



West Branch Trailblazer

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Prayer Requests

2018 summer staff recruiting

Finances to begin the expansion of fire protection components required for the dining hall

Dining hall project management, plans, engineering, and contacts

Project Status

Dining Hall- Over \$97,000 has been given for preliminary projects toward our \$250,000 goal. The electrical expansion is complete. The next phase is fire suppression expansion.

Campground Enhancing- Ongoing work with water runoff, roads, and sidewalks; priorities are being set for 2018 improvements

Fall Report

It has been a good fall at West Branch! For the first time we were able to conduct fall retreats on our Williams property. We thank the Lord for the folks who came for the Ladies and Girls' Night in the Pines (September) and the Men and Boys' Campout (October). For being brand new events, we had good attendance and a great spirit. We had a great time around the Word of God and in fellowship and activities. We look forward to these events being annual.



Ladies & Girls' Night in the Pines

We also held our annual Arizona Regional Youth Conference in Peoria. Churches came from around the state and had a great day of preaching and church competition in fun events. Maranatha Baptist Church has graciously agreed to host our event again in 2018. Along with these events we took trips to three Bible colleges to recruit summer workers, attended a board meeting, and held three church/revival meetings.



Men & Boys' Camp Out

2018 West Branch Events

- 3.16-17 Men on the Move
Williams, AZ
- 4.2-21 Senior Trip Retreats
- 4.28 Ladies Spring
Getaway
Flagstaff, AZ
- 6.10-7.21 Southwest Youth
Challenge
- 6.25-29 Junior Camp
- 7.5-7 Family Camp
- 7.9-13 Youth Camp 1
- 7.16-20 Youth Camp 2
- 9.8 Arizona Regional
Youth Conference,
Peoria, AZ
- 9.14-15 Ladies & Girls'
Night in the Pines
- 10.5-6 Men & Boys'
Campout
- 10.12-13 Southwest Youth
Challenge Retreat

Special Needs

- Compact Utility Tractor
- Woods finishing mower
- Heavy duty weed whacker
- New queen size bed
- 6' & 8' Lifetime Tables
- 6' green collapsible
Lifetime picnic tables

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Development Update

This fall we have been working to tie up a few loose ends with the previous stage of our development as well as doing small landscaping projects to enhance what we already have. Very thankfully, we have also received an additional \$30,000 to go toward our dining hall infrastructure. This brings us to a total of \$97,000 raised toward the \$250,000 need.



Site of the New Dining Hall to Be Built

Throughout the development, we have asked the Lord to provide us the information and favor we need to move forward. We have also asked for people and funds to complete the work. In very unique ways, the Lord may be answering these requests again for this phase. Please pray for us to have wisdom in discerning His will for some of these details in the near future.

Who Will Be Here in 2018?



2017 Summer Staff at Grand Canyon

Every fall we offer churches the opportunity to reserve a place for camp the next summer through our Fast Track program. This gives us an idea of what to expect and helps us balance our weeks. With two youth camps scheduled for 2018, we have already closed one to any additional groups. The second youth camp and junior camp have also had good initial interest.

To prepare for these camps, we have been working hard to recruit summer staff counselors, Ranch Hands, and operational staff. We have filled many positions, but we are still in need of several additional young people to help out next summer.

We currently need four additional counselors and two Ranch Hands. We may possibly need two other program or operational staff workers in specific areas. Please pray with us that the Lord will send us exactly who He would have work with us next summer and that all our staff needs would be met.

We are also busy preparing for our spring events. In addition to our annual Southwest Regional Men on the Move Conference in March and our Ladies Spring Getaway in April, we are also developing Senior Trip Retreats to accommodate Christian schools from around the country. If you have any contacts who may be interested in such a trip, please let them know about us and contact us for more information.