

The Valley Rim's 63rd Annual Meeting

Encounter

Galatians 3:5





63rd Annual Meeting

Tuesday,

October 10, 2023

Fostering relationships for greater kingdom impact!

Prayer Gathering	4:00 - 4:30PM
Mission Fair	4:30 - 5:00PM
Fellowship Meal	5:00 - 5:50PM
Welcome & Worship	5:50 - 6:15PM
Annual Sermon	6:15 - 6:50PM
Congregational Singing	6:50 - 7:00PM
Business Session	7:00—8:00PM

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“Encounter”

Galatians 3:5

63rd Annual Meeting Agenda

October 10, 2023

Light In The Desert

Prayer Gathering 4:00PM

Mission Fair 4:30PM

Fellowship Meal 5:00-5:50PM

Welcome & Worship 5:50-6:15PM

Bryan Jerry

Annual Sermon 6:15PM

Dennis Pethers

Worship 6:55PM

Light In The Desert Praise Team

Business Session: 7:00PM

Tim Leshar/ Josh Hodges

Call to Order

Tim Leshar/ Josh Hodges

Scripture & Prayer

Enrique Borja

Seating of Messengers

Enrique Borja

Adoption of Agenda

Tim Leshar

Resolutions

Tim Leshar

Associational Mission Strategist

Josh Hodges

Soul Care

Jim Martin

Business:

Tim Leshar

Minutes

Tim Leshar

Financial Report

Tom Trujillo

Adoption of Budget

Tom Trujillo

Election of Officers

Josh Hodges

Business from Messengers

Tim Leshar

Commissioning of Officers & Ministry Leaders

Trustee/ Louis Spears Leading

Time/Place

Josh Hodges

Close Meeting

Josh Hodges

Minutes



“The Good Portion”
Valley Rim Southern Baptist Association
62nd Annual Meeting
October 11, 2022

Prayer Gathering 4:00PM

Mission Fair was held at 4:30 PM

Fellowship Meal 5:00-5:50PM

Crossroads, SBC

Welcome 5:50 PM

Rick Basch

Rick welcomed Valley Rim Churches and introduced Josh Hodges.

Presentation: to Sandy Eglinton for 20 years of faithful service by Josh was made.

Worship at 5:55-6:10PM

Crossroads Praise Team

This I Believe and His Strength were sang.

Annual Sermon 6:15 PM

Bryan Jerry

“The Good Portion” Scripture: Luke 10:42

The Questions: What is Better? What is the Good Portion? What are we to do with this?

The best is to feast on the Good Portion : to listen and turn to Him. We neglect the good portion to our demise when we fail to listen Other Scriptures referenced were: Psalm 16:5, 73:20, 119:57, 142:5

Worship

Lynne Basch

“Come to Worship Medley” was sung.

Business Meeting called to Order at 7:00PM

Bryan Jerry

Scripture and Prayer

Enrique Borja

Read Luke 10:42 and prayed

Seating of Messengers

Enrique Borja

41 messengers were seated

Adoption of Agenda (Page 4)

Bryan Jerry

Motion to accept the agenda was made and seconded. Accepted

Resolutions (Page 22)

Bryan Jerry

Presented 1 Resolution. motion to accept Resolution , Seconded, Motion Accepted

Associational Director (Page 32)

Josh Hodges

What are Places you are familiar with? Say the first thing that comes to mind. He named various paces and received responses. Josh then shared things that come to mind when asked about Valley Rim: Churches working together, Churches that have merged, Churches sharing the same space, Pastors meeting with each other & Missions It looks like Cooperation, Collaboration and Opportunity to be a Missionary force to all people. Valley Rim is predicated on Relationships. We need Relationships with the Lord and one another.

He then read Isaiah 28:23-26 (ESV) For years Valley Rim Has operated largely the same. A key finding that was discovered was that for most within Valley Rim, The greatest value we provide is relational in nature. The strength of our association is in the depth of our relationships. We will be working to algin our efforts organizationally to better meet the needs of our churches and leaders.

In the coming year we will continue to foster relationships, and provide greater kingdom impact .

Thank you.

Church Planting Report (Pgs 33-34)

Tim Leshar

Tim was out of town see written report

Equipping & Training Team (page 35)

Mark Pratt

Chris shared information about team. Would love to come alongside of you and help you through your next steps. See written report for more information

Pastoral Care and Connections (page 36)

Jim Martin

Shared teams carte about churches and those who shepherd the flocks.

See written report for more information.

Business

Bryan Jerry

Minutes (page 05-08)

Bryan Jerry

Motion to approve minutes made, Seconded

Motion carried

Financial Report (page 9-18)

Tom Trujillo

Presented report with explanations. Motion to accept as stated was made.

Motion seconded. Motion accepted by consensus.

Adoption of Budget (page 10)

Tom Trujillo

Presented proposed budget for 2023. Discussion called for. No Discussion

Motion made to accept as presented.

Motion seconded. Motion approved as presented.

Election of Officers:

Bryan Jerry

The Administrative Team Brings the following recommendation's:

For the office of President - Louis Spears, Micro Light brings the name of Tim Leshar

Motion made Chris Baker and Seconded, Accepted by Acclamation

For the Office of Vice-President -Eloy Villegas, Centro Cristiano De Alabanza Y Adoracion

brings the name of Enrique Borja Motion made and Seconded Accepted by Acclamation

For the Office of Treasurer - Joaquin Vargas, Experimenta Vida brings the name of Thomas

Trujillo Motion made and Seconded Accepted by Acclamation

For the Office of Associational Clerk - George Barnes, HiWay Baptist Church brings the name of

Sandy Eglinton Motion made and Seconded Accepted by Acclamation

Election of Team Leaders:

Bryan Jerry

For the Pastoral Care & Connections Team: Beth Silvers, Crossroads brings the name of Rick

Basch. Motion Made and Seconded Accepted by Acclamation.

Business From Messenger

Bryan Jerry

None presented

Commissioning of Teams and Officers

Rick Basch

Tim and Place (Pg. 20)

Bryan Jerry

Bryan stated that the next annual meeting is scheduled to be held at Light In the Desert in 2023.

Close Meeting

Bryan Jerry

Motion made to close the 62nd annual meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Eglinton

Clerk



Financial Report

2024 Proposed Budget

	2023	2024	Diff
Income			
Contributions from Churches	\$ 191,772.00	\$ 191,772.00	\$ 0.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 191,772.00</u>	<u>\$ 191,772.00</u>	\$ -
Expenses			
Staff Expenses			
Associational Missionary Strategist			
Salary (9140)	\$ 28,100.00	\$ 26,456.00	\$ 3,657.00
Insurance (9110)	\$ 9,252.00	\$ 15,534.24	-
Housing/Utilities (9130)	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 29,100.00	-
Mileage Reimbursement (9115)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,009.38	-
Business Reimbursement (9630)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,009.38	-
Retirement (9156)	<u>\$ 3,698.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,698.00</u>	-
Total Associational Missionary	\$ 73,150.00	\$ 76,807.00	\$ 3,657.00
Office Manager			
Salary (9500)	<u>\$ 27,610.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,610.00</u>	-
Total Office Manager	\$ 27,610.00	\$ 27,610.00	-
Payroll Expenses (9510)	\$ 2,112.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 488.00
Workman's Comp (9540)	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	-
Total Staff Expenses	<u>\$103,572.00</u>	<u>\$107,717.00</u>	\$ 4,145.00
Operational Expenses			
Building Insurance (9440)	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Building/Grounds (9430)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	-
Custodial/Kitchen (9450)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	-
Copier Lease (9460)	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,800.00	-\$ 300.00
Office Expense (9471)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,300.00	-\$ 300.00
Utilities (9520)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	-
Telephone (9530)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	-
Memberships (9550)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	-
Equipment (9645)	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	-
Total Office Expenses	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 36,600.00	\$ 2,100.00
Partnership Ministries Expenses			
Christian Challenge (9625)	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ (600.00)
Casa De Amor (9635)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 600.00
Pastors Emergency Ministry (9670)	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 0,000.00</u>	-
Total Partnership Ministry Expenses	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 11,200.00	\$ -
Teams Expenses			
Equipping & Training (9815)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Church Planting Team (9830)	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Pastoral Care & Connections (9840)	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total Team Expenses	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 43,900.00	\$ 1,400.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$191,772.00</u>	<u>\$199,417.00</u>	\$ 7,645.00
Net Income	\$ -	\$ (7,645.00)	\$ (7,645.00)

