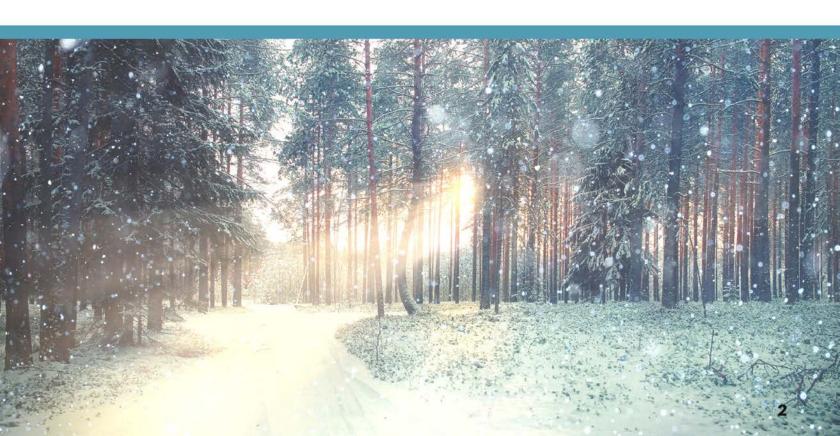


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Sectional Network Tour

January was a blur! It almost seems impossible that it has come and gone. Our 2023 Network Tour of our sections is history. We were blessed with the ministry of Dr. Don Lichi and his obvious passion for our pastors and their health and emotional welfare. We have had very positive feedback, and we are grateful for this time of reconnecting, praying together, and having an opportunity to share fellowship over a meal. Lots of miles were traveled with no incidents. We are grateful to the Lord for His hand upon us. THANK YOU to every host church and pastors for welcoming us and doing all you could do to make it a blessing to your entire section.

As a network, we would like to welcome our new presbyters. **Paul Lavino** will be the Southeast Valley presbyte and is replacing David Beach who felt it was time to step down. We also welcome **Caden Metcalf** for the Northwest Valley section, replacing Darin League, who has faithfully served in that section for several years. In the Southeast Section, **Josh Lane** was elected to serve and was graciously welcomed by former presbyter, Pete Cordova. Thank you, Pete for your service to the Southeast Section. The rest of the sections that voted on officers all returned their existing presbyter to that office. These new changes will take affect following the Network Conference 2023.

We are reminded with every network tour of the faithfulness of you, our pastors and workers across this state. Thank you for supporting this tour and welcoming our network leadership team so warmly.

Looking Ahead

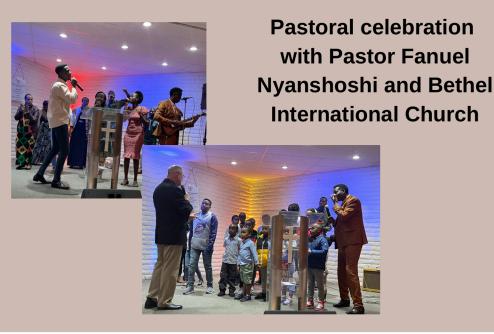
On the horizon is our 2023 Network Conference on April 17 & 18. This year, Pastors Ryan and Amy Visconti will be hosting the conference at Generation Church's newly finished sanctuary. We are already working hard on all the preparations and praying for God to make this conference truly successful! We hope that you have already taken advantage of online registration to let us know you are coming. Should you encounter any hurdles in this process, don't hesitate to call our office and one of our efficient workers will walk you through it. Our special guests are **Pastor Travis & Brittany Jones** of Motivation Church. We anticipate great things from their ministry. We will highlight three 10-minute messages as we have done in the past with this year's speakers being Pastor Ryan Visconti, Pastor Christian Chambliss, and Assistant Youth Director Monica Hortiales. Ordination service is always a highlight and this year will be no exception. We will be celebrating with 17 candidates. Praise God that He is still calling and sending those who are willing to accept His assignment.

So, don't hesitate. Get online today and register for Network Conference 2023.



Around the Network

Please enjoy the photos of the recent ministry Marjorie and I have been privileged to be a part of. We love you and consistently pray over you.











