

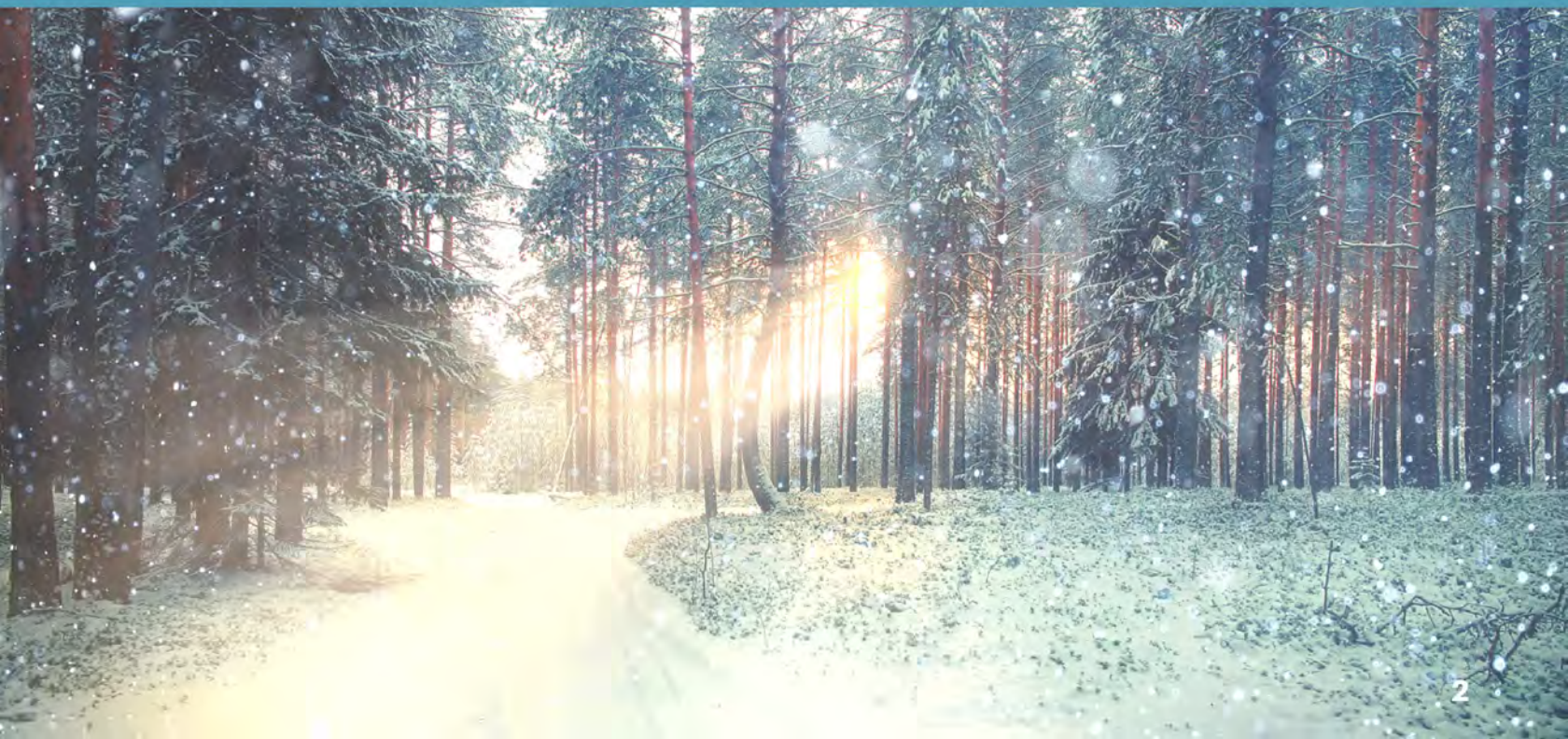
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2023 Network Sectional Tour

**We hope you'll come and join us for our Sectional Tour!
Our schedule is listed on the next page
and we can't wait to see you.**



