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MINISTER'S RENEWAL

It's my privilege to take this space to encourage you to be in attendance for Minister's Renewal 2023. We are honored to have Pastor Greg Ford, who leads a progressive, fast-growing congregation in Columbus, Ohio. Well-known for his high energy, visionary leadership, and innovative thinking, Greg's passion is to develop Christ-centered, people-focused churches that transform communities. He is one of YOU! He grew up in a pastor's home, and now through God's grace and favor is leading ONE Church.

In 2011, One Church was recognized as the 'New Church Plant of the Year' by Church Multiplication Network. One Church is now home to more than 3000 people in the greater Columbus area and continues to grow. Pastor Greg has great insight, and it is my heart that you will be challenged and inspired by his ministry.

As well, I have invited a friend, Cathi Herrod. She serves as president of Center for Arizona Policy, a nonprofit advocacy organization committed to promoting and defending the foundational principles of life, marriage/family, and religious freedom. A total of 200 CAP-supported measures have been passed since CAP made its first appearance at the state Capitol in 1996.

As a mother, lawyer, and family advocate, Cathi knows that what happens at the state Capitol directly impacts our daily lives. She is recipient of the Family Champion Award from Focus on the Family. She is recognized and honored with those leading Alliance Defending Freedom. She has led the effort to pass significant pro-life legislation, including the Abortion Consent Act, Abortion Clinic Regulations, a 15-week abortion ban, and the Mother's Health and Safety Act.

Cathi will come to us in her morning workshop with significant updates in what is happening or being considered in our legislative system. She will take questions as well at the end of her presentation. I believe this will be critical information for our pastors.

Pastors, our leadership team offers this to you at no cost. No registration cost. We want to offer a boxed lunch on Tuesday, and for that reason alone, we will need you to register for this renewal to ascertain the amount of boxed lunches we will order. Thank you for cooperation in this. You can go to our website and register from there, click the link on the next page or this QR code can be used right now.



We hope to see you there.

By the time this article is in your hands, our General Council will be completed. We look forward to this special Bi-Annual council that brings thousands of our Assemblies of God family together. If per chance you've never attended a General Council, plan now to make that happen in 2025!

Besides personal times of prayer for you, our office staff gather every Wednesday for devotions and prayer. We have designated lists of names for the day, churches, and missionaries alike. Your names are called in prayer and your churches are prayed over, and we are privileged to stand in the gap for you and your ministries.

Have a blessed month of August in Jesus' Name!

Sincerely,
Pastor Harris and Marjorie Harris



MINISTER'S RENEWAL

OCTOBER 23-24 • REVOLUTION MINISTRIES CHURCH

**Guest
Speaker:
Greg
Ford**



Greg Ford is the Lead Pastor at One Church, a progressive, fast-growing church in Columbus, Ohio. Well-known for his high energy, visionary leadership, and innovative thinking, Greg's passion is to develop Christ-centered, people-focused churches that transform communities.

In 2011, One Church received national recognition as the "New Church Plant of the Year" by the Church Multiplication Network, and was recognized by Charisma Magazine in 2014 as one of the fastest-growing churches in America. One Church is now home to more than 3000 people in the greater Columbus area and continues to grow.

Greg is a 2003 graduate of Southwestern Assemblies of God University. He is a regular keynote speaker for churches and organizations both locally and nationally. Greg and his wife, Shaylyn, currently live in Columbus, Ohio, with their three children.

**Special
Session
w/Cathi
Herrod**



Cathi Herrod is president of Center for Arizona Policy (CAP), a nonprofit advocacy organization committed to promoting and defending the foundational principles of life, marriage and family, and religious freedom.

As a mother, lawyer, and family advocate, Cathi knows that what happens at the state Capitol directly impacts our daily lives. Cathi is an award-winning public policy leader. Arizona newspapers have recognized her as one of the ten most influential leaders and as one of the key people "with the juice" at the Arizona Capitol. She is the recipient of the Family Champion Award from Focus on the Family, the William Wilberforce Award from Students for Life of America, and the Deborah Award from Family Life Radio. Alliance Defending Freedom recognized Cathi and CAP with the Alliance Award in 2014.

At the state Capitol, Cathi has led the effort to pass significant pro-life legislation, including the Abortion Consent Act, Abortion Clinic Regulations, a 15-week abortion ban, and the Mother's Health and Safety Act. Cathi joined Center for Arizona Policy as Legislative Counsel in 1997. Now in her seventeenth year as President, Cathi has set an ambitious 3-year strategic plan for the organization with a vision that protects the sanctity of life, marriages and families, and religious freedom.

**Register for Free [HERE](#)
or Scan QR Code:**



World Mission's Connect 2023

Recently, Sue and I, along with Pastor Harris, had the privilege of attending and participating in the Assemblies of God World Missions Connect in Springfield, MO. This is a special event where Network leaders come together with all new and returning global workers for extended times of prayer, worship, and fellowship. The culmination of this annual event is the official commissioning service of newly appointed career missionaries.

