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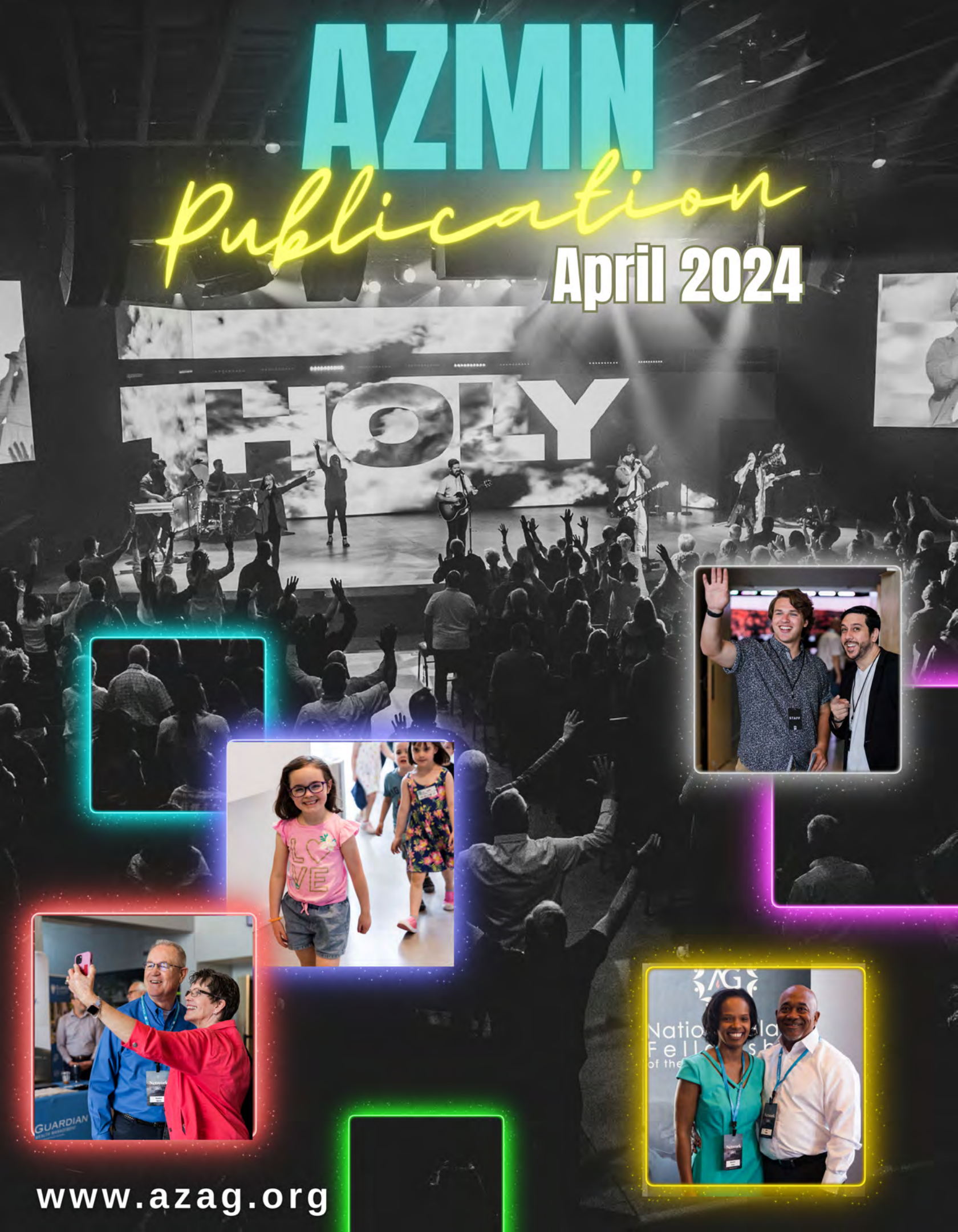


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Network Conference is Almost Here!

Just days away, 2024 Network Conference, "Unstoppable" will take place at Radiant Church, Surprise, Arizona. It will be a momentous gathering as this body will elect a new Superintendent, and will also honor Marjorie and I with a wonderful banquet evening that will leave warm memories for years to come.

This has felt somewhat like the long 'goodbye' for us. The wonderful fact is that we are not moving from Arizona. It is home to us now, and with both of our sons here, it just feels right to remain where our Church family is. So, it's not 'goodbye' in the truest sense, but giving up leadership in God's timing and will. We will always support 100% the next man up! God is faithful, and I know you are praying as are we.