Valley Rim Southern Baptist Association

Church Giving By Year

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Difference FY22-FY21
Jan	\$ 10,952.74	\$ 18,102.57	\$ 17,692.17	\$ 14,213.93	\$ 12,932.40	\$ 23,449.05	\$ 15,862.59	\$ 13,634.84	\$ (2,227.75)
Feb	\$ 11,247.17	\$ 15,193.97	\$ 12,103.48	\$ 10,969.45	\$ 12,345.51	\$ 14,635.76	\$ 12,615.55	\$ 15,930.51	\$ 3,314.96
Mar	\$ 14,614.58	\$ 17,005.46	\$ 11,181.95	\$ 13,978.83	\$ 12,727.40	\$ 14,433.90	\$ 16,358.14	\$ 17,476.46	\$ 1,118.32
April	\$ 13,024.00	\$ 11,604.02	\$ 13,560.70	\$ 16,957.35	\$ 12,441.61	\$ 15,648.56	\$ 14,755.90	\$ 16,533.20	\$ 1,777.30
May	\$ 12,347.49	\$ 13,494.87	\$ 14,338.64	\$ 13,661.02	\$ 18,372.12	\$ 10,942.41	\$ 18,857.70	\$ 7,261.56	\$ (11,596.29)
June	\$ 12,030.97	\$ 10,943.04	\$ 14,085.36	\$ 12,718.76	\$ 18,885.30	\$ 19,129.64	\$ 16,275.08	\$ 17,138.09	\$ 863.01
July	\$ 12,279.47	\$ 11,711.09	\$ 10,914.81	\$ 19,550.74	\$ 15,074.79	\$ 12,415.98	\$ 14,941.82	\$ 8,315.63	\$ (6,626.19)
Aug	\$ 15,578.80	\$ 14,617.46	\$ 12,550.53	\$ 12,382.94	\$ 11,948.82	\$ 12,132.39	\$ 18,854.52	\$ 12,252.00	\$ (6,60252)
Sept	\$ 13,364.23	\$ 13,758.29	\$ 14,864.99	\$ 14,149.60	\$ 18,596.51	\$ 12,518.18	\$ 18,937.49	\$	\$ (18,937.49)
Oct	\$ 11,252.68	\$ 9,350.62	\$ 16,747.83	\$ 14,142.71	\$ 13,265093	\$ 17,662.16	\$ 13,149.77	\$	\$ (13,149.77)
Nov	\$ 11,641.60	\$ 15,992.11	\$ 12,666.88	\$ 18,386.13	\$ 10,911.15	\$ 17,836.26	\$ 20,230.96	\$	\$ (20,230.96)
Dec	\$ 17,497.48	\$ 16,775.05	\$ 24,514.04	\$ 21,702.52	\$ 17,285.18	\$ 21,578.34	\$ 16,613.20	\$	\$ (16,613.20)
To date	\$ 102,075.22	\$ 112,672.48	\$ 106,427.64	\$ 114,033.02	\$ 114,727.75	\$ 122,687.69	\$ 128,521.30	\$ 108,542.29	\$ (19,979.01)
Year Total	\$ 155,831.21	\$ 168,548.55	\$ 175,221.38	\$ 174,786.27	\$ 182,413.98	\$ 186,282.63	\$ 197,452.72	\$	\$

Church Giving August 2023

Thank You for sending your Associational Missions offerings by the Wednesday following the last Sunday of the month.

Name of Church	Monthly	Year to Date
A Prayer Away	0.00	0.00
Apache Junction, First	1,037.77	8,723.87
Arizona Avenue	0.00	0.00
Bridge Casa	0.00	1,000.00
Bridge Retro	0.00	725.00
Brown Road	501.28	3,480.17
Cambodian Baptist Fellowship Church	55.00	387.00
Central Heights	723.29	3,325.00
Centro Cristiano De Alabanza Y Adoracion	50.00	400.00
Chandler, First Baptist Church	380.00	2,945.00
Church on Mill (FSBC Tempe)	41.66	333.28
Church on Randall Place	279.00	2,282.00
City Of Grace Bible (Iglesia Biblica Ciudad De Gracia)	0.00	0.00
Citypoint Baptist Church	0.00	416.00
College View	1,058.00	8,244.00
Comunidad Cristiana Camino Nuevo	0.00	0.00
Cornerstone Family Church (Fountain Hills)	0.00	5,974.72
Corona Baptist	809.23	5,005.02
Crossroads SBC	160.00	1,280.00
Crystal Fountain	0.00	0.00
Desert Community Christian Fellowship	200.00	1,600.00
Desert Hills BC	83.02	613.47
East Valley International Church	0.00	961.87
East Verde BC	0.00	870.36
Faith Tabernacle BC	0.00	0.00
Family of Faith Fellowship	117.21	1,148.58
Ferguson Memorial Indian	0.00	0.00
Fil-AM Int'l Baptist Church	150.00	1,200.00
Gateway Fellowship (FBC Gilbert)	1,062.06	5,990.28
Glory of the Lord	0.00	0.00
Good Faith Institutional	0.00	0.00
Grace Point Espanol	25.30	151.50
Here By Grace Glory Ministrys*	0.00	0.00
Haitian Christian Church	0.00	0.00
Harmony Community BC	83.82	711.11
Heart Cry Church / Cowboy Church	0.00	7,495.82
Hi-Way Baptist Church	1,932.93	12,733.39
House of Transformation (Kenyan Church)	0.00	0.00
Iglesia Bautista HPC	0.00	0.00
Iglesia Cristiana Conexion	100.25	802.00
Iglesia Expandiendo Al Reino De Dios	25.30	25.30
Iglesia Experimenta Vida	0.00	207.11
Iglesia Ncuentro	50.00	477.22
Iglesia Para Su Gloria	0.00	50.00
Int'l Baptist Ministries	0.00	0.00
Islands Community	0.00	0.00
Light In the Desert	534.28	2,112.27
Light at Fort Gibson*	0.00	0.00
Light at Indigo Springs*	0.00	0.00
Light on Angeline Ave. *	0.00	0.00
Light on Kyle*	0.00	0.00
Lighthouse Network	210.00	2,832.00
Living Stone Community	0.00	909.90

Church Giving August 2023 Continued

Thank You for sending your Associational Missions offerings by the Wednesday following the last Sunday of the month.