From the earliest days of the Church, in obedience to the Holy Spirit, groups of believers commissioned missionaries. In Acts 13, the church leaders in Antioch appointed Barnabas and Saul, laying hands upon them, sending them to take the message of the gospel to the world. Our Assemblies of God forebearers started this Movement with the same purpose – commissioning men and women to take the message of the Lord to the ends of the earth. The commissioning of missionaries is still a sacred observance, a solemn reminder that the Lord is calling men and women to lay aside the comfort of home to reach a lost and dying world.

It was our joy to officially lay hands on and commission Scott & Sarah Berkey and their children, Madelyn, Myah and Mason, as they continue their passion and calling to share the gospel with the nation of Kenya. It was a very moving and sacred moment as the Berkey's, alongside 94 friends and colleagues, were prayed for and commissioned for missionary service.



We were blessed to have Greg Mundis, Executive Director of AGWM, as the speaker for this year's commissioning service. In his role as director, Greg has provided leadership for 2,640 missionaries and associates assigned to over 160 countries, territories, and provinces. Greg & Sandie will be transitioning out of their role as executive directors, and our AGWM family will be forever indebted to them for their years of sacrifice, service and selfless leadership.

While in Springfield, we also had the privilege of hosting some of our very own Arizona global workers at a Network dinner that not only included delicious food, but wonderful fellowship as well. The highlight of our time together during this special evening was praying for and encouraging one another in the Lord. Arizona truly has the best of the best when it comes to "World Changers."



In closing, allow me to share the following quote by David Livingstone: *"If a commission by an earthly king is an honor, how can the commission by the Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?"*

May we all be reminded of the sacrifice to which Jesus calls every one of us – both the missionaries who go and those of us who send them and may all of us renew our commitment to lay aside our own plans and desires and faithfully follow Him.



Ron Rockwell
Assistant Superintendent



Attributes of a Healthy Church:

Servant Leadership

A healthy church is led by individuals who prioritize servant leadership and model Christ-like behavior. Leaders are humble, approachable, and seek to serve others rather than seeking power or recognition.

6 Keys to Servant Leadership:

- 1. A Humble Approach:** Servant leaders in a healthy church are humble individuals who do not boast about their positions or accomplishments. Instead, they acknowledge their limitations and recognize that they are not perfect. This humility creates an atmosphere of approachability, where church members feel comfortable sharing with their church leadership.
- 2. Christ-like Behavior:** Following the example of Jesus, servant leaders exhibit selflessness, love, and sacrifice. They prioritize the well-being of others over their personal interests, just as Jesus laid down His life for humanity. This Christ-like behavior inspires trust and respect, making it easier for the congregation to follow their lead.
- 3. Empowering Others:** Rather than exercising top-down control, servant leaders empower others in the church to discover and use their God-given gifts and talents. They create an environment that encourages people to step into leadership roles and foster an atmosphere of collaboration and teamwork.
- 4. Listening and Understanding:** Servant leaders actively listen to the concerns, opinions, and needs of the church members. They take the time to understand the diverse perspectives within the congregation and make decisions with the greater good in mind. This inclusive approach fosters a sense of belonging and helps to address various issues effectively.
- 5. Servanthood as a Core Value:** In a healthy church, servant leadership is not merely a strategy or a temporary approach but a core value ingrained in the church's culture. It becomes the guiding principle for all aspects of church life, from decision-making and ministry planning to how conflicts are resolved and relationships are nurtured.
- 6. Accountability and Integrity:** Servant leaders hold themselves accountable to God, the church, and the teachings of the Bible. They strive to lead with integrity, being transparent and honest in their actions and decisions. This accountability fosters trust and credibility, essential components of effective leadership.

A healthy church that embraces servant leadership thrives under the guidance of humble, Christ-like leaders who prioritize the needs of others above their own. This leadership style empowers and inspires the congregation to live out their faith and actively participate in the church's mission. As the leaders serve with love and humility, they pave the way for a vibrant and united community of believers, making a positive impact on the world around them.

AZ CMN Retreat:



Our AZ CMN events are chances to connect and grow in our initiative see more thriving churches in Arizona. In July we had our latest AZ CMN retreat with Pastor Mike Santiago from Focus Church. We were happy to see over 135 leaders from more than 40 churches come together to break growth barriers. We had many leaders tell us they wish they could have brought more staff. Thankfully we recorded all of the sessions for you watch and share with your team:

Recorded Sessions – here are all 4 sessions!