So, we anticipate this year's conference with some sorrow, if we are truthful, but more so expectation of the future for the Arizona Ministry Network. We live in such a critical time in our history, and the soon return of the Lord for His church is at hand. All we do is done with urgency in our hearts, knowing the time is short. Let's put our hands to the plow and work faithfully until the trumpet sounds to release us from this world to be with Him.

We look forward to seeing you soon. We love you with everything within us. To say what an honor it has been to serve you is void of appropriate words to fully express what we feel. See you at Conference, 2024!!

**Blessings,
Pastor & Marjorie**



"It was a privilege to install Pastor Othoniel and Lesly Hernandez as lead pastors at Roca De Salvacion church. Rick Ryan (our Intercultural Ministries director) and Presbyterian Ken Cosentino and his wife Brenda were in attendance as well."



NETWORK CONFERENCE 2024

UNSTOPPABLE

(APRIL 15-16)

RADIANT CHURCH

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. Elder presentation & Department presentations
- 3:00 p.m. Alliance Defending Freedom
- 4:00 p.m. Dinner Break
- 5:00 p.m. Presbyters' Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Ordination Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Ordination - Pastor Harris

Schedule

Tuesday - Ministry Day

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Worship
- 9:15 a.m. General session - Doug Clay
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer
- 10:30 a.m. General Session - John Lindell
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Break - Onsite
- 1:00 p.m. General session - Doug Clay
- 2:00 p.m. General session - John Lindell
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 6:00 p.m. Appreciation Banquet

Guest Speakers:



John Lindell



Doug Clay

Direct Links:

[Register for Conference](#)
[Purchase Tickets for Harris](#)
[Appreciation Banquet](#)

Two Simple Words:

T H A N K Y O U

Thank you, Pastor Steve and Marjorie, for personally investing in us and so many other pastors, missionaries and ministry leaders in ways that we will never realize.

Thank you for choosing to live your lives dedicated to truth. For knowing the Word of God and sowing it into our lives and our churches.

Thank you for passionately pursuing the Presence of God and leading with the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for prioritizing the secret place of the prayer closet and for actively engaging in worship with hands and hearts raised heavenward.

Thank you for challenging us as pastors and church leaders to keep missions in the forefront of all we do in ministry. Thank you for your example of personal financial investment and sacrificial giving.

Thank you for the hours spent listening to a countless number of difficult conversations. Thank you for listening without judgement and being a safe space where men and women could find the forgiveness they so desperately needed. Thank you for the times you have spoken into and prayed for the brokenhearted pastor or pastor's wife.

Thank you for being tenderhearted and compassionate in the face of grief and for being joy-filled in others' celebrations. Thank you for becoming an important part of our extended Network family, even when that required you to sacrifice time with your own family.

Thank you for intentionally investing in our children and grandchildren. Thank you for loving them through difficult seasons and for applauding their victories and accomplishments.

Thank you for the responsibility you shouldered to minister the way you did. Thank you for choosing to follow His calling on your life. You chose daily to take up this cross of leadership and follow hard after His call on your life. You have shown us how to shepherd well.

"Thank you" truly isn't enough. But today, we honor you for all you have done and for the years you have poured into the Arizona Ministry Network.

For you, we are forever thankful.

Ron & Sue Rockwell



TESTIMONY-

Last July, Pastor Russ & Traci attended the AZ CMN Retreat with Mike Santiago from Break200 Ministry. They jumped in 100% with following the steps provided through the Break200 strategy. City Church now has an average attendance of over 200! They are now hosting another Break200 event and want to invite you to be part.

City Church invites all of the AG ministry network and churches across the state to the 2024 Break200 Conference July 26th and 27th. Pastor Mike Santiago, founder of Break200, has partnered with City Church to bring this conference to the West Coast! We encourage all churches wanting to grow to attend. Sign up today at www.eventbrite.com



FOR CHURCHES & CAMPUSES TRYING TO BREAK THE 200 BARRIER

SCAN HERE TO LOCK IN YOUR REGISTRATION AT A REDUCED RATE!



Leigh Metcalf, Secretary/Treasurer



NOTE TO SELF...

Meditate on the Scriptures

**But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night. - Psalm 1:2**

A pastor asked me a question many years ago. We were discussing my commitment to memorizing Scripture and he said to me, “But, do you think it will help you in your pastoring?” I explained the ways I felt it beneficial, not realizing 25+ years later, it would provide a major part of the restoration and healing to my soul. It not only “helped me in my pastoring,” but I contend it saved my mind and my heart.