Name of Church	Monthly	Year to Date
Longmore Road	108.87	595.82
McQueen Road	43.96	463.56
Mesa, FSBC	280.88	3,474.13
Miami, FSBC	0.00	862.00
Microlight *	0.00	0.00
Mount Calvary Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
My City Church Phoenix	0.00	0.00
New Beginnings Christian Church	0.00	0.00
Passion Creek	0.00	824.61
Queen Creek Bible	0.00	0.00
Queen Valley, Church at	252.00	2,016.00
Reconcile Church Tonto Apache	0.00	0.00
Rim View Community Church	769.40	6,082.58
Salt River Community	0.00	340.00
Set Free Kearny Church	25.86	206.88
Shiloh Missionary	0.00	0.00
Streams of Life Church	0.00	0.00
Sun Lakes, FBC	246.94	2,991.42
Superstition Foothills	50.00	400.00
Tempe Christian	0.00	200.00
The Bridge-Rio Vista	100.00	825.00
Trinity Baptist Church	200.00	800.00
Twin Butte	404.69	4,256.35
Willow Grove	0.00	0.00
Word Church	0.00	0.00
Xtra Mile*	0.00	0.00
Total	\$ 12,252.00	\$ 108,542.29

* Giving listed under Lighthouse network (\$ 472.00 average pre church)

Valley Rim Association of Southern Baptists Churches

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1000-Bank Accounts

1010 – Operating Account 160,237.62

1020 - Regular Savings 115,898.97

1060-Guidestone Fund

1060-1 - Conservative Alloc. Fund 40,194.62

1060-2-Balanced Alloc. Fund 74,550.96

1060-3– Growth Alloc. Fund 35,879.07

Total 1060 - Guidestone Funds 150,624.65

Total 1000 –Bank Accounts 426,761.24

Total Checking/Savings 426,761.24

Total Current Assets 426,761.24

Fixed Assets

2200-Land & Building

2201-Land 75,000.00

2202-Building 371,000.00

Total 2200-Land & Building 446,000.00

Total Fixed Assets 446,000.00

Other Assets

2101-Vehicles

2101-Block Party Trailer 7,000.00

2102-Sports Trailer 1,000.00

Total 2100-Vehicles 8,000.00

Total Other Assets 8,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS 880,761.24

Valley Rim Association of Southern Baptists Churches

Balance Sheet continued

As of August 31, 2023

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

2104-Payroll Liabilities

2104.1– Health Insurance 62.16

Total 2104 - Payroll Liabilities 62.16

3000– Designated and Reserves

3008– Soul Care

3008-1– Soul Care Salary 15,160.05

3008-2 - Soul Care Housing 667.50

3008-3 –Soul Care Retirement - 619.33

3008 –4 -Soul Care Expense 7,706.07

3008-5 –Soul Care Income 207.60

Total 3008 - Soul Care 23,121.89

3011 - Evangelism 2,036.73

3012– Equipment Lease Pay 4,335.01

3050 –ASSOCIATION

3050-3– Next Steps Funds

3050-3A-Equipping and Training 57,870.45

3050-3B-Church Planting 64,825.63

3050-3C-Pastor Care/Connections 60,270.63

3050-3– Next Step Funds Other 66,723.83

Total 3050-3 Next Step Funds 249,690.54

3050-5-Conference/Staff Development 172.92

3091– Education 1,500.00

3050– Association – Other 619.88

Total 3050 –Association 251,983.34

Valley Rim Association of Southern Baptists Churches

Balance Sheet continued

As of August 31, 2023

3120– Youth	1,928.01
3122– lighthouse Network	47.50
3124 International Mission Trips	4,797.58
3140-Childrens Camp	2,554.07
3220-Equipment Rentals	4,458.98
3560-Pastors/Wives Retreat	2,214.72
3610-Pastor’s Emergency	15,128.42
3640-Personnel Contingency	2,011.70
3700-Disaster Relief	<u>1,967.63</u>
Total 3000-Designated and Reserves	<u>316,585.58</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>316,647.74</u>
Total Current Liabilities	316,647.74
Long Term Liabilities	
2000-Savings Designated	
2055-NW CHURCH STARTS	
2055-1 –Church Planting	11,990.31
2055-NW CHURCH STARTS –Other	<u>895.92</u>
Total 2055-NW CHURCH STARTS	<u>12,886.23</u>
Total 2000– Savings Designated	<u>12,886.23</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>12,886.23</u>
Total Liabilities	329,533.97
Equity	
1110-Retained Earnings	135,792.25
1111-Adjustment to Retained Earnings	-27,922.58
5000-Opening Bal Equity	442,242.46
Net Income	<u>-20,540.71</u>
Total Equity	<u>529,571.42</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	859,103.39

VRSBA 2023 ACTUAL VS 2023 BUDGET			
8/31/2023			
	2023ACTUAL	2023BUDGET	% of Budget
INCOME			
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES	\$ 108,542.29	\$ 191,772.00	56.6%
OTHER INCOME			
OTHER DONATIONS			
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 24.76		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 108,567.05	\$ 191,772.00	56.6%
STAFF EXPENSES			
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY STRATEGIST			
SALARY (9140)	\$ 18,733.44	\$ 28,100.00	66.7%
ANNUITY /INSUR (9110)	\$ 6,168.00	\$ 9,252.00	66.7%
HOUSING ALLOWANCE (9130)	\$ 19,400.00	\$ 29,100.00	66.7%
MILLAGE REIMBURSEMENT (9155)	\$ 1,281.18	\$ 1,500.00	85.4%
BUSINESS REIMBURSEMENT (9630)	\$ 996.02	\$ 1,500.00	66.4
RETIREMENT	\$ 2,465.36	\$ 3,689.00	66.7%
TOTAL ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY STRATEGIST	\$ 49,044.00	\$73,150.00	67.0%
OFFICER MANAGER			
SALARY (9500)	\$ 18,406.72	\$ 27,610.00	66.7%
TOTAL OFFICE MANAGER	\$ 18,406.72	\$ 27,610.00	66.7%
PAYROLL EXPENSES (9510)			
WORKMAN'S COMP (9540)	\$ 549.00	\$ 700.00	78.4%
TOTAL STAFF EXPENSES	\$ 69,697.98	\$ 103,572.00	67.3%
OPERATION EXPENSES			
BUILDING INSURANCE (9440)	\$ 3,119.07	\$ 5,500.00	56.7%
BUILDING/GROUNDS (9430)	\$ 3,440.38	\$ 3,000.00	114.7%
CUSTODIAL/KITCHEN (9450)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	53.3%
COPIER LEASE (9460)	\$ 8,156.80	\$ 10,500.00	77.7%
OFFICE EXPENSE (9471)	\$ 1,913.31	\$ 3,000.00	63.8%

