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**ARIZONA**  
MINISTRY NETWORK

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# Every Opportunity

I am convinced that one becomes easily distracted from the focus at hand. I've experienced it many times, and so have you. God's Word advises us to use our time wisely because He knows that there are many things in life that can distract us from what truly matters. There was never more truth to that than in this current day we live in.

I do not want to waste time and some day look back with regrets. You do NOT know what tomorrow holds! In light of eternity, every moment is crucial, every conversation weighty, and every opportunity consequential!

The Psalmist penned these poignant words, *"So teach us to number our days, that we may get a heart of wisdom!"* Psalm 90:12.

It goes without saying that we are in turbulent times. In fact, I've heard some of you say these words, "I cannot believe what is happening, and how quickly our world is unraveling." I am 100% in agreement.

Indeed, the moral decline is more rapid in its' descent than we could have imagined. But, Pastor, our focus must always and forever be on what is left to do.

Let me close this with this thought-provoking challenge from the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 5:15-17. *"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."*

Marjorie and I pray strength, wisdom, and anointing as never before on each one of you. You're making a difference. Never forget it.

## Marriage Retreat

I am very grateful for the ministry Pastor Jeff Peterson brings to our network. We just completed a valuable time meeting together with close to 30 ministry couples, in a time designed with them in mind. I'm sure Jeff will report in his article on the retreat, but just publicly wanted to say "Thanks" to Pastor Jeff and Carla for leading the way.



## Our Nations' Birthday!

July 4th, 2023 will be the 247th birthday as independence was achieved from Great Britain following the Revolutionary War. Pastor, why not set aside a particular time of day on the 4th this year, and ask your congregation to stop and pray as a family for our Nation.

I love America, and what we have stood for since our beginning as a Nation. We see our liberties, our values, being compromised on a daily basis. We have a lot being pushed down our throats, so to speak, and we are expected by the world to stand by and keep our mouths shut. But, as I've already touched on in this article, let us not 'waste' every opportunity to let our voice be heard in conversation, from our pulpits, and in our living rooms. God Bless America!

Sincerely,  
Pastor Harris and Marjorie Harris



**We are looking forward to the Assemblies of God General Council in Columbus, Ohio at the end of July and beginning of August. If you are unable to attend in person, we encourage you to watch the services online and let's all pray for God to meet us in a special and powerful way!**



## *Intercessory Prayer for the Nations*

As pastors, missionaries, global workers and ministry leaders, we know PRAYER is one of the most powerful weapons we have against the forces of evil. It gives us a way to communicate with God directly and intercede on behalf of others.

Praying for the nations is one of the most important things we can and should be doing on a regular basis. It's our opportunity to make a difference in the world and be a part of God's plan for redemption.

Missional intercessory prayer is so important because it give us the chance to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. It gives us the opportunity to join with God in His work of restoring creation.

Allow me to share the following prayer points and encourage you to increase your prayer efforts for our Arizona Ministry Network missionary family and for the nations of the world.





# Prayer Points for the Nations

## #1 – Desire for the One True God

Jesus Christ is the only one who can fulfill the deepest desires of the human heart. It's this desire that needs to be awakened in the hearts of the nations. Pray for the true desire to be made known.

**“And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of Hosts.” Haggai 2:7**

## #2 – Pray for Forgiveness

Pray for a spirit of repentance to rest on the nation and ask God to forgive the sins of that nation and to heal the land.

**“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14**

## #3 – Cover Spiritual Leaders

Pray for the laborers in the field. Cover the ministers, pastors, church leaders of that nation. Many in ministry are attacked daily and need prayer covering.

**“Then he said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:37-38**

## #4 – Let the Gospel Go Forth

Pray for the lost to be saved and for the gospel to go forth in boldness, and power. Pray for any form of hindrance to stop and that His word would be preached.

**“As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.” 2 Thessalonians 3:1**

### #5 – Pray for the Persecuted

Pray for your fellow brothers and sisters that are being persecuted for their faith. Pray for protection and for them to be hidden from those who persecute them. Pray for strength and mercy.

**“Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.” Ephesians 6:18**

### #6 – Unity

Unity goes beyond our geographical boundaries. Pray for unity within the brethren, unity of the churches in that nation, unity within the saints in surrounding nations, and unity of the whole body of Christ.

**“I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.” 1 Corinthians 1:10**

### #7 – Governmental Leaders

Pray for their salvation. Pray for God to keep their heart pure and remove any corruption. Pray for wisdom to make godly laws that will bring blessing to that nation. Pray for the right people to be elected and those who cause harm to be removed from office.

