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# Thank you!

Marjorie and I were overwhelmed at the kindness, generosity, and creativity of each section in their display of love and gratitude given us as we toured the state in January. I will be honest to say that our emotions were like riding a roller coaster. With many tears shed, we were taking it all in and it was so gratifying. We are finding it difficult to even find the words to express our heart.

“THANK YOU” for being so generous in your giving and in the gifts, but even more in your words of appreciation and affirmation to us. We most definitely felt your love and always the support you have given us for 25 years now. We have commented that we wish every presentation was recorded to really grasp the wonderful words spoken over us and to us. It was a very unique sectional tour this year, and one we will not forget.

To be honored by those you serve with sincere, heartfelt words is a blessing we humbly receive. And honor you did!

From Native crafted jewelry, to cards and gift cards, monetary gifts, to attending the NASCAR finals here in Phoenix, enjoying a Basketball game to root our SUNS on, gift baskets filled with thoughtful items, to Copper artwork, to being treated to a Resort & Spa in Tucson, to a ‘one of a kind’ lamp – you name it, we were showered with your love and appreciation! We will be eternally grateful for your generosity towards us as well as for your love, support, and words of affirmation. THANK YOU!







As your Superintendent, your pastor, I am asking you to spend designated times in prayer asking God for His divine appointment in the choice of your next Superintendent for Arizona Ministry Network! We know the Lord is our Sovereign God. Our God is the one we trust to appoint whom He chooses. Our part is to be in sync with what the Lord is saying. We only hear the voice of the Lord by praying and listening to His leading. My prayer is the Lord will reveal to each of us His perfect will in all of our elections at this network conference.

Get registered as soon as possible for the conference. You will find all necessary information on the registration site. We are expecting, and anticipating a move of God in our services as well as in our Business session. Pastor Doug Clay and Pastor John Lindell will be speaking to us and challenging us in this new season.

**Click [HERE](#) for  
Conference Info & Registration**

Blessings,  
Pastor Harris



NETWORK CONFERENCE 2024

(APRIL 15-16)

RADIANT CHURCH

# UNSTOPPABLE



# Spiritual Warfare



**Ron Rockwell, Assistant Superintendent**

When Sue and I first became missionaries (1998), we had no concept of true spiritual warfare. We had a deep passion for the lost and longed to share Christ with them, but we were naïve about the demonic activity we would face and how to respond.

What we have come to learn is those engaged in missions, whether home or abroad, have a supernatural enemy, an *“adversary [who] prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour”* (1 Peter 5:8), and must daily resist, refuse and stand against his schemes.

The truth is, God is sovereign over Satan! Christ has already dealt the decisive blow to the devil as we read in *1 John 3:8: “The Son of God appeared to destroy the works of the enemy.”*

As we take the gospel to the unreached, we will be consistently engaging in spiritual warfare, but the Lord Almighty is the great General. He sees behind the enemy lines and has given us not only the walkie-talkie of prayer to call for help, but a wartime manual filled with spiritual strategies: *“Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying always with all prayer and supplication.” Ephesians 6:17-18*

The enemy will not win! He is a defeated foe. But it's up to us to *“wage the good warfare”* and it's up to us to *“pray without ceasing.”* Even Jesus fought on our behalf with the weapon of prayer. He said to Peter in Luke 22:31-32, *“Satan has asked to have you that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.”*



Friend of missions, the coming of the Lord is at hand and the enemy rages. It's imperative we commit to "wartime" praying, especially on behalf of all Arizona Ministry Network global workers, missionaries, and associates. Their lives depend on it.

We want to thank you for continuing to respond positively to those itinerating, raising their budgets and seeking to increase their monthly support and cash budget. Here are several updates for you:

**Tim and Janela Meacham**, career workers in Eurasia, have met more than 60% of their monthly commitment goal! Thank you, Arizona Network family, for partnering with this couple. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see them fully funded by the close of Network Conference in April? You can be a part of the team who makes this goal a reality. Please consider welcoming them to your church to share about their call and the work overseas and including them in your financial support family. Contact information:

[tmeacham@regionsabroad.com](mailto:tmeacham@regionsabroad.com) / [jmeacham@regionsabroad.com](mailto:jmeacham@regionsabroad.com)



**Special Prayer Request:** Please keep Craig and Andrea Wheeler (Portugal) and their children in prayer. Andrea has recently been diagnosed with Classical Hodgkin's lymphoma. Her treatment will include 4-6 months of chemotherapy. Pastor, if you and your missions committee have been considering joining their monthly team but haven't yet, would you prayerfully do so. They are confident they will finish their budget raising, focus on treatment, and prepare to head to Portugal as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Love and prayers,  
Ron and Sue Rockwell**





