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# PRAYING FOR OUR NETWORK FAMILIES

I know I am not alone in my feelings that time seems to be passing in warp speed. Addressing the hopes and prayers for the “new year” seems just a few days ago. Our schedules, the demands of ministry, our families, working to keep a balance with everything sometimes feels like a maze we are navigating. So, here we are in the “dog days” of summer in August. Nobody has to explain that to us desert dwellers!

Isn't it comforting to know that the move of God in our churches and in our own personal lives does not depend on tranquility, but rather on the omnipotence of the God we serve. He has not vacated His throne, nor thrown up His hands in despair. His timing remains consistent and pure perfection. We trust Him. He gifts us with grace, daily. He strengthens the weak, and gives wisdom to those who simply ask. He opens doors and closes doors. . .all for our good. And in the midst of chaos in our world, He is our peace.

Collectively, this body of Christ that we call the Arizona Ministry Network has deeply grieved for our friends, Jonathan and Monica Gannon. This family has had to endure the heartbreaking tragedy losing their 11-year-old daughter, Arianna, in an accident that also left their other two daughters needing hospitalization and weeks of rehab. The call went out and you responded. We have been able to bless the Gannons thus far with just under \$17,000 to help them with the multitude of expenses that has been laid on them since this tragedy occurred. I sat with Dr. Jonathan, and he expressed their deep gratitude for the blessing our network of pastors and churches has been to them. We continue to keep them in our prayers as they resume life with the grief they are processing. THANK YOU, friends, for your overwhelming response. I know the Gannons know without a doubt that we all love and support them through this difficult season. People are still giving, and I can assure you that we are dispersing the funds as they come in.

With the start up of school season, my heart is burdened for our kids and what they are being taught, from Pre-K up through High School. Transgender thinking is being crammed down our throats, whether it be television commercials, text books, some teachers themselves, and all social media. I have a grandson still in high school, and I pray over him daily. Oh God, cover the hearts and minds of our children, and our young people. Another reason I hold close to my heart the ministry of our summer camp season. Parents, know what your children are being taught. Read their textbooks. Know what their teachers are telling them. Be alert, be on guard, and cover your children daily with the blood of Jesus in prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit.



## *Around the Network*

Marjorie and I were privileged to be in service with Pastor Tom & Toni Garza, Assembly of God in Holbrook. Sweet service, and God is on the move in Holbrook!



When we are not traveling on weekend ministry, we attend Summit Church, in Anthem with Pastors Jeremy and Catie Naranjo. They had missionary Jake Godin scheduled to speak recently, and it was my privilege to join with them in praying blessing over Jake and the fulfillment of his calling.



*Sincerely,*

Pastor Harris and Marjorie



# Mission's Update

I trust the goodness of the Lord is running after you as you fight the good fight of faith to bring God's love to a world desperately in need of Jesus. We are grateful for your dedication to ministry and your faithfulness in praying, loving and supporting our missionary family.

Recently, we were in Springfield for the annual AGWM Missions Connect, which culminates each year with a beautiful commissioning service. This time of training and renewal is vital for both the veteran and newly-appointed missionary. **The class of 2022 had 88 newly-appointed missionaries saying "YES" to the call of God on their lives.**

The ministry of the Holy Spirit was so evident in the services, as missionaries from all over the world came together to seek the presence of God. Truly, the Lord of the Harvest is still in the business of sending workers into the world to bring the good news of the gospel of peace.



Some of our AZ Network family enjoying dinner together!