Break 200 – For those interested in more resources, events, and coaching from Mike

Downloads – Pastor Mike provided many practical downloads for churches to use here

We also wanted to make you aware of the Bible Engagement Project. This platform aims to provide churches with resources and curriculum to foster a deeper connection to the Scriptures. By leveraging cutting-edge technology and adopting interactive educational approaches, the Bible Engagement Project helps inspire individuals of all ages to interact with the Bible in a more meaningful way. The best part is BEP is now free for all AG leaders and churches. Get started with your free account at bibleengagementproject.com.



LEIGH METCALF
SECRETARY/TREASURER



Note to Self...

Celebrate Marriage in Your Ministry

This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

—Ephesians 5:32

We finally did it! We enjoyed a wonderful couple of days together at our AZMN's first annual "Marriage Getaway" for pastors...and it was a great success! Dr. Don and Renee Worcester presented wonderful sessions as our guest speakers, complimented by great times of worship and fellowship. As the Worcester's commented to me afterwards, "Your pastors really enjoy each other, don't they?" Yes, thankfully we do!

I can't count the numbers of times I have publicly, privately, and gratefully stated, "Carla and I have been blessed with a wonderful marriage." Yet, the truth is we have been blessed with marriage, period. We have made it a wonderful marriage through our intentionality and dependency upon the Lord. I trust the same for you.

Let me articulate a few reasons marriage is so important for a pastor/spouse and the church they pastor:

Societally the whole concept of marriage is under attack and most likely at an all-time low in our lifetimes. The LGBTQ+ agenda, legislative decisions, and judicial rulings of both federal and states continue to erode the biblical ideal of marriage in our country. Statistics show the effect of pornography and other societal ills influencing our young adults to not marry or desire to have children. Meanwhile, God's word upholds the design of marriage from Genesis to Revelation—including Paul's exalting of marriage as a "profound mystery" (Eph. 5:32).

Pastors, please keep your marriage healthy. One of the greatest aspects to your ministry is the public example of a happy, healthy couple before your flock. Read a good book on marriage. Invest in your marriage by planning to attend next year's (June of 2024) Marriage Getaway. Jump into our upcoming Pastors' Zoom call for couples, starting in September. See some of the other suggestions I have for you below...but, INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE!

A healthy pastor will help us produce healthy churches across our network. A healthy marriage will not only exemplify, but also help maintain your health as a pastor. It's a cyclical reality.

Stay healthy in ministry, Pastor Jeff



Ways to pastor your marriage and others well...

- Keep investing in your own marriage with an eye for those you pastor
- Join our upcoming (this fall) Pastors' Zoom call for couples!
- If you hit a rough patch, (humble yourself...) reach out to a Christian counselor
- Pepper your sermons with mentioning of the mystery and miracle of marriage
- Dedicate a sermon series to marriage and the family...what a need today!
- Create moments of special prayer at the front/altar over the marriages in your church!
- If you would like to discuss these thoughts, feel free to give me a call: 480-579-9998.



Man Camp

September 29 & 30, 2023

EQUIP



Dale Gray
Arizona Men's Director



Gordon Houston
360Equip Director

GRANITE HILLS CAMPGROUND | PRESCOTT
SEPTEMBER 29-30
\$139 INCLUDES LODGING AND MEALS



**Register
HERE**



Activities

- Golf Tournament
- Fishing Derby
- High Ropes Course
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Worship Service
- Archery
- Lawn Games
- Camp Work Day

MUCH MORE THAN JUST A RETREAT

Fall Retreat

September 14th - 16th

September 21st-23rd

You're invited!

Our annual Fall Retreat is the perfect opportunity to escape the heat, step away from the distractions, connect with God and take a deep breath. There will also be opportunities to meet new friends, attend breakout sessions, enjoy outdoor activities and join the late night after-parties!

Space is limited - so reserve your spot and register today! Same experience, two dates to choose from!



Campfire Worship



Amazing services!



Connect with friends



The After Parties



Shopping



Outdoor Fun

Register **HERE**

Early bird pricing ends on August 13



ARIZONA YOUTH MINISTRIES

11 summers of youth camp might make you crazy, but I think you have to already be a little crazy to attempt even one summer of youth camp.

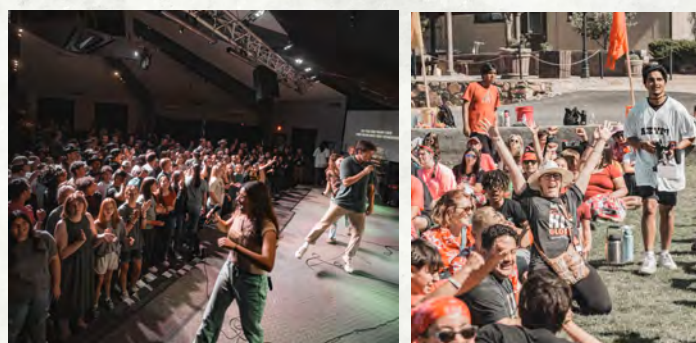
I'm grateful for the team we get to climb this hill with every summer. God knows we cannot do this alone, and we truly have the most dynamic team around us. God is always faithful to exceed our expectations and crazy ideas. Here's just a glimpse of this summer of miracles:

**7 Youth Camps
2,309 in attendance
80 churches
633 first-time campers
827 decisions for Christ
378 filled with the Spirit
722 sensed God's call
2,297 accounts of healing**

Our Speed the Light focus was addressing the foster care crisis and taking care of home. More than \$37,000 was given share the Father's love to kids in foster care and aid in the crisis.

