

Trailblazer

Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.

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Arizona Regional Youth Conference

Have you ever grappled with the question, "What should I do if I find myself walking through quicksand country?" Or perhaps, "What would be the best way to take a straight punch in the face?"

Well, me neither. But at the Arizona Youth Conference, these were questions challenging the minds of teenagers during a game of Worst Case Scenario Survival. This was just one of nine games that composed our church competition throughout the day.

Teens represented their churches in events varying from mini-ping pong to arm wrestling to tex-

ting. (It is amazing how fast teens can text!) At the end of the day, Mountain Side Baptist Church edged out Gos-

Youth Conference
Speaker—Matt Downs



pel Light Baptist for the first place trophy.

That's not what the day was focused on, of course. The real help was found through the preaching of Evangelist Matt Downs on the sub-

ject of "Dealing with Everyday Situations." Situations covered were more realistic than straight punches or quick sand.

Actually, the primary point was this: whatever the situation you are going through, God can help! We thank the Lord for one thirteen-year-old boy who received Christ as Savior and for many other decisions made throughout the day.

Over 150 people from fifteen churches attended the conference from around the state of Arizona. We appreciate the folks at Harvest Baptist (continued on back)

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Upcoming Ministry

- *Sun & Shield Baptist, Marana, AZ*
September 20-24
- *BRR Advisory Board*
October 5-7
- *Mountain View Baptist Las Vegas, NV*
October 14
- *New Testament Bapt. Magna, UT* October 18
- ***Men on the Move Conf.*** Fort Collins, CO
October 23-24
- *Front Range Baptist, Fort Collins, CO*
October 25
- *First Baptist, Miami, AZ* Nov. 15

Please pray for:

1. *Wisdom and provision for the exact course we should take in sanitation infrastructure development.*
2. *God's power in upcoming church meetings and West Branch events.*
3. *Additional financial support. (Current level for Carlsons—19.5%)*

Property Development: Engineering Continues

Over the course of the past several weeks, work has continued to modify our site plan for development. Currently, we are talking with a local man, asking him to do some surveying that the engineer needs to complete his modification of the site plan concerning water supply and

sanitation. In addition to this, we are asking the Lord to help us determine the exact plan for sanitation that would be cost effective and would take care of our needs.

We are praying that the Lord would allow us to present the new infrastructure plan

to the City of Williams this fall.

Please pray that the Lord would continue to provide the funds needed now to take care of these minor expenses with surveying, permitting, etc. Thanks!

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.

West Branch on the Move Schedule

- **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
- **Ladies on the Move Conference**, Flagstaff, AZ April 24, 2010
- **Regional Youth Conference**, Phoenix, AZ Sept. 11, 2010
- **Families on the Move Conference**, Santa Maria, CA Sept. 26-28, 2010



Church competition—
"Speed Texting" Championship



Arizona Regional
Youth Conference

Arizona Youth Challenge Results

For eight weeks churches from around Arizona competed in the inaugural West Branch Arizona Youth Challenge. The competition put church against church to see which one could motivate their teens to attend faithfully, bring visitors, distribute tracts, and memorize scripture. The winners were announced and prizes were awarded at the Arizona Regional Youth Conference September 12. The first prize of a Nintendo Wii game system went to Tohono O'odham Baptist Church from Arizona City, Arizona. Northland Baptist of Flagstaff took second. Gospel Light Baptist of Mesa took third.

Several youth leaders relayed how helpful the Challenge was to promote good spiritual habits among their young people, even impacting adults. The Challenge was an idea the Lord placed on our hearts to encourage young people to "keep at it" during the summer. Some churches used the Challenge as the basis for their youth ministry program. Others used it to supplement a plan they already had in place.

Throughout the Challenge, teens distributed almost 2500 tracts, memorized over 900 verses, and brought 90 visitors to church. We are looking forward to making the Challenge to Arizona churches again next year!

Arizona Regional Youth Conference, cont.

Church in Goodyear that hosted the event.

Before and after the conference, we were privileged to take a minis-

try team to five churches in Arizona to sing, preach, update folks on West Branch and otherwise serve in any way we could. We each enjoyed the opportunities to minister in churches from Northern Arizona down to the outskirts of Phoenix.

Soon we will be holding revival meetings in Marana, Arizona at Sun & Shield Baptist Church. In October we will be traveling to Colorado for a **Men on the Move Conference** in Fort Collins.



Church competition—
Mini Ping Pong Tournament

A Heart for the West

We love that God has called us to the ministry of evangelism, primarily in the West. This burden has caused us to develop **West Branch on the Move**. We want to broaden our ministry to help western churches however we can to see people saved and Christians strengthened in the Lord. To schedule one of these types of special ministry, please contact us:

Revival Meetings
Evangelistic or Special Sunday
Family Conference
Special Outreach
Missions Conference