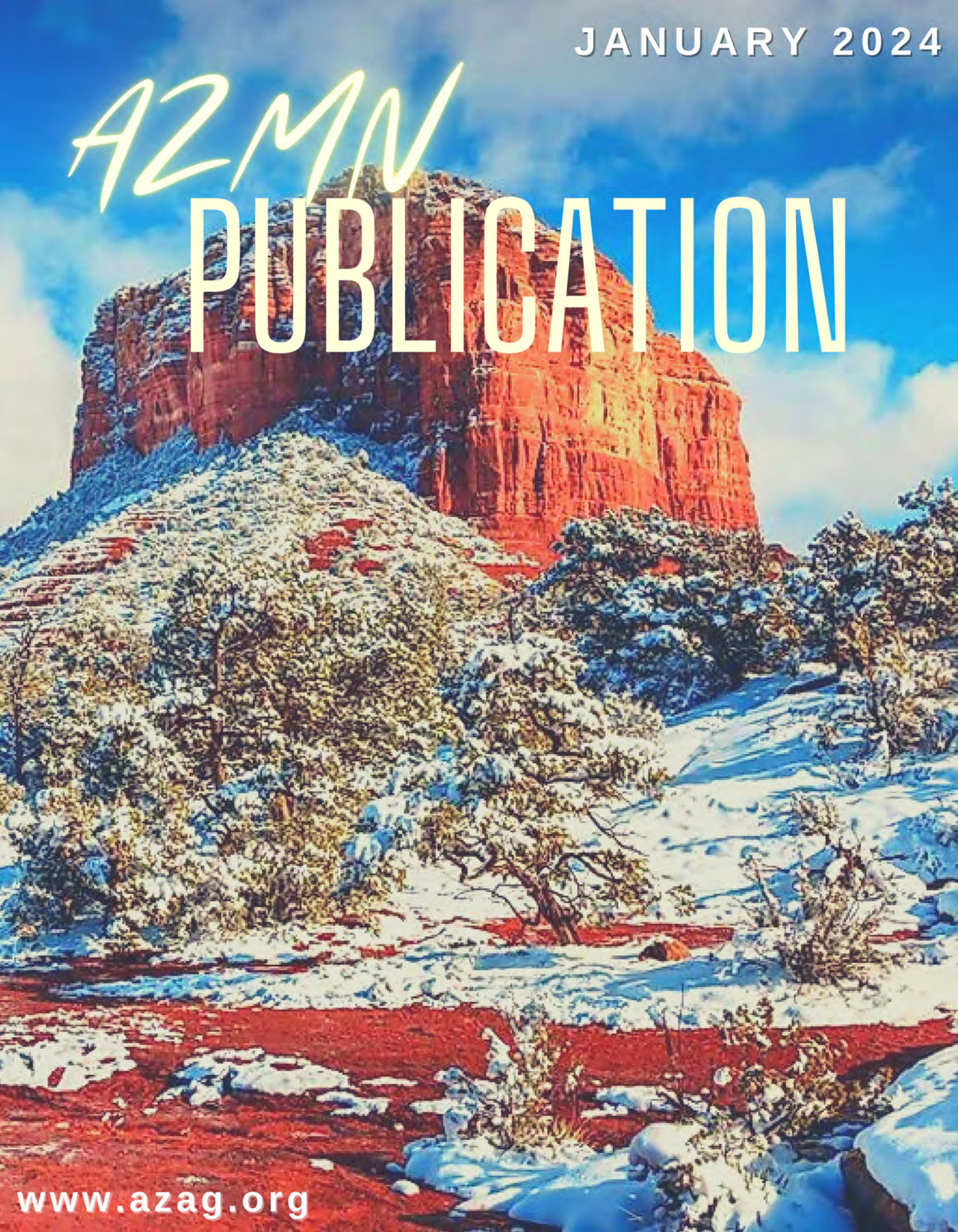


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2024

HAPPY
NEW YEAR



As a young person, I would often picture Jesus at the edge of Heaven anxiously awaiting the Father's command for the trumpet to sound. Then Jesus would come in the clouds of glory to receive His bride, the Church! After all, I heard it preached nearly every Sunday morning that Jesus' coming was imminent and we needed to be watching and ready for His return! No other time was that feeling more intense than when we would pray in the New Year. By the way, this was a regular event in the churches I attended while growing up. We never missed gathering with others from the congregation and getting on our knees and praying in the New Year! It is a poignant memory of kneeling beside my Mother or my Father and hearing them pray earnestly as the minutes ticked away to the midnight hour. We would listen for the bells from the Lutheran Church down the street as well as the Episcopal Church a block the other way, as they chimed in harmony announcing the first seconds of the New Year. I thought more than once that I would never live to be an adult because Jesus would surely come before that could happen.