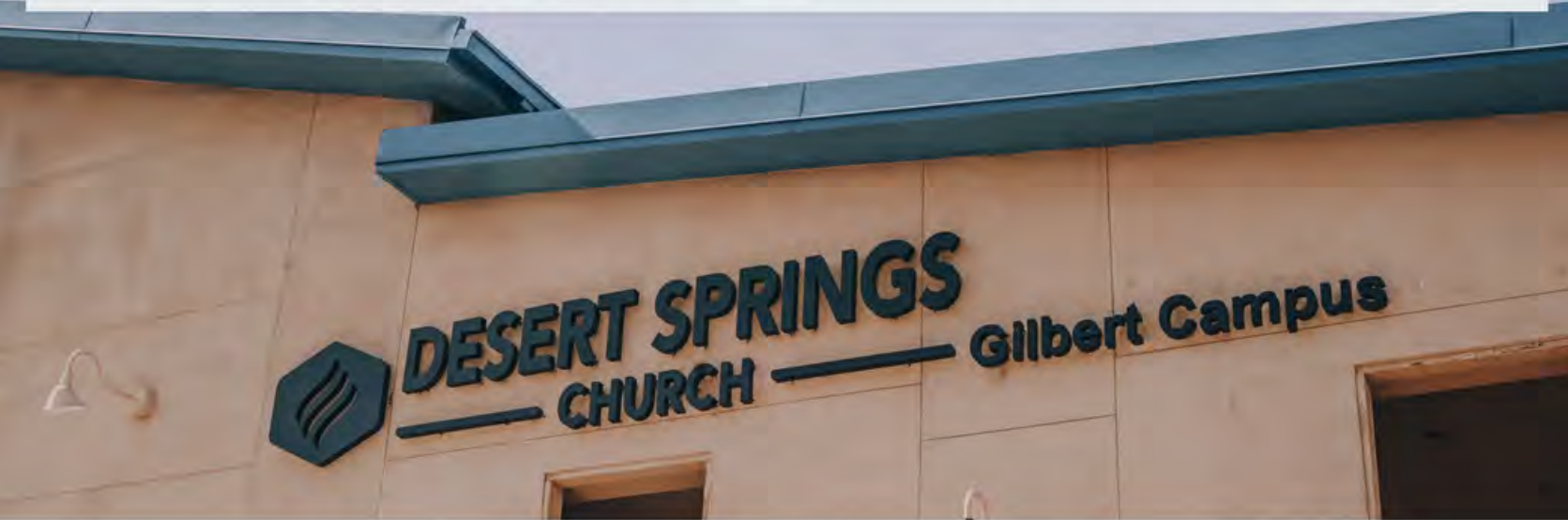
Pastor Harris, along with Sue and I, had the privilege of praying for and commissioning **Tim and Janela Meacham, Arizona Network missionaries committed to going to Russia.** We were joined by Janela's sister, Pastor Paula Milner from Yuma First Assembly, and her husband, Kelly, and daughter, Sema. What a joy it was to present a Fire Bible, in the Russian language, into the hands of Tim and Janela and pray over their ministry!

Tim and Janela previously served as missionary associates (Mexico) and have most recently worked for AGWM in key positions of administration and training. They will be returning "home" to Arizona this fall to raise their budget. I encourage every pastor in our Network to support their efforts of reaching the people of Russia with God's love.

The Arizona Ministry Network is also blessed to be sending missionary associates **Sara Hamilton and Jake Godin** (Sensitive Countries). They, too, were commissioned in June and are continuing to raise support for their ministry budgets. Thank you in advance for the love, prayers and support for these worthy servants.



# A PERMANENT HOME FOR DESERT SPRINGS CHURCH - GILBERT CAMPUS



## *THE VERY BEGINNING*

The Gilbert Campus of Desert Springs Church originally launched in the fall of 2019 at Cooley Middle School - the first organic church campus plant of Desert Springs Church in Chandler. The Gilbert Campus is led by a team of faithful believers and Campus Pastors Bryan and Lynette Durrett.

## *FINDING THE PERFECT HOME*

In the Summer of 2020, God placed a word in Pastor Lynette's heart to look into the church finding a permanent home in one of the buildings of the many closing businesses around. Once they began to look with a broker, they were met with many "no thank you's". In December of 2020, a member of their campus, Christina Vincent, stopped by the Goodwill on the corner of Lindsay and Warner in Gilbert. After overhearing a conversation about the closing of that location, confirmation from the manager, and confirmation from the Lord - she contacted Pastors Bryan and Lynette.