	2023 Actual	2023 BUDGET	% of Budget
UTILITIES (9520)	\$ 2,333.25	\$ 3,000.00	77.8%
TELEPHONE (9530)	\$ 2,983.60	\$ 4,500.00	66.3%
MEMBERSHIPS (9550)	\$ 767.68	\$ 1,000.00	76.8%
EQUIPMENT (9465)	-	\$ 1,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 24,714.09	\$ 34,500.00	76.1%
PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES EXPENSES			
CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE (9625)	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 4,200.00	66.7%
CASA DE AMOR (9635)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	66.7%
PASTOR'S EMERGENCY (MINISTRY) (9670)	\$ 1,729.00	\$ 4,000.00	43.2%
TOTAL PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY EXPENSES	\$ 6,529.00	\$ 11,200.00	58.3%
TEAM EXPENSES			
EQUIPPING & TRAINING TEAM (9815)	\$ 3,688.04	\$ 4,000.00	92.2%
CHURCH PLANTING TEAM (9830)	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 29,000.00	63.4%
PASTORAL CARE & CONNECTIONS (9840)	\$ 6,078.65	\$ 9,500.00	66.3%
TOTAL TEAM EXPENSES	\$ 28,166.69	\$ 42,500.00	66.3%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 129,107.76	\$ 191,722.00	67.3%
NET INCOME	\$ (20,540.71)	-	



Time, Place

Digest of Churches

Resolutions

TIME, PLACE REPORT

DATE: October 15, 2024

TIME: 4:00PM

PLACE: Corona Baptist Church
4450 W Ray Road
Chandler, AZ 85226

ALTERNATE: Bridge Casa
819 S Macdonald
Mesa, AZ 85210

Digest of Churches

Digest of Churches	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Churches Reporting	69 Of 76	52 Of 77	39 Of 80	29 Of 81	26 Of 79
Total Members	12,239	10,951	9,457	7,506	7,208
Total Baptisms	331	181	251	191	131
Average Worship Attendance	6,506	5103	4,206	3,780	2,506
Sunday School / Bible Study	4,118	3201	2,267	1,857	1,625
Total Receipts	\$10,753,836	\$10,249,629	\$9,179,917	\$7,609,569	-
Total Mission Expense	\$1,837,477	\$1,494,370	\$1,314,065	\$1,115,995	\$ 820,937
VBS Enrollment	-	-	855	883	934
Total Undesignated Receipts	-	-	\$5,141,654	\$6,520,944	\$6,787,351

As reported in the Southern Baptist Directory Services on **10/01/2023**

2023 Resolutions

On Appreciation Light In The Desert Baptist Church

WHEREAS, Light In The Desert Baptist Church has graciously opened their church facilities to our annual Valley Rim meeting; and

WHEREAS, many hours of preparation have made this meeting possible;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the 2023 Valley Rim Association 63rd annual meeting, express our gratitude to God for Light In The Desert Baptist Church.

Pastor Bryan Jerry, the church staff, and the members of this church for the use of their facilities and their labor in hosting our annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted on this 10th day of October 2023 on behalf of the officers and members of Valley Rim Southern Baptist Association of Churches.

Reports





Providing hope and care to hurting children and families through Christ-centered ministries since 1960

Report to the Valley Rim Association – September 2023

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God continues to use Arizona Baptist Children’s Services & Family Ministries (ABCS) to provide hope and care throughout the state. Through August of this year, 17 individuals have made decisions for Christ. We are grateful for the ways that He continues to open doors for us to serve children and families through our seven Christ-centered ministries. The work we do would not be possible without the generosity of our supporters and partners. Over the last year our team in the Central region has provided opportunities to engage with supporters in-person. We are blessed by each person who attended our events to connect. Together, we are shining the light of Christ during a time where hope is desperately needed. Thank you for your consistent support of the Central region.

After the Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade last summer, the New Life Pregnancy Center (NLPC) team launched a new resource to offer to church partners. God was already at work through the team to develop the Responding with Grace and Truth workshop. The workshop was introduced for the first time one week after the Dobb’s decision at Zona youth camp. Over the last year Raquel Kerr, State CoDirector of New Life Pregnancy Center has been traveling around Arizona to share this resource. A big thank you to Citypoint Church who hosted the event in March and to Hillside Baptist Church who will be hosting our last workshop of the year in October. The content includes how to have grace-filled, lifeaffirming discussions. This has been a fruitful addition to the services we can offer through New Life Pregnancy Center. Our hope is more people will be equipped to have meaningful conversations with people of opposing views in a post-Roe world.

ABCS’ Community Resource Centers ministry continues to see a great need in our communities. The rise of inflation and turbulent times have left many families with a lack of basic resources like food and clothing. Through August, we have served 30,189 people and distributed 31,871 food boxes to individuals and families through our community resource centers in the Central region. God has blessed us with partnerships with Sprouts, Midwest Food Bank, St. Mary’s Food Bank and many churches to help meet physical needs and share the love of Christ with each person who walks through our doors. Arms of Love Foster Care currently has 126 foster families and 126 children in their care. It is a blessing to license Christ-centered families who have answered the call to provide a safe and loving home to children in need.

Arms of Love Foster Care currently has 126 foster families and 126 children in their care. It is a blessing to license Christ-centered families who have answered the call to provide a safe and loving home to children in need. This year, through Arms of Love Foster Care and Parent Aide, we have served 356 families and over 1,100 children involved with the Department of Child Safety (DCS). Arms of Love Foster Care is still actively recruiting and licensing families. If you sense the call to foster, visit abcsfostercare.com/get-started.

We are grateful to serve a God who is sovereign and in control. In all of our ministries we look to Him for guidance on how to best steward the blessings He has given to us through His people and provision. We would appreciate your prayers for the ministry and what God has in store in the year ahead.

In Him,

Steve Hanna
President & Executive Director



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2023 ASSOCIATIONAL ANNUAL REPORT

We thank God for the Associations around our state and our partnership in the Gospel! I hope that you have a great annual meeting this year celebrating what God is doing among you. We hope to strengthen the connections among our churches and associations this coming year. Here are some things to be aware of in the Arizona Mission Network of Southern Baptists...

Arizona Southern Baptists continue to give sacrificially to missions in spite of the economic challenges we face. Cooperative Program giving was over \$1,900,000 in the first half of 2023 and \$11,675 over what we had budgeted to that point in the year. What a great testimony to the faithfulness and generosity of our churches in giving to support the 3700 international missionaries, 5000 church planting missionaries in North America, and ministries in Arizona like Christian Challenge, the Arizona Campus of Gateway Seminary, and Arizona Baptist Children's Services through the Cooperative Program.

Our Annual Meeting will be held at First Baptist Church, Chandler on Friday, November 3, 2023. The theme of this year's meeting is *Open Your Eyes as we respond to the challenge of Jesus to see the fields that are white unto harvest. We especially want to encourage churches to engage in international missions partnering with the International Mission Board. We will be hosting a Together for the Nations conference led by IMB missionaries on Thursday, Nov. 2 just prior to the annual meeting to expose our churches to the needs and opportunities to be a part of getting the gospel to the nations. We will specifically be hearing about opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa as the Arizona Mission Network enters into a partnership with that affinity for the next several years. The event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the cost will be \$15 including lunch and materials. You can register at imb.org/together/Arizona.*

The Pastors Conference this year will feature pastors who have led their churches to engage in international missions. The keynote speaker for our annual meeting is our own Dr Doug Derbyshire, who is a long-term IMB missionary in Thailand. He has hosted dozens of mission teams from churches in Arizona over the years to help with medical clinics and can testify to the impact churches can have serving with missionaries on the field. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. W. Johnson".

David W. Johnson, Executive Director



GATEWAY SEMINARY

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REPORT to the ASSOCIATION

Book of Reports, 2023

2023 marks our 27th year in Arizona! After graduating 6 in May, our historic number of graduates has climbed to 292!