Pastoral celebration
with Pastor
Bizimana Bigege
at Good Shepherd
Church



As both a pastor and a Network leader, I want to encourage you to continue to make prayer and communication about missions a priority in your pulpit and personal life. Jesus told us, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

It was Jesus who commanded us to pray for the harvest. Praying for the harvest is not an option. Jesus also said in John 4:35, "Do not say there are four months and then comes the harvest. Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for the harvest."

I'm sharing the following sermon seed and inviting you to join me in leading our congregations and the Arizona Ministry Network in prayer and active engagement in reaching the harvest. Please feel free to use this outline in your teaching.

5 REASONS WHY WE MUST PRAY THE "LORD OF THE HARVEST."

1. THE HARVEST IS NOW.

Beloved, do not postpone until tomorrow what you can do today. The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow. Undoubtedly, we are living in the last of the last days and we can no longer say in our hearts, "Four more months until harvest."

The greatest lesson I learned from my recent cardiac arrest is that tomorrow may never come. Friends, "Today is the day of salvation." Let's use every opportunity to share Christ because the harvest is "NOW!"

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2. THE HARVEST IS RIPE.

Someone once said, "All it takes for evil to abound is for good men to do nothing." When fruit is ripe but not plucked, it drops from the branch and rots.

All over the world, people are hungry for the Gospel. I recently perused an article concerning the growth of major religions and found that Islam's growth rate was 2.7, Hinduism 2.2, and Buddhism 1.7. I was pleasantly surprised to see that the growth rate of Christianity was 6.9. Praise God!

This tells me people are hungry and searching for the "One True God." They are ripe for harvest! The question is, will we be fast enough to pluck the fruit when it is ripe? If we are slow, we will lose precious souls to other faiths. Pastor friend, the harvest is now, and it is RIPE!

3. THE HARVEST WILL BE DESTROYED.

Joel 1:11 says, "Be ashamed you farmers. Wail, you vine dressers, for the wheat and the barley; because the harvest of the field has perished."

During the Dark Ages, in the years between 300AD to 1500AD, Christianity lost ground to other religions because of the backslidden state of the church.

Those geographical locations where the Apostle Paul had evangelized and discipled souls for Christ were now lost to other major religions. The harvest was destroyed because of the backslidden state of the church. May this not be said of the church today. In this final hour, we must do everything we can to get the message of God's love to the ends of the earth.

Revelation 14:15-16 says, "Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested."

4. THE HARVEST MUST BE SEEN.

Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes and look at the fields." Many of us have 20/20 vision physically, but not so much in the spiritual. Sadly, there are pastors who have not led a single sinner to Christ in the marketplace of life for years. This is the result of seeing only with our eyes and not our hearts. We tell our congregations to win the lost but we don't practice what we preach. True shepherds must lead by example.

Tragically at the most critical hour in history, the church is asleep, filled with apathy, and indifferent to the millions who will arrive in eternity without Christ. The cure for this condition always begins with prayer. I've heard it said, "The soul without prayer is like lungs without air."

All spiritual awakenings began with prayer. Pastors, please call your churches to the altar of prayer and then lead by example as you intentionally begin sharing Christ outside your pulpit. Prayer allows God to change our hearts and open our eyes to the harvest.

5. THE LABORERS MUST BE SENT.

Most of the world cannot be reached unless people are sent to do cross-cultural evangelism. People must be sent. Romans 10:9-10 says, "How can they hear without a preacher? How can they preach unless they are sent ... How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring good tidings of good things." The "Great Commission" is not fulfilled without missionaries.

My desire is that people will again respond to the call of God and say, "Here am I Lord, send me." There is still an overwhelming need to share the gospel beyond the borders of the United States.

1.2 billion people live in the least evangelized nations and this group receives only 4% of church finances. This tells me the balance of 96% of church budget is spent on the most evangelized parts of the world, while the least evangelized parts of the world have and continue to be the most seriously neglected.

And so, I'm asking God to help me, our church, and the Arizona Ministry Network increase efforts in prayer, financial giving, and sending people to His harvest field. "Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest." Amen! Come Lord Jesus!



