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# Around the Network



**“Marjorie and I were incredibly joyful in seeing our son, Colton marry his beautiful bride, Courtney in a sunset ceremony at Lake Pleasant. It was a beautiful evening that was made extra meaningful by the presence of the Lord. This ceremony was not only the celebration of their union, but a time of praise and rejoicing in the faithfulness of the Lord to our family.**

**I wanted to let you share in this joy with a peek of the wedding itself. I wish all of you could have witnessed this special time, but grateful for photography and the memories it allows one to keep close to their heart.”**



**“It was our privilege this past Sunday morning, April 2, 2023, to officially recognize and celebrate with Full Life Church, (former First Assembly of God) in Chandler, Arizona as they welcomed their new pastors, James & Kathy Brown. It was a blessed Sunday morning, Palm Sunday, and we were blessed to participate in communion, honor the former lead pastors, Tom & Arlene Racoczy, and hear Rev. Joe Jackson minister in song. We were also honored to pray the prayer of blessing over Pastor James and Kathy as they embark on this new assignment from the Lord. We are believing with them for even greater days ahead.**



**“What a day of Celebration as the stories were told of the early days of the founding of the work in Hereford, AZ, in the Palominas community of people. Located just 3 miles from the Mexico border, this little community has a thriving church that is still shining the light of the Gospel into that Southern-most part of Arizona. Pastor Dale and Martha Stoner, along with their congregation and many special guests, lifted praise to the Lord for 100 years of ministry at that site. Pastor Dale and Martha came as lead pastors in 1986. Thirty-seven years later, their faithfulness is evidenced by the people that still call Hereford Church of Palominas their place of worship. The beginnings were humble, but God’s hand was upon he early founders.**



**The Stoners have overseen many improvements and remodeling in the building itself. They served a lunch, provided by the women of the church, and shared history, music, and fellowship all afternoon. It was our privilege to be the invited guest speaker for the day. May God bless the church with many more years in Palominas."**

# Network Conference

**April 17**  
MONDAY

**April 18**  
TUESDAY

**Please  
Register By  
April 10!**

Generation Church | Mesa, AZ

## SPEAKERS

**Pastor Mike  
Santiago**



**Pastors Travis &  
Brittany Jones**



## SCHEDULE

### **Monday - Business Day**

- 8:30 a.m. Registration Opens
- 10:00 a.m. Business session
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch break (on own)
- 1:00 p.m. Business session
- 2:00 p.m. General session
- 3:00 p.m. General session
- 4:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner Break (on own)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. General session

### **Tuesday - Ministry Day**

- 9:00 a.m. Intro/Worship
- 9:30 a.m. General session
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch break (lunch provided)
- 1:00 p.m. General session
- 2:00 p.m. Less than 10
- 2:30 p.m. General session
- 4:00 p.m. Dinner break
- 7:00 p.m. Ordination Service - Pastor Stephen Harris

GET MORE INFO AND  
REGISTER [HERE](#).

# Why Do We Do Missions?



Throughout the Gospels, Jesus always seems to give his disciples more than they bargain for. In Matthew 28, Matthew records that the group, reeling in shock and awe over his resurrection, had an unsettled mix of emotions: *“And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted”* (Matt. 28:17).

Perhaps Jesus will deal with the doubts before he proceeds to their mission? Nope! Jesus simply reminds them of his own sufficiency, glory, and authority. He draws their eyes to his ultimate rule over creation before commissioning them to take the gospel to all the nations:

*And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matt. 28:18–20)

**“The Great Commission!”** Jesus’s commands are clear. He tells the disciples **what** to do, **where** to do it, and **how** to do it.

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## What to Do

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The disciples must go, make disciples, baptize, and teach. They must go to share the good news of peace with God that is available by faith in Christ. As people repent of their sins and believe this good news, the disciples must baptize the new believers upon their profession of faith. Then the disciples need to teach these new disciples what Jesus first taught them.

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## Where to Do It

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Jesus instructs his followers to make disciples of “all nations” (v. 19). In other words, the scope of the mission extends to every corner of the earth.

The word for nations in Greek is “*ethne*.” This word doesn’t refer to political nations like Turkey, China, or the United States, but smaller groups—the ethnicities of the world. This word also reveals God’s purposes in redemption: he’s drawing to himself worshipers among all the different people groups of the earth.

In the Old Testament, God promised Abraham that all the families of the earth would be blessed through his seed (Gen. 12:1–3). He also taught the nation of Israel to pray for the nations (Psalm 67).

Now Jesus launches a global campaign to bring the kingdom of God to every people group, fulfilling the Abrahamic promise. At the end of history, we’ll witness Christ’s victorious reign as men and women from every tribe, tongue, and nation bow before the Messiah as worshipers of the one true God (Rev. 5:9).

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## How to Do It

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Notice Jesus brackets his command to the disciples with promises of his **power** and his **presence**.

