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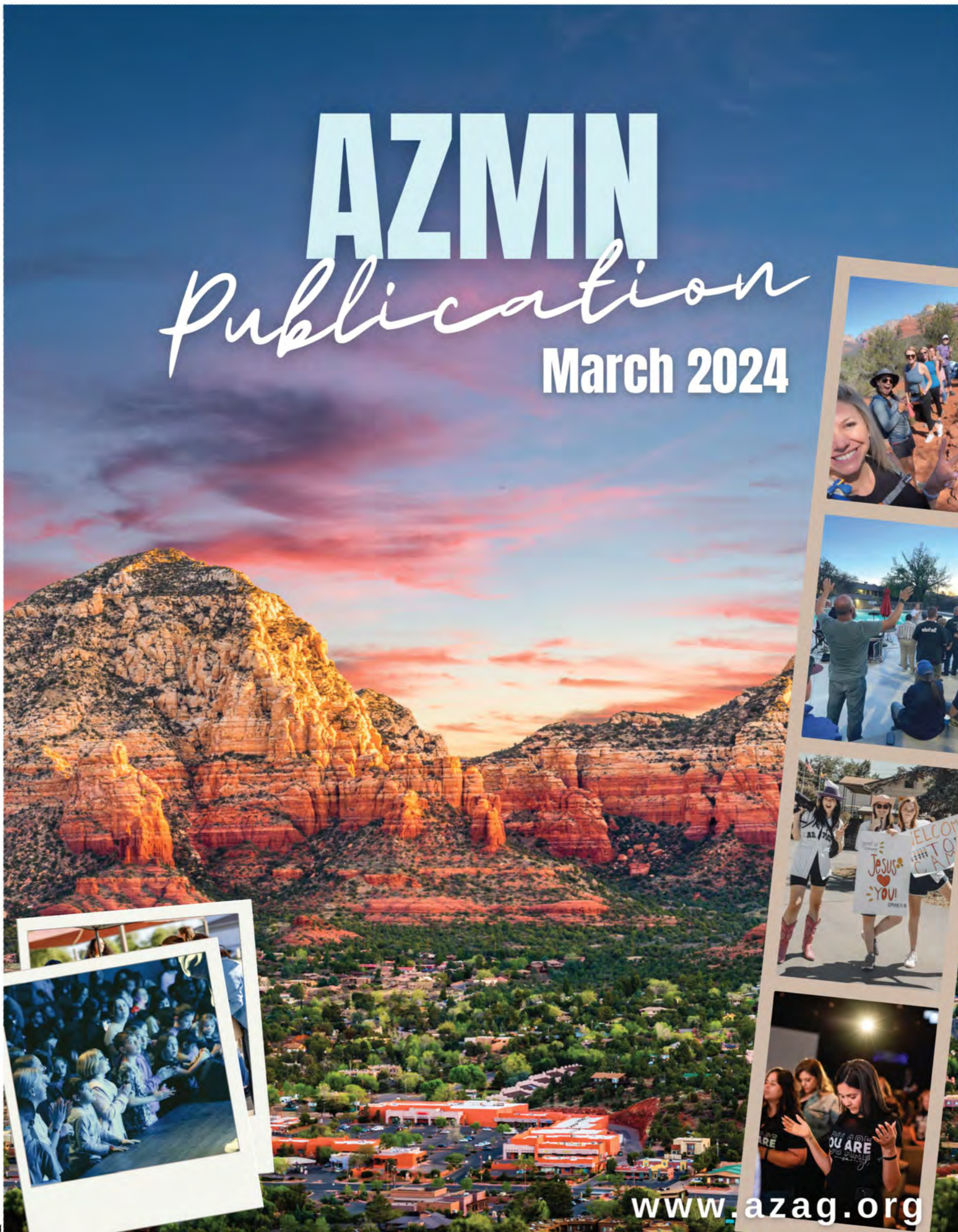


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STAY ALERT

Welcome March 2024! For our Network, KIDCON happened the 1st & 2nd of this March. We officially introduced Anna Crandell, our newly appointed KIDS Director for the Network. Thank you for the warm welcome for Anna. We believe that we have moved in God's will and know this is good news for our network KIDS!

