

## "Life Letter"

Mission News, & Events  
Winter 2010



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

### **Our Vision...**

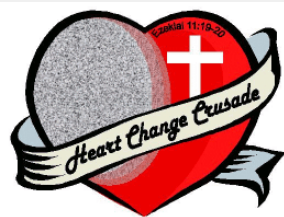
God has called the churches of River Valley Baptist Association to partner together in bringing life to the desert by... starting new churches, strengthening existing churches, and serving one another!

### **Coming Up In River Valley...**

- **January 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, Bullhead City Area**  
Simultaneous revival meetings in Bullhead City, Ft Mojave, Golden Shores, & Needles
- **January 15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, Quartzite**  
Taking the gospel to 1.2 million people in the Quartzsite area.
- **January 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, Bouse**  
Community revival and outreach
- **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Phoenix**  
State Vacation Bible School Training
- **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, Kingman**  
Regular Pastor's Fellowship at 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Baptist Church, 10:30 AM
- **Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Strategy Team Planning & Praying Retreat, location to be announced
- **Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Lake Havasu City**  
Pastors Brotherhood Group Meeting at Calvary Baptist Church, 10 AM

*We invite both  
your prayer &  
participation!..*

**January 10<sup>th</sup>  
thru 13<sup>th</sup>**



#### **Five Churches To Choose From**

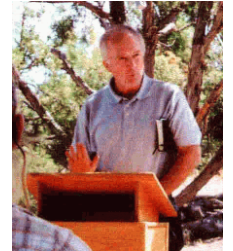
- Desert Shores Community Baptist Church
- 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, Ft Mojave
- 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Baptist Church, Bullhead City
- Golden Shores Community Baptist Church
- Harvest Community Church, Needles
- "Super Gathering" at River Valley High School, January 14<sup>th</sup>

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

#### **2010 will be a challenging year!**

This is true for our churches as well as our personal lives. While much of the challenge is due to economics, this year also represents some incredible opportunities for the churches of River Valley Baptist Association.



**The scripture below** . . . is one that God has especially impressed on my heart for this year. The "drying up of the brook" may be a striking picture both of the decreased giving we are seeing in our churches as well as our association and state convention. It is a picture of how God is perhaps making us all more dependent on Him – both in kingdom service and in our personal walk with Him day by day.

**Why Zarephath?** . . . For the prophet Elijah, this represented both a new plane and a new place. The name "Zarephath" means a place of refining where crude ore is made into precious metal. It was also in Zarephath that Elijah saw the miracle of the flour and oil at the widow's home and the raising of her son from death to life. My personal prayer for my ministry and calling and for that of our River Valley churches for 2010 is that God would use these trying times to "refine" us in His image and lead us to incredible opportunities to see His blessings multiply and the dead brought back to life in our lost communities! I am not sure what all this means, but I am sure that God has some very revealing and refreshing things to show us about our partnership together. I am looking forward as well to the very personal and powerful things that God is teaching me about my own Zarephath! How about you? . . .

**Thank you so much.** . . . for your continued prayers and support for River Valley Baptist Association this last year.

*Tommy*

*"It happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah saying, 'Arise and go to Zarephath!'"*



1 Kings 17:7-8

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

### **Bouse Baptist Church, Bouse, AZ**

God is blessing this new church with some great opportunities for the future both with new land and building plans. For the first time in the Bouse community the church will be conducting a week of revival and outreach January 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> featuring the gospel music of Charlie & Ramona Wiley. This work is by First Southern, Parker and Quartzsite and Ted Finkbeiner serves as pastor. [tfinkbeiner3@gmail.com](mailto:tfinkbeiner3@gmail.com)

### **Christian Community Church, Mesquite, NV**

Snow birds are returning and the new facility and new location is drawing new people to their church. Mesquite has been hit hard by the economy and this community needs your prayers. Pray also for continued growth and unity in the Mesquite church. We are also thankful for the incredible blessing this church is to our work in Beaver Dam. Lee Eddy serves as pastor. [olderson@rconnects.com](mailto:olderson@rconnects.com)