- SPECIAL REPORTS FROM YOUR NETWORK LEADERSHIP TEAM
- ELECTIONS FOR SECTIONAL LEADERSHIP (IN MOST SECTIONS)
- CONNECT WITH LOCAL MINISTERS
- SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: DR. DON LICHI

We are honored to have Donald Lichi PhD traveling this tour with us in ministry:

- Don is a licensed psychologist and currently serves as the Vice President of Emerge Counseling Services.
- He has been a speaker at numerous conferences and workshops on pastoral health, Christian education, parenting, marriage, and family issues. He has published several articles on Christian mental health, and is the co-author of the book, Broken Windows of the Soul (Moody Press).
- He is the foremost Psychologist in the Assemblies of God specializing in Pastoral health. We are extremely honored to have Dr. Lichi and his wife, Marcie traveling with us and know this will be a time of enrichment for each of you.



Sectional Tour Schedule

Jan. 9

East Central Section

Calvary Shadows A/G, Globe

10:00 AM

East Section

Blueridge Christian Center, Lakeside

4:00 PM

Jan. 10

Northeast Section

Faith Assembly, Holbrook

10:00 AM

Canyon North Section

Assembly of God, Cameron

4:00 PM

Jan. 11

Northwest Section

Hope City Church, Kingman

10:00 AM

Jan. 12

North Central Section

Journey Church, Cottonwood

10:00 AM

Central Section

City Church, Phoenix

4:00 PM

Jan. 17

Southeast Valley Section

First Assembly, Chandler

10:00 AM

East Valley Section

Desert Springs Church, Chandler

6:00 PM

Jan. 18

Phoenix Metro Indian Section

Salt River Assembly, Scottsdale

10:00 AM

Jan. 19

Northwest Valley Section

Reclaim Church, Peoria

10:00 AM

West Valley Section

Harvest Church, Glendale

4:00 PM

Jan. 23

Southwest Section

Yuma First, Yuma

10:00 AM

Jan. 24

Southeast Section

First Assembly, Benson

10:00 AM

South Metro/South Sections

Zion City Church, Tucson

6:00 PM

Giving Honor

The bible states that **“We should give honor where honor is due.”** Back in the summer of 2022, Paul and Shelley Singh retired from their mission’s appointment. Over the years we have embraced their mission with prayers, love and support. No words could ever express the gratitude we have for their commitment to India. So, this month I would like to dedicate this article to Paul and Shelley. Would you please take some time to read about their faithful ministry through the years and then possibly over the next few months write, call, text? Let them know how much we love and appreciate the ministry they’ve done.

Paul and Shelley Singh were approved as A/G missionaries in 1998. The Singh’s have dedicated over 24 years of their lives to ministry in India, focusing on areas of need within the country. As part of their ministry, they have worked with national leadership to plant new churches in unreached areas of the country. They have also served by training, mentoring, and equipping national pastors and emerging young leaders.



Paul is one of two siblings raised by a Christian mom. Growing up, Paul, his mother, and his sister attended church regularly, serving as a firm foundation for his faith. As a child, he was continually amazed at God’s grace and protection over his life. This became even more evident after experiencing a severe knee injury at the age of 15, a pivotal point in his spiritual walk.

In 1977, Paul had the opportunity to intern at Rockford First Assembly of God in Illinois during his time at North Central Bible College. That summer, while attending an evening service, Dr Mark Buntain, a former missionary to Calcutta, India, spoke. Throughout the message, the Holy Spirit began to stir Paul’s heart for India. Following the service, he went to an empty office, locked the door, turned off the lights, and in brokenness and tears prayed for hours for India and for God’s will to be done.

Shelley is one of five siblings born in Rapid City, South Dakota. Growing up in a rural area with a large family brought fond memories and taught her many life lessons. Shelley's sisters were instrumental in leading her to Christ. During her time in North Central Bible College, she committed herself to the Lord's work by praying, "Whatever you want me to do, Lord, I will obey." Through the years of pastoral ministry, she was always open to however God would use her - including missions.

Paul and Shelley met at North Central and were married on September 29, 1979 at Crystal Assembly of God in the Minneapolis area.