On the front end, Christ is the one with all authority in heaven and earth. He has the authority as the divine Son of God to send us on heaven’s mission. He has the authority to demand the allegiance of the peoples.

On the back end, Christ promises that he will not leave us to our own devices. He will be with us always, even to the end of the age. These promises should make all the difference for people like you and me who endeavor to be faithful to this Great Commission.

Ministry leader, we have been given a mandate from Jesus, the Resurrected King, and we know what to do, where to do it and how to do it. **LET’S DO IT!**

Sue and I look forward to seeing you at Network Conference this year. Many of our Arizona missionaries, global workers and associates will be with us as well, and we thank you, in advance, for extending extreme kindness and generosity to them as they share and update us on their ministry calling.



**Ron Rockwell**  
Assistant Superintendent



# Attributes of a Healthy Church: "Strong Community"

**Acts 2:42-47 is the model every church tries to follow in their context.  
Over the next few months, we will look at ways to accomplish this.**

Strong community is an important attribute of a healthy church, because it plays a vital role in creating a sense of belonging, support, and accountability among members. When a church community is strong, it fosters an environment where members can grow in their faith together, provide emotional and practical support to one another, and hold each other accountable in their Christian walk.

Here are some details of why strong community is important in a healthy church:

**Sense of Belonging:** A strong church community provides a sense of belonging to its members. It is a place where people can come together and feel like they are part of a larger family. This sense of belonging helps members feel connected and valued, which in turn strengthens their commitment to the church.

**Emotional Support:** A strong church community also provides emotional support to its members. During difficult times, members can turn to one another for comfort, prayer, and encouragement. This support system helps to alleviate feelings of isolation and loneliness that can arise when facing challenging circumstances.

**Practical Support:** In addition to emotional support, a strong church community also provides practical support to its members. Members can assist one another with practical needs such as meals, transportation, or home repairs. This practical support helps to create a culture of care and compassion within the church.

**Accountability:** Finally, a strong church community also provides a sense of accountability to its members. Members can hold one another accountable in their Christian walk by encouraging one another to grow in their faith, providing feedback when necessary, and holding each other accountable for their actions.



There are several ways in which a church can develop a strong community:

**Encourage Regular Attendance:** Encourage regular attendance and active participation in church activities. This allows members to build relationships with one another and fosters a sense of belonging and commitment to the church.

**Develop Small Group Ministries:** Small group ministries provide a more intimate setting where members can connect on a deeper level, share their lives with one another, and grow in their faith together. Small groups can be organized around a variety of interests, such as Bible studies, prayer groups, or social groups.

**Provide Opportunities for Service:** Providing opportunities for service within the church and the local community allows members to work together towards a common goal and build strong relationships based on shared experiences.

**Organize Social Activities:** Organizing social activities, such as game nights, or community service projects, provides an opportunity for members to connect in a relaxed and informal setting.

**Create a Culture of Care:** Creating a culture of care within the church involves prioritizing the needs of others, being compassionate and empathetic, and actively seeking to meet the needs of those within the church community.

**Facilitate Communication:** Facilitating communication between members through social media, or other communication channels can help members stay connected, informed, and engaged in the life of the church.

**Provide Pastoral Care:** Providing pastoral care to members, such as counseling, mentoring, or crisis intervention, can help members feel valued and supported by the church.

By implementing these strategies, churches can build a strong, supportive, and thriving community of faith.



**Leigh Metcalf**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

# Note to Self...

## Remember Those Who Lay A Good Example For You

Several weeks ago on a Saturday afternoon, my calendar reminder went off and I tuned into the website of Church on the Way in Van Nuys, California. Jack Hayford's Memorial Service was beginning and from that moment in a Target store through to my chair at home, I was glued to my phone as I eagerly watched their tribute to this great man of God. I kept telling Carla how "strangely moved" I was in my spirit throughout the entire service.

In ensuing days, I reflected on several ways that Pastor Jack affected my life and thought I would share a few with you today:

- **Constancy** – Jack Hayford ran his race well. I reflected on how thankful I was for him, Eugene Peterson and other giants in our faith who have recently passed without a hint of scandal or moral failure. It's strange to write, but my mind went to so many other recent leaders who have sadly fallen prey to the enemy.
- **Holy Spirit** – Jack Hayford was a statesman of the Pentecostal faith. His teachings and writings continually focused us upon the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
- **Celebration of others of "not so like" faith and practice** – Jack Hayford had an amazing attitude toward those who did not exactly align with his doctrine. This amazed me! I once spoke with one of his staff members about his graciousness toward others on either of two extremes: (1) crazy, sometimes messy charismatic teachers and (2) stoic, Calvinistic or other non-Pentecostal types. Hayford spoke honorably of all and left the judgment to the Lord on that Day.
- **Spiritual disciplines** – Jack Hayford may have marked me more in this area than any other. His daily habits of prayer and the word were peppered in his teachings, providing us a great example and fresh ideas to approaching our time with the Lord each day. I regularly practice several disciplines thanks to Pastor Jack.