I declare that 2023 will be the best year we've experienced in the realm of prayer, resources, and evangelism. May God do something supernatural in our Network and provide an unprecedented number of souls saved, lives changed, and missionaries sent.

Thank you for your dedication to reaching your community for Christ and doing everything you can to inspire your church to "Pray, Give and Go."

Ron Rockwell
Assistant Superintendent







AZ CMN COHORT

Do you ever wish you could collaborate with other pastoral teams in your area to find out what's working in a ministry context like your own? We believe our best ideas happen when we work together. That's why in 2023, the AZ CMN Cohort will host a set of strategic retreats to collaborate with other Arizona ministers. During this time, we will work together as a team to find solutions to questions we are all asking. Each retreat will be hosted by a guest leader who will provide unique insights into various aspects of church growth, multiplication, and mission planning. Below is the information for our FIRST retreat.

Date: March 31st - April 1st

Location: Desert Springs Church

Cost: \$200/team | Dinner included in cost

Speakers: Monty & Kelli Sears | Leigh Metcalf

Click here to register and email lmetcalf@azag.org for any questions or more information.

Monty & Kelli Sears



The Sears' have been in full-time ministry for over 22 years & have pastored 3 churches during their tenure. They pastored Christian Faith Center in Nampa, Idaho for 15 years & grew the church to 6 locations with over 4,000 people. After repositioning as Legacy Pastors of CFC, it has allowed them to take their wealth of experience & knowledge to other churches & organizations around the nation to energize & inspire them towards unprecedented growth & health.

Jeff Peterson, Pastoral Care



"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom Psalm 90:12

"Define your place. Refine your pace. Finish your race"...what words from Dr. Donald Lichi. Our recent sectional tour was a great time of fellowship, worship, and business for our Network. Dr. Lichi challenged us to be "Warrior/Shepherds" with many great principles. Whether you were in attendance or not, I would highly recommend you downloading his information from our network website for review. It is all there for you and will bless you!

"Place, pace, and race" are more than a mere rhyme. They form a triangle of critical aspects to your life as a human being ("jar of clay") fulfilling God's call upon your life:

- Place: How often we may question our place of ministry, especially in the difficult times. I love Lichi's encouragement to find a listener and "tell them your story." It is important that we carry the testimony of God's call upon our lives and express it to others. Our place in ministry is shaped by many factors, none more vital that the sense of the Holy Spirit's divine whisper to our spirits that we are called by God! Yet, think of other people and those moments of effective ministry that further validate that call. Then, accept the place God has you at as His progressive work in your life.
- Pace: That word "refine" is vital to this thought. The demands of family and ministry can overtake us if we are not intentional in our activities. Dr. Lichi provided many suggestions of how to remain healthy in ministry in relation to our pace of life. I clearly recall my most healthy season of lead pastoring which came through my intentional evaluation and refinement of my daily/weekly/annual schedule.

• Race: Dr. Lichi's final picture of finishing his marathon with friends on each side was a telling moment. Those three men had trained together and helped him overcome his battle with cancer to fulfill that lifelong dream of running a 26.2 marathon. Laced in his teaching was the idea that we cannot do ministry alone! His wisdom derived from decades of ministry to pastors/leaders underscores that we need to run our race with others, including a "pain partner" that we can go to at any time for support and encouragement. Do you have such friends in ministry? If not, make it happen in 2023!

Keys to an intentional healthy life in ministry:

- Define your place. Reflect on your calling to ministry and your unique giftings. Kneel afresh at God's altar of consecration and share with others your story of calling.
- Refine your pace. What do you need to do to adjust your pace for greater health?
- Finish your race. Cultivate 2-3 friends that you can run your race alongside of you.
- Join a weekly Pastors' Zoom call and reach out to an elder...you can talk to me about both options. Our network offers both to you for your health!
- If you would like to discuss these thoughts, feel free to give me a call: 480-579-9998.



In months to come, I am going to highlight many of Dr. Lichi's principles in these monthly writings. The key to them all is our intentionality. We must choose to be healthy in ministry.