After 20 years of pastoral ministry stateside, Paul and Shelley departed for India in 2000. God used them to minister to many, including the Sikh community, through divine appointments orchestrated by Him. Six years later, the Singhs were able to develop a friendship with a Sikh businessman who said, "You are the first person in my life who has ever prayed for me!" The man and his wife were deeply touched that the Singhs would continue to reach out over the years and intercede on their behalf. During this time, Paul and Shelley saw many churches reach out to the Sikhs, and by God's grace, find light and peace in Christ.

While abroad, they saw the need for discipleship and mentoring ministries, making a difference in the lives of leaders in India. "God has placed us in Northern India for such a time as this," they wrote. "He has called us to help mentor, partner with, and raise up a new generation of Christian leaders and disciples that have the vision and passions to boldly proclaim the message of God's love to their own people in this spiritually dark land of 1.2 billion people."



In 2009, they saw God answer prayer in a special way for India's youth. For many years, the Singhs' prayer was for God to raise up youth workers to reach the millions in India who are under the age of 25. That same year, 500 church youth leaders from across the country met for a conference to share their hearts and their strategy for reaching the next generation for Christ.

Additionally, the Singhs partnered with several ministries, offering hope and education to thousands of children and families in the Delhi area. In 2010, they wrote, "Ten years ago this month we stepped off the plane to live and minister in North India. That hot April might will be forever etched in our minds – the smell of burning trash, the masses of people, the chaotic traffic and yet amidst the madness, sensed God's peace and plan. Reflecting over the past

10 years, we have seen God do the impossible. Lives have been transformed, pastors trained, coached, and mentored and new church buildings have been and continue to be built. Many former students that we have helped mentor and disciple are now in full-time ministry reaching people throughout India.”

In 2012, the Assemblies of God of India set a goal of raising up 25,000 new churches by the year 2020. A critical part of this vision was in the training and discipling of national pastors. In the state of Haryana, near Delhi, the Singhs watched as Grace Church – a church who they partnered with from the beginning – planted over 70 new works in unreached areas. Another partner church in Punjab started two new churches that same year.

Shelley was involved in teaching music, training music leaders, discipling young working women, and encouraging many of the pastors’ wives. She loves the ministry of hospitality and had literally hundreds of people visiting their home over the years. During their time in Northern India, the Singhs continually ministered alongside districts and district leaders as consultants and mentors, assisting with dozens of church plants and church-building projects.

In 2017, Pastor Ivan Powar, lead pastor of Grace Assembly of God church, was voted in as the next General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God of North India. Pastor Ivan asked Paul to join the Executive Committee to assist in the updating and rewriting of the bylaws and constitution of the Assemblies of God of North India. This turned into a sequence of meetings that spanned over three years.

With joy, they write of the ministry, “We are so thankful to God that when we first arrived in India, He gave us a tremendous passion to train, equip, and encourage next-gen pastors who are going across India to the difficult and unreached areas with the message of hope and freedom in Jesus. Thank you for your faithful prayers, which give us strength and open doors, your love that encourages us, and your partnership that enables us to continue to do the work God has called us to in this great land of over one billion people. We could not continue without you!”

Thank you Paul and Shelley Singh! You will always remain in our hearts and prayers as the Lord continues to lead you during this time of transition. Paul and Shelley are also available for ministry to the local church in the areas of teaching, missions and ministry.



Ron Rockwell
Assistant Superintendent

All About CREDENTIALS



Why Credentials?

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE THE CALL OF GOD ON THEIR LIVES FOR MINISTRY, CREDENTIALS ARE THE LINK TO WHICH THE MINISTER IS PROVIDED WITH VITAL SUPPORT AND THROUGH WHICH THERE IS ACCOUNTABILITY.

What are the Levels of Credentialing?

CERTIFICATE OF MINISTRY

Efficient helpers in gospel work, especially those who work under pastoral supervision and who are actively engaged in some aspect of ministry.

MINISTRY LICENSE

Those who give clear evidence of a Divine call and who have had practical experience in preaching.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

Those who are of mature experience and whose ministries are recognized and proven. Applicants must be at least 23 years of age and have been licensed for two years.