At one of the lowest points in my life and ministry years ago, I turned daily, morning after morning, to two staples to our Christian faith: prayer and God’s word. God met me in a powerful way some mornings and at others I felt like I was just going through the motions, sticking to my daily disciplines. I not only read the word, but I felt God’s leading to certain amazingly applicable verses of Scripture and I chose to meditate upon them—as in serious meditation to the point that I ultimately committed them to memory. These verses remain life-giving to me and I return to them on a regular basis even now, to find nourishment to my mind and spirit.

In my Masters work at GCU years ago, an assignment led me to a man and his raisin. It sounds silly, but he walked us through an amazing 8-minute journey of the history of the raisin, to the point of putting it into our mouths and ultimately eating that one raisin.

He was teaching us how to in essence, empty our minds so we can focus onto something with the benefit of forgetting our worries and anxieties of life. It was effective, but led me to a much more powerful truth. We have God's word to actually fill our minds with through meditation and memorization. And it is much more alive and potent than any shrunken grape!

Pastors, I challenge you to not only read God's word, but to meditate upon it. It was Joshua's marching order (Joshua 1:8), our first Psalm's promise of blessing (Ps. 1:2), and fulfillment of Paul's challenge to let God's word live abundantly within us (Col. 3:16). I promise you it will be enriching to your soul!

Ways to meditate upon God's word:

- Find verses that speak to your life in the season you are in.
- Write them on 3x5 cards or simply lay God's word open before you.
- "Pray" the verses...that you are going to live/experience that truth.
- Do this repeatedly with a goal to ultimately memorize the verse(s).
- If you would like to discuss these thoughts, feel free to give me a call: 480-579-9998.



**Stay healthy in ministry,
Pastor Jeff**



Visit men.ag.org for men's ministry resources and discipleship material!

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MINISTRIES**

MAN MISSION



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



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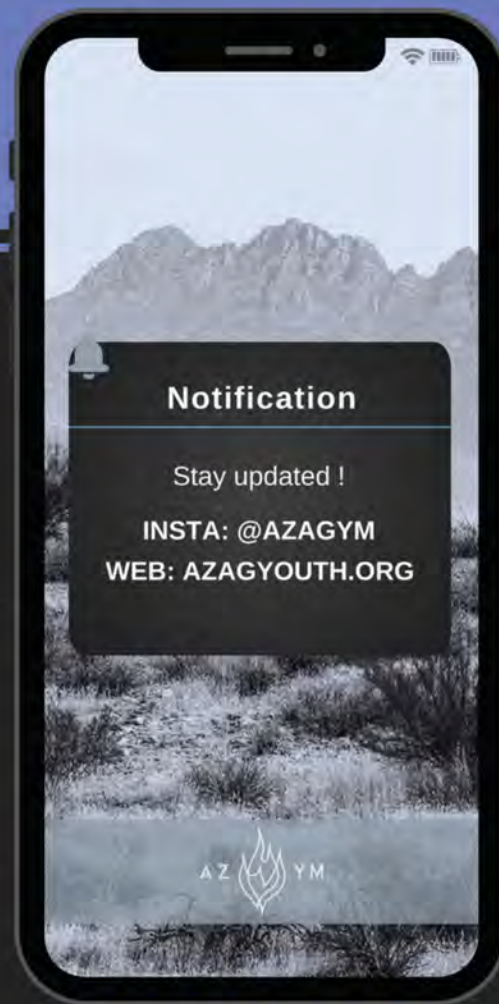
REGISTRATION



Arizona Youth Ministries



Mark your calendars for August 2, 2024! Arizona Youth Ministries is partnering with One Pursuit MSC to host a Benefit for missions! You don't want to miss this incredible night of Worship where we join together to fundraise for Speed the Light!



FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

April is Fine Arts Festival month! Students from all over Arizona are gathering together, at Desert Springs Church in Chandler, to celebrate their God given gifts! This month we are also launching Arizona Youth Ministries Creative Collective! A community of creatives passionate about discovering, developing, and deploying their gifts! Visit our website for more info!