Somewhere along the months and years leading up to being married and having children, that anticipation and expectancy wavered. I began to hear less and less in the sermons preached from the pulpit of the coming of Christ, let alone the urgency to be ready.

I conducted my own survey of pastors, mostly close friends in those years, of how often they preached of the coming of Christ. I was a bit taken back to hear a couple of them respond with the fact that they were not certain of the timing, nor did they feel secure in the sequence of events that spoke of the coming of Christ.

It may not appear to be such, but I am hoping I encourage you, pastor, to preach the coming of Christ. His Word declares that He will appear for those watching for His return. Many speculate about when and how Jesus will return. Within Christianity and even evangelical Christianity, there are some differing points of view about the second coming of Christ. What matters most is what Scripture has to say about the second coming of Jesus.

I Thessalonians 4:16-17, "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord!"

Hebrews 9:28, "So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him."

Be assured of this! He is coming again to gather the saints to be with Him for eternity in the place He has gone to prepare.

I want to be 'watching' for His coming in this year of 2024. That doesn't mean I will carelessly go around with my eyes to the sky, but it is the Spirit within me that cries, "Even so come Lord Jesus!" Our world is aching and groaning for His return. Prophecy is being fulfilled at a rapid pace. We must have an urgency about everything we do so that the work of our hands point people to the soon-coming King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Maranatha! Oh Lord Come!

Marjorie Harris



By the time you read this publication, our leadership team from the network will have begun our statewide travel in meeting with each section for worship, inspiration, business, and the joy of being together again. Don't miss your section's tour stop. (The schedule is on the next page.)

Marjorie and I are fully aware that we are leading this great network for four more months. I would be less than candid if I said we are not struggling a bit with that reality. It comes in waves of emotion. But there is that deep settled peace that sets in, and we know that the Lord is faithful. Simply FAITHFUL always! He will be faithful to this network in your choice of new leadership, and He will be faithful to us personally. Our life and times are in His hands. What a privilege it has been to serve you these 25 years.

Blessings in this 2024 and look forward to seeing you soon on tour.

Pastor Harris



2024

Network Sectional Tour

Jan. 8		
East Central Section	Calvary Shadows A/G, Globe	10:00 AM
East Section	Dream City Church, Lakeside	5:00 PM
Jan. 9		
Northeast Section	Faith Assembly, Holbrook	10:00 AM
Canyon North Section	Assembly of God, Cameron	4:00 PM
Jan. 10		
Northwest Section	Hope City Church, Kingman	10:00 AM
Jan. 11		
North Central Section	Journey Church, Cottonwood	10:00 AM
Northwest Valley Section	Radiant Church, Surprise	6:00 PM
Jan. 16		
Central Valley Section	Phoenix City Church, Phoenix	10:00 AM
West Valley Section	Vescent Church, Buckeye.	5:00 PM
Jan. 17		
Phoenix Metro Indian Section	Salt River Assembly, Scottsdale	10:00 AM
Jan. 18		
Southeast Valley & East Valley Sections	Desert Springs Church, Chandler	10:00 AM
Jan. 22		
Southwest Section	Yuma First, Yuma	10:00 AM
South Metro & South Sections	Zion City Church, Tucson	6:00 PM
Jan. 23		
Southeast Section	First Assembly, Benson	10:00 AM

Send Them Well!



Ron Rockwell, Assistant Superintendent

A New Year is a time for fresh starts and new beginnings. There's no better time than at the onset of the year to make a renewed commitment to all aspects of global missions - especially within the church or ministry you lead.

God has commissioned the local church to send out laborers into His harvest fields and this divine responsibility involves more than financial support. For missionaries to have successful, sustained ministry in unreached areas of the globe, they must be upheld through prayer, spiritual encouragement, and practical assistance.

Allow me to suggest the following ways in which we can "send well."

1. Send them PRAYERFULLY.

"Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." [Ephesians 6:19](#)

I cannot emphasize enough: prayer is the lifeblood of missions! God calls, sustains, and rewards prayer. For our missionaries to be successful, you and your church must pray. Thank you for leading your church in praying for your missionaries and their families by name.

2. Send Them FINANCIALLY.

*“Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; **see that they lack nothing.**” Titus 3:13.*

Finances are typically the first thing that we think of when sending or supporting missionaries, and for good reason. It takes money to do missions!