# 2024 CHURCH PLANTS

## TEMPE - VALLEY CHURCH



**PASTORS: Blare & Elise Wood**

**BIO:** Blare & Elise have been married for over 12 years & have been in ministry for over 11 years. They have a 5 year old daughter, Jensen. Elise leads Ripple Effect, a non-profit ministry that aims to provide community, accountability, & resourcing to young adults who feel

called to ministry. She is also an AG evangelist who speaks at camps, conferences, conventions, & churches regularly. Blare served in Youth Ministry for over 9 years & was an Executive Pastor before stepping out to church plant.

**CHURCH MISSION:** To be a place where authenticity is found at the core of everything. They want people to KNOW Him, BE like Him, and DO His work.

**NEEDS:** Valley Church is currently looking for a Kid's Ministry Leader & Worship Leader. Their goal is to raise \$300K by October 2024.

**PROJECTED LAUNCH DATE:** October 20th, 2024

**CONTACT:** info@valleychurch.cc & blare@valleychurch.cc

## SALOME AZ PLANT



**PASTORS: Scott & Joanna Trowbridge**

**BIO:** Scott & JoAnna have 4 children who are all believers in Jesus along with four grandchildren. They have been part of several church plants over the years as Pastors, Youth Pastors, and Worship Leaders. They are excited about all that God is

going to do in Salome and in the lives of all who reside there.

**NEEDS:** Pastor Scott is currently working on forming a team. They are also needing starter funds for a portable sound system & a couple of large flat screens or a church that would be willing to donate used equipment that they no longer need. They are looking for a small trailer & praying for start up funds to help with the cost of renting a space.

**PROJECTED LAUNCH DATE:** 2nd or 3rd Quarter of 2024.

**CONTACT:** scott.trowbridge1029@icloud.com



## PEARCE - Revelation AG



**PASTORS: Tim & Kristi Sizemore**

**VISION:** Tim & Kristi desire to establish an Assembly of God Church back in this area. They are already meeting in Pearce Community Center once a week running about 12 people. They also have a Thursday night Bible Study at a member's home. Tim ministers to a lot of people in the area individually and looks forward to bringing them all together.

**NEEDS:** Revelation AG is looking for someone to lead worship. They are in the initial stages of planting as their church has been birthed out of a Bible Study to meet the need of a Spirit Filled Church.

**CONTACT:** antrim3270@yahoo.com

## PHOENIX - VALLEY CHURCH



**PASTORS: Chris & Connor Moore**

**BIO:** Chris & Connor have three children with one more on the way! Their dream is to launch a life-giving, Bible believing, Spirit empowered, innovative community called Valley Church in teh fall of 2024!

**NEEDS:** Valley Church is just over 40% funded toward their launch goal. Some opportunities for visionary investment are 1) Children's Ministry - \$29K for signage, check-in equipment, new toys, & furniture. 2) Start Up Parties - \$10K. These are parties where vision is cast and people are invited to join the launch team & unchurched are invited. Each party costs about \$1,000. 3) Help save 30% on their building - \$49K. In the PHX Union SD, if your lease is paid up front, you can receive a 30% discount. Instead of \$71K, it would be \$49K. Those savings would allow for more local missions.

**PROJECTED LAUNCH DATE:** August 11th, 2024

**CONTACT:** chris@valleychurchphoenix.com





# Note to Self...

## Remember Who You (We) Are

### **Apart from me, you can do nothing. John 15:5b**

A few Fridays ago I received a call while driving home from our Phoenix Teen Challenge Center. I had pastored this person and her family for many years and she was shaken by yet, another moral failure of a well-known minister in the Midwest. She said she knew better than to put me on a pedestal, but that she appreciated my faithfulness in ministry and just wanted to thank me. Naturally, I thanked her, but cautioned her saying, "Of course, all of this underscores the reality that we are all so fragile and in constant dependence upon the Lord." We discussed the reality of so many such failures that the Church has experienced in recent years.

A bit later that day with this still rumbling in my mind, I thought of the angel's response to not one, but two times in which the Apostle John fell at his feet (Rev. 19:10; 22:8). Both times the angel instructed him, "Do not do it!...Worship God!" The angel even stressed that he was a fellow servant with John and the Church. What a good reminder to us of our place in the grand scheme of God's work.

