



# West Branch Trailblazer

Keeping in Touch, Seeking Your Prayer and Involvement

West Branch is a ministry of the Bill Rice Ranch

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## Prayer Requests

Funds for the Rasmussen Crossing Restroom Project

Summer staff volunteers

More churches signed up for summer camp

Additional monthly support

## Project Status

**Rasmussen Crossing** – We have received the promise of matching funds up to \$300,000 for the addition of restrooms and the supporting infrastructure. We hope to order septic tanks as soon as funds permit.

## Upcoming 2025 Events:

April 14 – May10 Senior Trip Retreats

April 25-26 Men on the Move Conference

**FAST TRACK** is open for just two more weeks! Visit our website to learn how \$150 now will provide you up to \$610 worth of savings next summer!

[westbranchAZ.org](http://westbranchAZ.org)

## Matching Funds Opportunity

Our next major development project on our campground is to install restrooms in the Rasmussen Crossing and add supporting infrastructure. The Crossing is a building at West Branch which currently houses our auditorium and will one day also include our kitchen and dining hall. We have county and city permits in hand to start the work. Recently we were promised matching funds up to \$300,000! Every dollar donated to this project up to \$300,000 will be doubled. We believe this will be enough to complete Phase Two of the Crossing project.

We have been able to use the Crossing on a limited basis, but to gain full use, we need to complete two restrooms inside. We have 14 months left on our county permit to finish this portion of project.

We want to gauge where we are by January 31 to purchase the tanks, pumps, and fixtures for the project and schedule the work to be done. We believe we can purchase three needed septic tanks once we raise \$25,000. Pumps and restroom fixtures would come next. We have also had some people volunteer to help install the interior fixtures if timing works out. While interior work can happen during the winter, the exterior work will need to wait till spring due to our harsh winters.

We would like to begin construction by April with the hopes of having these restrooms in time for summer camps. That is a big goal! Please pray for us that the Lord will provide!



Site of the West Branch Auditorium



2024 Youth Camp service in the Crossing

## Fall Highlights

Back in September we held our annual Arizona Regional Youth Conference in the Phoenix Valley. We were grateful to Maranatha Baptist

## 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!

*We have an Amazon wish list of items that would help WB. If God leads you to provide one of the items on the list, we would be grateful!*

## Stay Connected

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Additional itineraries, schedules, & reports are online.

*Got a minute to give us a 5-star rating on Google? Good ratings give us credibility with individuals who may consider sending their kids to camp!*

Church of Peoria for hosting us. We had the largest crowd we had ever had for the event with 26 churches attending from around Arizona and into California. It was a blessing to see God work in the lives of those who attended through the preaching of Evangelist Glenn Stevenson. Several of the churches attended for the first time ever or the first time in quite a while. We look forward to our event next year, September 6, once again at Maranatha in Peoria.

In addition to that event, we also held our annual Men & Boys' Adventure on the first weekend of October. It was great to watch dads and sons as well as friends from churches enjoy one another around God's Word in a joyful environment. We are so glad for each one who came and allowed us to invest in them. It has also been a privilege to host two Christian school field trips where we not only provided fun activities but also Bible preaching for each age group.



2024 Youth Conference service

We have been in several churches this fall as well. Both Troy Carlson and Bill Rice III have preached in Arizona and/or California lately. Several people have been saved and other good decisions made. The churches have also graciously taken offerings for West Branch to help either with regular needs or the Rasmussen Crossing restroom project. It is a blessing to partner with so many churches in our area!

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## Winter Work

Summer camp may be away off, but there is plenty to do to plan schedules, activities, and menus, and make facility improvements. Along with all that planning, we are also traveling to preach in churches and visit Bible colleges to recruit summer staff volunteers for camp. Please pray for us as we continue the Lord's work through revival ministry on the road and at camp.

We could use some help around camp too. If you happen to have a front-end loader or a wood chipper that you would be willing to bring to West Branch and operate for a few hours or a day or two, please let us know!



More pictures from our fall events: a youth conference church group, Men & Boys' camp fire, elementary field trip fort building winners!