Stay healthy in ministry, Pastor Jeff



Rock Climbing Wall
High Ropes Course
Swimming
Archery
10 Mile Hike
Lawn Games
Worship



Special Guest Speaker
Pastor Jason Noble

April 28-30, 2023
Granite Hills Campground

Registration: www.azag.org/royal-rangers

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IMAGINE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



April 28th, 2023

RADIANT CHURCH 15522 W. PARADISE LANE SURPRISE, AZ 85374



Special Speaker, Elyse Murphey

Pricing:

Early Bird - \$39 After March 31 - \$49 At the Door - \$69

Register online at azagwomen.org





WE ARE COMING TO YOU!

Our annual, free youth outreach hosted in six strategic regions throughout the state is February 15-20, 2023!

STOP # 1 Feb15 @ 29:11 Church in Tempe STOP #2 Feb16 @ Hope City Church in Kingman STOP #3 Feb17 @ Lifepointe Church in Prescott STOP #4 Feb18 @ Harvest Church in Glendale STOP #5 Feb19 @ Flowing Wells in Tucson STOP #6 Feb20 @ Foothills in Yuma Check in is at 5;30pm, Dismissal at 8pm

Ft. the Arizona Youth Ministries Team, special guest speaker Peter Reeves and Arizona Worship Collective! RSVP today!





Fine Arts Festival is just around the corner!

Hundreds will gather April 15th in this one day
festival centered in discipling students in their
gifts. Registration is open!

Arizona students LOVE camp! Register now for your preferred week, spots are filling up fast!

Go to AZAGYOUTH.ORG for more info & to register.



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All of our classes meet the educational requirements for ministry credentialing with the Assemblies of God. Whether you feel called to be a pastor or just want to be a better small group leader we have classes to meet your needs.

Our classes meet all around the state and virtually and include top quality instruction from scholars and practitioners in our movement.

Classes happen month to month and you can hop in anytime.

Fall Registration is open!
Register now and grow in your calling
through practical instruction in partnership
with the local church.



¿HABLAS ESPAÑOL?

This year we officially kicked of a brand new Spanish cohort at Journey Church in Cottonwood. The cohort meets on the second Saturday of every month. If you have spanish speaking students you would like to get connected to ASOM this is a great resource for them. Be sure to check out our new site and class listings at **azasom.com**.

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INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES

Rick Ryan, Director



REVIVAL

In a recent revival services at Church on the Green in Sun City West, the power of God was seen as many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and God proformed healings. The last night, Pastors Ben Leonard and Peter de Leon took a generous mission's offering toward our upcoming Southeast Asia missionary trip. God is on the Move in Arizona!

HISPANIC PASTORS LEADERS SUMMIT

The Hispanic Pastors/Leaders Summit saw
97 leaders from 32 Hispanic churches come
together at Revolution Church Midtown. Griffin
McGrath, Yoyo Garcia and Monica Hortiales
communicated the importance of youth ministry in
the local church.Pastor Jeff Peterson spoke
about emotional and spiritual health that our
pastors and leaders can achieve it. A challenge
was given to see every child in their ministry before the age of nine - be saved, baptized in
water and filled with the Holy Spirit!



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MISSIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

I am presently with missionaries Dana and Brigette Metcalf. We are in two countries in Asia. Dana and I will speaker at the first General Council of the Assemblies of God in four years. Pray with us for a supernatural anointing beyond anything they have ever experienced in both countries. ASK OF ME AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE NATIONS AS YOUR INHERITANCE! Psalms 2:8

HISPANIC PASTORS & LEADERS SUMMIT WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- · Spanish & English
- March 25 / 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
- Revolution church
 911 N. 91st Avenue, Tolleson, AZ
- Cost: \$10 includes lunch
- RSVP before March 15 at 602-388-3567
- goal: To equip women's ministry leaders to see growth in their local groups and church!





MAR 17-18 2023

SPRING REAL

passion church

501 E Kortsen Rd Casa Grande, AZ 85122



Guest Speaker: Alex Pineda



Alexa Pineda is a powerful preacher who has been used of God across the globe. Alexa, a New York native, grew up in poverty and abuse. She left a rebellious life at 17 and sought God's forgiveness. Her passion today is to see people come to Christ and step into their God-given purpose. Pastor Alexa, together with her husband Efrain, are currently the Lead Pastors at a bilingual church in Amarillo, Texas.

