

# Trailblazer

*Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.*

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## Spring Conferences

I love this time of year! Even without Daylight Saving Time in Arizona, we are enjoying more sunlight and warmer days. However, more than the weather, it is the ministry of spring that excites me.

Often summer is considered the peak ministry time for camp ministries. That is true, of course. However, with the camp development still continuing, our peak time of ministry in the West is spring.

In February, our ministry team was in nine churches in the Phoenix Valley within fifteen days. It is always thrilling for us to be in the churches which we otherwise may serve at our own

camps and conferences. The climax of the month was our **Families on the**



**Move Conference** in Buckeye, Arizona. We enjoyed working with Pastor Michael Perham and Vision

Baptist Church who hosted the event. Our goals were three-fold: to encourage, to challenge, and to help. As I have been listening to messages from the conference on MP3, I have thanked the Lord how He arranged the material covered in the conference. I believe the Lord used it to meet real needs.

Along with ministry in local churches, March brought along our annual men's conference in Northern Arizona. For the third time, we held this at the Williams Middle School auditorium and cafeteria. I love the men's conference! This was the eleventh one I have ...(continued on back)

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## March-April Ministry

- **Faith Baptist**, Cottonwood, AZ Mar 1-2
- **Northland Baptist**, Flagstaff, AZ Mar 8
- **Men on the Move Conf.**, Williams, AZ Mar 13-14
- **Cottonwood Baptist**, Cottonwood, AZ Mar 29
- **Gospel Light Baptist**, Kingman, AZ Apr 5
- **Faith Baptist**, Yuma, AZ Apr 12
- **Ladies on the Move Conf**, Flagstaff, AZ Apr 25
- **Northland Baptist**, Flagstaff, AZ Apr 26
- **Heritage Baptist**, Yuma, AZ Apr 27-29

## Please pray for:

1. The arrangement of details to begin work on water infrastructure.
2. God's power in our ministry this month in churches and in the Ladies Conference.
3. Additional financial support. (Current level for Carlsons—15.3%)
4. Wisdom in planning future ministry events.

## New Help with Water System Development

We thank the Lord for two individuals who have begun to provide some assistance to us in our research and planning for a hauled water system on the new property. One friend from the Phoenix Valley has begun making contacts with the City of Williams to determine the per-

mitting process for putting in a water tank and distribution system. Another gentleman from Florida is looking into whether or not he could help us either with engineering or at least advice through the

engineering part of the process. Please pray that the Lord will help us communicate well with each other and that we will find out what we need to know to step forward with the water system development.



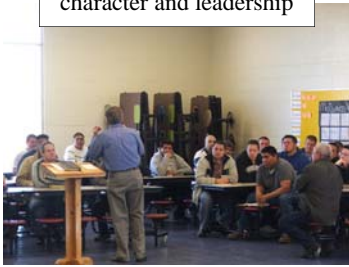
Current Pump House for raw water line.

## What Is A Trailblazer?

**Trailblazers** are churches that have been a **special blessing** to West Branch over the past year specifically through one or more of the following (accomplished in 2008):

1. Attending multiple events,
2. Attending 1+ event and having a WB evangelist preach in their church,
3. Supporting WB (or Carlsons) regularly, or
4. Hosting an event.

Jim Cook speaking on developing discipline, character and leadership



## West Branch on the Move Schedule

- **Ladies on the Move Conference**, Flagstaff, AZ April 25, 2009
- **Regional Youth Conference**, Phoenix, AZ Sept. 12, 2009
- **Men on the Move Conference**, Fort Collins, CO Oct. 23-24, 2009
- **Families on the Move Conference**, Phoenix, AZ Feb. 26-27, 2010
- **Men on the Move Conference**, Williams, AZ Mar. 19-20, 2010
- **Families on the Move Conference**, Santa Maria, CA Sept. 26-28, 2010



Fellowship at the **Men on the Move Conference**

## Have You Ever Been Discouraged?

That's a ridiculous question! Who hasn't been! You know, our success for the Lord may be determined by how we deal with discouraging events in our lives. During good times we feel like we are "running" for the Lord. I have dreamed before that I was being chased. In my dream, I could run for unending periods of time with little or no effort. How far from reality that is! It was a great blessing to see the Lord begin the **Men on the Move Conference** with Evangelist Jim Cook's message on overcoming discouragement. What sticks with me most is his statement concerning how to deal with discouragement, "Sometimes we need to just get up and start walking in the right direction." How true!

## Spring Conferences continued from front

...been privileged to attend here. Every year it seems the Lord provides just what we need through the preaching. Messages dealt with areas ranging from discouragement to the willing spirit. Pastor Wayne Hardy preached on "The Tragic Silence of a Husband and Father." I was privileged to speak on victory in the Christian life

by faith, and Brother Cook gave us ten ways to be a "Ten" for God. It always amazes me how the Lord works together messages from three preachers to be both broad in help and tight in purpose.

We thank the Lord that 21 churches were represented from Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah. It was our largest attendance in eight years, a 20% increase over last year which was a large increase over the year before. Praise the Lord! The spirit was outstanding and the Spirit was definitely present to work in hearts.

I am also thankful for many of our **Trailblazers** who attended the conference. What a blessing it was to have nearly



**Men on the Move Session**, "Walking with Your Wife"

half of you represented! That means a lot to us.

We get to do this again in Colorado in October and again here next March. If you can make it, please come! And if we are too far, let us know. Maybe we could schedule a conference a little closer to your home.



**Men on the Move**, group of men from near Salt Lake City, UT