Understandably, not every church has the same financial abilities to send people off to the field, but every church does have the opportunity for generosity. It’s imperative at the beginning of the year that pastors establish and prayerfully consider increasing their missions’ budget.

3. Send Them RELATIONALLY.

*“I thank my God **in all my remembrance of you.**” Philippians 1:3*

Missions is a uniquely hard calling. Loneliness and heartache are some of the most commonly shared missionary experiences and also some of the main reasons for leaving mission work. There are also physical challenges, cultural challenges, emotional challenges, and spiritual attacks unlike any other job or calling—and these impact the whole family!

Find practical ways to keep your missionaries from being “out of sight and out of mind” in the coming year. Have regular communication with the purpose of listening, praying, and encouraging.

In closing, let me remind you to participate in the upcoming 2024 Network Tour. Several of our AZ Ministry Network global workers and associates will be present and would love to connect with you.

Let’s make 2024 the year we “SEND THEM WELL!”

**Love and prayers,
Ron Rockwell**



MEET THE TROMBETTA'S

Chris & Peggy are both originally from Massachusetts, but have lived & ministered in Maine, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Oregon, California, and now Arizona.



THEIR HISTORY & HOW THEY GOT TO ARIZONA

Chris graduated from Zion Bible Institute in Barrington, RI, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies and a minor in Missions. He was a Youth Pastor and Children's Pastor for 15 years, served 16 years as a Missionary in Native American Ministries, and 6 years in Church Planting and Development. He also worked within the building trade for 25 years - before and during his full-time years in ministry.

Peggy earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Vanguard University. She has worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to recruit and train employees to work on Reservations in North America. She has served as Worship Leader, Women's Ministry Leader, Youth Leader, and Children's Ministry Director.

The Trombetta Family was invited to come as US Missionaries to Arizona in 2022 to oversee and organize church building projects on Native American Reservations. Shortly after their arrival, Chris was also asked to be the MAPS (Church Mobilization) Director for the AZMN. In his current role, he coordinates RV Volunteers and Missions Teams to help in building new churches and renovating existing ones. Chris, Peggy, and their daughter Ana love Arizona and continue to bring the Gospel through various evangelistic efforts, to advance the kingdom of God on Native American Reservations and throughout the US.

Note to Self...

Never Lose the Wonder

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. - Ephesians 2:10

I will never forget that moment or the feeling attached. My hands were gripping the church van for Rock River Christian Center in Rock Falls, Illinois. I was 19 years old and for the first time officially felt "I was in the ministry." That summer went by so quickly, but it was my first taste of daily ministry, serving under a pastor, interacting with church staff and people, doing what I believed God had called me to do since a child.

Yesterday one of our pastors said, "I sense God is changing many lives at our church. Several responded to the call to salvation on Sunday." He was excited and I remarked to him of how fulfilling it is to be used by God. May we never lose that wonder.

Time itself may chip away at the wonder of being used by God in ministry. My, that was over 40 years ago that I drove that church van for the first time! Other things like cynicism, hurt, disappointments, or financial stress can drain us of the joy of ministry. As this year begins, evaluate your heart and ask God to renew the amazing sense of privilege and excitement it is to fulfill the ministry He has called you to.



**Stay healthy in
ministry,
Pastor Jeff**

Ways to keep the wonder of being used by God:

- **Reflect back to your first days of ministry and how it felt**
- **Reflect over some of the specific people who had breakthroughs under your ministry**
- **Reflect over past wins in ministry/good seasons of growth**
- **Ask God to keep your heart tender and child-like in the wonder of His call**
- **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.

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



Dale Gray, Men's Director
dgray@rockag.com



Lindsay Petri, Women's Director



AZ women

Arizona Women's Ministry 2024

SAVE-THE- DATES

Imagine Women's Conference

April 26th

Pure Heart Church

14240 N 43rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85306

Fall Retreat

Weekend 1: September 12th -14th

Weekend 2: September 19th - 21st

We will be offering other gatherings, adventure trips, mission opportunities and events throughout the year! Stay connected on social media or visit our website for up to date information!

THE DREAM TEAM

Our Dream Team is the group of amazing volunteers that help accomplish the mission and vision of the Arizona Women's Ministry! We are looking to build a team that will commit to serving for the year! This will included trainings to develop your gifts and talents, worship nights, relationship building and the opportunity to serve and be an instrumental part of our events throughout the year! E-mail women@azag.org if you would like to sign up for the 2024 Dream Team!



