

## "Life Letter"

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



**"Where we're bringing life to the desert!"**

#### **We've Moved!..**

New offices at 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Baptist Church, Kingman  
at 3120 Hualapai Mountain Road.

Send correspondence to PO Box 3599, Kingman, AZ  
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#### **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!

### ***From Our Missionary...***

**Four critical questions...** At our recent Strategy Team Retreat we introduced, pondered, and committed to pray concerning these questions... How do we hear from God?... How do we develop leaders?... How do we impact lostness?... How do we partner together to do kingdom work? I believe God's revelation concerning these questions will dramatically affect the future of our work together and lead our River Valley churches to a new level of partnership!

**Speaking of partnerships...** We are expanding our Native American ministry in Peach Springs through 1<sup>st</sup> Southern, Kingman and Calvary, Lake Havasu. Calvary is also leading a mission team to China once again in July. River Run Biker Outreach is involving several groups through 1<sup>st</sup> Bullhead City and we are looking forward to some Mission VBS projects this summer. Our Men & Women's Retreats at Lost Canyon are just around the corner.

**It has been about 2 years...** since our last church plant in Bouse. Pray with me that God would reveal some new opportunities to plant churches. Thank you for praying, giving, and partnering to bring life to the desert!

**Tommy**

### ***River Valley Churches...***

- **1<sup>st</sup> Southern, Mohave Valley** - Welcomes new pastor Brian Farrar and wife, Arlene due to be on the field Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Baptist, Parker** - Revival March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Paul Daniel as speaker. Services are at 6pm Sunday and 7pm weekdays.
- **Calvary, Lake Havasu** - Youth are preparing and fund raising for Zona Yuth Kamp in July. Couples Get-Away planned for August in Palm Springs.
- **Golden Valley Baptist Church** - Continuing to search for a new pastor. Our missionary is serving as interim for a couple of months. Reaching a lot of youth in the Golden Valley community, between 40 & 50 each Wednesday night. Also searching for new Youth & Worship Pastor.
- **College Park Baptist Church** - Seeing good attendance and growth with traditional and contemporary services on Sunday mornings. Recent mission trips to Quartzsite and Mexico.
- **Cedar Hills Community Church** - Continuing to meet at Cedar Hills School, weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast, and some recent baptisms.
- **Desert Shores Community Church** - Seeing some new growth at their new location on the parkway. Painting, redecorating new fellowship area, church office, and pastor's office.
- **Harvest Community, Needles** - New growth and new ministries being formed through a recent restructuring and new vision.
- **Oak Street Baptist Church** - We welcome new pastor Ed Wyatt and wife, Esther.
- **Quartzsite Baptist Church** - This year's project the best yet! Several decisions for salvation, a lot of significant ministry at our ministry booths, and a great participation from the Quartzsite Church, our River Valley churches, Campers on Mission, and Baptist Senior Life Ministries.
- **First Southern, Ft. Mojave** - Last month had an outreach to the community with a Car Show. Several new prospects were gained and 35 cars were registered for the show.
- **Meadview Baptist Church** - New plans being adopted for a new worship center, exciting growth!
- **1<sup>st</sup> Baptist, Kingman** - Many ongoing ministries to Nursing Home, Prison, and FAITH Outreach.

**Missing information on your church?..** Send us your church newsletter, call us, write us, or e-mail us at [rvba@citlink.net](mailto:rvba@citlink.net). Let us know what's happening!

***Learn how you can be involved in bringing life to the desert! Check out our website at [www.rvba.net](http://www.rvba.net)!***

## ***New Work News...***

- **Christian Community Church, Mesquite** - Pastor Lee Eddy and wife, Lynn, are now on the field. Beautiful facilities have been recently renovated at a prime location in downtown Mesquite. God is blessing with new growth and there is a great opportunity for the gospel in Mesquite. This church has also been a blessing to nearby Beaver Dam in supplying preachers on Sunday and assisting with their food ministry. Thank you, Christian Community Church!
- **Yucca Community Church** - Some new growth and building is occurring in the Yucca community and this church is continuing with some slow, but stable growth. Still sponsoring a Good News Club at the Yucca school. CEF will conduct a 5 Day Good News Club this summer. Had some baptisms recently at the Colorado River. Still searching for land and office space. Please pray for Pastor Byron Reiner and wife, Linda.
- **Bouse Baptist Church** – Continuing their search for a permanent pastor. High attendance during the winter months of about 75. Seeing some growth and beginning to reach children as well. Calvin Hogue is presently serving as interim pastor. The church is surveying an existing church site and hoping to begin some building soon. 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Baptist Church of Parker is the sponsoring church and Quartzsite a support ing church as well. Please pray that God would bring a new pastor to lead this work.
- **Beaver Dam** - God is doing a fresh work in the Beaver Dam community. This church is seeing some baptisms and some recent growth, especially in leadership from their men. Continuing with a strong food ministry in partnership with Christian Community Church.
- **Chaplaincy Ministries** - Ministry at Arizona State Prison now includes Saturday bible study and counseling, Sunday morning bible study, Monday evening “Maximizing Manhood”, and Thursday evening “Celebration Recovery”. We are in urgent need of a few more volunteers for our Truckstop Ministry at Petro, east of Kingman. Our churches are seeing many decisions for salvation through Good News Clubs. Call the RVBA office for more information on chaplaincy ministry opportunities.

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



**Sign up soon!..** We still have spots available for our Women’s Retreat April 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> and our Men’s Retreat May 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> both at Lost Canyon, Williams. These retreats are a quality time of fellowship and growth. Deadlines for registration are approaching soon.

### ***“River Run” Project April 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>***



1<sup>st</sup> Southern Bullhead City will once again serve as ministry headquarters in partnership with “Church in the Wind” and other biker groups from around our area and country. Opportunities include prayer walking, serving meals, and street witnessing. Call 928-758-3335 for more details.



### ***“Hallelujah Mountain Singin’ & Dinner on the Ground” Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>***

This yearly gospel music event is attracting a lot of gospel music groups. Meadview Baptist Church invites all of our River Valley churches for a mountaintop experience of great fellowship, food, and worship.

**Attention:** Watch for special flyers being sent to your church giving important details for River Run and the Hallelujah Mountain event.

## ***Prayer Requests...***

Pray for Pastor Search teams at Golden Valley and Bouse... Pray for healing for pastors’ wives Anna Daniel and Robin Geant... **PRAY FOR GOD TO AWESOMELY BLESS OUR RIVER VALLEY CHURCHES IN THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES!**