Campus Report

AZC is pleased to welcome our students for the fall semester:

- 80 total students, of which 18 are new students

More than 45 students have received financial assistance this semester, totaling almost \$60,000. We are extremely grateful for this continued support and partnership with the Arizona Southern Baptist Network, local associations and local churches

- ◇ Arizona locations include
- ◇ Phoenix Main Campus
- ◇ North Valley at Valley Life Church
- ◇ East Valley at Hiway Baptist Church in Apache Junction
- ◇ Possible future expansion sites include Las Vegas and northern Arizona

Campus Highlights

Gateway is offering the Church Planting Certificate for those involved in church planting in Arizona. This certificate utilizes local church partners to provide training to interns involved with NAMB planting processes.

The Bible Teaching Certificate will be offered at Hiway Baptist Church in Apache Junction. This fall, twelve students will be studying the Old Testament with Dr. Paul Smith. Thanks to Pastor George Barnes and the staff at Hiway!

The Arizona Campus is exploring the possibilities of adding one or two new degree programs:

- Master of Arts in Christian Counseling
- Master of Arts in Educational Leadership
- Both are 49-credit hour degree programs - earliest start-date will be Fall, 2024
- Also under consideration is a special Doctor of Ministry cohort based in Arizona.

Gateway Seminary offers a variety of training opportunities, from the Bible Teaching Certificate and several Masters degrees to the Doctor of Ministry or Philosophy. Please contact Dallas for more information – 602-

Last year an older gentleman, Al, came to the food bank asking if we needed volunteers. He lived alone. He wanted to serve, but also wanted community. He explained that after years of addiction was sober, had given his life to Jesus, and was looking for a church family. He joined the Bridge on Sunday mornings. Between the Bridge and Casa he had found family. This past July Al passed away. During his final year of life, Al shared with his estranged family in California what an impact it was to be a part of Casa de Amor and be given the opportunity to serve his community. His impact on our community was immense and he will be missed.

Casa is about more than just giving out food, clothing, and diapers. It is about community. It is a place to belong. It is a place for neighbors to serve neighbors. Thank you for partnering with us to build a place that aims to restore dignity and hope in Christ.

We have served 8,303 families totaling over 22,000 individuals through August 2023. God is faithfully providing new opportunities for food and funding to help us create a sustainable food program. These new opportunities have provided avenues towards a more sustainable and robust program. Please pray for us as the next 6 months will continue to bring changes to our food program.

Our school supply drive was a huge success. We had over \$7,000 worth of supplies donated to the students in the community and Lincoln Elementary. Over 350 students were able to come and shop for a backpack and receive supplies. There were additional supplies delivered to Lincoln Elementary to help provide a better learning environment for the most vulnerable students.

The other exciting news for 2023 is the expansion of the New Life Pregnancy Center. They have seen a huge increase of new families being reached and more space was needed. Thanks to Valley Rim Churches we were able to double their space and capacity to serve families.

This year started out as a year of uncertainty in many ways for Casa de Amor, but as always God shows His faithfulness over and over. Thanks to the Valley Rim churches for your partnership which continues to be a huge blessing to thousands of families every year.

A few specific needs:

- Homeless Food Items - Pop-top soups, bags of tuna, fruit cups, protein bars, shelf stable individual milks
- Diapers
- Monday and Wednesday Food room volunteers
- Monthly Partners to support Food Program

Please pray for Casa de Amor:

- Monthly financial giving would continue to remain consistent and grow.
- Pray for the salvation of volunteers as we have numerous volunteers who don't have a relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for the Bridge Church as they continue to share the gospel in the Guerrero Park Neighborhood.
- Pray for meat donations to increase from grocery stores

Casa de Amor qualifies for the Arizona Foster Care Tax Credit as a part of Arizona Baptist Children's Services. Please share these easy ways for people to redirect their tax dollars in Arizona to serve the underserved right here in Mesa at Casa de Amor. Couples can qualify up to \$1,000 and individuals up to \$500. Tax credit donations for 2023 can be given up to April 15th, 2024.



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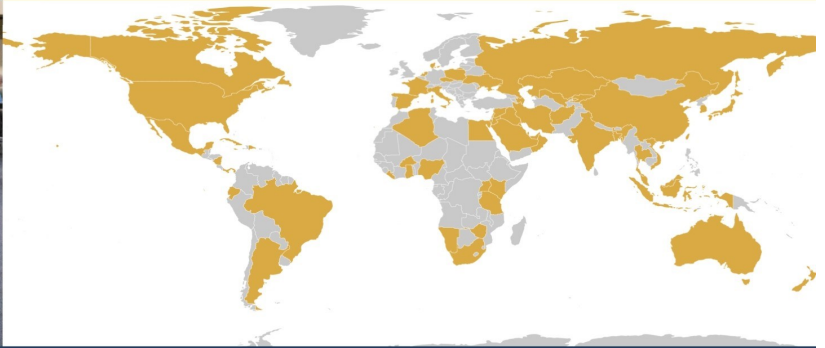
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Who we are:

A ministry at Arizona State University making disciples of all nations, in partnership with local churches, for the worship and glory of God.



60+ countries engaged in Fall 2023!

ASU STATS

15,000+

international students at ASU each year

13,500+

international students on campus per semester

150+

countries represented

GLOBAL MISSIONS LOCALLY

ASU has more international students than any other public university in the U.S. When they go home with their degrees, they will be the leaders in their communities. We are evangelizing and discipling these students to send them with the gospel, the Spirit, and a vision for spreading the church. We long for God's promise of the diverse multitude in heaven (Revelation 7:9-10).

WOULD YOUR CHURCH CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH US?

-Prayer- -Volunteering- -Meals- -Furniture- -Financial-

Contact an LATN staff member to see how you or your church can get involved and help reach the nations who have come to us.

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We exist to...

engage college students with the gospel, develop disciples of Jesus Christ, and mobilize servant leaders for the church

The collegiate ministry of the Arizona Southern Baptist Mission Network

2022-2023 Annual Report

What we do:

Our goal is to develop college students to Love God, Live his word, and Serve his church. At Christian Challenge ASU Tempe we are partnered with Church on Mill to reach students with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our hope is for every student we meet to have an opportunity to respond to the gospel.

We truly believe that what you win college students with is what you win them to. For that reason, we have a ministry that is focused on sharing God's word and helping students interact with the bible. We believe the word of God does the work of God, and have witnessed the transformative power of God's word to change the lives of college students.

Practically, we accomplish this task by going on campus each week to meet students and share the gospel. We have 9 bible studies that meet throughout the week across the ASU dorms led by volunteer student leaders. We have a large gathering every Thursday where around 80 students gather to hear and discuss God's word as taught by one of our campus missionaries or pastors. And finally we participate in events in partnership with Christian Challenges all across Arizona focused on growing our students in discipleship and evangelism. We also have a strong emphasis on helping college students see a need for the bride of Christ, the local church. We help students get plugged into the local church where they will serve and be cared for far beyond their college experience.

Fruit from 2022-2023:

This year at ASU Tempe we have seen some visible fruit from our labor. We had 4 missionaries, 7 volunteers, and 19 student leaders faithfully working to reach ASU. Through the 2022-2023 school year we have seen over 130 students involved regularly in the ministry, 7 conversions/baptisms, 9 bible studies meeting across ASU, and 2 students preparing for vocational ministry. All of this fruit pales in addition to the invisible work of the spirit that is conforming college students into the image of Christ each day.