Friends, it is a privilege to live out our calling from God. How easy it may be for us to begin to receive some glory, become overly confident, or allow a little too much appreciation for our labor. We must recall it is all about God, for God and unto God. As Paul reminded the Corinthians, "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow" (1 Cor. 3:7). Such perspective will keep us humble and dependent upon the Lord.

Stay healthy  
in ministry,  
Pastor Jeff



### *Ways to remember who we are in God's work:*

- Consider the frailties and failures exposed in others' lives.
- Stay self-aware, remembering Paul's admonition in Galatians 6:1 "Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted."
- Have one brother (or sister-if a female) that you can humbly and honestly talk with about your own temptations and struggles.
- If you would like to discuss these thoughts, feel free to give me a call: 480-579-9998.





# EQUIP TRAINING COHORT



Pastors and Men's Leaders, we are excited to announce that Pastor Gordon Houston from the National Men's Department will be investing in the churches and men of Arizona early in 2024.

Pastor Gordon was the keynote speaker at the 2023 Man Camp and gave the entire group the first part of the Equip training series. If you or your men missed it, you can watch it on the Network Men's YouTube Channel [HERE](#).

Pastors please consider joining us for the next two sessions.

The sessions will be held at The Rock Church Scottsdale, located at 2012 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ on January 6, 2024 and March 2, 2024.

All sessions will run from 9:00AM – 4:00PM with two 20-minute breaks and a 45-minute lunch. Lunch will be catered and is included at a cost of \$25 per person per session.

Pastor Gordon will be leading all the sessions here in Arizona and will be helping each church to realize their own vision for reaching Men in their church and community.

If you are interested in joining us, we need you to bring your Men's lead team (bring 3 with a maximum of 8 including you) that are able to commit to both sessions. If you don't have a Men's lead team, let's talk about how to choose some men in your church to step up and help with this vital ministry.

Please contact our 360Man Missionary, Daniel Hann for more information or to sign up. He can be reached at 928-210-2270 or [pastordan32@gmail.com](mailto:pastordan32@gmail.com).

Thank you for your commitment to the Lord and Men of Arizona!



**Dale Gray, Men's Director**  
[dgray@rockag.com](mailto:dgray@rockag.com)







# BOLD

*Imagine Women's Conference*

Friday April 26th, 2024

**\$39**

Early Bird Pricing  
*through March 31st*

**\$49**

General Admission  
*through April 25th*

**\$59**

At the Door  
*if available*



*Lindsay Petri*



*Layla Nahavandi*



*Thea Wood*



*Cassi Igo*



Pure Heart Church



14240 N. 43rd Ave



Glendale AZ, 85306

REGISTRATION

Lindsay Petri, Women's Director





Arizona Youth Ministries

# FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

*April 6th*

*Desert Springs  
Church*



Fine Arts Festival is a discipleship tool of AG Youth Ministries designed to help students discover, develop, and deploy their ministry gifts and to learn about their God-given abilities and talents.

We, along with leaders and family members, encourage students to develop their gifts and then use them in their schools, churches and communities. Fine Arts Festival enables students to experience a time of learning through evaluations, presentations, and interactions with other students.

Each year, over 65,000 junior and senior high school students begin preparing their entries for the district and National Fine Arts Festivals. These students are encouraged to develop their gifts to a greater level than the year before. Students may enter as many as 80+ categories offered in 7 main divisions: Art, Communication, Dance, Drama, Instrumental, Vocal, and Writing!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES**  
Applications & Payment Due 2/28  
Non-Presenting Submissions Due 3/28

[azagyouth.org/finearts](http://azagyouth.org/finearts)





ARIZONA  
YOUNG ADULTS

# AZYA POP UP+



An Arizona Young Adults Conference  
February 9-10, 2024  
Chandler, AZ

## SPEAKERS



RAY ANTHONY CLARK (GRACE CHURCH HOUSTON)



SCOTT MARTIN (AG MISSIONARY)

## PRICING

\*Online Registration (BOGO): \$60

*\*Buy One Get One (Pop Up+ is better with a friend. Bring a +One for Free)*

*Online registration will close after 2/7 but at the door will be available for \$35/person.*

**ALSO FEAT. HILLSONG  
COLLEGE WORSHIP**

Register at  
[www.azag.org/popupplus](http://www.azag.org/popupplus)





March 1-2, 2024

# INVINCIBLE KIDCON 2024



## LOCATION

REVOLUTION MINISTRIES (CHURCH)  
911 N 91ST AVE  
TOLLESON, AZ 85353

## CHILD REGISTRATION

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION - \$55 UNTIL FEBRUARY 12TH  
REGULAR REGISTRATION - \$75 UNTIL FEBRUARY 26TH  
LAST CHANCE/DOOR REGISTRATION - \$95 UNTIL MARCH 2ND