ARIZONA NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

GATHERING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH . 6:30pm

Generation Church - Mesa Campus 1010 S. Ellsworth Road • Mesa, AZ 85208

- FREE Event
- Invite a credentialed friend or someone who is seeking credentials

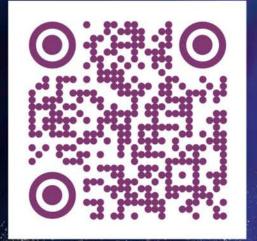
WORSHIP & CONNECTION



Event Speaker
BETH LAVINO
Executive Pastor at
Generation Church



Director
DENISE RYAN
Arizona Network of
Women Ministers



Scan the QR code to register.

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NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

Teen Challenge of Arizona Thankful!

The Lord used Teen Challenge to set me free!

Before Teen Challenge, I had experienced trauma and grief after my younger sister Andrea passed away from Leukemia. I lost hope, and I became severely addicted to drugs.

After several failed recovery program attempts and many jail sentences, I found myself desperate for a change, so I decided to try the faith-based Teen Challenge program.

Healing took place, and I have never been the same. The Lord used Teen Challenge to set me free!

After graduating from the program, I stayed and now serve as the bookkeeper at the Teen Challenge Christian Life Ranch. Also, I have now been happily married for two years!

I am so very thankful that the good Lord is using Teen Challenge to give me life and life more abundantly!



Nick & Lizzie Brunk

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2



Mary Sonntag & Remington

When I was seven, I had a horrible accident that left me with bailing twine wrapped around my neck, and it almost took my life. It was then that I first felt invisible and not heard. It just got worse from there.

I was dealing with a lot of unhealed childhood trauma, not realizing that it affected all areas of my life and the people around me.

I spent most of my life believing I wouldn't live past my fourth birthday. These careless words were spoken from the mindset of a shattered and very damaged child. It impacted my life for many years until I walked into the doors of the Home of Hope.

God moved in such a way I just can't even explain. I am so thankful for this home and the members of my family who fought for my life when I couldn't. They offered some adamant and unconditional love, and while I started healing from day one, it didn't seem like it at the time. I swore that I would not stay past the third month. But God!

Here we are four years later. God changed my life so much that I am a paid staff member at the Home of Hope! I work in childcare, and I love being able to reach children that may need love in their life. I try to let the light of Christ shine through me.

I love what I get to do. I am truly blessed.



For more information: visit tcaz.org/thankful

ve The date SPRING BANQUETS 2023

LAKE HAVASU CITY to benefit Phoenix Teen Challenge

FRIDAY, March 3, 2023

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM London Bridge Resort

1477 Queens Bay, Lake Havasu City, AZ

YUMA

to benefit Tucson Teen Challenge

SATURDAY, March 4, 2023

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM Harvest Prep Academy 350 E 18th Street, Yuma, AZ

SIERRA VISTA

to benefit Tucson Teen Challenge

FRIDAY, March 10, 2023

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM Shiloh Christian Ministries 1519 Avenida del Sol, Sierra Vista, AZ

CASA GRANDE

to benefit Home of Hope

FRIDAY, March 17, 2023 SATURDAY, March 18, 2023

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM The Property

1251 W Gila Bend Hwy, Casa Grande, AZ

FLAGSTAFF

to benefit Christian Life Ranch

FRIDAY, April 14, 2023

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM High Country Conference Center 201 W Butler Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ

PRESCOTT VALLEY to benefit Christian Life Ranch

FRIDAY, April 21, 2023

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM Lifepointe Church 10100 E St Rt 69, Prescott Valley, AZ



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- Events detailed information/ easy registration
- Ministries links to all network ministry websites
- Leadership network leadership/presbytery contacts
- Inspiration daily scripture + network pastors' blogs
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Thomas Hammel from Southern California

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Merlin Hector to North Carolina David Paupi to Oklahoma Sam & Alissa Seda to PenFlorida

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