APRIL 6th
FAF24

DISCOVER DEVELOP DEPLOY

GRIFFIN MCGRATH
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SUMMER WEEKEND

June 20-22



Prescott, AZ

ft. SEU Worship

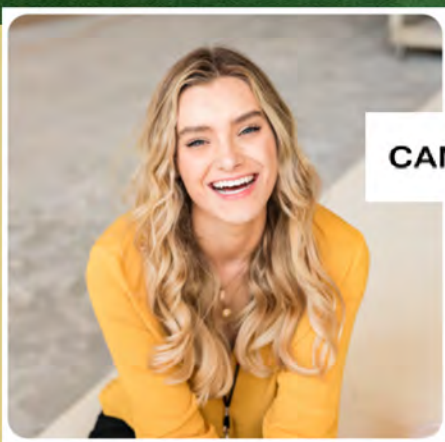
Tyshone Rowland • Theo Ryan
Blare & Elise Wood • Griffin McGrath

KINGDOM

ARIZONA KIDS CAMP 2024

Click for More Info
& to Register

CAMP SPEAKERS



CAMP 1: JUNE 24-27 **FULL**



CAMP 2: JULY 1 - 4 **FULL**



CAMP 3: JULY 8-11 **FULL**

CAMP 4: JULY 15 - 18



APRIL CLASSES

208

Intro to Theology

209

Church Planting

209

Church Administration, Law & Finance

REGISTER AT AZASOM.COM



NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS
DENISE RYAN
 DIRECTOR



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CONNECT WITH US...



Stay connected to AZNWM & our upcoming events!





Blessed

TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA

Spring Graduation 2024

Saturday, May 18, 2024 - 2 PM

Equip Church

1601 Grand Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
REV GREG BUSTA, GRADUATE**

“Since graduating from Teen Challenge in 2014, my life has been completely blessed.

I am blessed beyond words to say that through the grace of God, I am 11 years sober and continue to pursue Jesus as my everything in life. My life is blessed, and all the glory goes to Jesus.”

Rev. Greg Busta

tcaz.org





Teen Challenge of Arizona's
CHRISTIAN LIFE RANCH

13TH ANNUAL

GOLF 2024
SCRAMBLE

MAY 11 | **STONECREEK GOLF CLUB**
SATURDAY | 2024 4435 E. PARADISE VILLAGE PARKWALK, PHX, AZ

18 HOLES OF GOLF | **BUFFET STYLE LUNCH**

REGISTRATION **6AM** | TEE OFF **7AM** | 50/50 RAFFLE & PRIZES

REGISTER:

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RICK RYAN

Director

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When you've grasped the weightiness of God's presence, you won't settle for earthly, lightweight compromises.

SEAN SMITH

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS MOVING

More than 45 individuals were baptized by the Holy Spirit last month. The supernatural is a subject that people are interested in. After a service, a new attender with a Catholic background approached me and expressed his joy in experiencing a heavenly language: *'Father, this is what I've been looking for!'* There is a sense of anticipation among the people.

THE NEXT LEVEL OF GROWTH

It is directly in front of us. The Assemblies of God in Arizona have 85,000 congregants. Growing to 585,000 is our ultimate goal, which I believe God wants us to achieve. Why? The promise of God in both the Old and New Testament, Joel 2:28-29 and Acts 2:17-18, 21 states: *In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

As Sean Smith writes, "When you've grasped the weightiness of God's presence, you won't settle for earthly, lightweight compromises. And if your experiences are below His promises, it should call forth a holy pursuit! We know we are in a season of great concern, but know this that great shakings proceed great awakenings." God's ready. The question is are we ready?

My friends, it is time to stop, drop, and call out to God! Jeremiah 33:3, tells us, *Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.*

Jesus is the answer to major network decisions, catastrophic collisions between families, friends, cities and countries. The world is searching for HOPE!

Till He returns,

Rick Ryan

Roca de Salvacion, Tucson

Pastor Othoniel and Lesly Hernandez were installed in Tucson. Pastor Hernandez has been at the church for just five months yet the church has doubled with a whole new generation of youth and young couples!



Iglesia Horeb, Tucson

Pastor Genaro and Imla Venalanzo, Sr were installed as the new pastor's of Iglesia Horeb. The power of God filled the room in this new church plant that is running almost 100. Included was the recognition of Pastor's son and daughter receiving their license to preach in the upcoming Network Conference.



Largest AG African Group

Dr. John and Doris Knoles are doing an amazing work teaching our licensing classes to African pastors that speak Kinyarwanda. Our classes for Africans being credentialed are the largest in the USA Assemblies of God. God is doing a mighty work in Arizona!



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

Recent Network Statistics

OPEN CHURCHES

Houck Bethel Navajo, Assembly of God
Page, First Assembly of God
Polacca, Assembly of God
Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.
San Manuel, Assembly of God

TRANSFERRED IN

Clifford Smalley from Northern California/Nevada

TRANSFERRED OUT

Timothy Wade to Southern California

DECEASED

John Brandt on March 20