## HOW IT HAPPENED

Their broker set up an appointment and for the first time, he had heard no closed doors to the prospect of a church using the building. When the team met with the owner, it was discovered that the owner, Mr. Borros felt this was an open door for the church and he was an Ordained Minister with the International Assemblies of God in Romania.

As their next meetings were delayed due to Mr. Borros and others in the church suffering with Covid, they were told that Mr. Borros received a vision from the Lord and heard "you need to build that church". Once Mr. Borros recovered, he made an offer to the Gilbert Team that was too good to not move forward.

Construction began later that summer and after many delays due to labor & supply issues, their first service in the building was March 13th, 2022. Their Grand Opening was earlier this year on April 3rd with 195 in attendance!

We are celebrating with Desert Springs Church - Gilbert Campus that they are in a permanent home and believe that God will continue to use them to reach the Gilbert Community!



*NOTE TO SELF...*

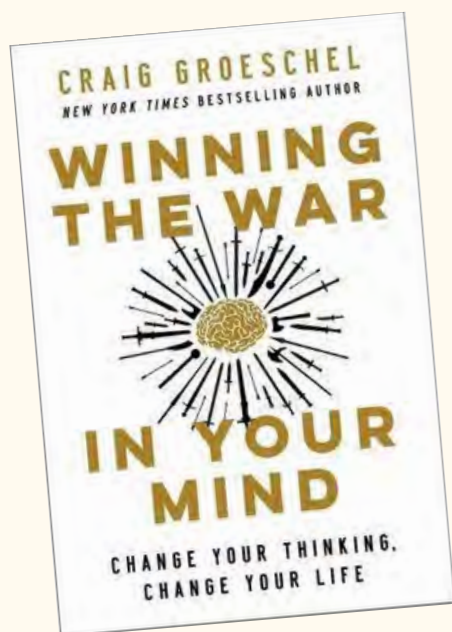


# Reframe (Reckon) Your Life

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead...

- Philippians 3:13b

Our summer Pastors' Zoom calls are really enjoying walking through "Winning the War In Your Mind" (2021) by Craig Groeschel. This influential pastor candidly shares his own challenges with his thoughts and beliefs about himself and provides great information on how to win that seat of much spiritual warfare - the human mind.



One of the weekly discussions was on the subject of reframing our thoughts. He described it as “when we learn to identify and correct irrational thinking...and not hang on to old perceptions that have worked against us” (pg. 120). Certainly pastoral ministry provides all kinds of mine fields in our thoughts that we must navigate and this tool is critical to us maintaining the right perspective toward situations and people. Groeschel challenges us to reflect back to times when God did not answer our prayers the way we had hoped He would and how in the end, it worked out to our benefit. Such reflection reminds us that **we can “reframe” even the most difficult of life’s events and believe God is working them out for His purpose and our good** (Romans 8:28).



Dr. Donald Lichi of Emerge Ministries taught this as the “reckoning” principle. He sees one of God’s great gifts as our ability to consider our past, present, and futures in this way. No matter what the situation is, we can rapidly compare these three timeframes in our minds...for example, the past with our future, or the present with our past, or the future in light of our present. This shifting of timeframes (again) helps us keep perspective. The apostle Paul did this in the opening chapter of Philippians as he penned his words from a prison cell and of course, again in that classic moment of chapter three, “forgetting what is behind (past), I strain (present) toward what is ahead (future)...”. What a great perspective!

Pastors, I encourage you to get Groeschel’s book. The tools provided help us steward our minds for God’s glory. I would love to share more with you about this life-giving subject.

## TIPS FOR REFRAMING/RECKONING:

- Reflect on when God didn’t answer your prayers the way you wanted and it turned out for your good.
- Take a current challenge you are facing and reckon it in light of God’s past faithfulness, His current presence with you, and hope for your future in Him.
- I am always available to you...just give me a call: 480-579-9998.



**Stay healthy in ministry,  
Pastor Jeff**



# PASTORAL CARE

## ELDERS MINISTRY

*Do you need confidential support, encouragement, or prayer?*

Elders are here to help for  
**CRISIS, CARE, COACHING!**

Meet our Elders (nine men and three women) by viewing their bio videos on the Arizona Ministry Network website or smartphone app.

