our context and the people Jesus wants to minister to through us.

The conference will consist of main sessions featuring God-honoring worship and teaching. Our special guest speaker will be Dr. Terry Coy. We will also have breakout sessions led by practitioners who are doing what they will be teaching.

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