Scripture warns us that time is fleeting - a vapor that is here and quickly fades. It is a continual reminder that the coming of the Lord and the Rapture of the church is closer every day. I've found myself sitting in a public place and watching the traffic, the coming and the going, the conversations humming all around me, and the busyness that is normal in any given day. I have wondered if anyone is giving time in their crowded minds and lives to consider that today could be the day! Our Heavenly Father may give the command to the Savior of our soul to bring us home and rapture His church.

The scripture has much to say about being alert. We have a significant responsibility to stay alert, vigilant, and always attentive. We must be watchful and aware of the times. We have to be alert to possible danger, mentally responsive, perceptive, and quick to respond. Never has there been a time in our history where we have seen Biblical prophecy being fulfilled at a pace so swift that it boggles the mind. We have no choice but to be cognizant of what is happening around us. We must remain alert and awake.

I want to encourage you to find voices you respect in the world of prophecy. Look for men and women who understand the times and are anointed for such a time as this to equip the church in this crucial, rapidly changing world. I will admit, I feel somewhat overwhelmed at times as I consider what is happening in Israel and the Middle East as a whole.

A few years back, I began following Pastor Jimmy Evans. He has a podcast called Tipping Point that can be found on YouTube. He is a voice I have come to trust to keep me aware of what is transpiring in our world. He is always scripturally based and anointed of God. Pastor Evans speaks the truth and brings inspiration every time I am able to sit and listen to him.

Another voice I have come to trust and highly respect is that of Jonathan Cahn. His insight is impeccable and I can promise you he will stir your heart concerning Israel's future and that of the Body of Christ. He will inspire you and bring truths to light that are so foundational to our walk with God. He makes you alert to what is coming and the urgency of events coming to pass in our world. I am extremely confident in encouraging you to listen to Jonathan Cahn. He has an incredible understanding of God's Word.

Pastor, when is the last time you preached concerning the end times and the swift approach of the coming of the Lord? How aware are the people under your care?

*1 Peter 5:8, "**Be on your guard.** Your enemy the devil is like a roaring lion. He prowls around looking for someone to chew up and swallow!"*

*Ephesians 6:18, "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."*

*1 Thessalonians 5:6, "You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but **let us be awake** and sober."*

*Luke 21:36, "**Stay awake** at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."*

*Matthew 24:42-43, "Therefore **keep watch**, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into."*

I certainly do not want to be the proverbial ostrich with my head in the sand. I want to remain alert, vigilant, attentive, and watchful because I know the times and the rapid pace we live in. We must always know in our mind that it could be today. The trumpet WILL sound, and those who are alive in Christ shall be raptured following the dead in Christ who will rise first! Redemption Day is coming! Let's do all we can to prepare everyone who sits under the sound of our voice. God bless you for your faithfulness where God has planted you. We love you and pray over you and believe for great things in Jesus' Name!

Blessings,
Pastor Harris



Around the Network



It was our joy to officially recognize Pastor Ryan and Kelly Ribelin as the new lead pastors of Desert Willow Church in Camp Verde! There were precious services and lots of love and support for the Ribelins.



Always nice to meet up with our fine leadership at the conference in Branson! We appreciate our directors.



We welcomed Pastor Timothy and Donna Morgan as lead pastors at Sedona Canyon Trails Cowboy Church, as well as their son.

Register Now for Network Conference!

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

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

Sue and I, along with Pastor Harris, recently had the privilege of attending the Assemblies of God Combined Missions Connect in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. We not only heard from our newly elected Executive Directors, John & Cheryl Easter, but also from all Regional Directors (Europe, Eurasia, Asia-Pacific, Northern Asia, Latin America, Africa and International Ministries) leading AGWM.

With unmistakable passion, we heard encouraging reports of souls saved, churches planted and disciples trained. There were remarkable testimonies of God's protection among our global workers and stories of redemption and deliverance by the miracle working hand of the Lord. God's saving power is being showcased on every continent and we give Him the highest praise.

