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News From our New Network Director...Dean Stanley

Greetings,

Happy New Year! It has been wonderful this past month reaching out and meeting with many of you.

I look forward to engaging with all of you in the new future. I am here for prayer, support, resources and helping out your ministry in any way that I can. If I am unable to help you, I will certainly point you in the direction of someone who can.

As we move forward in helping churches reach others for Christ, I plan to continue to build upon the ministry that has already been established. Working beside you and your churches to encourage and strengthen your ministries. I am grateful to God and I thank you for the opportunity to serve as the River Valley Mission Network Director.

Please feel free to reach out to me with your needs, questions or concerns. May you celebrate all that God has done in 2017, and all the He did in His Son, Jesus Christ, and all He will do with and through us in 2018.

In Christ, Dean Stanley

Happenings In Our River Valley Churches & Around Our State...



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Schedule a River Valley Day!

This can be a great way to promote missions and church planting in your church. Call the River Valley office to schedule your event.

Project Quartzsite — Jan 20-26th, Right in the middle of their annual outreach, car show, gospel music events, and revival.

Annual Business Session and Celebration of Churches

Sat, Feb 3rd, hosted by Bouse Baptist Church, 9:30am-2pm. FOR ALL RIVER VALLEY CHURCHES.

Monthly Pastors' Fellowship — Thurs, Feb 8th. Location TBA.

Arizona Southern Baptist Convention — Disaster Relief

Training — Fri and Sat, Feb 23-24th. Convention Council

— Mon & Tues, Feb 26-27th. Revitalization Regional

Dialogues — Wed & Thurs, Feb 28-Mar 1st. ASBC Hispanic

VBS Clinic—Sat, Mar 17th.

Revival Services—Bouse Baptist Church, Feb 25th-28th.

Dean Stanley preaching. Music by Stanleys, Westernaires, and Ted Finkbeiner. Sunday morning 10am, 6pm week-nights. Everyone is welcome!

Fort Mohave Annual Car Show—Sat, March 3rd, First Baptist Church, Fort Mohave.

Monthly Pastors' Fellowships — Thurs, Mar 8th. Location TBA.

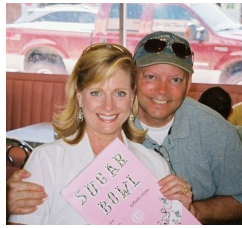
Gospel Music Event —Desert Rose Church, Beaver Dam, Saturday, March 10th.

Parker Revival Services—Sunday March 11th-Wednesday 14th, FSBC Parker Brother Caleb Eisslet preaching. Sunday Services at 11am, 7pm nightly. Weeknights 7pm.

Crossroads Auto and Bike Show—Calvary Baptist Church, LHC, Saturday, Mar 17th.

[Check with your church office for additional info and details for all these events.](#)

River Valley Cluster News and Information...



A Special Thank You to Jack and Debbie Thompson!

It has been a privilege to have this church planter and wife serving our Riverpointe Church in Mohave Valley. Pastor Jack has brought strong leadership to a very challenging field. Jack's passion for personal evangelism and visitation has established a strong new beginning for this church. His wife Debbie has had a great ministry to our ladies and to the local pregnancy center. They are both beginning a new ministry in Texas and will be missed by a dear church family. "Well done, good and faithful servants!"

Thinking About Spiritual and Strategic Clusters. . .

A "cluster" is defined as a similar group of people occurring closely together and positioned for an explosive impact! The River Valley Mission Network exists for our churches and our strategy is intricately *church driven*. Our purpose is to resource the vision of local churches and provide opportunities to be on mission together. Our vision and strategy grows out of what God is leading your church to do in reaching your community and your world. We are continuing to develop a Cluster Organization Strategy made up of Pastor Representatives from our five geographical areas who value doing more together than they can do alone. These pastors make up our Missional Resource Team which communicates to the association the resourcing needs of their area churches as well as taking care of the business of the association. That is why it is so important that we hear from you.

A lovely, final word from the Irreplaceable Donna Brown...

To the churches of River Valley Mission Network,

I just wanted to say thank you to our River Valley churches for allowing me to serve you for 22 years. It was my pleasure and true blessings to be able to get to know each of our pastors, assist our church secretaries when they had needs, to sometimes be the communicator between our churches, and to see God working through the various ministries of River Valley. You are all family to me and I will miss serving in this capacity, but I know I am leaving you in very capable hands. Please know you will be forever in my heart and prayers as I know that God still has great things coming for River Valley!

-Donna Brown



Introducing Alexandra Sheldon...

We welcome "Lexi" as our new River Valley Office Manager. Lexi is a member of FSBC Kingman and she and husband, Richard, are expecting their second child in March. She is here to serve our pastors and churches so please call the River Valley office to say hi.

Check out the next two pages below for the Northern Arizona Church Planting Update.

Northern Arizona Church Planting Region

Report & Update

River Valley, Grand Canyon, Desert Pines, Four Corners and Yavapai Baptist Associations

January 2018



Open Doors For Church Planting Across Northern Arizona... Our vision for planting new churches across Arizona is a very simple one. Together we want to discover the doors God is opening and walk through these doors as partners together in God's kingdom. This strategy is without an agenda and sincerely invites the input and involvement of these associations, churches, individual partners, and our State Convention. We desire to see new churches planted very naturally and organically in many places reaching many kinds of people. We will continue to see a need for city and rural churches as well as new churches focused on affinities and unique cultures in Arizona including Native American churches, Set Free churches, Cowboy churches, Apartment churches, Prison Yard churches, and Biker churches to name a few. A true and biblical vision for church planting is really a vision of multiplication and a vision of "making disciples of all the nations." A critical need in the future is for strong Sending and Supporting churches who will help shape this strategy and who are serious about reproduction and willing to make a sacrifice in this church planting strategy.

