



# West Branch Trailblazer

Keeping in Touch, Seeking Your Prayer and Involvement

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## Prayer Requests

Effective preaching ministry

Remaining 2017 Summer staff positions to be filled

Financial provision to complete the expansion of electrical and fire protection components required for the dining hall

Dining hall project management, plans, and contacts

## Project Status

**Dining Hall-** \$40,000 additional dollars have been given for preliminary projects; contact made with APS about the electricity needed

**Open-air Auditorium Concrete Floor & Platform-** work group tentatively scheduled, funds needed

**Campground Enhancing-** Ongoing work with water runoff, roads, and sidewalks; praying to be able to add cover for some outdoor dining areas

## Is it Spring YET?

We had just about convinced ourselves that spring had arrived. Only the last remains of a major January snowstorm had escaped melting. Then came fourteen inches of snow this week! While spring may only be teasing us, the calendar is crying out that summer is not that far away. With that etched in our minds, we are working hard to be ready for summer camps while still giving time to three events before summer.

A big part of our summer preparation is finding the people God would have work with us as counselors, Ranch Hands, or program staff. Thankfully, at this writing, we are nearing the completion of that search. Please pray with us that the Lord will lead two additional Ranch Hands our way. Ranch Hands are high school aged young men who help in a variety of ways including serving and cleaning up meals. It is a great opportunity to spend five weeks in a good atmosphere while serving the Lord.



**2016 Summer Staff.**  
**Sixteen of nineteen summer positions are filled for 2017.**

We are thrilled to announce that we will be having a new fourteen-month camp internship being filled by Isaiah Nuno, who is graduating from Bible college this spring. Isaiah did a fantastic job last summer as a counselor, and we are grateful he is coming to contribute to the leadership of our program staff.



**Camp dining area—we need to add cover and sidewalks for rainy days**

## 2017 West Branch Events

- 3.17-18 Men on the Move  
Williams, AZ
- 3.23 Phoenix Valley Banquet  
Scottsdale, AZ
- 4.29 Ladies Spring Getaway  
Flagstaff, AZ
- 6.4-7.29 Southwest Youth  
Challenge
- 6.19-23 Youth Camp 1
- 6.26-30 Junior Camp
- 7.6-8 Family Camp
- 7.10-14 Youth Camp 2
- 9.9 Arizona Regional Youth  
Conference, Peoria, AZ

## Special Needs

- Fencing "T"-posts & single wire smooth fencing
- Woods Finishing Mower
- Small beverage cooler (such as seen near grocery store checkout aisles)
- Canvass cover for outdoor dining area
- New queen size bed

## Stay Connected

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As always, another big part of camp preparation is enhancing the facilities the Lord has given us. While we work on infrastructure issues of the larger dining hall project which will be completed down the road, we are also working to make the most of what we already have. We have been coordinating with a men's missions work team from North Carolina to come pour a concrete floor in our temporary auditorium and complete several other smaller projects. Please pray with us for the Lord's provision for these projects.

## Spring Events

Just around the corner is our annual Southwest Regional *Men on the Move* Conference. Held in our hometown of Williams, Arizona, we have men come from around the Southwest for about twenty-four hours of preaching and fellowship. For the first time since our property move, we will be having some of the men staying on site in our camp cabins.



The following Thursday, March 23, we will be in Scottsdale for a special banquet to connect with the many friends in the Phoenix Valley that we have served through past camps and regional events. If you are in the central Arizona area, we hope you will let us treat you to this banquet meal while we share with you all the Lord has been providing at West Branch.

We close out our spring events with our Ladies Spring Getaway, April 29, in Flagstaff. We already have a good number of ladies registered for this day of encouragement and challenge from God's Word.

## Preaching Out and About



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In January and February, the Lord gave us opportunities to preach in local churches, at a large Christian academy, and at the Bill Rice Ranch's Day of Champions in the Tampa, Florida, area. Coming up we have several more meetings including two revival weeks, a Bible conference, and some Sundays in Arizona churches.

Please pray for us as we conduct these meetings that the Lord will give us power and persuasion in preaching and that we will be a help to each of these fine churches.

## Spring Church Meetings

- March 5-10 Cumberland Hills Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, TN
- March 26-31 Northland Baptist Church, Flagstaff, AZ
- April 9-12 Gilson Wash Baptist Church, San Carlos, AZ
- May 5-7 Evangelical Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ
- May 21 Faith Baptist Church, Cottonwood, AZ