College students, now more than ever, are in need of the truth that only the gospel can provide. Please continue to pray for us as we work faithfully to see students experience Jesus and cross from death into life.

Pray For Us

- Pray that God would continue to save college students across ASU and across Arizona.
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- Pray that God would provide for the spiritual and physical needs of our missionaries so we can work hard at ASU.
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- Pray for God to be glorified in all that we do.

Thank you for your support of Christian Challenge through the Cooperative Program and the Arizona Missions Offering

Submitted by: Brandon Reimus, Director of Christian Challenge at ASU Tempe



Since our meeting in 2022 Arizona Disaster Relief has been busy in training and responding to needs in Arizona and around our world!

At the end of September 2022, Hurricane Ian hit Florida and left devastation across the state. Florida Disaster Relief requested help from other State Disaster Relief Teams for Assessors, Mass Feeding, Shower/Laundry, and Recovery. Arizona Disaster Relief was able to send multiple teams to help support their efforts. In each team that we send out we embed a Chaplain to care for the team and to interact with those what we serve. In Fort Myers Beach, our Chaplains had the opportunity to assist FEMA in their Community Assistance Center.

At our meeting in 2022 we introduced and began recruiting volunteers for a brand-new team in Arizona. The Prayer Team is engaged whenever we are responding to a disaster. They cover us in prayer and ask God to provide wisdom and safety as we travel and work. They pray for our equipment and our teams and opportunities to minister to those who have been affected by disaster.

We began 2023 with training to engage and equip new volunteers and to refresh our current volunteers with updates in the work that we do.

We had 24 individuals attend our Introduction to Chaplaincy Training in January. Disaster Relief Chaplains respond to provide care and compassion to hurting people during the crisis of disasters. In Arizona, a Chaplain is a part of every team and they look after the needs of the team as well as of those that we serve through a disaster. This training informs and begins to equip volunteers to serve as a Chaplain through Arizona Disaster Relief.

We had training events in Phoenix, Kingman, Yuma and Elfrida. Through these opportunities individuals could discover more about Arizona Disaster Relief and be equipped to serve on one of our teams. We offered training for Recovery, Chainsaw, Feeding, Shower/Laundry, and Drivers. Through these events we trained 87 volunteers to be a part of Arizona Disaster Relief.

Arizona Disaster Relief was able to serve in response to flooding in Chinle at the request of the Navajo Nation. We were asked to originally provide food to support a shelter with 50 meals. We discovered that the need was much greater and over a week our team prepared 2,700 meals.

We also helped to support church activities, training exercises and live events. Through each of these opportunities volunteers gained valuable experience and we had the opportunity to provide help, hope and healing to those we encountered.

In August we supported Crossroads Mission in Yuma, Arizona as they were remodeling their shower area for the men's shelter. We were able to provide 1,114 showers and had 51 ministry contacts with the men we served.

We have two teams prepared to go to Guam at the end of September and we are waiting to be able to respond to the fires in Hawaii. God is faithful to meet our needs and we are so grateful for your support through the Arizona Mission Offering and by helping in various ways through the year.

We have training scheduled once again in 2024 in Phoenix, Kingman, Yuma, Sierra Vista and Tucson. We would like to invite you to consider how you and your church can be a part of Arizona Disaster Relief.

Don Vickers, Director Arizona Southern Baptist Disaster Relief

Valley Rim Southern Baptist Association

2023 Annual Meeting

Association Mission Strategist

Written Report

Over the course of the year we have been able to serve our churches by providing care for their pastors and families, connecting them to resources, and encouraging collaboration.

- 600 Total Contacts
- 250 + Hours w/pastors
- 18 of VRA Pastors Received Counseling + 7 outside of Valley Rim Association
- 19 of VRA Church Members Received Counseling
- \$ 7,779 Grants Disbursed
- 13 Churches Engaged in Collaborative Efforts

The work of the association has been fruitful thus far in 2023. In January of this year we began to pilot our Ambassador project. The purpose of this project was to strengthen existing and develop new relationships within the association. As a result we have seen increased engagement at our monthly lunches, as well as an increased number of churches contributing financially to the work of Valley Rim.

Through a relationship developed by one of our Ambassadors we discovered one of our Bivo pastors was facing some significant challenges. Due to circumstances outside of his control his secular job had decreased his hours and pay to a fraction. Our ambassador discovered this through the relationship he had built and by asking how he could pray for this pastor. As the pastor shared our Ambassador realized there was a significant financial need and that this was likely a need Valley Rim could meet. As a result we were able to serve one of our pastors by assisting him financially ensuring he didn't fall behind on his mortgage or utilities. That pastor has since regained his full employment and doing well. In addition his church is doing well and running around 200 people weekly.

One of the most common questions we receive at Valley Rim is related to counseling services. We decided as a team this was an area of ministry that we could invest in. As a result, in March of this year, through a partnership with the Bridge Churches and financial assistance from the state we were able to launch Valley Rim Soul Care. This is a counseling ministry designed to serve our pastors, staff, and Valley Rim church members. Within the first week, we had been contacted by four pastors who were in need of such services. Due to scope of this project and limited resources we were able to commit to two years of this project. We will continue to monitor this ministry. Its long term efficacy will be determined by need and the financial support of our Valley Rim churches.

Two of our churches this year have undergone some significant changes. Family of Faith in Queen Creek has dissolved and given its property to Queen Creek Bible Church. QCBC was an already existing church plant within the SBC, but had not yet connected with an association. During this transition we were able to meet with and begin developing a relationship with their pastor, and QCBC has now aligned with Valley Rim. The future of this work is very exciting.

Additionally, McQueen Rd after several years of transition determined to engage a replant process for the church. They partnered with Ahwatukee Foothills Southern Baptist Church for this process. They are now being led by Dan Diffey, and the future of this congregation looks bright. Both McQueen Rd and Family of Faith took some very courageous steps to examine their current reality, and look for a new way to continue the work of the Gospel in their respective communities.

Soul Care Annual Report

October 2023

In March of this year, Valley Rim leadership decided to establish a counseling and pastoral care service. It is entitled, Soul Care. This service is meant to provide spiritual, emotional, and mental health support to the pastors and congregations of the Valley Rim Association. Our desire is to:

- Encourage and support for Valley Rim pastors and families.
- Provide counseling support for individuals and families from the congregations of Valley Rim Association.
- Serve as a referral source for more severe and specialized needs, i.e. drug addiction, etc.
- Create and curate resources to better equip our leaders and churches to address spiritual, emotional, and mental health needs within their congregations.

Thus far (through 8.2023) we have provided Jesus-focused care to 68 clients and made 6 referrals.

Soul Care is offered exclusively to pastors, staff, their families, and members of Valley Rim Congregations. The counseling services are meant to *augment* the care already provided by the pastor. We want to support the pastor. This is not meant to interject someone between the care provided by pastors and members of the congregations.

The counseling referral process is simple. Pastoral staff can find the referral form online at <https://valleyrim.org/connect-with-a-counselor>.

With this form submitted, the client can schedule by contacting me @ 480.620.3240.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via phone, text, or email (james@valleyrim.org).

Blessings,

Jim

Announcements



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Lottie Moon

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Dec. 03 -Dec. 10, 2023



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ARIZONA SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION 95TH ANNUAL SESSION



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- 9:30 AM Morning Pastors' Conference
- 1:30 PM Afternoon Business Session & Worship
Featuring Dr. Doug Derbyshire

Registration opens September 15

More details to come at azsbc.org/annual-meeting
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2024 VBS

God's rock solid truth in a world of shifting sands

WAVE hello to Next Years VBS theme! Where kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock!

