

Trailblazer

Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.

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On the Mountaintop

It is always a mountaintop experience to host the Arizona Regional Youth Conference. What a blessing to have twenty-four churches come together from around the state to participate in the all-day Saturday event! We were thrilled to have an attendance of 232 (over 230 for the second consecutive year).

The day appeared to be monumental for many of the teens attending as well. First of all, the "mountain of Dew" you see pictured was awarded to the winner of the

Arizona Youth Challenge, Open Door Baptist Church of Catalina. The second-through fourth-place winners also walked away with mountains of sorts.

This was the third annual Youth Challenge, a nine-week contest we sponsored which encouraged teens to be

Part of the Arizona Youth Challenge Grand Prize: a "mountain of Dew"



faithful in their churches this past summer. The youth groups involved accomplished a lot. Through their

combined effort, they brought 295 visitors to church, distributed over 5,000 gospel tracts, and memorized nearly 3,000 scripture verses.

I believe the conference was also a mountaintop experience for the seven young people who settled their salvation.

There is nothing like the confidence in knowing you have eternal life based on the record of God's Word. (continued on back)

Youth Conference Crowd:
232 people from 24 churches



We Need an Architect

The work being done on sanitation and water engineering reminds us of how the Lord has supplied the right people we need at each stage of the new camp facility development. One such person was Mr. Keith Winyninger who volunteered as our architect for

many years. After having spent some time studying the Arizona codes, he worked with our staff to design what we needed for camp cabins that are now built. He also completed plans for several other buildings.

Mr. Winyninger has now graduated to heaven, and we need someone willing to complete the work he has started. Most of the remaining buildings are at least partially completed. If you know of anyone who may be able to help in this area, please let us know.

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Upcoming Ministry

- Yavapai Apache BC
Camp Verde, AZ Sep. 25
- Spring Meadow BC
Franklin, TN Oct. 2
- Bill Rice Ranch
Advisory Board Oct. 3-5
- Arizona Youth Challenge
Winners' Retreat Oct. 7-8
- West Coast Baptist College
Lancaster, CA Oct. 17
- *Men on the Move* Conf.
Fort Collins, CO Oct. 21-22
- Castleview BC
Castle Rock, CO Oct. 23
- Bethany Baptist Church
Lubbock, TX Oct. 26-30
- Mountain View BC
Las Cruces, NM Nov. 2
- Sun & Shield BC
Marana, AZ Nov. 3-6
- Ganado BC
Ganado, AZ Nov. 12
- Grace BC
Milan, NM Nov. 13
- Faith BC
Cottonwood, AZ Nov. 27

Please pray for:

1. Sale of a home by a family in western Tennessee wanting to serve at West Branch. This would free us up for more travel.
2. Work on our site plan and sanitation engineering

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 specifically) regularly
4. Hosting an event (2010 or 2011)

West Branch on the Move Schedule

- **Rocky Mountain *Men on the Move* Conference**
Fort Collins, CO October 21-22
- **West Branch Ministry Team**
various churches in Arizona February 5-26, 2012
- **Arizona Regional Conference on Marriage & the Home**
Phoenix, AZ February 24-25, 2012
- **Southwest Regional *Men on the Move* Conference**
Williams, AZ March 16-17, 2012
- **Arizona Youth Challenge**
various churches in Arizona July 1-September 1, 2012
- **Arizona Regional Youth Conference**
Phoenix, AZ September 8, 2012

Foundations Fund

Recently, we sent out an appeal letter for help with our Foundations Fund. Every month, before we do any development work or conduct a conference, we have approximately \$3,500 worth of responsibilities to take care of. Things like water, electricity, phone use, and small maintenance projects add up. **We thank the Lord for those who have generously donated to this cause.** Several small maintenance projects for the near future hinge on the Lord providing for this fund.

Would you pray with us about this need? If you have not yet responded to this appeal, please let us know if you can help. If God would use you to help at this time, please mark your gift "WB Foundations Fund" and send to our home financial office in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Thanks!

Mountaintop continued from front

Truly, these salvation and assurance decisions were the highlight of the day.

I believe we also saw the Lord work in a great way through the preaching of Pastor Joshua Irmmler of Ambassador Baptist Church in Fresno, California. I have known Pastor Irmmler since he was a teenager. He has consistently

demonstrated the same surrendered spirit for the Lord that he preached about on Saturday. What a blessing to see many teenagers dedicating themselves to being servants for the Lord.



Pastor Joshua Irmmler preaching at the Youth Conference

West Branch has a real heart for teenagers. We look forward to one day having youth camps operating



Other "mountains" awarded to Arizona Youth Challenge winners

once again. Until then, we thank the Lord for the opportunity to minister through the Challenge and the Youth Conference; and we pray the Lord will open additional doors for youth conferences in other places in the days ahead.