



West Branch Trailblazer

Keeping in Touch, Seeking Your Prayer and Involvement

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Upcoming Ministry

DECEMBER

Like you, we will be enjoying the holidays with family and our church family.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

1.17 Bethel Baptist Church
Hotevilla, AZ

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Hotevilla, AZ

2.17-21 Bethel Community
Church (Ind. Bapt.)
Fort Scott, KS

2016 West Branch Events

3.18-19 Men on the Move
Williams, AZ

4.30 Ladies Spring Getaway
Flagstaff, AZ

6.5-7.30 Arizona Youth
Challenge

6.11-19 Staff Training

6.20-24 Youth Camp I

6.27-7.1 Youth Camp II

7.5-9 Junior Camp

9.12 Arizona Regional Youth
Conference, Phoenix area

Sanitation Permit-Signed & Sealed!

Over a year ago, we received our first sanitation permit to service our camp property. However, when we put the project out to bid, a local contractor felt he could help us make the system easier to install and maintain. Also, by accommodating only the buildings we now have, it would decrease the initial cost and allow us to get into camping sooner.

Now, after going through the design and review process once again, we have received our newest sanitation permit! We praise the Lord that this has been accomplished. This should give us the time needed to install the system for use by next summer.

Just this fall, we received an additional \$50,000 toward the project. With our new cost estimate in hand, we currently have an additional need of \$54,000 to complete the project. Please pray for the Lord to meet this need and that work will start soon. Honestly, we hope groundbreaking will happen before you are reading this. In any regard, we need to make the best possible use of the time between now and heavy snowfall.

Sanitation is one of several projects we have identified as 2016 goals (see back, "Project Status"). Having camp last summer was permitted on a temporary basis. The completion of these goals should provide us a permanent occupancy. This would be a major milestone in the project.



In anticipation of all the work that must be done by next June, we were thrilled to knock out a smaller yet important project in October. Several men from Cottonwood and Kingman, Arizona, came for a Friday and Saturday to pour ten concrete pads for our cabins. These pads will serve the secondary doors. Would you be interested in donating your time and skill for one to three days next spring? Check "Workers Needed" on the back to see how you might be able to help.

Building Youth & Men

In early September we held our annual Arizona Regional Youth Conference. Over twenty churches from around the state joined us for a

Prayer Requests

Ground breaking for sanitation and water projects

\$115,000 needed for 2016 development goals

Summer staff

Project Status

Sanitation-need \$54,000, ground breaking imminent

Water- need \$6,000, finalizing plan

Fire protection- have volunteer work group contact, need \$37,500

Propane system- need licensed plumber to install, need under \$5,000

Kitchen commissary- creating plan to present to county, need \$10,000

Workers Needed

Plumbing- furnace/water heater connection, sink drains & faucet supply lines, fire hydrant & supply lines

Finish- tile flooring, FRP

Construction- softball backstop, half-walls, relocate walk-in freezer, install vent stacks, dry wall

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day of preaching and friendly church competition. The host church youth group—Maranatha Baptist of Peoria—took home the first place trophy.



Even better, at least one young lady went home with a new knowledge that she is on her way to heaven! Here is a brief excerpt of another prayer letter which explains what happened after she got back to her church...

For the following service at church, we planned on having any of the youth who so desired to give a word of testimony about the Youth Challenge and Conference, and how the Lord had used that in their lives. What the Lord had planned was far greater! He blessed us with a two-hour testimony service from youth, parents, other adults, and a GREAT time of praising Him was enjoyed by all! We thank the Lord for the growth and encouragement He brought through the Youth Conference and Arizona Youth Challenge. –Central Arizona Pastor

During the conference, we also awarded the prizes for the winners of the Arizona Youth Challenge (the church just quoted finished second) which had been held in June and July. First place winner, Open Door Baptist Church of Catalina, came to West Branch in October for their own personal retreat as a reward for their efforts.

At the end of September, we hosted the Bill Rice Ranch's annual Advisory Board meeting. It is so refreshing to meet with friends like these to advise, invest, and rejoice with us on what the Lord has provided.

In mid-October, we held our Rocky Mountain Regional *Men on the Move* Conference. While this event has not become large, we did experience a good rate of growth for the second straight year with men from around Colorado and Wyoming driving into Fort Collins for the conference. Pastor Dave Teis, Evangelist Wil Rice IV, and Pastor Jeff Redlin joined in the preaching. We loved hearing the good feedback from the men.

Summer Staff Needs



As we prepare for three camp weeks next summer, we are actively recruiting Bible college students to serve as counselors. We need four ladies and three men for these positions. We also need several operational staff, program staff, and Ranch Hands.

We recently joined staff from our eastern location—Bill Rice Ranch, Murfreesboro, Tennessee—to recruit for two days at a western Bible college. The staff back east has made trips to three other Bible colleges, representing our needs as well.

If you know of any young people who would be interested in working with us next summer, please contact us. Counselors need to have completed at least two semesters in a West Branch approved Christian college by next summer. Ranch Hands are young men ages 15-19 who serve primarily in food service. Program staff ought to be at least college age with the ability to serve in the camp activity program. Operational staff may help with maintenance, grounds, or other functional areas.