In his "State of the Mission," John recalled that for over 100 years, AGWM can testify to the faithfulness of God in calling sons and daughters from within local churches across our fellowship to be laborers in the harvest fields of our world. And now, today, we have over 2,640 global workers serving in 153 nations of our world. Their work has resulted in over 400,000 local churches being established. (See 2024 Vital Stats Addendum)

In 2023, our frontline missionary teams saw hundreds of people come to Christ in some of the darkest regions of the world. In fact, we saw new believers baptized and professing faith in Christ amongst some of the most sensitive, resistant and remote places.

"Though times change, our mission remains the same because of the spiritual lostness of humanity and the need of a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The unwavering commitment of AGWM is to see the church established among all peoples everywhere." - John Easter, Executive Director AGWM

As a Network, we rejoice at the opportunity to steward the sons and daughters of our local churches as they say YES to the call of taking the Gospel to the nations. We have the honor of supporting them with our prayers and our finances as they endeavor to reach, plant, train and serve.

Let's remain unwavering in our commitment to our Arizona Ministry Network missionary family, many of whom will be attending this year's Network conference in person. What a great opportunity to connect!

Please pray for the following prayer requests from our Network missions family:

- Dan (Joy) West (Portugal) who will be undergoing open heart surgery (aortic valve replacement) in Lisbon.
- Andrea (Craig) Wheeler (Portugal) who has recently begun chemotherapy for Classical Hodgkin's Lymphoma.



May the Lord bless you in your faithful support of world missions.

Love & Prayers, Ron and Sue Rockwell

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORLD MISSIONS

VITAL STATS

2024 Issue 1

GLOBAL WORKER FAMILY



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP AND OUTREACH



Based on AGWM partnerships with AG entities. For WAGF data, see worldagfellowship.org.

GIVING



20-YEAR GROWTH INTERVALS



2024 CHURCH PLANTS

SCOTTSDALE - LOVE REVOLUTION



PASTORS: Grace & Michael Holbert

BIO: Pastor Grace started in ministry as a minister at a mega church in Houston, Texas in 2000. Pastor Grace & her husband went on to be elders at a smaller church until 2016 when they moved to Scottsdale, Arizona. The Holberts are very passionate about empowering people.

The Holberts are the proud parents of 3 adult children and 3 grandchildren.

CHURCH MISSION: Transforming people through the gift of God's love.

NEEDS: Love Revolution is currently in need of a keyboard, sound system, and people who have a desire to help a new church plant.

CONTACT: min.cholbert@gmail.com

HEBER-OVERGAARD - ENCOUNTER CHURCH



PASTORS: Rob & Ali Ferguson

BIO: Pastor Rob & Ali have grown up in church. Both having received their Bachelors from SAGU, they have also furthered their education. Rob receiving his Masters in Pentecostal/Charismatic Studies and working on his doctorate at Trinity. Ali receiving her Masters in Special

Education. The Fergusons have pastored in Arkansas, Texas, and most recently in Alaska. Rob & Ali have two daughters - one still in Alaska and one who is married and living in Texas.

CHURCH MISSION: Encounter Church is a ministry that goes to their community to help people encounter God, encounter life, and encounter church!

NEEDS: Pastor Rob would first love for you to partner with them in prayer. They also have financial needs to launch a ministry called CenterShot (\$4,000) & general financial needs to cover insurance, rent, and supplies. They are looking for a cargo van or trailer as well as a Children's Leader & Worship Leader.

CONTACT: info@encounterchurchaz.com



Leigh Metcalf, Secretary/Treasurer

Note to Self...

Get A Few Abishai's



Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. - Ecclesiastes 4:12

Recently, I stood again at the pulpit of Central Assembly in Springfield. It was a privilege to honor a friend's repeated request that when he went to be with the Lord, I would speak at his funeral. Ron Peck was one of our stellar missionaries through the years and at 89 years of age was still praying, golfing, and living life to the fullest. Most dear to me, he was an Abishai.

One morning as I paced the platform in prayer at Central, I felt God stop me and remind me of the gold mine that sat before me each week. A church with so many retired (and serving) pastors and missionaries was a church that prayed! I felt God say I needed to call together a few men to serve me as prayer partners like "Abishai's" in the spirit of David's mighty men that stood with him amidst the battles of leadership.