HOW DO I APPLY FOR OR UPGRADE MY CREDENTIALS?

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE
VISIT AZAG.ORG OR [CLICK HERE.](#)



Pastor Leigh Metcalf, Secretary Treasurer

Note to Self...

Invest in this Strategic Pastoral Relationship

"If you don't have a friend, you are bound to have a failure" - Dr. Donald Lichi

Of all the gifts I received this holiday, the most special one arrived at our door a few days before Christmas. As I opened the mystery package, Carla and I both welled up with tears. The 12" x 12" picture book was entitled, "ALL THE MOMENTS I HAVE HAD BECAUSE OF YOU" and it was filled with pages of picture collages of a pastor friend of mine in La Quinta, California.



If you have spent much time with me in recent years, the name Craig Cunningham may be familiar to you. Craig is a 52-year-old church planter and has heroically battled cancer for almost four years. His initial diagnosis gave him 3-6 months to live. He is truly living a miracle with his precious wife, family, and church.

I met Craig on a pastors' missions trip to Haiti in 2014.

Since that trip we have religiously prayed together through some of the most difficult and uplifting seasons of our lives. It all began with a simple question as we parted ways at the Haitian airport, "Would you like to pray a few minutes together every week?" Words fail to articulate the value that commitment to prayer produced over the next eight years. Neither of us could have imagined the trials we would face and the joys we would realize through intentionally praying with another pastor.

In this new year, I simply want to ask you another question, "Why don't you ask a pastor to pray with you 15 minutes each week?"



Just 15 minutes. Prayer. Together. Regularly. I knew my future prayer partner for a mere three days before beginning this journey.

So, drop the excuses. Ask someone to this strategic relationship today. It will change your life.

KEYS TO INITIATING THIS VITAL MINISTRY RELATIONSHIP:

Meditate on the powerful truth of 1 Samuel 23:16.

Ask yourself who your "Jonathan" is in your life

Ask God to lead you to the right person to partner with in prayer

Stop procrastinating on this...do it today.

I am always available to you...just give me a call: 480-579-9998.

Rock Climbing Wall

High Ropes Course

Swimming

Archery

10 Mile Hike

Lawn Games

Worship



Special Guest Speaker

Pastor Jason Noble

ROYAL RANGERS
FATHER-SON
CAMP

April 28-30, 2023

Granite Hills Campground

Registration: www.azag.org/royal-rangers

BREAK
THROUGH



We are still celebrating all God did in 2022!
Checkout our highlight reel!



Missions: Together we raised over \$40,000 for Botswana!

Fall Retreat: Nearly 800 women gathered for worship & 184 women made decisions for Jesus!

Bridging the Gap: We launched Bridging the Gap – a sisterhood of women that partner with us monthly so together we can reach more hearts for Jesus!

Springboard Home for Girls:
We helped renovate the Blessingdale's Boutique for Teen Challenge!

The Imagine Women's Conference:
Over 100 women make decisions to follow Jesus this past year!

Adventure Trips: We launched our Adventure Ministry and had our first big trip! We took 16 women to Tonto Natural Bridge and spent a few days connecting, worshipping, hiking and experiencing our faith in a new way.

Tuba City Leadership Conference:
We hosted a leadership training and women's event in Tuba City!

It was an amazing year and we can't wait to build on that momentum in 2023!
For upcoming events and opportunities to get connected visit us online at

azagwomen.org



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AZYM2023 CALENDAR

Learn more at azagyouth.org



MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

JANUARY

- 13-14 Leaders' Summit
- 27-28 Young Adults Pop Up+

FEBRUARY

- 15-20 Regional Tour

MARCH

- 1 Fine Arts Apps Due
- 16 Camp Reg Deadline
- 30 Non-presenting Apps Due

APRIL

- 15 Network Fine Arts Festival

MAY

- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 15-22 Missional Leadership Tour
- 28-31 Youth Camp #1
- 31 - June 3 Youth Camp #2