**“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:1**

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As your missions director, I say “Thank You” for your faithfulness in prayer and intercession for our missionaries. As we seek God on behalf of the nations, we can trust He is in control, and He will work everything out for His good! He is faithful, and He will hear our prayers!



**Ron Rockwell**  
**Assistant Superintendent**



# AZ CMN RETREAT

I would like to encourage every church in Arizona to attend a special weekend seminar we will be having with Mike Santiago as part of our Arizona Church Multiplication Network initiative. Pastor Mike was one of our keynote speakers at Network Conference and he specializes in helping churches break barriers of all sizes. You and your teams are invited to attend this event at Desert Springs Church in Chandler on July 14-15. You can sign up today at [azag.org](http://azag.org).



## AZ CMN RETREAT

JULY 14-15

HOSTED BY  
LEIGH  
METCALF



## Desert Springs Church | Chandler

with Mike Santiago from [Break200.com](http://Break200.com)



FOR CHURCHES & CAMPUSES TRYING TO BREAK THE 200 BARRIER.

**LEIGH METCALF**  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER**





*Note to Self...*

## Choose a Prayer Partner!

**Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you  
will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2**

It was a hot, steamy day in Haiti in 2013. The building used to house the visiting pastors had a pool that most would take advantage of after returning from ministry each day. As I did so, a pastor called out to me, asking if I was who he thought I was. He then said, "I'm Craig Cunningham from LaQuinta, California." I had no idea the impact that introduction would make.

Before leaving the airport the following day, Craig and I determined to become prayer partners. The plan was simple, just a 15 minute phone call each week which would include a quick catch up on life and us taking turns praying for each other. That decision bore unbelievable fruit in our lives over the next nine years. It was never forced. We missed weeks now and then. But, we consistently held each other up in prayer and as Craig often said to me, "Jeff, we have seen God answer so many prayers, haven't we?"

Craig succumbed to a four-year battle with cancer this week. Amazingly, he addressed his church one final time Sunday morning and within 20 hours was seeing Jesus face to face. He was my friend in a way no others have been. He knew what few knew about me, my family, my personal life and ministry. He prayed me through the most difficult year of my life in 2016. I was privileged to pray him through the ups and downs of his long battle with cancer. I knew his church and family from his vantage point, like few others did...

All because of prayer; together, consistent, intentional prayer. Praying with another pastor produces many things:

- **Spiritual intimacy**
- **Encouragement**
- **Motivation**
- **Comfort**
- **Confidence**

Do you need any of those things? Why not make one of the wisest decisions you can mid-year 2023...reach out to a fellow pastor in our network and begin a weekly 15 minute prayer relationship. Honestly, it will help you more than you can imagine.



**Stay healthy in ministry,  
Pastor Jeff**



### **Ways to begin a prayer relationship with a fellow pastor...**

- **Ask the Lord to guide you to someone that will be an effective prayer partner.**
- **Choose a weekly 15 minute window and limit your time to 15 minutes.**
- **Begin each time with a little small talk, then share needs and pray for each other.**
- **Know you will miss some weeks due to schedule.**
- **Occasionally note and relish in how God is answering your prayers!**
- **If you would like to discuss these thoughts, feel free to give me a call: 480-579-9998.**

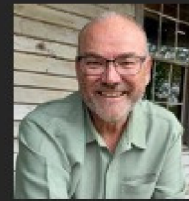
# Man Camp

September 29 & 30, 2023

## EQUIP



Dale Gray  
Arizona Men's Director



Gordon Houston  
360Equip Director

## Activities

- Golf Tournament
- Fishing Derby
- High Ropes Course
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Worship Service
- Archery
- Lawn Games
- Camp Work Day



Save the date. Registration opening soon.

*Ladies, come  
join us for an  
adventure!*

**August 17-19**

**Cost: \$140**

**Register [HERE](#)**



# BRYCE CANYON



# MUCH MORE THAN JUST A RETREAT

# Fall Retreat

September 14th - 16th

September 21st-23rd

## You're invited!

Our annual Fall Retreat is the perfect opportunity to escape the heat, step away from the distractions, connect with God and take a deep breath. There will also be opportunities to meet new friends, attend breakout sessions, enjoy outdoor activities and join the late night after-parties!

Space is limited - so reserve your spot and register today! Same experience, two dates to choose from!