## PASTORS' ZOOM CALLS

*Join our 1-hour weekly zoom calls!*

- Discuss a leadership/pastoral book with pastors from across the state
- Build relationships
- Prayer



*Here to serve you!*

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# AZ MAN CAMP: STRENGTH

SEPT. 30 - OCT. 1

GOLF TOURNAMENT  
FISHING DERBY  
HIGH ROPES COURSE  
ROCK CLIMBING WALL  
SWIMMING

WORSHIP SERVICE  
MOTORCYCLE RIDE  
ARCHERY  
LAWN GAMES  
CAAMP WORK DAY

## SPEAKERS:



Dale Gray  
Arizona Men's Director



Rick Allen  
National Men's Director



Caden Metcalf  
Lead Pastor - Radiant Church

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

# RETREAT 2022



*Retreat Host:*

Lindsay Petri



*Keynote Speaker:*

Elyse Murphy



*Worship Leaders:*

Jordan & Manuela Coleman

Register [HERE](#)

*Two weekends to choose from!*

**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup> *or*  
SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup>**

Fall Retreat is a life-changing weekend filled with amazing worship, inspiring stories, powerful teaching, late-night after parties, campfires, shopping, coffee trucks, and more!



Lindsay Petri, Women's Director • [lindsay@azag.org](mailto:lindsay@azag.org)

# WHAT GOD DID!



**YOUTH CAMP  
HIGHLIGHTS**

**613 DECISIONS  
FOR CHRIST**

**719 FIRST TIME  
CAMPERS**

**TOTAL STL  
\$21,743.16**

**209 FILLED WITH  
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**2,134 PEOPLE REGISTERED**

**1,690 REPORTS OF  
DIVINE HEALING**

**PK / MK RETREAT**

**Griffin McGrath**

**Young Adult and Youth Director**





# *Kid's Camp Highlights!*



**Kirstyn Rempel**  
**Kid's Ministry Director**



THE ARIZONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

## ASOM IS BACK

ASOM is back for the Fall and we have cohorts meeting around the state and online. Now is a great time to jump in.

We had a great year last year and we have included some wins on our 2021-2022 ASOM report on the next page.

This year we hope to continue to serve our Network through equipping ministers and developing leaders.


Thanks for helping us be the best!  
Yisrael Vincent, PhD


## UPCOMING CLASSES


**Certified: New Testament Survey**

**Licensed: Leadership Skills**

**Ordained: Theology of Worship**

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# A S O M

## 2021-2022 YEAR-END REPORT



This year ASOM had **16 different cohorts** meet in **10 different locations** around the state and online.

We had over 1,000 individual registrations for classes across all three levels.

74% of them were **Certified**  
15% were **Licensed** and  
11% were **Ordained**



**\$14,000**  
Given in scholarships



**\$10,000**  
of that was to high school students



Credential Recipients

27 of the 56 newly credentialed ministers at 2022 Network Conference came through ASOM



Churches with an ASOM student

About 36% of AZAG churches have at least one student taking classes



Under the Age of 40

About 53% of our registrants were under 40, with about 31% being under the age of 30.



Male : Female

Our class make up for the last year was 43% female students

ASOM is reaching Arizona in new ways and places. This year we fully integrated our materials with Google Classroom to provide a higher quality student experience.

We also added new locations and teachers to help reach more places. We were also intentional about investing financial resources in equipping the next generation of ministers. Here's a few goals we have for this upcoming year:

More Scholarships for Ethnic Cohorts

A Spanish Cohort

Growth in License and Ordained Students

Seamless Integration with AZAG Credentialing





# ONLY GOD CAN DO THIS!

I want to be apart of something that can only be explained by the hand of God.

