



Fall 2017

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## Happenings In River Valley And Around Our State...

### Upcoming "River Valley Days"

Missionary Tommy Thomas is still available to come and share in your church. This can be a great way to promote missions and church planting. Just call the River Valley office to schedule your event. Dates are still available for November and December.

**Missionary in River Valley Office** — Sept 13th—14th, Oct 23rd—25th, Nov 6th—8th.

**River Valley Missional Resource Meeting** — Thursday, Sept 14th at 10 AM, River Valley office.

**Monthly Pastors' Fellowships** — Thursday, Oct 12th, 10:30 AM at Golden Valley Baptist Church.

**Country Bluegrass Gospel Event** — Saturday, Oct 14th, 1 PM—4 PM, at the Little White Church in Oatman, AZ . FOR ALL RIVER VALLEY CHURCHES

**River Valley Praying & Planning Retreat** — Tuesday, Oct 24th, time and location TBA.

**Arizona Southern Baptist Convention Annual Session** — Friday, Nov 17 in Tucson

Check with your church office for additional info and details for all these events.

## News From Our Cluster Pastors And Churches...

Check out our new website! Please take notice of our new web address above our phone number. If you would like to have your church's event promoted, please contact us through the website.



### BHC Cluster

The BHC Cluster is blessed to have **Set Free Needles** as part of our cluster. At our BHC Cluster monthly meetings, Pastor Marty and those who serve in that ministry join us to share how God is working to touch the lives of those afflicted by drug and alcohol abuse and we also get to be challenged to help the Set Free Ministry in a real tangible way.

**First Baptist Bullhead City** is also part of that partnership. Right now they are without a pastor, but not without a partner. Our Cluster Pastors are doing what we can to help them as they move forward in their search for the pastor God has called.

In **Golden Shores**, pastors from our cluster are partnering with the church to help as they welcome **Bob Price** as their pastor. We could not be doing all of this without fellow pastors and our congregations working together.

**Pastor's Retreat update...** It looks like the retreat will be given its final inspection sometime in the next couple of weeks. If it passes, we will then be able to begin to use the facility. There is still some work to be done and if we have anyone who would like to donate some time to construct steps, a fire pit, general maintenance and cleaning, please feel free to contact George Lyman at Desert Shores.

**September 9th, 9 am—4 pm Desert Shores Community Baptist Church will be hosting a Women's Retreat.** The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch served by the men of Desert Shores. The speaker is Judy Scharfenberg. The theme of the Retreat is "Who's Stealing My Joy". To attend the event call Kaye at [928-754-1111](tel:928-754-1111). Limited seats are available.

### Southern Cluster

**Bouse Baptist Church** has received an occupancy permit for their new building and will be having the dedication of the new building on Saturday, November 11th.

**FSBC Blythe**—New Pastor **Ray (& Nicole) Grignon** announces new ministry opportunities starting on Sept 10th — Sunday School at 9:30 AM, Choir at 3:30 PM and Bible Study at 5 PM.

**FBC Parker** is gathering necessary items for foster kids and the homeless, started a diaper ministry to the community and will be having their annual Harvest Festival October 31.

Please continue to pray for pastorless churches in **Quartzsite** and **Big River**.

### Kingman Cluster

A big welcome to new pastors **Dean (& Rhonda) Stanley** at Golden Valley Baptist Church and **George (& Shelly) Perkins** at Cedar Hills Community Church!

## ***N AZ Church Planting Update...*** ***Missionary Tommy Thomas***



**Aletheia Church, Sedona AZ**  
Meeting in the Crestview Baptist Church facilities, this new church is now averaging 50 in Sunday worship and continuing to make a strong impact in the Sedona community and particularly the new age culture.

### **Dewey Fellowship, Dewey AZ**

Dewey Fellowship Pastor Bryan Powers reports having their first Vacation Bible School with over 30 kids in attendance, averaging 30 in worship.

### **Set Free, Needles, CA**

All glory to God as our network of Set Free churches continues to expand between the Needles and Yucaipa, California areas and beyond. **Set Free Needles**, Pastor Marty Souter, recently baptized over 30 people in the Colorado River and have seen over 120 baptisms since October with many more to come! Over 25 kids in their first Vacation Bible School with four men and women's homes in place and a new men's ranch open just across the bridge in Arizona. Averaging consistently over 100 in worship services.

### **Set Free Desert Center, CA**

Pastor Daniel Sostre, is experiencing some wonderful growth as well averaging over 40 in worship with two men and women's homes in the **Lake Tamarisk** community, men working at the local fish hatchery, and over 10 baptisms thus far. Started new **Biker Tabernacle Church Plant** meeting on Saturday evenings and exploring extended ministry and possible church plant in **Blythe, California**.

### **Silver Lake Family Fellowship, Show Low AZ**

Just celebrated their second anniversary with over a dozen baptisms so far this year. New ministries include Celebrate Recovery.

### **All Nations Church, Flagstaff AZ**

This is one of our first university churches in Northern Arizona ministering primarily to Asian PHD professors and their students from Northern Arizona University. Partnering with Christian Challenge.

### **Native American Church Planting, Navajo, Hopi, Hualapai, & Havasupai Nations**

Possible core group in **Second Mesa**, new church plant in **Indian Wells** with Pastor Sanford Dick and wife, Sadie. **Native American Bible Institutes** conducted with special church planting classes being offered. A recent Vacation Bible School conducted by **First Southern, Tuba City** and **Coppermine** reached over 50 children in partnership with a mission team from Abilene, Texas. Four Celebrate Recovery groups, under the leadership of Steve and Keely Sage from **First Southern, Kingman**, are now being conducted each week in the Hualapai community of **Peach Springs**. **Calvary Church**, Lake Havasu City, once again sponsored the End of School Carnival and **OneChurch of Conway, Arkansas** conducted several community outreach events this summer. Thank you, Zona Youth, for your generous offering of over \$10,000 to the Supai School!

### **Kingman, Lake Havasu & Bullhead City, Arizona**

Two new apartment churches are forming under the leadership **Desert Shores** and **Calvary. Huachuca Yard Church** now averaging over 200 men with over 53 men baptized so far.

### **Ten Future Projected Church Plants for 2017/2018**

**Include...** Church restarts in **Cordes Lake** and **Paulden**, a new rural church plant in **Show Low/Taylor**, a new rural church in the **Greater Show Low**, a collegiate focused church in **Flagstaff**, a Set Free Church in **Sedona, Blythe**, and the **Arizona Strip**, a new Native American church in **Sanders**, and a new Hispanic Church in the **Holbrook** and **Snowflake** area.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

2017 Arizona Mission Offering

# MULTIPLY

September 10-17, 2017 | Col. 3:6-7 (NKJV)

GOAL \$160,000

- MULTIPLY THROUGH DISASTER RELIEF \$40,000
- MULTIPLY THROUGH MINISTERING TO PASTORS Investing in Pastors and Ministers in Crisis \$40,000
- MULTIPLY THROUGH CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE \$20,000
- MULTIPLY THROUGH PLANTING CHURCHES \$20,000
- MULTIPLY THROUGH STUDENT MINISTRIES \$20,000
- MULTIPLY THROUGH HISPANIC MINISTRIES \$20,000

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