SCRIPTURE:

BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND.
ROMANS 12:2



MOTTO:

ROCK SOLID TRUTH

Directors Conference

Date: **February 10, 2024**

Time: 9AM-12PM

Place: Royal Palms Baptist Church

8802 N 19th Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85021

This conference is designed to help Directors plan ahead and recruit their team! Two churches will win free curriculum! This conference is free to attend. No Registration required to attend.

VBS Conference

Date: **April 6, 2024**

Time: 9AM-1PM

Place: Royal Palms Baptist Church

8802 N 19th Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85021

All VBS workers are invited to learn how to reach, serve, and teach children about the biblical truths that will be shared this summer. Churches that register ahead and attend will receive \$250 in store credit at the training. Registration opens Feb. 1: azsbc.org/vbs

For more information on either conference contact amy@azsbc.org

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2024 SBC Annual Meeting

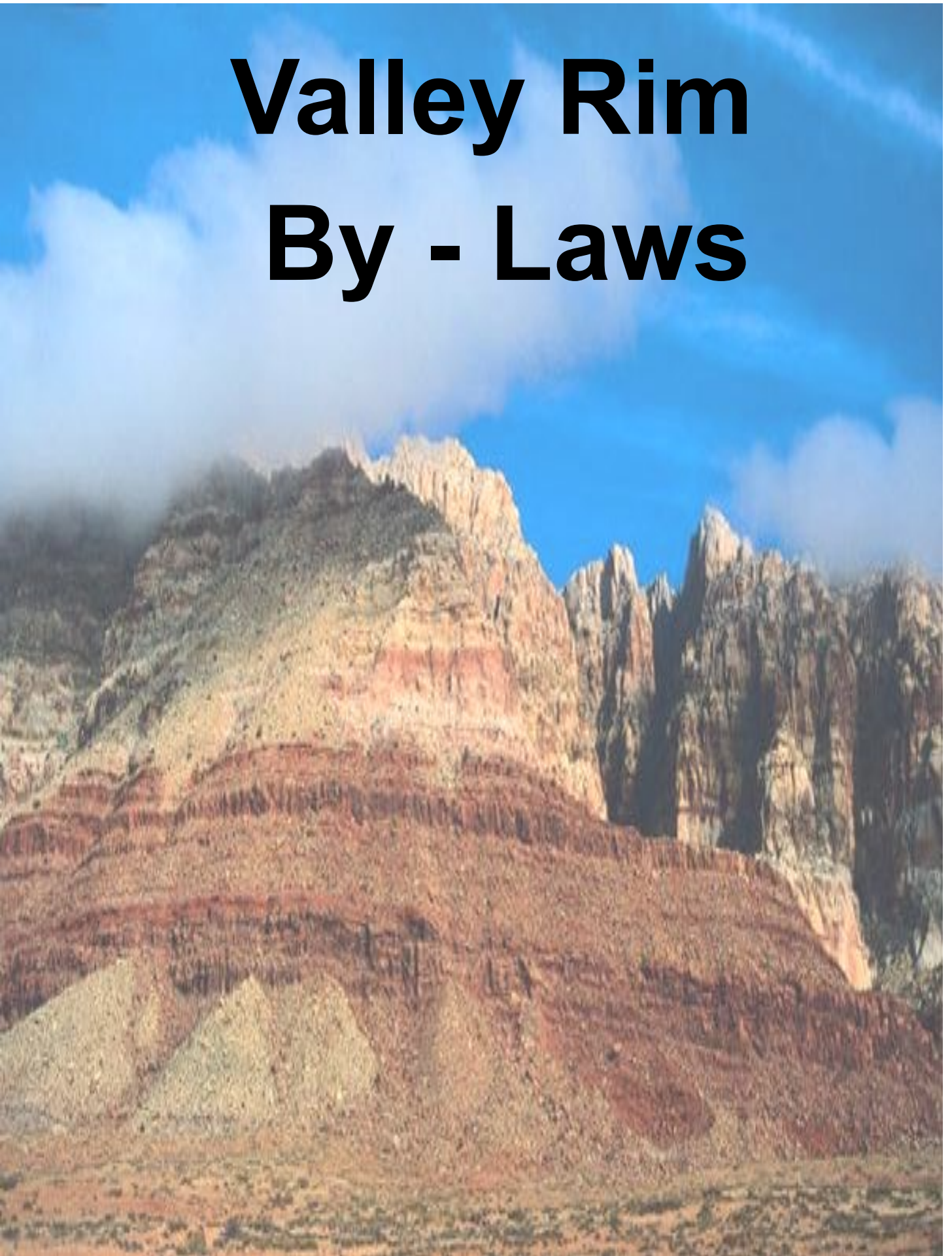
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Valley Rim Southern Baptist Association

Article I - Name

This nonprofit corporation shall be called the Valley Rim Southern Baptist Association (The Association), an Arizona nonprofit.

Article II - Objects

Section 1

The object of the association is to foster relationships amongst the churches of Valley Rim for greater kingdom impact.

Section 2

Recognizing that the association is in no sense an ecclesiastical one, the Association shall under no circumstances attempt to exercise any legislative or ecclesiastical authority over or interfere with the right and autonomy of the churches. The Association shall embrace the orderly Baptist churches now in cooperation with it and such others as may hereafter be admitted to this body.

The Association recognizes each local church as being independent and sovereign in all matters. The basis of operation in the Association shall stem solely from the voluntary cooperation of the churches constituting this organization. The Association may, however, provide advisory counsel upon invitation.

Section 3

The Association may acquire property both personal and real, and shall have power to sell or encumber the same.

Article III - Membership

Section 1

The Association shall be composed of messengers of such Baptist Churches within its membership as shall have applied for affiliation, and have been accepted by the Association at an Annual Meeting, provided the church or churches making such application shall have adopted Articles of Faith acceptable to the Association, and shall have subscribed to this Constitution. Churches which desire membership may be accepted into a Watch Care relationship at any Administrative Team meeting until a decision is made at the Annual Meeting. Known entities, other Southern Baptist Churches, may be accepted for full membership at any Administrative Team meeting in accordance with the aforementioned conditions.

Section 2

Churches desiring representation with this body shall petition by letter and representation. The Administrative Team shall consider the petition or petitions and report its findings to the Association for final action at its Annual Meeting.

Section 3

It shall be the duty of each cooperating church to make an annual report to the Association, giving names of the messengers, the statistics and financial condition of the church and any other helpful information as called for in the Annual Church Profile sent out by the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention or as required by the Association.

Section 4

If any church fails to report as required by the Association for two (2) consecutive years, the Administrative Team shall investigate their standing and report to the Association at its next Annual Meeting.

Section 5

When any church fails to report to the Association for three (3) consecutive years, the church shall enter a probationary period until such time that they report to the Association. When a church is under a probationary status they cannot request or receive Association funds.

Section 6

While the Association does not assume any authority over the churches in its fellowship, it does reserve the right to withdraw or withhold the hand of fellowship from any church which has become corrupt in faith or practice as determined by a vote at any Annual or Special called meeting of the Association.

Section 7

Each church recognized by the Association shall be entitled to five (5) messengers, and one (1) additional messenger for every twenty-five (25) resident members in excess of fifty (50) provided that no church shall have more than fifteen (15) messengers.

