

"Life Letter"

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Mission News, & Events for
the River Valley Mission Network

"Where We're Bringing Life to the Desert!"

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Happenings in River Valley...

- **Mohave Valley Partnership**
Sat, Nov 19th, RiverPointe Church, Mohave Valley
- **Pastors, Staff & Spouses "Christmas Around the World" Party**
Thurs, Dec 1st, 1st Southern Baptist Church, Kingman
- **Peach Springs Family Christmas Party**,
Sat, Dec 3rd, Tribal Gym sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church & "Arms Around Peach Springs"
- **Ordination Service**
Sat, Dec 10th, 1st Southern Lake Havasu City
- **Upcoming "River Valley Days"**
Sun, Dec 4th, Calvary Baptist Church, Kingman; Sun, Dec 11th, Quartzsite Southern Baptist Church, Sun Jan 8th, Christian Community, Mesquite, Sun, Jan 22nd, Blythe Hispanic Church; Sun, Jan 29th, 1st Southern, Blythe
- **Brotherhood Group**
Thurs, Jan 5th, Calvary, Lake Havasu
- **State-Wide Pastor's Sacred Assembly**,
Sun, Jan 15th, Mountain Ridge Baptist Church, Glendale
- **Project Quartzsite Revival**
Jan 19th - 27th, Quartzsite Southern Baptist Church

2012 State Women's Retreat **April 13th - 15th, 2012**



Be watching for a special informational packet, brochures, and registration forms recently mailed to your church. Make plans now to attend this unique time of worship, fellowship, and spiritual renewal! This event is sponsored by the churches of the River Valley Baptist Association.

From Our Missionary...



"We must work the works of Him who sent me . . . as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work." John 9:4. Jesus' words speak of the freshness and urgency of kingdom work. This is a new day for our work in River Valley and Arizona.

This is a new day for Prayer! . . Let me challenge our pastors, wives, and key leaders to make plans now to attend the first ever state-wide Sacred Assembly on January 15th at Mountain Ridge Church in Glendale. This is going to be a powerful time of prayer as we seek the face of God for renewal and revival in Arizona. I will be calling each of our pastors personally to encourage and confirm their participation.

This is a new day for Planting! . . Recently God has blessed us with new beginnings and new church plants with our restart in Mohave Valley, the Cowboy Church of Mohave County, the Set Free Church in Bullhead City, & 3 new Hispanic works in the Blythe & Quartzsite areas. Sweeping changes from our North American Mission Board are helping us make church planting a real priority once again. All over Arizona we are seeing a resurgence in church planting. At the same time, our new Missional Resource Team is utilizing some fresh approaches to strengthen our existing churches and develop missional pastors and leaders.

It is a new day for Partnerships! . . Already our new cluster areas are up and running with some key pastors taking the lead, especially in the Bullhead & southern cluster areas. Events have already included prayer gatherings, music events, and joint ordination services. Future events include Senior Adult Fellowships, and new mission partnerships in strategic areas of our association.

I'm looking forward to being in your church for one of our upcoming River Valley days!

Tommy

Developing Missional Pastors & Leaders. . .

At our recent Pastors Missional Conference, we had some great discussion and presentations about the “**Characteristics of the Missional Church**”. We are just getting back to the book of Acts and what it means for God’s church to be “on mission” in the world. This will also be the topic of many of our upcoming **Brotherhood Group** meetings in 2012.

Planting New Churches. . .

New and fresh things are taking place at **RiverPointe Church in Mohave Valley** under the leadership of new Pastor Jack Thompson. New name, new strategy, new families, and new baptisms! **Cowboy Church of Mohave County** has recently organized, incorporated, and purchased land in Golden Valley. They are presently meeting on Saturday evenings at the 1st Southern Baptist Church of Kingman under the leadership of Pastor Roger Gorham. Pastor Tony LaNoce is doing ministry to homeless people in the park, gathering a core group, and finalizing strategies for our new **Set Free Church** in Bullhead City. We are excited to have our Hispanic brothers and sisters join us and for the opportunity to partner with them in new ministries in **Blythe, Ripley, & Quartzsite**.

Making Disciples of All the Nations. . .

This past year we have had the privilege of working with **Truckstop Ministries, Inc**, in the launching of a new Missionary Driver program. God is raising up a powerful missionary force to reach the over 8 million truckers of this world! Many more volunteers are needed, both at our Truckstop Chapel & to conduct seminary and Celebrate Recovery classes at **Arizona State Prison, Kingman**. **Calvary, LHC** is once again conducting a Family Christmas party for the **Peach Springs** community and our Christmas in August campaign was a huge success. You can get involved in reaching these unique people and nations!

“On Mission” News From Our Churches...

We are getting very few newsletters from our churches these days and would love to receive yours so we can include this information in our “Life Letters”.

- **Oak Street, Kingman** has been doing some growing this year and with a mission team from Searcy, Arkansas, had a great revival and VBS this summer. Preparing for their Christmas cantata and Operation Christmas Child.
- **1st Southern, Ft. Mojave** is also participating in Operation Christmas Child. Took a mission team to Vancouver this summer with some great results in the church they served at in gaining a lot of spiritual momentum & new ministries started in the mission church.
- **1st Southern, Kingman** once again reached out to the community with “Night of Death” the end of October with many coming through to see “the eternal consequences of life’s choices”. Will once again be presenting their Christmas pageant with live animals and recreating Bethlehem on the church grounds, Dec 10th & 11th, 6 - 8:30 pm.
- **1st Southern, Parker** the youth are growing by the number – both attendance & 6 new Christians! Held a community Block Party & Harvest Fest Oct 31 with a great turnout from the community.
- **Christian Community Church, Mesquite** good spirit and unity, hoping to secure interim pastor soon. Please continue to pray for this church.
- **Meadview Baptist** beginning to use their new building. Paving, AC, & heat still needed for final occupancy.
- **1st Southern, Needles** is moving forward under leadership of new Pastor John Hernandez.
- **Desert Shores, BHC** has added a second worship service and finalizing new strategy.
- **1st Southern, Yucca** participated in the community parade and growing in unity and attendance.
- **Big River**, Happy Birthday, Pastor Jere Martynotte, who turns 65 this month.
- **1st Southern, Blythe** church recently vandalized, but person responsible saved and now being disciplined by the church.

