



West Branch Trailblazer

Keeping in Touch, Seeking Your Prayer and Involvement

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Prayer Requests

Arizona Regional Youth Conference September 7

Funds for the Rasmussen Crossing Restroom Project

Additional monthly support

Project Status

Rasmussen Crossing – We have received a permit to connect this building to our sanitation system! We are pursuing an estimate on the project cost as well as beginning the installation of interior components.

Upcoming Events:

September 7 Youth Conference

October 4-5 Men & Boys' Adventure

FAST TRACK is now open for churches to reserve space in 2025 summer camps. Visit our website to learn how \$150 now will provide you up to \$610 worth of savings next summer!

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Summer Camp Season

We thank the Lord for the season of camps we were able to hold in June and July and for the variety of ways He blessed. First, in addition to seeing many old friends and working with churches we have served many times before, we were also able to host several brand-new groups. We believe they each had good camp experiences and trust to see them again in the future.

Second, the Lord provided us a great summer staff. Our positions were mostly filled. The young people who served with us had a great spirit. While several college age staff were fulfilling summer internships for Bill Rice Bible College, we had staff from a couple of other Bible colleges as well. There is an important balance for us to strike between having enough staff to cover all the needs at camp (counseling, medical, food service, maintenance, preaching, music, program etc.) while also not having more than we can handle for our housing availability and volunteer allowance funds. In that regard, we depend on all staff to do many things during their summer. We are thankful the Lord gave us folks willing to help out wherever needed.

We were also greatly blessed to see the Lord save a good number of young people and work in the hearts of many Christians. We saw many campers pray with counselors to confirm the important spiritual decisions they were making. Spiritual decisions included surrender to the Lord, honoring parents, trusting God with the future, moral purity, developing godly friendships, and even some called to full-time ministry. While we know about many of the decisions, we are confident there were many more that we may not have been aware of. We thank the Lord for once again using His Word to convince people of their needs!



2024 Summer Staff



Lots of Friends at Camp!

Special Needs

- Commercial beverage/merchandise cooler
- Utility dump trailer
- Compact Utility Tractor with bucket and/or auger (e.g. John Deere, Kubota)
- Gently used ping pong, Foosball, or other similar game table that you would be willing to donate. Please let us know, especially if you would have the ability to transport it to us!

*Thanks to all who
donated to our
35th Anniversary Offering
in May!*

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Additional itineraries, schedules, & reports are online.

*Are you following us on
Facebook? We posted many
pictures of camp
throughout the summer!*

Youth Conference Next Month

In 1990, West Branch began having an annual youth conference the Saturday after Labor Day. In 2004, we transitioned this event to the Phoenix valley as we moved our campground from Flagstaff to Williams. Even after opening up the Williams campground, we have continued to hold this annual event in the Phoenix area. This year's event is Saturday, September 7, at Maranatha Baptist Church in Peoria, Arizona.

The purpose of the event is to help teenagers with Bible preaching. Evangelist Glenn Stevenson, who is a regular at summer camp, will be preaching both services. We would love to see churches bring unsaved teens to the event to hear the gospel clearly. We also pray that the messages will challenge the Christian teenagers to live for the Lord as they begin their school year.



2023 Youth Conference service

Just like we do at summer camp, we also have church competition at the youth conference. Rather than competition in sports and music, we do a variety of tournaments and competitions including arm wrestling, Subsoccer, and Four Square in the Air. Competitions vary from year to year and include a number of unusual games that teens enjoy. We also have a Bible quiz which gives a teenager the opportunity to win a free week of camp next summer. Three churches will win special prizes for their overall performance at the event. We do this to encourage youth groups to unify together in good Christian fun and to connect more with godly friends.

More Ministry Up Ahead - Home and Away

Along with our youth conference, we are also preparing for the Men & Boys' Adventure in October. This is a great opportunity to connect with other men from your church, invest in a young man you know, or build relationships with your own sons or grandsons. As always, we will preach practical Bible messages to help those who attend.

Away from camp, we will have ministry in a number of churches this fall. Troy Carlson and Bill Rice III will be in quite a few southwestern churches in the next few weeks. Check westbranchaz.org/local-church-meetings for more details!



More pictures from the 2023 Arizona Regional Youth Conference