

"Life Letter"

Mission News, & Events
Fall 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...

- **Monday, Sept 14th at 12 Noon**
"Arms Around Peach Springs" Pastor's Luncheon, Kingman area pastors at Calico's
- **Saturday, Sept 26th**
- 10 AM Rocking Chair Ranch Gospel Music Festival at Seligman. Hosts Mike & Della Treas.
- "Arms Around Peach Springs" Family Fun Day, Peach Springs, 12 Noon - 3 pm
Led by Calvary Baptist, LHC
- **Thursday, Oct 1st**
- 10 AM Pastor's "Brotherhood" Group, 1st meeting, Calvary Baptist, LHC
- Truckstop Chaplain's Team Dinner
- **Saturday, Oct 17th at 10 am**
Associational Strategy Team Meeting & Annual Celebration of Churches, College Park, Kingman
- **Friday, Nov 13th**
Arizona Southern Baptist Annual Convention, Tucson
- **Friday, Dec 4th**
Pastors, Staff & Spouses Christmas Party

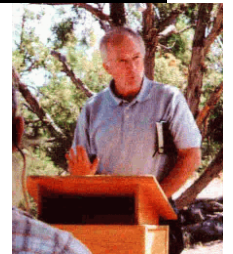
Did you know?..

Arizona Baptist Children's Services & New Life Counseling now provides pastoral counseling in our area with offices in Kingman, Needles, Golden Valley, and Parker. This is a great help for pastors and a valuable service to our churches. For more information, call Program Coordinator, Byron Reiner at **928-308-1774**.



From Our Missionary...

It is a true global crisis! . . . Many people in our churches are totally unaware of how the economic crisis has impacted the mission work of Southern Baptists, both in North America and around the world.



The "ripple effect" . . . of churches decreasing percentages and giving in response to decreased offerings has for the first time forced our International Mission Board to stop deploying new missionaries and severely curtailing the activities and opportunities of our missionaries already in the field. Even the work of our own state convention and associations has been significantly hindered by deep budget cuts.

The result? . . . The task of taking the gospel to the world is more difficult than ever before. I can't think of a greater crisis, can you? I know we have the realities of daily life, lost jobs and homes, and many families are hurting. But we rarely hear of our churches praying and talking about stretching, giving more, and seizing the great opportunities before us – because of the economic crisis. As the church, we need to respond to the challenges before us with our focus not on "surviving", but on **THRIVING!**

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. . . . Is a great opportunity for us to respond in extraordinary faith and sacrifice to seize some of the greatest opportunities we have ever had to point people to the answers and hope they can find in a new relationship with Christ. Let's not let miss this opportunity!

Tommy

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WHOSE MISSING?
MISSION?**

**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING®**
National Goal: \$175 million

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New Work News...



Bouse Baptist Church, Bouse, AZ

We will soon have a new house in Bouse! This church has recently purchased 3 ½ acres of land, pictured above, at a prime location on the main highway. We welcome new pastor Ted Finkbeiner and wife, Pam, who live in Yuma, but also spend three days each week in Bouse.

This has been a strong new work sponsored by First Southern, Parker and Quartzsite.

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Christian Community Church, Mesquite, NV

This coming winter and new year will be a critical one for this new church as many of their winter people return and the church continues to reach families in Mesquite in their new facilities. This church has also been a great blessing to our work at Beaver Dam with several men supply preaching and Mesquite members assisting with the food ministry.

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Yucca Community Church, Yucca, AZ

This church is also looking for new land in a growing area of Yucca. Pastor Byron Reiner continues to serve as Program coordinator for our Arizona Baptist Children's Services Northwest Center as well as shepherding the Yucca Church. There are many opportunities to make a difference in this community.

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Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Beaver Dam, AZ

Through a close partnership with Christian Community Church of Mesquite, Beaver Dam is growing, baptizing, and making a greater impact than ever before in this northwest corner of Arizona. God is blessing Beaver Dam with more men who are becoming involved in leadership.

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You can pray. . . The email addresses above are a way for you to contact these new churches and pastors and let them know you are praying for them! Each of these new churches also represent a great "on mission" opportunity for your church.

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, Monday Maximizing Manhood, Sunday morning bible study, and Thursday evening Celebrate Recovery. Call the RVBA office for more information.

"On Mission" News From Our Churches...

- **"Arms Around Peach Springs"...** is a new mission initiative involving the partnership of our Kingman and Lake Havasu churches to reach out to the Native American community of Peach Springs. We are working directly with the tribe in conducting special outreach events, beginning a new Celebrate Recovery ministry, and perhaps a new church in the future.
- **1st Southern, Kingman** - Continues three weekly nursing home ministries each week with regular new salvations! Will be having a church-wide fellowship in the Hualapais Sept 5 as a farewell to Associate Pastor Andrew Baskin and family.
- **1st Southern, Parker** - New Deacon Family ministry started. Vacation Bible Schools in both Bouse & Parker 1st were well attended with a total of 10 new decisions for Christ!
- **1st Southern, Ft. Mojave** - Good mission trip to Benson/Tombstone. 16 member mission team led VBS at Skyline Baptist Church.
- **Calvary, Lake Havasu** - Associate Pastor Sean Haynes has recently become "Co-Pastor". Had a baptism service on Father's Day where 15 were baptized - almost all adults. China team recently returned from their trip.
- **Golden Valley Baptist Church** - A special welcome to new Golden Valley Pastor Stephen Brown, wife Julie, and family. We are so thankful God has called you here! Stephen's first Sunday is September 20th.
- **Quartzsite Southern Baptist Church** - Pastor Aaron & wife, Kelly, have a new addition to their family! The church is also hoping to build a new parsonage soon.
- **First Southern Baptist, Mohave Valley** - Please pray for this church as they search for a new pastor.

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