Aletheia Church, Sedona Arizona

Continuing to meet in the Crestview Baptist Church facilities. Aletheia is making powerful and positive effect in the Sedona community, building relationships and networks through community service events, providing strong biblical teaching and discipleship, caring for the needs of hurting people, and making an impact in the new age culture. They are in their third year of support and looking ahead to the next phase of strategy and ministry for the future. We appreciate Pastor Josh Jennings and wife Shannon for the great work God is doing through them.

Dewey Fellowship, Dewey Arizona

Dewey Fellowship with Pastor Bryan Powers is now conducting Sunday services in the **Quailwood** area of **Dewey and Prescott Valley**. God is using Brian and wife Jaime to build strong relationships in the community and to reach out to young families in unique ways. We appreciate the support of churches in the Prescott area and the **Yavapai Association**. Many areas of Northern Arizona are growing rapidly and it is a joy to have church planters and new churches who are all about BEING the church in these places, planting seeds through personal and strategic relationships, and reaping the harvest of people God is already preparing to hear the gospel.

Set Free Desert Network--Needles and Desert Center, California

We are continuing to see God open doors for a new network of Set Free churches beginning in the **Yucaipa California** Area and expanding through **Desert Center and Needles California**. New Set Free Churches are being projected for **Blythe California** and the **Buckeye West Valley area of Phoenix**. Over 150 people were baptized at **Set Free Needles**, Pastor Marty Souter. When churches are continually intentional about baptism they naturally see much more life change taking place in their church! Both **Needles and Desert Center** have multiplied with additional **Biker Tabernacle** church plants and all of our Set Free churches in this network relate closely and partnership together in many outreach projects. This network has many pressing needs and is a great opportunity for our established churches all across Arizona to be partners in prayer, helping with community ministry, and giving financially to these needs by sending gifts to the River Valley Mission Network.

Greater Show Low Area

All praise to God for the continued growth and ministry of the **Silver Lake Family Fellowship**, Pastor David Lee and wife Nancy. This new church has started a new weekly Celebrate Recovery Ministry and has ordained some of their first deacons and are developing new leadership. Adjacent land has been secured for future growth and they are now a new partner with the **Indian Wells** church plant. A special thanks to the **Desert Pines Baptist Association** and **Linden Hills Family Fellowship** for their vision of planting more churches in the Show Low area. Pastor Byron Brown is now in the cultivation stage of a new church plant in the **Y Area** and new locations for church plants are being explored in the **Park Valley, Bison Ranch, and Taylor Areas**.

Flagstaff Arizona and Northern Arizona University

Our newest church plant in the Flagstaff Area is **Elevation Church**, Pastor Kevin Dunlap and wife Codi. Their desire is to work in partnership with the **Grand Canyon Baptist Association, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, and North American Mission Board** in planting a new church with a strong, small group-discipleship model focusing on young families in the older, downtown area of Flagstaff. Through the ministry of **Christian Challenge** we are continuing to pray for God to raise up a second Collegiate-Focused church close to NAU. **All Nations Church**, Pastor Sung Cha and wife Esther are continuing to focus on reaching Asian scholars and students from Northern Arizona University.

Native American Church Planting Network, Navajo, Hopi, Hualapai, & Havasupai Nations

Michael Campbell is serving as a Mission Pastor at the **Burton Church** and relating to a new core group in **Second Mesa** and **Keams Canyon** areas. Our new church plant in **Indian Wells** with Pastor Sanford Dick and wife, Sadie is now conducting Sunday services and working in partnership with the **Desert Pines and Four Corners Baptist Associations**. **Holbrook** is still serving initially as a geographical "hub" for planting these Native churches and our desire is for God to bring together partners and partnerships to help shape the right strategy for these new works. **Native American Bible Institutes** are being conducted by Pastors Jesse Billy and Bob Seimore with classes in **Snowflake, Holbrook, and Silver Lake**. God has raised up Jack Colorado and Larry Tsingine to lead the new work in **Coppermine** allowing Pastor Jessie Billy to begin exploring and cultivating new locations. Mission teams from **Abilene Texas and Phoenix** are bringing youth mission teams to these areas this summer. Through the leadership of **Happy Valley Baptist Church** we are making initial visits in the **Supai Village**, building relationships, and hopefully a foundation for a new church plant. Steven and Keely Sage are continuing to lead the work in **Peach Springs** with four Celebrate Recovery groups meeting weekly. **OneChurch of Conway Arkansas** is returning again this year for summer projects both in Peach Springs and **Supai**. **Calvary Baptist Lake Havasu City** continues to use some awesome teams for Family Fun Days in Peach Springs and **First Southern Kingman** is our sponsor for our Celebrate Recovery ministry and the host for the Arkansas missions team. Future possible church plant locations include **Pinion, Page, Narrow Canyon, and Black Mesa Areas**.

Kingman and Bullhead City Areas

Huachuca Yard Church at Arizona State Prison is now averaging around 220 men in attendance in Sunday morning worship with over 30 men awaiting baptism in March! A new senior chaplain is on board and many new opportunities exist for volunteers to assist with our yard church ministry. Reevaluating the continuation of our Apartment Churches in **Bullhead City** and **Lake Havasu City**.

Hispanic Church Planting Network and Future Locations

Our churches in the **Blythe, California** and **Quartzsite** areas are fellowshiping and partnering closer together and exploring opportunities for additional plants the **Parker Area**. We appreciate our awesome Hispanic pastors Jorge Moreira and Claudio Martinez. We have new partners stepping up all the time and it is easy to get connected and involved. Contact **Northern Arizona Church Planting Missionary, Tommy Thomas** at (928) 279-9904.