

Trailblazer

Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.

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Kids, Kids, and More Kids!

Thank God for nursery workers! I am sure many have felt that way before. Many of you who have done nursery duty before have felt that way...about yourself!

We recently held our seventh regional Conference on Marriage and the Home, this time in Peoria, Arizona. We praise the Lord for twenty churches from around the state that were represented. And we thank God for every one of the 291 lives that were involved.

This was the fifth conference of its type that we have held in the Phoenix valley. The attendance was a strong increase over any of the preced-

ing family conferences. This large attendance made for wonderful opportunities to encourage godly homes. It also made for exciting times in the nurseries.

Wil Rice preaching to a great crowd



For instance, one church brought thirty people: eleven adults and nineteen kiddos! Those five families were a big blessing to our conference, and so were many others.

We didn't only have

large families, though. We also had young couples (pre-kids), empty-nesters, and families of all shapes and sizes. Single adults came, and some individuals came representing the rest of their families which could not make it to the event.

Many pastors came, some with burdened hearts for particular families that were attending. All in attendance were an encouragement to us!

I thank the Lord for how He used the preaching to help our lives. I was privileged to preach along with John Goetsch and Wil Rice—each of us twice. (continued on back)

Upcoming Ministry

- Southwest Regional **Men on the Move** Conference
3/18-19
- Pocatello Baptist Church
Pocatello, ID 4/10-15
- New Testament Baptist Church, Magna, UT
4/17
- Ladies Spring Getaway
Flagstaff, AZ 4/30
- Northland Baptist Church "Family Day"
Flagstaff, AZ 5/1

Bill Rice III

Western Itinerary:

- Northland Baptist Church
Flagstaff, AZ 3/20
- Bethany Baptist Church
Lubbock, TX 3/27

Spring Development Work

Dale Stover, ministries coordinator at the Bill Rice Ranch, recently assumed the responsibility of project manager of the West Branch site. He came to Arizona in February to meet with various officials in our area. Some of the meetings he initiated in-

cluded discussions about the building plans for future buildings and the additional architecture needing to be done. Dale also gathered information on what entities need to be involved with which remaining parts of the project. Currently, our engineer is working to fin-

ish our site plan modifications so the revision can be submitted to the City of Williams. We are also working on other planning details that need to be decided in the near future. Thank you for your ongoing prayers concerning the development.

Please pray for:

1. *Effective ministry with churches and families.*
2. *Sale of a home by a family in western Tennessee wanting to serve at West Branch. This would free us up for more travel.*
3. *Work on our site plan and decisions about development details.*

What's A 2011 Trailblazer?

2011 **Trailblazers** are churches that have been a **special blessing** to West Branch in 2010 specifically through one or more of the following:

1. Attending 2+ events
2. Attending 1+ event and having a WB evangelist preach in their church
3. Supporting WB (or Carlsons) regularly
4. Hosting an event (2010 or 2011)

West Branch on the Move Schedule

- **Southwest Regional Men on the Move Conference**
Williams, AZ March 18-19
- **Ladies Spring Getaway**
Flagstaff, AZ April 30
- **Arizona Youth Challenge**
various churches in Arizona July 3-September 3
- **Arizona Regional Youth Conference**
Peoria, AZ September 10
- **Rocky Mountain Men on the Move Conference**
Fort Collins, CO October 21-22
- **Arizona Regional Conference on Marriage & the Home**
Phoenix, AZ February 24-25, 2012

West Branch team that ministered together in February



Bring 'em together...then divide 'em up!

Having just finished a month of ministry centering on the family, we now turn our attention to our two annual events in Northern Arizona: our men's and ladies' conferences. These two events were staples on the schedule at the old Flagstaff West Branch site. Now, as a part of **West Branch on the Move**, they are again regular highlights of the year. The Southwest Regional **Men on the Move** Conference is one of two men's events scheduled this year. The Ladies Spring Getaway is a joint effort of West Branch and our home church, Northland Baptist Church in Flagstaff. It is a one-day event designed to refresh and encourage ladies around the region. Please pray with us that these events will be spirit-filled and used of the Lord in a mighty way.

Kids... continued from front

Also, Sena Rice spoke to the ladies. Over in the Kids' Club, Evangelist Isaac Edwards lead the program for elementary aged kids: about fifty of them. We thank the Lord for one young boy who trusted Christ as Savior and several others who made good decisions. What a joy to support these families in their desire to raise godly kids!

And then there were the programs for little ones up to four years old. Seven workers, including my wife Sara and our two kids, worked with the three- and four-year-olds. Too many workers to count helped

those thirty or so in the nursery. Thank you to our friends at Maranatha Baptist who did most of that duty!

I am pleased to say we did have more adults than children, by quite a bit, actually. The new auditorium at Maranatha Baptist was nicely filled. Thank the Lord for Christian

Friday evening fellowship at the conference



Conference trio

closer to the Lord in their homes.

We pray the truth preached will resonate through

those eighty-five homes that were represented at the conference and will produce eternal dividends.

The conference was a wonderful way to finish up our team's tour around central Arizona. We ministered to twelve churches before the conference and two after it. What a blessing to partner with so many dear people around the state!