

# The VALLEY VOICE

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## Resolving in the New Year

It happens every year about this time – we make promises to ourselves about how we intend to “straighten” up our lives in the coming year. Resolutions range from the normal losing weight, eating less to the exercising more. What about spiritual commitments? Maybe this is a good time to make or renew some commitments to strengthen our spiritual lives. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Resolve to pray daily with a prayer partner, focusing on lost people you know.
2. Resolve to pray daily for more harvesters (Luke 10:2).
3. Resolve to learn daily from God’s Word.
4. Resolve to speak biblical truth in everyday situations.
5. Resolve to be a witness of Jesus’ love everyday.
6. Resolve to share your spiritual journey with one or two others who will encourage you and pray for you.

## Saturation Evangelism Conference

*\*Saturday, January 21, 10:00 am; First Southern, Lamar*

The Saturation Evangelism Conference (SEC) will be an opportunity to learn about a variety of ways to be involved in evangelism. Topics will include: evangelism at community events, workplace evangelism, block parties, servant evangelism, community evangelism blitz, revivals, and internet evangelism. SEC leaders will include Ron Clement and Kenny Moore from the state office and local pastors.

You will also hear about mission opportunities for 2006. Lunch will be served. The SEC will conclude at 1:30 pm.

## Basic Training for Church Planting

*\*January 27-28; Sugar City Baptist Chapel*

*\*February 17-18; New Hope Baptist Church, La Junta*

If you are interested in church planting, Basic Training is for you. You will learn about strategies for church planting, developing a plan, and other important information.

Basic Training will take place over two weekends. Participants should plan to attend both week-ends. Friday sessions will be 5:30- 8:30 pm. Saturday sessions will be 8:30-12:00 noon.

If you plan to attend, please call 719-456-0966 or email [frank@avba.net](mailto:frank@avba.net) to reserve your spot. Anyone can attend!!

## Prayer Walking for 2006

The following is a list of the prayer walks planned for the first six month of 2006.

January 7	Rocky Ford
February 4	Eads
	Springfield
March 4	Sugar City
May 6	Kim/Pritchett
June 3	Cheraw

For more info contact Frank: 719-940-4830 or [frank@avba.net](mailto:frank@avba.net).

## Attention Racing Fans

If you enjoy auto racing and have a love for sharing the Gospel, this is for you! March 8-12 is the ministry dates for the Winston Cup and Busch races in Las Vegas.

Volunteers are needed to carry out essential functions and ministries at the race track. Here’s a chance to turn a hobby into ministry. For more info contact Stephen Hiers: 719-469-1061 or [stephen@avba.net](mailto:stephen@avba.net).

## Looking Ahead

January 7	Prayer Walk – Rocky Ford; meet at Washington Ave Baptist; 10:00 am
January 24	AVBA Executive Board AVBA Office, Las Animas; 6:30 pm
February 4	WMM Meeting and Prayer Walk Springfield Baptist Chapel; 10:00 am
February 4	Prayer Walk – Eads; meet at FBC, 705 Maine; 10:00 am
February 7	Wise Up AVBA Office, Las Animas; 6:45 pm
February 10-11	AVBA Minister/Wives Retreat Washington Ave, Rocky Ford
February 12	<b>Minister’s Wives Appreciation Day</b>
February 13	Pastor’s Fellowship Lunch Las Animas; 12:00 noon
February 25	AVBA PraiSing First Southern, Lamar; 6:30 pm

## Quick Facts

The Arkansas Valley Baptist Association covers Cheyenne, Kiowa, Crowley, Otero, Bent, Prowers, Baca, and the eastern ½ of Las Animas counties.

Thirteen churches make up the AVBA.

## Contact Information

For information about AVBA churches and events: [www.avba.net](http://www.avba.net)

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