

# The VALLEY VOICE

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## Cross Over Colorado

Cross Over Colorado is an initiative to encourage churches to spend 100 days in reaching out to their community. Cross Over begins May 27 and concludes September 4. This is an opportunity to join with other churches in reaching out to southeastern Colorado.

Cross Over Colorado Training is May 4-5. May 4 will be at New Hope in La Junta at 6:30 pm. May 5 will be at First Southern in Lamar at 9:30 am. The May 5 training will be a repeat of the previous day. Training will include how to use the block party trailer, a prayer walking refresher course, and outreach ideas. No meal will be served in either location.

Begin planning now for 100 days of saturating your community with the Gospel message.

## Pastoral Leadership Conference

Phil Largent will be leading the second of two Pastoral Leadership Conferences in our association in April.

The conference will be held April 2-3. We will begin both nights at 5:30 pm with a light supper. The conference will be held at the AVBA Office.

The conference is open to pastors, deacons, and other church leaders.

Phil is the president of IMD International ([www.imdinternational.org](http://www.imdinternational.org)), an organization that trains leaders internationally.

## Upcoming Events

April 2-3	Pastoral Leadership Conference; AVBA Office; 5:30 pm
April 13-21	Mexico Mission Trip.
April 24	AVBA Executive Bd; AVBA Office; 6:30 pm.
April 27-28	National Bivocational Minister's Conference, Denver.
May 4	Cross Over Colorado Training; New Hope, La Junta; 6:30 pm.
May 5	Cross Over Colorado Training; First Southern, Lamar; 9:30 am.

## In Memorial – Donnie York

Donnie York passed away on Monday, March 26, 2007 in Lubbock, Texas.

Donnie previously pastored Parkview Baptist Church in Las Animas. Most recently he served as a volunteer chaplain at the Bent County Correctional Facility in Las Animas.

Donnie and Sherry also served as Volunteers in Missions Consultants for the AVBA. They relocated to Texas last year.

Funeral services were held March 31 in Gainesville, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Thailand Prison Ministries through the IMB. Donations can be mailed to Thailand Prison Ministries, c/o Bonnie Witte, IMB, 3806 Monument Ave., Richmond, VA., 23230.

Personal cards and letters can be sent to Sherry York in care of Wendell Campbell, 2205 Milwaukee, Lubbock, TX., 79407.

If you need more information, you can contact Harold Bohl at First Southern in Lamar.

## Mexico Mission Trip

The Mexico Mission Trip is coming up April 14-21. Please pray for the team that is making the trip to Hermosillo.

The team will be prayer walking, distributing the Gospel of John, and helping with evangelistic films in the Real del Carmen area of Hermosillo.

A local pastor, Enrique, is excited about the prospect of starting a new church in this area.

## On the Horizon

May 4 & 5 Cross Over Colorado Training will be held in two locations. May 4 at new Hope in La Junta & May 5 at First Southern in Lamar. Attendees will refresh their skills in prayer walking and outreach.

May 12 is the Pastor and Family Picnic at John Martin Reservoir. We will begin at 11:00 am.

May 18-19 is the People Sharing Jesus evangelism training conference. Darrell Robinson will be teaching this conference. It will be held at Washington Ave. in Rocky Ford.

## Block Party Trailer

The block party trailer is ready for another summer of fun and outreach. If your church would like to use it, you need to contact Frank to reserve it for your summer events.

If your church plans to use the block party trailer, you need to have someone attend the Cross Over Colorado Training on May 4 or 5. Important instructions for safe use of the equipment will be shared during the training.

## Contact Information

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