Over the next several years of pastoring such an iconic church, my Abishai prayer team was there for me every Wednesday morning for thirty minutes. I would hand them a fresh prayer list for the week encompassing church needs, general needs, and personal needs. All four were retired "greats" in the faith, and I left encouraged and strengthened in the battle. Carla and I had them in our home for an annual cookout. They became dear friends and we are ever grateful for their faithfulness to us. Prayer, though, was at the heart of their ministry.

Pastor friend, why not ask the Lord for His leading in pulling together a small Abishai prayer team for yourself? It may only be one other brother or maybe a few. I assure you, the right men (or women) will be honored to serve their pastor in the unique capacity of personal prayer support. I know it can be life-changing and life-sustaining for your ministry.

Stay healthy in ministry,
Pastor Jeff



Ways to pull together your Abishai prayer team:

- Ask God for His direction.
- Keep it small, 1-4 is perfect.
- Be consistent by meeting weekly.
- Be prepared with a one-page list of prayer needs.
- 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.

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





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



Layla Nahavandi



Thea Wood



Cassi Igo



Pure Heart Church



14240 N. 43rd Ave



Glendale AZ, 85306

REGISTRATION

Lindsay Petri, Women's Director



Arizona Youth Ministries

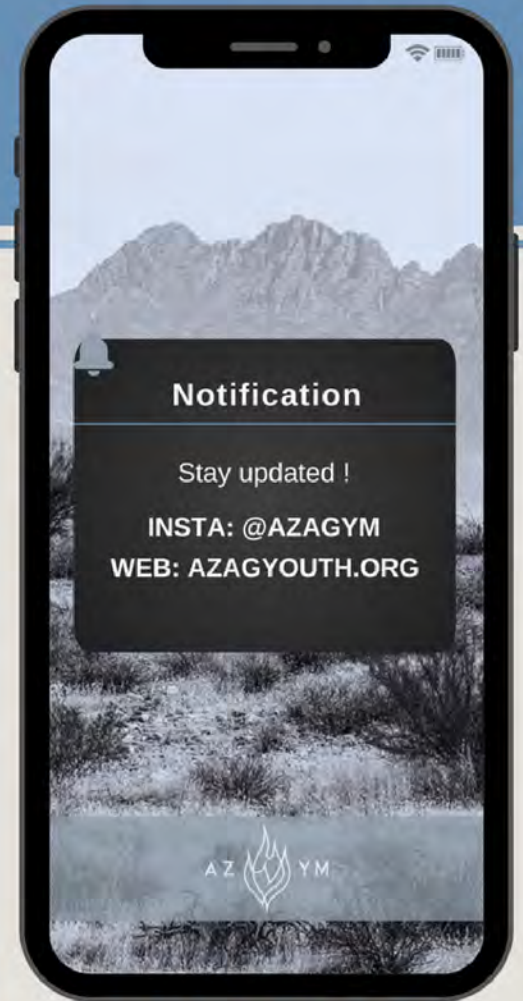
Regional Tour Recap

Regional Tour 2024 was a blast! Our team enjoyed traveling together and seeing hundreds of students and ministry friends from all over Arizona. We were blessed with powerful worship with One Pursuit MSC & gracious host churches. Thank you to 29:11 Church (Tempe), Hope City (Kingman), Journey Church (Cottonwood), Reclaim Church (Peoria), Central City Assembly (Tucson), & Foothills Assembly (Yuma) & to One Pursuit MSC for being part of the team!

God met us in the midst of each tour stop and we are confident students were empowered and heard from the Holy Spirit. We are seeing a generation press into the presence of God, act with compassion, live boldly, and give generously. Speed the Light was a large emphasis during this tour. After being challenged by messages from Christian Chambliss & Monica Hortiales, our Arizona students faith promised \$128,119.02 to Speed the Light. The other emphasis during tour was calling- specifically to full-time ministry, global missions, and campus missions with Arizona Youth Alive. We saw students respond to the call of God and currently have several students in our pipeline for Youth Alive, and future global missions & ministry.

