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Summer is here in Mesa, AZ; the last several days have been 100 degrees or better and the air conditioner in our RV has been working overtime to keep up with the heat. Things have also heated up regarding the work here at North Mesa Baptist church. We are now consistently running over 50 and had a high day of 74 on Easter Sunday. Praise the Lord. We also have folks in place to take over the children's church and Sunday school class when we leave. Pastor McBay will teach the adult Sunday school which I have been teaching.

Recently, we had a youth activity for the teenagers. They all went bowling and then had pizza afterwards. They had a good time and we saw 11 come to the activity. In May, they will be attending a teen conference with another church and many are planning to go to that. Pray that the Lord will speak to their hearts during the preaching of God's Word.

Also, recently our ladies attended a ladies retreat. There were a total of six ladies attend the conference. It was a great time of fellowship for the ladies of the church. Next week, the ladies and girls of the church will have a mother daughter tea. We have many that are planning to come to this. Please pray that everything will work out and the ladies will have a sweet time of fellowship.

On Easter, our children sang several songs; one of them was "Up from the grave He arose", and although it is a difficult song, the children did a wonderful job and all the parents and friends were thrilled with the presentation. They also quoted some scripture verses and a poem which also was very good.

Last Saturday, we had a church picnic and although it was over 100 degrees, we had 49 people come and have a good time of fellowship and food. Last Sunday, we also saw our last snow bird family leave to go back to MN. We enjoyed having four families from the North and we pray that they will have a nice summer and be back next winter.

We do appreciate the prayers of all our friends and supporters. The success of this church plant certainly is a reflection of your faithfulness. Please keep on praying.

Sincerely Serving,

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