Article IV - Officers

The officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice President, the Clerk, the Treasurer, and three (3) Trustees.

Section 1

Election of officers shall take place at the Annual Associational Meeting. They shall take office on the January 1st that immediately follows the Annual Meeting in which they were elected and they shall serve for an annual term. No President shall succeed himself more than once. When a vacancy occurs in between Annual Meetings for the offices of Clerk, Treasurer, or Trustee, the Administrative Team may appoint someone to serve the remainder of the term.

Section 2

The President shall preside over all annual and special called meetings of the Association and Administrative Team Meetings. The Vice President shall preside when the President is absent or at the request of the President. In the absence of both the President and Vice President, a Trustee shall preside over the meeting.

Section 3

The Clerk shall send out notices of meetings, keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Association and the Administrative Team, and shall be custodian any documents belonging to the Association, and shall file a copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Association and Administrative Team for perpetuity.

Section 4

The Treasurer of the Association shall receive and keep a strict account of all Association funds and shall make a monthly report to the Administrative Team and an annual report to the Association at the Association's Annual Meeting.

Section 5

Trustees shall act as the signers for any properties or materials purchased or obtained by the Association. Trustees shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease, or transfer any property without a vote by the Administration Team or the Association authorizing each action.

Article V - The Administrative Team

Section 1

All work of the Association shall be under the supervision of the Administrative Team consisting of the officers of the Association and the Associational Staff.

Section 2

Any member of any Valley Rim Church may attend Administrative Meetings and may participate in discussions, ask questions, make suggestions and receive documents of the meeting. Only Administrative Team members shall make motions, amend motions, and/or vote.

Section 3

The Administrative Team shall transact any and all business of the Association in between annual meetings, with the exception of special called meetings, provided that nothing shall be done by the Administrative Team contrary to these By-Laws or to the expressed will of the Association. The Administrative Team shall be responsible for preparing an annual budget to present to the Association at the Annual meeting, for receiving and evaluating nominations for Ministry Team Leader positions of the Association, and for overseeing the day to day personnel matters of the Association.

Section 4

The Administrative Team shall write and keep current, subject to the approval of the Association, an Operations Manual of the Association.

Section 5

The Administrative Team shall make an annual report to the Association of all work done by the Administrative Team, of monies received and how disbursed, of missionaries or other workers employed, salaries paid, of field workers, of needy fields, giving itemized statements of all receipts and disbursements, and such matters as pertaining to the business of the Association, with such recommendations and suggestions as the Administrative Team deems wise.

Article VI - Ministry Teams

Section 1

The following Ministry Teams are hereby established to strengthen and unify relationships, trust, and teamwork amongst the churches of the Valley Rim to fulfill the great commission: Pastoral Care & Connections, Training & Equipping, and Church Planting.

Section 2 – Team Leaders

Each Ministry Team shall have a Team Leader elected at an Association's Annual Meeting to a two (2) year term. The term will officially begin on the January 1st that immediately follows the Annual Meeting in which they were elected. No Team Leader may serve more than two consecutive terms.

A candidate for a Ministry Team Leader position shall first be nominated to the Administrative Team for consideration before an Annual Meeting. The Administrative Team shall review all nominations for Team Leader positions in conjunction with the requirements for Team Leaders as described in the Association's Operations Manual. After review, the Administrative Team shall recommend qualified candidates to the Association for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

In the event of a vacancy of a Team Leader position in between Annual Meetings, the Ministry Team with a vacancy shall nominate a current member of their team to the Administration Team to serve as Team Leader. Upon the Administrative Team's approval the nominated Team Member shall serve as Team Leader for the remainder of the current term.

Section 3 – Team Membership

Team Members are to be enlisted annually by the Team Leader who has been elected to serve during the upcoming year. A list of prospective Team Members is to be presented to the Administration Team for consideration in conjunction with the requirements for Team Members as described in the Association's Operations Manual and approval before the beginning of the following year. Team members serve for a term of one (1) year, and cannot serve on the same team for more than three (3) consecutive terms. Team Leaders are encouraged to enlist as many Team Members as needed to ensure that the ministry role of the Team to Valley Rim Churches is faithfully and effectively fulfilled.

Section 4 - Team Descriptions

Duties of these Teams shall be as their names indicate in keeping with the promotion of a Southern Baptist program of work or as instructed at an Annual Association Meeting or by the Administrative Team.

Training and Equipping Team: Equip and resource the churches of the Association through ministry, training, and leadership development events and opportunities.

Pastoral Care and Connections: Work with the Associational Mission Strategist to care for, connect with, and minister to pastors in the Association.

Church Planting Team: Evaluate needs, enlist sponsors and partners, and monitor partnerships with the goal of each new start having Church Starting as a part of its spiritual DNA. Missions and Mission giving shall be a part of this team.

Article VII - Meetings

Section 1

The Association shall meet annually for worship, the transaction of business, and celebration of the work. All of the ministries will work in conjunction with the Administration Team to organize and prepare all aspects of the annual meeting.

Section 2

Special meetings may be called and the time and place of the Annual Meeting may be changed by the Administrative Team in case an emergency arises deemed sufficient to justify such action. A group of messengers representing at least seven (7) Valley Rim congregations may request a Special Associational Meeting which the Administrative Team is mandated to call.

Section 3

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the guide in all matters pertaining to the conduct of business sessions of the Association. The preferred means of making decisions within this form of polity shall be "consensus".

Article VIII - Associational Staff

The Association may call an Associational Mission Strategist and such other staff as are needed and for which funds are available to support.

Article IX - Budgeting & Funds

Section 1

The Fiscal year for the Valley Rim Southern Baptist Association shall be January 1 - December 31.

Section 2

The annual budget of the Association may be changed at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association or by the Administrative Team. When funds exceed the present budget the Administrative Team may choose to pass these funds along to the Ministry Teams as needed with a full report being made to the Association. Personnel salaries can only be adjusted by a vote at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association.

Section 3

Designated funds shall be administered by the Teams responsible for the designated areas of ministry. Team budgets will be administered by their respective Team with full report being made to the Administrative Team and the Association.

Article X - Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended upon recommendation of the Administrative Team at any Annual Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting. Written notice of the proposed amendment and a full copy of the By-laws with the proposed amendment shall be given to the churches at least sixty (60) days before the Annual Meeting of the Association. When titles and program ministry names change in Southern Baptist Life, these changes may be reflected in the next typing of the Constitution.

These bylaws were approved at the Annual Meeting of the Association on 13th of October 2020.



NEXT NEXT STEPS

<https://valleyrimbsba.org/nextsteps>

NOTES:

We Thank You

Valley Rim Administrative Team 2023:

Byron Banta	Trustee VRSBA*
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Joshua Hodges	Association Mission Strategists VRSBA*, Salt River Community
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Tom Trujillo	Treasurer VRSBA*, Heart of Mesa

Mission Fair Partners:

Arizona Baptist Children's Services—
Arizona Mission Network of Southern Baptists –
Arizona Southern Baptist Disaster Relief -
Arizona Women's Missionary Union -
Casa De Amor Baptist Center –
Character Challenge Kids Camp –
Christian Challenge –
Life Among the Nations -
Gateway Baptist Theological Seminary AZ -
Vacation Bible School 2023 -

Host Church: Light In The Desert

Music: Light In the Desert Praise Team

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**Valley Rim Soul Care Ministry