- *In Kingman, Marcella was brought to tears by the number she felt the Lord calling her to raise for Speed the Light- \$5,000. I got to encourage her along with another youth leader that if God put it on her heart, He would help bring it to completion. God is putting big dreams in the hearts of Arizona Students!*
- *In Peoria, Brayden had several leaders and students confirm what God was speaking to him- that he was called into Global Missions. Instead of him being defined by his past, he chooses to overcome and let God use his testimony to impact others.*
- *In Yuma, Christian Chambliss listed off every school in the area and we prayed over the students from those schools as students stood in the gap on behalf of their campuses.*

We know this is just the beginning and are believing God for a generation to answer the call!



Written By:
Megan Kronstedt
Assistant Director
Arizona Youth Alive



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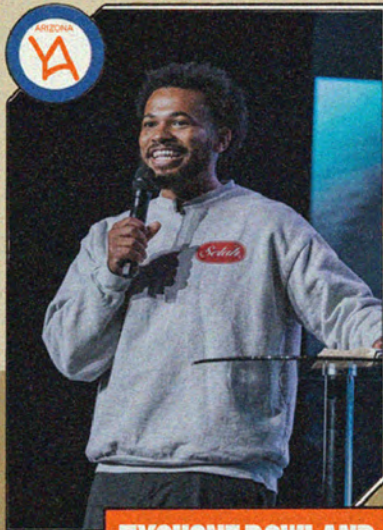


ARIZONA
YOUNG ADULTS

AN ARIZONA YOUNG ADULTS CAMP

SUMMER WEEKEND

JUNE 20-22, 2024 PRESCOTT, AZ



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THE WOODS



CRIFFIN MCCRATH

Introducing

Anna Crandell

as our new
Kid's Ministries Director



Anna is a familiar face to many of our churches, being part of our leadership team within the Kids Department. As a kids' director and youth director in her local church (Summit Church, Anthem), the intern coordinator for AZ Kids Camp, and volunteer in various leadership roles with our former kids' director, Kirstyn Rempel, Anna will build on the strong culture of KidMin in Arizona.

Anna will begin immediately in a part-time role and will work under Griffin McGrath as he leads our Youth & KIDS Ministries.

Anna is a Certified Minister with the Arizona Ministry Network and will be given her License credential as of this coming year. She attended Grand Canyon University with a 4.0 GPA and will graduate with a Church Ministries degree. She brings positive attributes to her position and has proven to be a dedicated person whose desire is to bring quality ministry to the kids of our network family and churches.

We encourage you to make contact with Anna, especially if you serve as KIDS Ministry leaders. Anna's email address is acrandell@azag.org.

Griffin McGrath and I officially introduced Anna at our KIDCON this past weekend. We're excited about what God is doing in our Network Kid's Ministry!

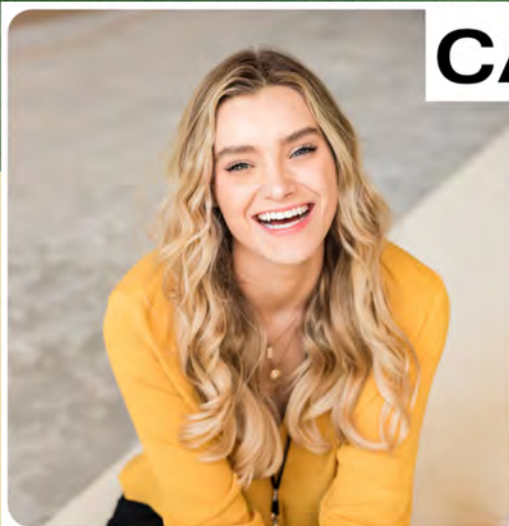
Pastor Harris & Griffin McGrath

KINGDOM

ARIZONA KIDS CAMP 2024

Click for More Info
& to Register

CAMP SPEAKERS



CAMP 1: JUNE 24-27, 2024

Monday - Thursday schedule



CAMP 2: JUNE 30 - JULY 3, 2024

*Sunday - Wednesday schedule



CAMP 3: JULY 8-11, 2024

Monday - Thursday schedule



March Classes

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THE ARIZONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY



107
Sermon Preparation

110
The Local Church
in Evangelism

308
Poetic Books

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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 Now

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



Blessed

TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA

“Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places”
Ephesians 1:3



Spring Fundraising Banquet Tour 2024

Featuring the
Teen Challenge Choir &
Powerful Stories of
those who have been
BLESSED with
New Life!