## LEADER REGISTRATION

ALL LEADER REGISTRATION - \$35



**REGISTER NOW**



A S O M

THE ARIZONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

# February Classes

**207**

Old Testament  
Survey

**108**

Prison  
Epistles

**307**

Corinthian  
Correspondence

REGISTER AT [AZASOM.COM](http://AZASOM.COM)



NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

A Z N W M



# Spring RETREAT

**Dr. Melissa Alfaro**

**Guest Speaker**

Newly Elected National Executive Presbyter

**MARCH 15-16, 2024**



**Pastor J. Alfaro** and his wife, Melissa are Lead Pastors at TAB CHURCH HOUSTON. Together they will join in our NWM Panel.

**TWENTYNINE:ELEVEN CHURCH**

**Tempe, Arizona**

**Register Now**

We encouraging you to book hotels now in the area due to high tourist season in Arizona.





# Blessed

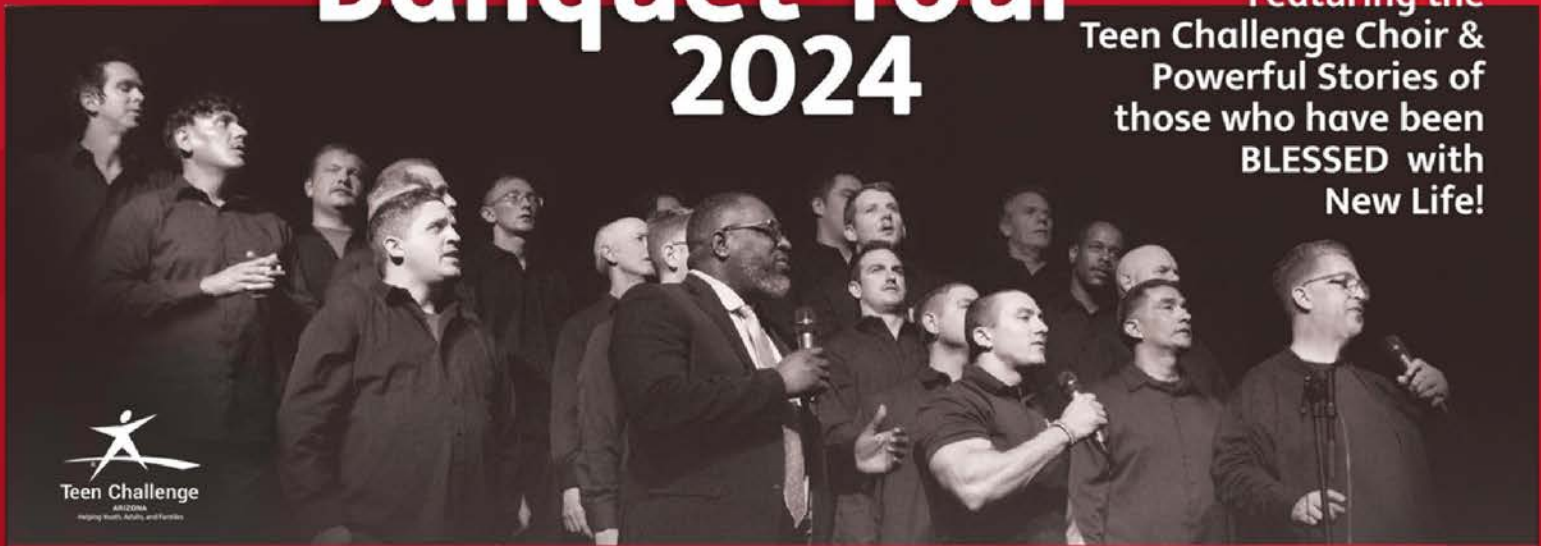
TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA

“Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly places”  
Ephesians 1:3



## Spring Fundraising Banquet Tour 2024

Featuring the  
Teen Challenge Choir &  
Powerful Stories of  
those who have been  
**BLESSED** with  
New Life!