JUNE

- 4-7 Youth Camp #3
- 7-10 Youth Camp #4
- 11-14 Youth Camp #5
- 14-17 Youth Camp #6
- 18-21 Youth Camp #7
- 22-24 Young Adults Camp
- 29- July 2 AIM Navajo Nation

JULY

- 1 Youth Convention Reg Opens
- 3-11 AIM Colombia
- 23-30 Young Adults Thailand
- 31 - 4 National Youth Convention

AUGUST

- 19 Youth Alive One Day

SEPTEMBER

- 2-4 PK Retreat
- 27 See You at the Pole

OCTOBER

- 15 Speed the Light Sunday
- 26 Young Adults Fall Pop Up
- 27-28 Youth Convention

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

- 1 Fine Arts/Camp Reg Opens
- 15 Send in STL Giving
- 22-1 Office Closed
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 Final STL Giving



ARIZONA
YOUNG ADULTS

An Arizona Young Adults Conference

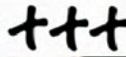
AZYA POP UP+

JANUARY 27-28, 2023 CHANDLER, AZ

AZYA Pop Up+ is a two-day conference for young adults.

Pop Up+ is better with a friend, so every registration includes a plus one for free ;)

Feat. Andrew Matrone (Red Rocks Church, CO) & Reggie Hill (Journey Church, WI)



Reggie Hill
Journey Church
Kenosha, WI



Andrew Matrone
Red Rocks Church
Denver, CO



Register at www.azag.org/popupplus



KIDCON 2023

Make Waves

MARCH 3 & 4

GENERATION CHURCH

Mesa Campus

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WELCOME TO THE ARIZONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

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.



PRODUCING

MINISTERS

AND

LEADERS

FOR

EVERY

CONTEXT

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thanks for making 2022 special. We appreciate every student and teacher that made this last year one of our best. This year we look forward to finding new ways to reach students and equip leaders. Be sure to check out our new site and class listings at **azasom.com**.

-Yisrael


ADVANCING HIS KINGDOM



We thank God for all that was accomplished in Argentina during November! Denise and I continue to ask God to bring revival! In February, Denise will lead the first national Network of Women Ministers team to Rome, Italy where they will work with the International Christian Fellowship Church. I will be heading to Bangkok, Thailand and Nepal to work with our missionaries, Dana and Brigette Metcalf. In Thailand, we will teach on *Moving in the Supernatural*, and leading a *Night of Miracles*. In Nepal, we are involved in a conference for 500 pastors. Please pray for us to walk in God's anointing and have a prophetic voice as we minister, and that God would protect us in all we do. May His Kingdom advance!



I've traveled 28,000 miles in Arizona this year. It's been incredible to be in so many churches to see what God is doing. Sometimes you spot funny church attenders like these Javelinas that crossed the road as I entered a church parking lot.



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**INTERCULTURAL
MINISTRIES**

*Rick Ryan
Director*



NWMM
NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

MAR
17-18
2023

SPRING RETREAT

capable

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.

Thankful!

Colossians 4:2

Teen Challenge of Arizona
is very thankful for
all your love and support
in 2022!