- **Authentic, real stories** – Pastor Jack often surprised an audience as he so intelligently articulated God’s truth in relation to areas of personal conduct and intimate life experience. Whether a small group of pastors in a “School of Pastoral Nurture” to stadiums filled with tens of thousands of men at a Promise Keepers event, he hit sensitive subjects head on and with a holy tenaciousness.
- **God winks** – Though I never heard this phrase in his vernacular, it certainly peppered his writings and teachings. Pastor Jack sensed God speaking to his heart in the most common of ways and told others about it. A rainbow that millions might see would actually speak a direct word from the Holy Spirit to Jack’s heart. An ordinary phone conversation or text message carried much greater significance to this man who lived inclined to the voice of the Holy Spirit in the most common of occurrences.

I could go on and on...but, will just say how thankful I am for Pastor Jack Hayford. I hope you were privileged for him to touch your life, too.



**Stay healthy in ministry,  
Pastor Jeff**

## Ways to Reflect on Key Leaders:

- **Who has God used to influence your life and ministry? Stop and thank the Lord for that person, whether alive or having passed. If alive, pray for them right now.**
- **Write down, as I did here, the significant life-truths that person has passed on to you.**
- **Pull a book off the shelf or Youtube teaching from that person and enjoy a past teaching of theirs.**
- **Though the scope of our lives might not measure to a Jack Hayford, still join me in asking God to use us to touch others in a similar way. What a privilege for us all!**
- **If you would like to discuss these thoughts, feel free to give me a call: 480-579-9998.**

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THROUGH**



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# ARIZONA YOUTH MINISTRIES



## FINE ARTS

Fine Arts is an incredible discipleship tool! We are seeing growth in Arizona students as they discover, develop, and deploy their God given gifts! Arizona Fine Arts festival is held on April 15th. National Youth Conference and Fine Arts is in Columbus, Ohio this year, July 31st - August 4

Our mission is to equip the church for gospel-centered youth ministry. We want to see students empowered by the Spirit and personally responsible to the mission of God. We won't stop until all know Jesus.

Make sure to go to [azagyouth.org](http://azagyouth.org) to stay up to date on all that is happening!



## WE LOVE CAMP


All seven camps are full, and it's just an indicator that God is moving on the hearts of this generation, and revival is here! We are excited and expectant for this camp season as our theme is FORGED: disciples who make disciples.

You might also be interested to hear that we are officially doing a Young Adults Camp called Summer Weekend. It's a two-night camp for young adults at Granite Hills featuring Reggie Hill and Dan Rivera from SEU Worship.



**GRIFFIN MCGRATH**

Youth & Young Adult Director

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KIDCON 2023

Highlights

# Make Waves



# 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

## SPECIAL GUESTS

One of our commitments for ASOM is provide a high quality experience for our students. A special way we do this is through our teachers. This month we'll have several special teachers with us including Rollie Dimos, the head auditor for the AG National Office, Gerad Strong the director of development for CMN, and Dr. Bryan Davenport, lead pastor of Heritage Church in Washington. Sign up today!






**Rick Ryan**  
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Sábado 6 de Mayo

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Conferencia para Mujeres

9:00 am-  
3:00 pm

(Almuerzo incluido) Revolution Ministries  
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and His Spirit came down!



**NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS**  
Denise Ryan, Director


# Highlights of Spring 23'



**Tucson Teen Challenge**  
**SUNRISE SERVICE**  
 Sunday, April 9, 2023 7:00am  
 Catalina State Park  
 11570 N Oracle Rd. Tucson, AZ  
 Continental Breakfast Provided


Park Pass \$7 per car

Featuring the University of Arizona CHI ALPHA Campus Ministry  
 A special offering will be received to support their mission.  
 520-730-4265 tcaz.org/sunrise

Teen Challenge of Arizona  
**Thankful!**  
 Colossians 4:2

**WHO WE ARE**



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**SPRING BANQUETS 2023**

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YOU'RE INVITED TO  
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**SPRINGBOARD GALA**

**19**  
 MAY

**DOORS OPEN**  
 6:30 PM  
**DINNER**  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
**VENUE**  
 New Life Bible Fellowship  
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 Arizona Women's Ministry Director



"Set your heart on things above"  
 Colossians 3:1-3

Visit [springboardhome.com](http://springboardhome.com) to register

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# Network Information

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## Recent Network Statistics

### OPEN CHURCHES

Cedar Creek, Assembly of God

(Interim: Ron Burnett)

Denneshotso, Trinity Assembly of God

(Interim: Isaac Todachine)

Page, First Assembly of God

Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.

San Manuel, Assembly of God

Welton, Assembly of God

(Interim: Ron Kobs)

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Joel Cornelius to Wisconsin/Michigan District

Art Tidwell to Central District

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