### LAKE HAVASU CITY

To Benefit Phoenix Teen Challenge

**FRIDAY, March 1**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

London Bridge Resort

1477 Queens Bay

TICKETS \$40 / TABLE \$320

CONTACT: (602) 478-7704

### SIERRA VISTA

To Benefit Tucson Teen Challenge

**FRIDAY, March 8**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

Shiloh Christian Center

1519 Avenida del Sol

TICKETS \$40 / TABLE \$320

CONTACT: (520) 730-4265

### FLAGSTAFF

To Benefit the Christian Life Ranch

**FRIDAY, April 12**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

High Country Conference Center

201 W. Butler Ave

TICKETS \$40 / TABLE \$320

CONTACT: (602) 309-4391

### YUMA

To Benefit Tucson Teen Challenge

**SATURDAY, March 2**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

Harvest Prep Academy

350 E. 18th St.

TICKETS \$40 / TABLE \$320

CONTACT: (520) 730-4265

### CASA GRANDE

To Benefit Home of Hope

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, March 15, 16**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

The Property Conference Center

1251 W. Gila Bend HWY

TICKETS \$40 / TABLE \$320

CONTACT: (520) 709-1683

### PRESCOTT VALLEY

To Benefit the Christian Life Ranch

**FRIDAY, April 19**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

Lifepointe Church

10100 E. State Route 69

TICKETS \$40 / TABLE \$320

CONTACT: (602) 309-4391







# Dominion

*Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Luke 10:19*

Pastors, the direct access you have to the throne gives you power to set in motion a mighty wave of God's Presence that will change the atmosphere of your city, your church and this nation.

**ARISE, my friends! JESUS BELONGS IN YOUR CITY!**

## Hispanic Pastors and Leaders Summit



What a great day of training we had on how to grow our churches and how to plant new churches with over 100 Hispanic Pastors and Leaders. The event was hosted by Pastors Raymundo and Veronica Gordillo and their church, Iglesia Nuevo Nacimiento in Phoenix. General Supt. of the Assemblies of God in Costa Rica, Pastor Ricardo Castillo, was our special guest as he talked about the Assemblies of God vision for the next 10 years. Also, Pastor Jesus Garza and Pastor Raul Salgado brought great understanding on how and why we need to embrace change to affect this generation and the next generation.

## Church Multiplication Network (CMN) Conference in Houston, TX March 4-6, 2024



If you are an Hispanic Pastor, the Network will pay your registration to go. March 4th is only for Hispanic Pastors and then we will join thousands of pastors from all over the country for the next two days of meetings and vision. You won't want to miss this.



## The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in Surprise, AZ



What a tremendous opportunity to join with mayors from three cities, many state legislators, the chiefs of police from two cities and so many pastors as we honored the mayor of Surprise as he retires. It was a great honor to speak to these "gatekeepers" of the northwest valley of the Sun.

## CMN Healthy Church Conference at Desert Springs Church in Chandler, AZ



This two day event hosted by Pastors Brad and Becky Davis, Dr. Yisrael Vincent and Network Secretary/Treasurer Leigh Metcalf, was an incredible moment for over 20 AZMN churches including 4 Intercultural Churches.

## Resource Team

If you would like to hear what God is doing for Intercultural Ministries, please contact us at 417-849-0539. We are now booking for the fall 2024 especially for Mission's Conventions or weekends. If you would like to join our RESOURCE TEAM by praying and/or financially giving to expand our ministry, contact us at [rryan@azag.org](mailto:rryan@azag.org), as soon as possible.

## Be Encouraged!

Whatever area of your life the enemy has been attacking the most recently, will become the area of the manifest and amplified blessing of the Lord very soon if you stay committed!

Your 2023 bondage will become your 2024 **DELIVERANCE!**

Your 2023 decrease will become your 2024 **INCREASE!**

Your 2023 lack will become your 2024 **ABUNDANCE!**

Because **GREATER IS HE WHO IS IN YOU THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD!**



# Network Information

## ARIZONA MINISTRY NETWORK

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Jesus Garza                      Intercultural

Dale Gray                      Central Area

Todd League                      North Area

Kirk Sorensen                      South Area

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Bill Weaver                      Royal Rangers

Snow Peabody                      AZ Teen Challenge

Stephen & Jill Valentine                      Deaf Ministries





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

## Recent Network Statistics

### OPEN CHURCHES

Denneshotso, Trinity Assembly of God

(Interim: Isaac Todachine)

Holbrook, Faith Assembly

Houck Bethel Navajo, Assembly of God

Page, First Assembly of God

Polacca, Assembly of God

Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.

San Manuel, Assembly of God

Tucson, Living Word Church

### TRANSFERRED IN

Virginia Maremont from NorCal/Nevada

Tim Morgan from Illinois

### TRANSFERRED OUT

Drue and Arthur Huffman to Louisiana

Ana and Diodor Garcia to SoCal

Linda Martin to West Texas

Anthony and Mkenzie Manuel to NorCal/Nevada

Steven Martinez to Arkansas

### DECEASED

Gayle Keeter on January 24th