

“Life Letter”

Mission News, Events, & Prayer Requests
of the River Valley Baptist Association
Summer 2009



“Where we’re bringing life to the desert!”

Our Vision...

God has called the churches of River Valley Baptist Association to partner together in bringing life to the desert by... starting new churches, strengthening existing churches, and serving one another!

***Coming Up In River Valley
& Around Our State...***



“Transformed”

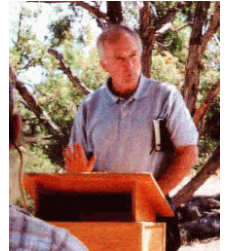
Men’s Retreat
Lost Canyon, Williams
May 15- 17, 2009

- **Thursday, May 21st at 6 pm**
New Work partnership meeting in Bouse
- **Saturday, May 23rd at 10 am**
Deacon Ordination at 1st Baptist, Parker.
Presbytery at 10 am, Ordination Service
begins at 11 am, fellowship meal to follow.
- **Tuesday, May 26th at 2:30 pm**
Peach Springs Missions Partnership meeting
at Calvary Baptist Church.
- **Thursday, May 28th at 12 noon**
Administrative Team Meeting
- **Saturday, June 6th**
Yearly volunteer orientation at AZ State
Prison, Kingman.
- **June 18th - 27th**
International World Changers group to
Naples, Italy led by FBC Kingman.
- **July 14th - 31st**
China Mission led by Calvary, LHC.
- **July 20th - 24th**
Mission VBS projects in Chloride & Peach
Springs
- **August 1st** - River Valley Prayer Summit
- **August 29th** - State ACE Conference, Phx

From Our Missionary...

God has been teaching me some fresh things about obedience. . .

I think I still have a lot to learn. A lot of changes have occurred in our family in a short time. We said goodbye to our daughter and son-in-law who are now serving as IMB missionaries to the deaf in Eastern Europe. God has reminded me that my steps of obedience can at times, affect everyone and everything around me. For me, this has meant learning to pray in some fresh ways, reevaluating priorities, and discovering how God would have us better resource the vision of our churches.



Proverbs 3:6 says. . . “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” For all of us, serving in God’s field is all about being obedient and taking some right steps at just the right time.

Tommy

Just a Thought....

In these tough economic times, a lot of folks in our churches are asking; “why do we give to the Cooperative Program and the Association?” It’s a great question...

- I give to the Cooperative Program and association because this is what Southern Baptist do. This represents the unique way we support over 10,500 missionaries worldwide. Our missionaries don’t have to wonder about their support or return home to raise more. They are able to stay focused on the work God has called them to do on their field. And when they return, they are available to tell the story in our churches!
- More importantly, I give because this is what kingdom people do. The Great Commission is not possible without cooperation and partnership. There are still over 6 billion lost people in the world with over 4,000 unreached people groups. North America is now considered the 2nd largest lost continent in the world. My support is more important than ever before!
- Finally, I give because, in giving, I am blessed and my church is blessed. I pray for our missionaries faithfully and offer the kind of intercession, input, and involvement that helps my State Convention and Association do a better job of multiplying my gifts!

New Work News...



Christian Community Church, Mesquite, NV

This new church recently ordained their new pastor, Lee Eddy. Beautiful new facilities have been recently rented and renovated in a prime location in downtown Mesquite. The church has a number of snowbirds, but still looking for some good, stable growth through the summer months. olderson@rconnects.com

Bouse Baptist Church, Bouse, AZ

This new work is now about 2 years old and has been looking for a new pastor for several months. This work is sponsored by 1st Baptist, Parker and Quartzsite. A special thanks to Carl Rapp and Calvin Hogue who have served as interims. Bouse has a great opportunity to purchase 3 ½ acres of land. Please pray for a new pastor to be found soon and land to be secured. proctorsspot@rraz.net

Yucca Community Church, Yucca, AZ

Pastor Byron Reiner is continuing to serve this church as well as program coordinator for our Arizona Baptist Children's Services Northwest Center. Some new growth is occurring in the Yucca community. Pray for the pressing needs in Yucca and for this church as they grow and plan for the future. taytim2001@yahoo.com

Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Beaver Dam, AZ

This new work is being greatly blessed in their partnership with the Mesquite church. The church has had several baptisms and new men are joining. The church is reaching many families through their weekly food ministry. lhenry@cascadeaccess.com

Chaplaincy Ministries

We are always in need of more volunteers to help with our ministry at Petro Truckstop, Kingman where drivers and their families are reached each week through our Sunday morning chapel service. At Arizona State Prison, our churches are now involved in Saturday bible study and counseling, Tuesday Maximizing Manhood, Sunday morning bible study, and

Thursday evening Celebrate Recovery.
rvba@citlink.net

If you would like to know more about these new works, ask how you can help, or let them know you are praying, please contact the email addresses above.

"On Mission" News From Our Churches...

- **Attention...** Lately we have been missing a lot of newsletters and news from our churches. The mailing address for our new office is PO Box 3599, Kingman, AZ 86402. We would love to get a copy of your church's newsletter, a call, or an email about what God is doing and any events we can promote with our River Valley churches.
- **1st Southern, Bullhead City** - Another great year with our River Run Project! 12 different biker ministries represented and over 80 volunteers were housed at the church. A shower trailer and breakfast were provided each day. Thank you, 1st Southern, for doing a great job with this project!
- **Meadview Baptist Church** - Over 220 in attendance at this year's All Day Singin' & Dinner on the Ground Event on Holy Mountain. Bluegrass and country gospel groups represented from many different places. Thank you, hosts, Newt & Sue Wright!
- **1st Southern, Parker** - Deacon Ordination Service on May 23rd. VBS begins on June 7th with the team going to Bouse Baptist Church for VBS on June 22nd.
- **1st Southern, Ft. Mojave** - Evangelism ministry knocking on doors in neighborhoods and revisiting many homes. Mission Team is scheduled to go to Benson, AZ to provide VBS and construction help.
- **Calvary, Lake Havasu** - Putting together a mission team for the Hualapai Tribe in Peach Springs. A community outreach is planned for June 13th. Great response from the Lake Havasu community to the church's annual Easter pageant.
- **1st Southern, Kingman** - Sending International World Changers Youth Teams to Italy and Utah this summer.

To find out more about "on mission" events in River Valley and view some great pictures from recent projects, check out the "Recent Events" link on our website at www.rvba.net.