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REGIONAL TOUR



ARIZONA YOUTH MINISTRIES IS GOING ON TOUR!

Each year the Arizona Youth Ministries team travels the state on a mission to partner with our churches to present the gospel. This year we will be in six strategic locations for a free youth service outreach.

Students will hear a powerful word and we will have *One Pursuit Music* leading us in worship!
We hope you will join us!

For locations and to RSVP go to:

azagyouth.org/regionaltour

TEMPE - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

KINGMAN - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

COTTONWOOD - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

PEORIA - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

TUCSON - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

YUMA - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

02/14-19/24
6-8 PM

5:30 Check-In & Connect



GRIFFIN MCGRATH

Youth & Young Adult Director

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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

January Classes

106

Life of Christ

105

Acts

307

Pentateuch

REGISTER AT AZASOM.COM



NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

Dr. Butrin joins Session One with her inspiring story!



BOOK STUDY

COHORT

THE MEN & ME
Being the Only Woman
in the Room
by JoAnn Butrin PhD

WE HAVE JUST A
COUPLE SPOTS LEFT!
CONTACT US TODAY
TO REGISTER.

Starts January 18th at 8:30AM or 7:00PM

NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

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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 [HERE](#)

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



Blessed

TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA

Save the Dates Spring Fundraising Banquet Tour 2024

Friday, March 1 - Lake Havasu City

London Bridge Resort - 1477 Queens Bay 602-478-7704

Saturday, March 2 - Yuma

Harvest Prep Academy - 350 E. 18th St 520-730-4265

Friday, March 8 - Sierra Vista

Shiloh Christian Ministries - 1519 Avenida del Sol 520-730-4265

Friday & Saturday, March 15 & 16 - Casa Grande

The Property Conference Center - 1251 W. Gila Bend HWY 520-709-1683

Friday, April 12 - Flagstaff

High Country Conference Center - 201 W Butler Ave 602-309-4391

Friday, April 19 - Prescott Valley

Lifepointe Church - 10100 E State Route 69 602-309-4391

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES

Ministry Focus 2024: RELENTLESS

My dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable.
Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that
nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

1 Corinthians 15:58



Our ***African Arizona School of Ministry*** been *relentless* in studying this last year to receive their credentials with the Assemblies of God. In April, we will receive nine newly credentialed African pastors into our fellowship!

City Harvest International Glad Tidings Church

Pastor Luther & Sandra Bolung *relentlessly* are serving Jesus to reach to Malaysian, Indonesian, and English speaking people. Here is a group of wonderful leaders from a Christmas Services.



Vietnamese Outreach Mission

Explosive growth has taken place at our new Vietnamese Church plant. In two months, they have gone from a handful of people to a growing congregation! Pastor Levi Ly has a *relentless* passion to share the Gospel to their whole community. Their church is sharing with everyone who God is and what He can do in their lives.



Jesus Power Assembly of God Church

The installation of Pastor Edmond Eghan as the pastor of Jesus Power Assembly of God Church was an exciting celebration. Pastor Eghan has been faithful and *relentless* in serving God as this great church of West Africans grows!



Pentecostal Assembly of God - Phoenix

Pastor Semajeri Thomas Munyamahame has been *relentless* in welcoming 53 new refugees from the civil war in the Congo, Burundi and Rwanda. The church is assisting these refugees to find jobs as they build relationships with them with the love of Jesus. Please pray for myself and pastor, as we go to Uganda January 30 - Feb. 10, 2024 to visit the 20 churches he oversees. I will speak at the National Pastors Conference and dedicate two new church buildings. Pray for protection and a prophetic voice to this great nation.



MAY GOD MAKES US RELENTLESS IN 2024 IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES AND MINISTRY!

If you would like to support us, visit our giving page: <https://www.azag.org/giving-2>

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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

Holbrook, Faith Assembly

Houck Bethel Navajo, Assembly of God

Lake Havasu, Abundant Grace

Page, First Assembly of God

Polacca, Assembly of God

Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.

San Manuel, Assembly of God

Welton, Assembly of God

(Interim: Ron Kobs)

TRANSFERRED IN

Stacy Brankel from Alaska district 12/7

TRANSFERRED OUT

Matthew Maestas to North TX district

Kristlyn Maestas to North TX district

Matthew Voss to Rocky Mountain district

Anthony Manuel to Northern Cal Nevada district

McKenzie Manuel to Northern Cal Nevada district

Caleb Christensen to SoCal district