*Campfire Worship*



*Amazing services!*



*Connect with friends*



*The After Parties*



*Shopping*



*Outdoor Fun*

## Register **HERE**

Early bird pricing ends on August 13

# YOUTH CAMP IS OFF TO A POWERFUL START! THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS.



## CAMP #1 STATS

1ST TIME CAMPERS: 77  
1ST TIME SALVATIONS: 10  
REDEDICATIONS: 102  
FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT/REFILLED: 78  
HEARD GOD'S DIRECTION: 44  
CALLED INTO FULL TIME MINISTRY: 11  
HEALED (PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, RELATIONAL, SPIRITUAL): 362  
SPEED THE LIGHT OFFERING: \$4,173.09

## CAMP #2 STATS

11ST TIME CAMPERS: 24  
1ST TIME SALVATIONS: 10  
REDEDICATIONS: 96  
FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT/REFILLED: 31  
HEARD GOD'S DIRECTION: 97  
CALLED INTO FULL TIME MINISTRY: 34  
HEALED (PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, RELATIONAL, SPIRITUAL): 365  
SPEED THE LIGHT OFFERING: \$5,503.67



**Griffin McGrath**  
Young Adult and Youth Director

# WANTED



**WEEK 1 JUNE 26–JUNE 30**

**Kaitlyn Hoorneman**



**WEEK 2 JULY 10–JULY 14**

**Kaleigh Olson**



**WEEK 3 JULY 17–JULY 21**

**Sarah Zastrow and  
Matthew Schmidt**



# Arizona School of Ministry

A S O M

## 2022-2023 YEAR-END REPORT



This year ASOM had **17 different cohorts** meet in **12 different locations** around the state and online over the course of a year.

This year we had over **250** students sign up for a total of **1,050** class registrations.

Students participated in **57** ministry practicums in AG churches across Arizona.



Over **\$14,000** given in scholarships to high school students, ethnic cohorts, and emerging leaders.



Credential Recipients

38 of the 61 newly credentialed ministers at 2023 Network Conference took ASOM classes



Churches with an ASOM student

About 35% of AZAG churches have at least one student taking classes



Under the Age of 40

About 58% of our registrants were under 40, with about 36% being under the age of 30



Male : Female

Our class make up for the last year was 49% female students

This year has been one of the best yet for ASOM. We were happy to see a Spanish and an African cohort launch this year. We saw increased growth in our license track and a record number of new credential applicants come through the school. Our students are serving and making a difference in churches across the state and we are excited to see what God has in store for this next year. Below are a few goals for the upcoming year:

Develop an ASOM Leadership Committee

Raise scholarship funds for high school and ethnic cohorts

See a marked increase in ordained applicants

Partner with Logos Bible Software to provide study materials for all students



# I HEAR A SOUND THE SOUND OF DELIVERANCE!



## OUR FIRST HISPANIC CONCERT WITH YVONNE MUNOZ

We saw the presence of Jesus change live.  
We celebrate 24 people who gave their lives to Jesus!

### TOP 3 MOMENTS IN MAY



#### FIRST HISPANIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE WITH PASTOR REINA OLMEDA

It was a powerful time as just over 120 women came a discovered a new purpose and position in Christ! As one sister said, "I've carried my pain for too long, so I finally laid it at the feet of Jesus and I never want to pick it up again."



#### HOPE OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH CELEBRATES 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Theo Nkinzangabo has lead his church to well over 300. These people from Congo, Rwanda and Burudi have purchased a building and paid it off in five years and to developed a thriving 2nd English only service which draws people from all.



#### NEW ADVENTURES EVERY WEEK

This month I have gone to churches in English only to Spanish to Burmese to Kinyarwanda to Swahili to Vietnamese to Russian. God is at work in Arizona to reach every nation! I am praying for you now - that God will give you greater impact to reach someone not like you. I believe God has greater territory for your ministry as you see the people around you who need Jesus. Open your heart to engage with the lost as we have been commanded to do.

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.

Matthew 28:19-20



**RICK RYAN**  
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What a great night! Sue Rockwell preached from Psalm 68:11 enriching our understanding about our **CALL TO LEAD**. It was a blessing to hear from and pray for missionary Joy West. We are thankful for our strong and growing AZNWM community!