LAKE HAVASU CITY

To Benefit Phoenix Teen Challenge

FRIDAY, March 1

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

London Bridge Resort

1477 Queens Bay

TICKETS \$40 / TABLE \$320

CONTACT: (602) 478-7704

SIERRA VISTA

To Benefit Tucson Teen Challenge

FRIDAY, March 8

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

Shiloh Christian Center

1519 Avenida del Sol

TICKETS \$40 / TABLE \$320

CONTACT: (520) 730-4265

FLAGSTAFF

To Benefit the Christian Life Ranch

FRIDAY, April 12

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

High Country Conference Center

201 W. Butler Ave

TICKETS \$40 / TABLE \$320

CONTACT: (602) 309-4391

YUMA

To Benefit Tucson Teen Challenge

SATURDAY, March 2

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

Harvest Prep Academy

350 E. 18th St.

TICKETS \$40 / TABLE \$320

CONTACT: (520) 730-4265

CASA GRANDE

To Benefit Home of Hope

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, March 15, 16

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

The Property Conference Center

1251 W. Gila Bend HWY

TICKETS \$40 / TABLE \$320

CONTACT: (520) 709-1683

PRESCOTT VALLEY

To Benefit the Christian Life Ranch

FRIDAY, April 19

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

Lifepointe Church

10100 E. State Route 69

TICKETS \$40 / TABLE \$320

CONTACT: (602) 309-4391



"Yes!"

Intercultural Ministries
Rick Ryan, rryan@azag.org



God is working all over the world! God called us ... we said, "YES".
And you prayed and sent us. We are your hands extended.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" - Romans 10:13-15

Uganda Ministry Trip Recap

This is Bishop Frances Kabbogoza and his family in Hoima, Uganda. He is a man of integrity, passion and church planting. He has been over the Albertine Region of Uganda for 20 years and as planted 115 churches.



This is a new church dedication in Uganda. This church was originally planted by our own Pastor Semajeri Thomas Munyamahame at Pentecostal Assembly of God in Phoenix when he was in the refugee camp in Uganda. Pastor Thomas sent us there to dedicate the new building.

Pastors in Uganda after our pastors seminar



Sacramento, CA



Students from Bethany Bible School in Sacramento, CA. This Bible School is under the direction of Bethany Missionary Slavic Church which has a membership of 9,000. To do their three services in one day is a blessing.

Nogales, AZ & Mexico



Meeting with pastors in Nogales de Sonora, Mexico. What a blessing to be with these saints of God.

What an amazing weekend with Abundant Life Church in Nogales, Arizona. Pastor David and Liz Lopez and their amazing kids are having miracles and revival happening. Meeting with their leadership and then spending two amazing services with them ...
God is Alive in Southern AZ!



In the next three months of 2024 ...

Stretch your cords.
Enlarge your space.
Go beyond the natural.
Dream the Impossible!

Pray beyond the Possible!
Pray beyond the Usual!
Prophecy beyond the comfortable!

Give beyond the comfort level.
Praise beyond the pain!
Forgive beyond that which is fashionable!
Love beyond the Feelings!
Explode the limitations!
And In Jesus' Name, Stretch!

God's Glory is coming your way!
He is going to Show up and Show Out!

Get ready, Arizona.

God is ready to expand us with new anointing, new territory and new understanding. Tens of thousands are waiting for us with a next level vision.

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Stephen & Jill Valentine Deaf Ministries



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

Recent Network Statistics

OPEN CHURCHES

Holbrook, Faith Assembly
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

Timothy Larson from Kansas
Dwight Stewart from North TX

DECEASED

Robert Harshman, Feb. 7th
Eugene White, Feb. 15th
Jackie Eastin, Feb. 19th
James Eastin, March 2nd