David Platt



Pastor David Vega



Water Baptism



First Service

## Radiant Church Español

AZMN is growing with a new church plant which was launched on July 10, 2022 as a Parent Affiliated Church (PAC) with Radiant Church in Surprise, Arizona. There were 175 people in their first service. Many gave their lives to Jesus. The following Wednesday night 20 people were water baptized! Since then, many have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Congratulations to Pastors David and Mizrain Vega and their team for doing such a great job. Only God can do this!

## Centro Cristiano Bethel

This established church is becoming a Parent Affiliated Church of Revolution Church with Pastor Raul Salgado. Only God can do this!



Pastors Julio & Edith Ramirez



Water Baptism

## Welcoming Missionaries Duilio & Marcia Aristimuño



With their children, Rebeca and Augustin, are coming from Argentina to help us reach more people in Arizona. Only God can do this!

# • First AG Ethnic Fellowship Summit

Nationally, 45% of our Assemblies of God churches are intercultural churches; in other words, are language or ethnic specific in origin.

Literally the nations of the world have come to the USA.

Now first generation ethnic leaders are reaching, .

discipling and sending people to reach America and the world. What a joy to be asked to attend this summit and represent what God is doing in Arizona. With Pastor Jim Lopez and his work with the first nation people - combined with our intercultural churches - the AZMN is almost 40% ethnically diverse in origin! Thank you for the sacrificial and faithful financial and prayer support from our Arizona Ministry Family! If you would like to join the team, please contact us at (417)849-0539. Recent gifts have helped us launch and/or partner to establish 8 new churches this year! Only God can do this!



Pastor Dallas Satterfield and the Apache Junction First AG church board welcomed the leaders of Iglesia Cristiana Manantial and Pastor Tulio David Gonzalez as they plant a Parent Affiliated Church (PAC) called Apache Junction First Español. The two churches are working hand in hand to reach Hispanic people of Apache Junction. Only God can do this!

*A definite revival has started in Arizona! This is not our doing - it is only God. If you would like to influence the diversity around your church, let's talk. God is moving to give Arizona Moments in the Spirit that launch Movements in our churches. You have Kingdom Authority - let's step into ALL that God has destined us for. May He continue to bless you and your ministry! 🔥*



## UPCOMING DATES:

**August 6**

**Asian American Pastors Summit 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**African Pastors Summit 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

**September 24**

**Hispanic Pastors Summit 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

All intercultural pastors and their leadership are invited. If you are an **ENGLISH SPEAKING CHURCH** that would like to join the movement of what God is doing and learn how to respond to the diversity in your community, please come.

**October 7-8**

The Hispanic Men's Retreat in Prescott, AZ. Visit [AZAG.org](http://AZAG.org) to register and attend. El Retiro de Hombres esta el 7-8 de Octubre en Prescott, AZ. Puede registrarse a [AZAG.org](http://AZAG.org).

February 21-28, 2023

# ROME, ITALY

A MISSIONS TRIP FOR THE NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS



**\$2000**

Includes Airfare, Hotel, Ground Transportation, Food

**\$300 Initial Registration**

Deposit Fee Non-Refundable: September 14, 2022

**\$850 due**

90 Days Before Trip: November 20, 2022

**\$850 due**

30 Days Before Trip: January 20, 2023

Partner with women leaders in Italy for the Inspire Sisterhood Conference at International Christian Fellowship of Rome. We will have opportunity to engage in a pre-prayer walk and work for the spiritual success of this event. Together we will serve with missionaries and local Christians to build God's Church!



**Melinda Henderson**, Missionary  
Melinda founded INSPIRE Sisterhood in Austria which now is a global ministry. She is a missionary and has pastored for over 30 years. Melinda and her husband, Larry, serve as the newly appointed Regional Directors of Europe.



**Jennifer Pasquale**, Missionary  
Jen and her husband, Rick, co-pastored the ICF Rome church. Rick had a brief illness the summer of 2021 and went to be with Jesus. Jen, still called to God's divine plan, continues to pastor the ICF church.



**Denise Ryan**, Team Host  
Denise has served as a missionary. She is the Arizona Director to the Network of Women Ministers and serves the Southwest Regional Directors. Denise & her husband Rick, serve AZ Intercultural Ministries.