### **Yucca Community Church, Yucca, AZ**

Things are looking up in the Yucca community with a bit of new growth and some previously closed businesses reopening. The Yucca Church is now incorporated and constituted and is working toward becoming self supporting this year. Pastor Byron Reiner continues to serve both the Yucca church as well as Program Coordinator for our Northwest Center for Arizona Baptist Children's Services. [taytim2001@yahoo.com](mailto:taytim2001@yahoo.com)

### **Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Beaver Dam, AZ**

This church made a special gift to our association at the end of 2009 and made a bold decision to launch out as a fully self supporting church. We continue to see incredible opportunities in this northwest corner of our state to minister to many pressing needs as well as reaching out to the Mormon community, particularly nearby Colorado City. [lhenry@cascadeaccess.com](mailto:lhenry@cascadeaccess.com)

***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.

### **Did you know?..**

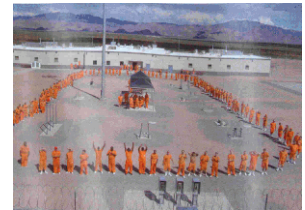
Arizona Baptist Children's Services & New Life Counseling now provides



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**.

### **Chaplaincy Ministries**

A special thank you to the 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Baptist Church of Kingman adult choir for presenting a special Christmas cantata at Arizona State Prison. They were very enthusiastically received and we had an incredible time of worship together. The prison chapel was filled to standing room only with many salvation decisions. Presently we have 5 churches ministering at the prison and more volunteers are needed. Call the RVBA office for more information.



We are thankful for the volunteer chaplains who are so faithful at our truckstop chapel at Petro Truckstop outside of Kingman. This ministry continues to meet the needs of drivers and their families in a very special way through our partnership with Truckstop Ministries, Inc.

### ***"The Ultimate Recovery Plan"*** ***Quartzsite Revival & Community Outreach*** ***January 15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010*** ***Quartzsite Southern Baptist Church***



Louis Spears, Evangelist



David Ekert, Worship Leader

**Ministry Opportunities Include. . .** prayer team, street witnessing team, ministry booth team, & community outreach team. Contact Pastor Aaron Chicoine at 928-927-5860 or [www.rvba.net](http://www.rvba.net).

## ***"On Mission" News From Our Churches...***

- **Cedar Hills Community Church...**

broke ground recently for their very own building just below where you see the cross in this picture. The footings have been poured and there is much excitement within the church body! God has blessed this church and they are hoping to finish their



building and still remain debt free!

- **1<sup>st</sup> Southern, Kingman** - Shared with the community the birth of Christ with a live Christmas Pageant - in spite of the rain! The city of Bethlehem was recreated right on the grounds of the church complete with the shepherds, marketplace, Roman soldiers on horses, Herod's Palace, and the Nativity.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Southern, Parker** - As many of our churches in our association did, Parker 1<sup>st</sup> held their Annual Octoberfest, fed over 300, offered free bibles, Jesus videos and evangelism tracts.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Southern, Ft. Mojave** - Reaching out to their community by knocking on doors and inviting people to church. Mission Team is beginning to plan for 2010 mission trip to Cochise County once again.
- **Calvary, Lake Havasu** - We welcome new Youth Pastor Chad Murrell and wife Jana! Calvary once again ministered to the children of Peach Springs distributing over 200 shoeboxes filled with school and personal needs for the kids.
- **Golden Valley Baptist Church** - New Pastor, Stephen Brown is settling in. Groups are planning to join the outreach ministry in Quartzsite this month.
- **First Southern Baptist, Mohave Valley & Big River Baptist Church** - Please pray for these two churches as they begin their searches for new pastors. Pray that God would sustain and unify these churches as they wait for His man in His time.

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