Thank you to every pastor, leader, parent, sponsor, and camper that continues to believe every year that camp matters. We are honored that you would trust us with your kids and be our prayer support for a safe place to encounter God together.

-Griffin McGrath




Make sure to go to azagyouth.org to stay up to date on all that is happening!



GRIFFIN MCGRATH

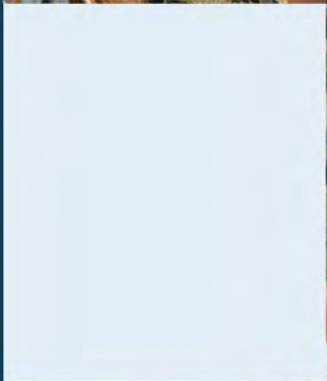
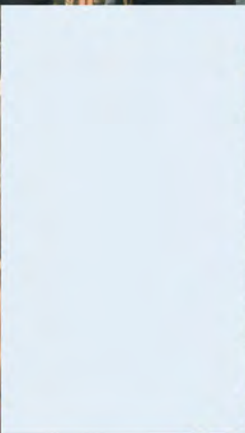
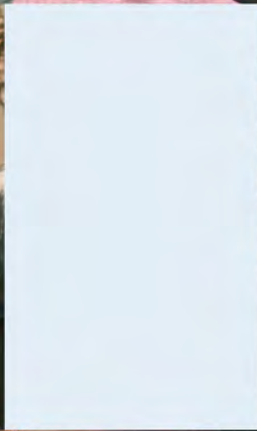
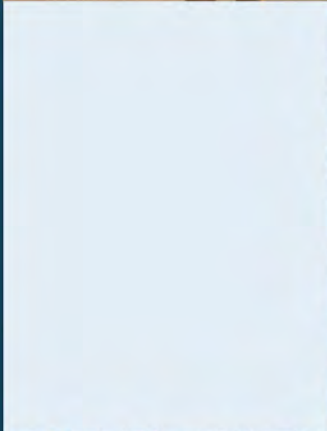
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HIGHLIGHTS

2023 KIDS CAMP





Fall Registration Open

THE ARIZONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
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CERTIFIED: HERMENEUTICS
LICENSED: ROMANS
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11th Annual Teen Challenge

HOPE FEST *AZ*

HIS GRACE IS ENOUGH FOR YOU

PRESENTED BY LAMB CHEVROLET & YAVAPAI BOTTLE GAS

HOPE FEST *AZ*
AUG 19, 2023

10 AM - 9 PM | Saturday, August 19th
Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza

projectREACH

projectREACH is a three-month evangelism outreach across the United States and Canada from August 1 to October 30.

This 90 DAYS OF HOPE campaign will unite Adult & Teen Challenge centers and volunteers with local churches, nonprofits, government agencies, and civic organizations through planned activities and events, while creating a platform to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to reach thousands of people, in hundreds of communities.

Teen Challenge of Arizona will be participating in numerous projectReach event through out this 90 days



HOPE FEST *AZ*

Love FIRST

FEATURING
BUILDING 429
EVENING CONCERT!

HOPE SERVES Family Resource Fair
HUGE Car & Motorcycle Show
Fostering Hope Award
FREE Family Fun Zone and Much More!

Teen Challenge Christian Life Ranch
will be setting up a booth
We will be sharing testimonies



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Thank you for
being a part of the
Arizona Ministry
Network!

Recent Network Statistics

OPEN CHURCHES

Cedar Creek, Assembly of God

(Interim: Ron Burnett)

Denneshotso, Trinity Assembly of God

(Interim: Isaac Todachine)

Golden Valley-Abundant Grace Fellowship

Houck Bethel Navajo, Assembly of God

Page, First Assembly of God

Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.

Sacaton River of Life, Assembly of God

San Manuel, Assembly of God

Welton, Assembly of God

(Interim: Ron Kobs)

Polacca, Assembly of God

TRANSFERRED IN

Roy Augbara from Minnesota

Dale Lee McFarland from Rocky Mountain

Gregory Haslow from SouthernCal

TRANSFERRED OUT

Steve Salvidge to North TX

Charley Odell to Oklahoma

DECEASED

Janice Odell on July 4, 2023