**Alma Villarreal Daniels**  
Founder/CEO  
Alma has served as the Arizona Southwest District Women's Director. She is a Chaplain and a credentialed minister with the AG. She actively works with AZ Intercultural Ministries with the African and Hispanic churches.

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# Teen Challenge of Arizona celebrated the month of July with two outstanding summer events!

## Ice Cream Social

Tucson Teen Challenge hosted the event in their Chapel, they had live worship, FREE ice cream, testimonies and some great jokes from Klayton Kirkwood, Center Director!



## Back to School Bash

Phoenix Teen Challenge hosted their 13th Annual Back to School Bash and fed more than 2000 people while handing out free backpacks to the Phoenix Inner City Children.





# Teen Challenge of Arizona FALL BANQUETS

save the dates

NOVEMBER 2022

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## **TUCSON**

*Tucson Teen Challenge/Springboard*

**MONDAY  
November 7, 2022**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM  
El Conquistador  
10000 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ

## **PHOENIX**

*Greater Phoenix Teen Challenge*

**FRIDAY  
November 18, 2022**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM  
Renaissance Phoenix Glendale  
9495 W. Coyotes Blvd, Glendale, AZ

## **EAST VALLEY**

*Greater Phoenix Teen Challenge*

**THURSDAY  
November 17, 2022**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM  
DoubleTree  
Hilton Phoenix Mesa  
1011 W. Holmes Avenue, Mesa, AZ

## **SCOTTSDALE**

*Christian Life Ranch*

**SATURDAY  
November 19, 2022**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM  
DoubleTree  
Paradise Valley -Scottsdale  
5401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ

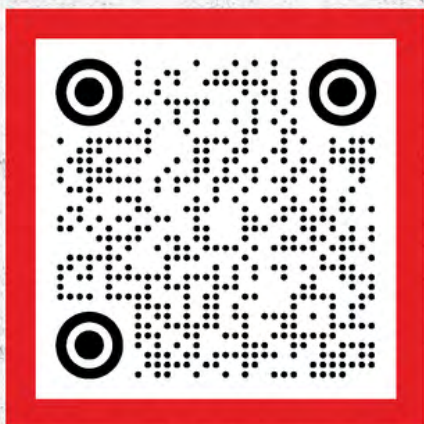
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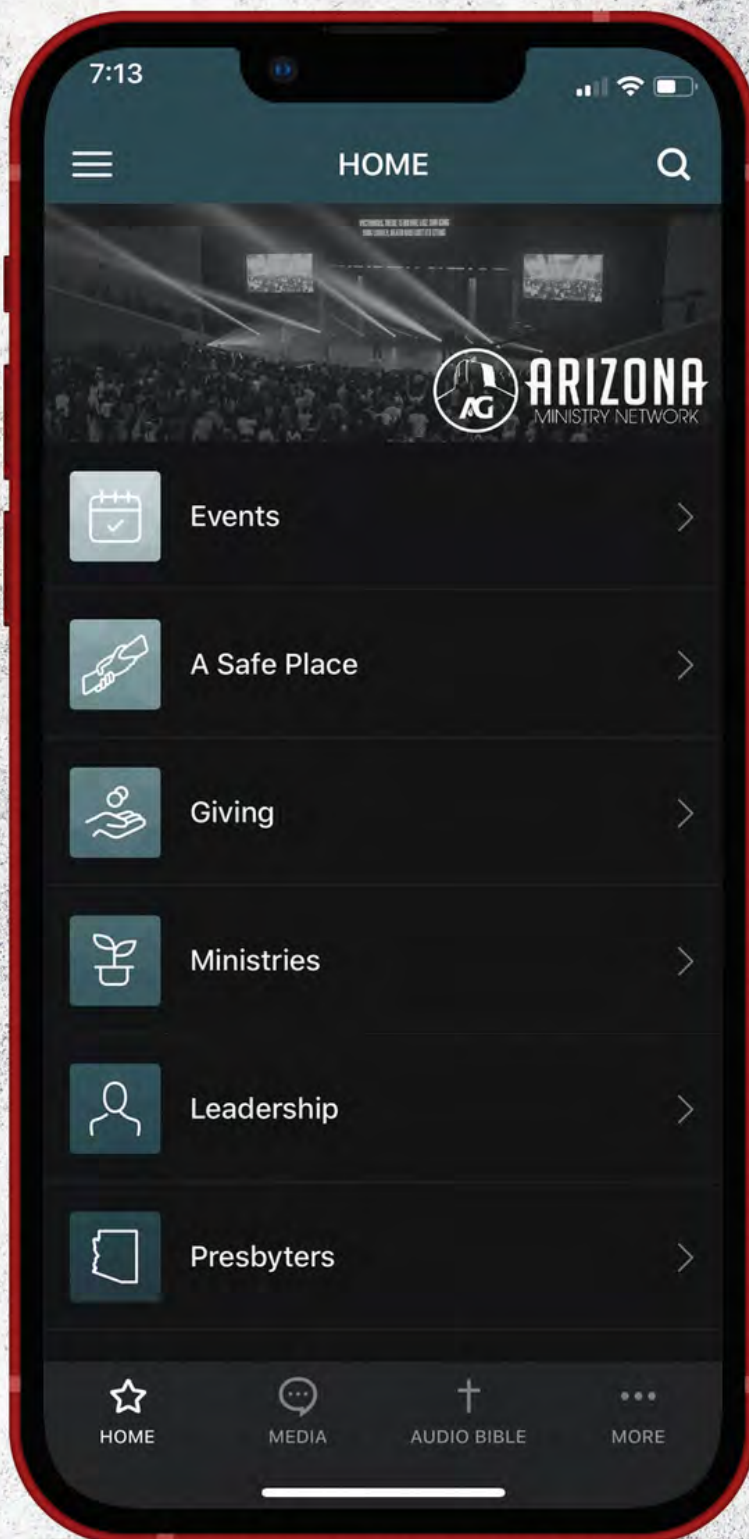