save the dates

SPRING BANQUETS 2023

LAKE HAVASU CITY

to benefit Phoenix Teen Challenge

FRIDAY, March 3, 2023

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

London Bridge Resort

10000 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, 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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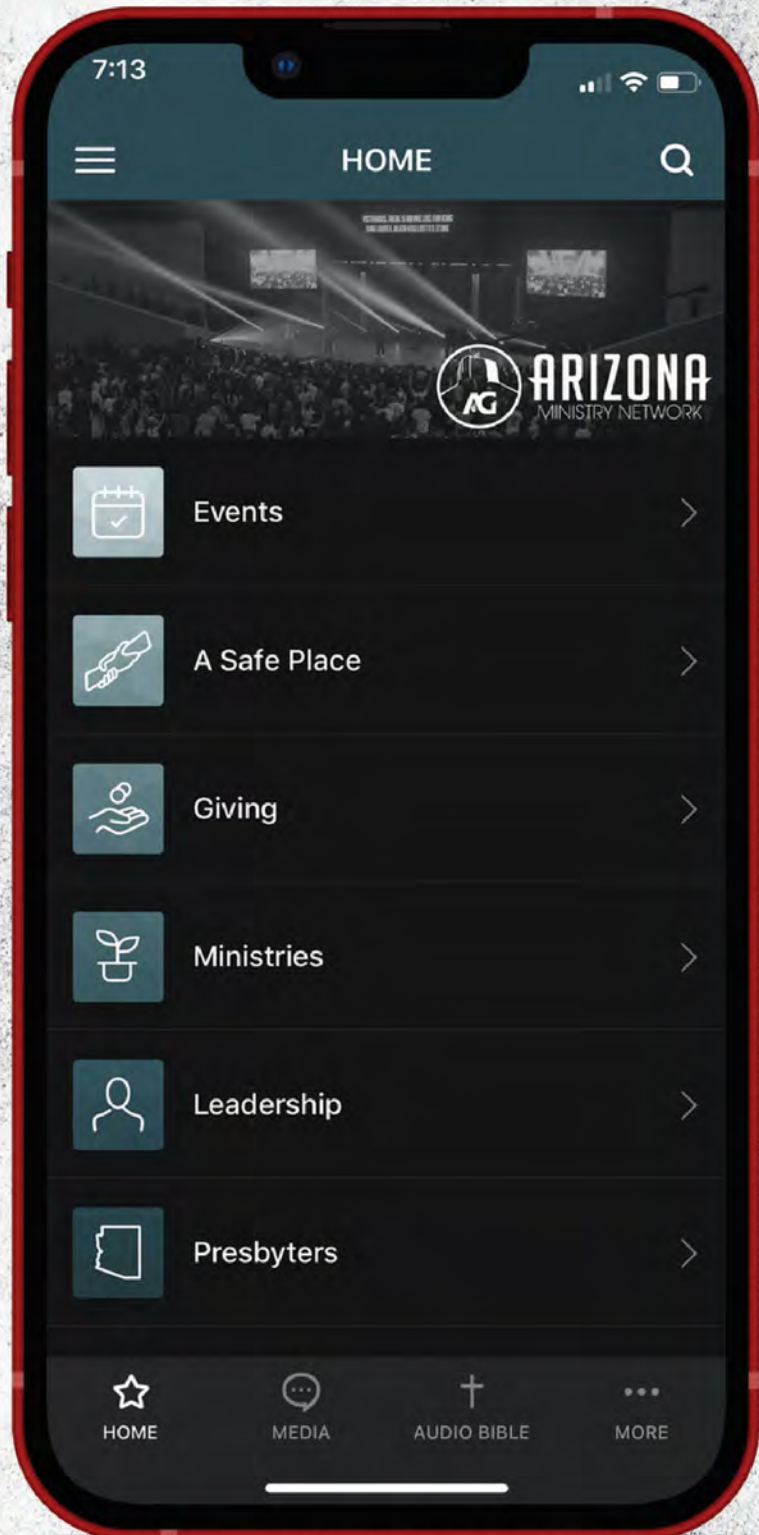


Get easy access to:

- **A Safe Place** - List of elder contacts for times of crisis + coaching
- **Events** - detailed information/ easy registration
- **Ministries** - links to all network ministry websites
- **Leadership** - network leadership/presbytery contacts
- **Inspiration** - daily scripture + network pastors' blogs
- **Giving** - easy giving link
- **Media** - of network events



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Doug & Lynda Young Retired Ministers

Snow Peabody AZ Teen Challenge

Stephen & Jill Valentine Deaf Ministries

Recent Network Statistics

OPEN CHURCHES

Cedar Creek, Assembly of God
Denneshotso, Trinity Assembly of God
Kayenta, Living Word Assembly of God
Page, First Assembly of God
Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.
San Manuel, Assembly of God
Shonto, Victory Assembly of God

TRANSFERRED IN

Benjamin Crosby from South Carolina
Mark Duncan from Arkansas
Carley Kendrick from the Oregon
Cody Mckee from North Texas

DECEASED

Larry Tuton - 10/25/22

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