# Teen Challenge of Arizona SUMMER EVENTS

Tucson Teen Challenge  
presents  
**THE LAND OF  
milk & honey**  
**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

JULY 8, 2023  
1:00 PM

**FREE EVENT!**

**HIS PRESENCE CHURCH**  
4108 E. NORTH STREET  
TUCSON, AZ 85712

Tucson Teen Challenge's  
**ANNUAL  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

- All you can eat ice cream
- Kid's Craft Room
- Raffle tickets, prizes & activities
- Stories of those who found their "Promised Land in Christ!"
- Music & Entertainment by Teen Challenge

**TO SPONSOR THIS EVENT**  
GO TO: [TCAZ.ORG/ICECREAM](http://TCAZ.ORG/ICECREAM) OR CALL 520-730-4265

**TO RSVP: CALL 520-448-4354 OR 520-730-4265**

"If the LORD is pleased with us,  
He will lead us into that land,  
a land flowing with milk and honey,  
and will give it to us."  
Numbers 14:8

Teen Challenge  
presents  
**the 14th Annual**  
**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

**FREE BACKPACK GIVEAWAY**

**SATURDAY  
JULY 15, 2023  
5PM**

**LIVE MUSIC! FREE FOOD!  
GAMES-PRIZES-GIVEAWAYS!**

**GREATER PHOENIX TEEN CHALLENGE**  
1515 GRAND AVE, PHOENIX, AZ

FOR MORE DETAILS CALL: (602) 478-7704 OR VISIT [TCAZ.ORG/B2SB](http://TCAZ.ORG/B2SB)

**TOGETHER WE CAN IMPACT  
OUR INNER CITY!**

Teen Challenge  
presents  
**the 14th Annual  
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

Let's come together and set up our Inner City Kids for success by providing 1,000+ BACKPACKS filled with School Supplies they will need.

This is a **FREE** Community Outreach that will be on Saturday, July 16th! The event will include live music, entertainment, a gospel message, and delicious barbeque meal! Fun times for all!

**THIS IS HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

- Backpack & Supply Sponsor = \$50.00
- Major Event Sponsors = \$500.00 or more
- Contribute school supplies to fill backpacks!

**SUPPLIES NEEDED!**

- Spiral Notebooks/Composition Books
- Plain Color Folders with Pockets
- Rulers/School Glue/Kid's Scissors
- #2 Pencils/Pencil Sharpeners
- Primary Color Markers/Ink Pens
- Highlighters/Crayons

**H. E. M. P. Legacy Foundation**  
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**USA Collision** **Quality Frames** **Koinonia**



Graduates, Lead Staff, & Board Members

# Teen Challenge of Arizona's SPRING GRADUATION May 13, 2023



This Spring, it was a joy to celebrate 28 graduates who completed the program in time for this ceremony and two who received "Special Recognition" for graduating more than five years ago.

Rev. Nick Zamorano, our Keynote Speaker and grandson of one of the first AZ graduates, Oscar Zamorano, gave a powerful charge on being thankful!

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION Nathan Archambault



Nathan, a 2014 Graduate shares, "Upon coming to Teen Challenge when I turned 18, I encountered the Living Christ a week into the program. That day I walked into the chapel an atheist, and walked out a born-again believer who is sold out for Jesus. Because of Jesus, I have a forgiven past, a purposeful present, and a hope-filled future." Nathan currently serves as the Center Supervisor at Greater Phoenix Teen Challenge and is preparing to become an ordained minister.



## Honoring Paul Cox



We are forever thankful for Paul Cox and his faithful dedication to the ministry of Teen Challenge of Arizona for almost 20 years, first of all serving on the Board of TCAZ and then as the Director of Advancement. His passionate commitment to this ministry has been a tremendous blessing and example to all of us.

# Network Information

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Ron Rockwell                      Assistant Superintendent

Leigh Metcalf                      Secretary-Treasurer

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Dale Gray                      Central Area

Todd League                      North Area

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Ron Rockwell

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Lindsay Petri                      Women's Director

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Christina Vincent                      Women's Rep.

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Keith Howard                      West Valley Section

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Denise Ryan                      Network of Women Ministers

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Bill Weaver                      Royal Rangers

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Snow Peabody                      AZ Teen Challenge

Stephen & Jill Valentine                      Deaf Ministries

Thank you for  
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

Page, First Assembly of God

Rainbow City, Assembly of God

Sacaton, River of Life Assembly of God

San Manuel, Assembly of God

Welton, Assembly of God

### TRANSFERRED IN

Dennis Garcia from South West District

### TRANSFERRED OUT

Thang Lian to the Arkansas District

Joshua Wood to the Northwest District

Drue and Sharlee Butterfield to the Michigan District