## Get easy access to:

- **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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OUR APP



# Network Information

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Stephen L. Harris                      Superintendent

Ron Rockwell                      Assistant Superintendent

Leigh Metcalf                      Secretary-Treasurer

## EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERS

Jesus Garza

Dale Gray

Todd League

Kirk Sorensen

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Stephen L. Harris

Leigh Metcalf

Ron Rockwell

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Jackie Holgate    Native American Representative

Sue Rockwell                      Women's Representative

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Bob Sainz                              Central Valley Section

Marty Paxson                              East Section

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Dave Beach                              Southeast Valley Section

Eric Young                              South Section

Paula Milner                              Southwest Section

Keith Howard                              West Valley Section

Darin League                              Northwest Valley Section

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Lindsay Petri                              Women's Ministries

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Yisrael Vincent                              Arizona School of Ministry

Rick Ryan                              Intercultural Ministries

Jim Lopez                              Native American Ministries

Denise Ryan                              Network of Women Ministers

Jason Dyer                              Granite Hills Camp

Bill Weaver                              Royal Rangers

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  
Dennehotso, Trinity Assembly of God  
Eloy, First Assembly of God  
Kayenta, Living Word Assembly of God  
Page, First Assembly of God  
Payson, Restoration Church  
Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.  
San Manuel, Assembly of God  
Scottsdale, Salt River Indian Church  
Shonto, Victory Assembly of God  
Tucson, Praise Center Assembly  
Welton, Assembly of God

### FILLED CHURCHES

Willcox, Restoration Church, PAC with Raul Salgado  
San Carlos Apache Assembly, Cherie Tyson  
Melodee Oletzke from Northwest

### TRANSFERRED IN

Joshua Friday from Rocky Mountain  
Jon Oletzke from Northwest  
Melodee Oletzke from Northwest

### TRANSFERRED OUT

Gregory Ramey to PenFlorida  
Greg Sweet to Kansas  
Joshua Mangels to Northwest

### DECEASED

Marjorie Reid on 4/4/2022  
Ronald Sawicki on 3/5/2022

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