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# 2022 NETWORK CONFERENCE



## RECAP

The Arizona Ministry Network staff recently met to ‘de-brief’ concerning our 2022 Network Conference. It’s a time for us to reflect on what the Lord did among us, what we did right and what might need improvement for next year’s conference. We will take the texts, emails, and phone calls that have come to us and rejoice in what the Lord did for us in the packed 34 hours of being together.

What we will recognize together and rejoice over is the lavish presence of the Holy Spirit that poured over us in so many personal ways. We left refreshed after having been with Jesus. Pastor David Hall brought so much added value to the scripture, “Silver and gold I do not have! But what I do have, I freely give to you. In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” Peter reached out his hand to the lame man, and pulled him up instructing, “Rise up and walk!”

I know there wasn’t one who sat in that sanctuary who didn’t desire that kind of anointing and power in their ministry. I am grateful for the altar time that drew us in to a time of seeking the Lord, and I continue to ask for His anointing on our ministry. It was truly a time of encouragement for many. The Lord was faithful to answer our prayers for a transforming time in His presence.





**Not only did Pastor David Hall bless us with his humor and own unique way of sharing the Word of God, but also with his passion that in turn invaded our own hearts. We are so appreciative for Pastor David's ministry.**

**Each one that came to the pulpit, came prepared and anointed. We were so blessed by Pastor Caden Metcalf, Pastor Jackie Holgate, Christina Vincent and Lavon Reep. We left challenged and grateful for the ministry God led for each speaker. To conclude the day, Dr. John Easter and his undeniable heart for Africa inspired many of you to pledge funds for our network-wide project of reaching Botswana for Jesus!!**

**No value can be put on sharing fellowship and altar time with God's people. We were richly blessed.**

**Congratulations to Pastor Kirk Sorensen in returning to the office of Executive Presbyter for the South Region. "We appreciate you, Pastor Kirk, and your willingness to serve this network!" As well, Pastor Jesus Garza is returning as our Intercultural Executive Presbyter for another term, serving all of Arizona and our Intercultural ministries.**

**Our representatives in Springfield at the General Presbytery sessions will be Griffin McGrath as our 40 & Under minister and Christina Vincent as our Ordained Woman representative.**

**The body in session received with gratitude the transition of Joivan 'Yoyo' Garcia as our newly appointed Youth Alive Director for our network. Christian Chambliss is transitioning to his new ministry position at Radiant Church.**

**I am humbled at the many, alongside our office staff, who worked tirelessly to prepare for this conference and provided all we needed for the business and ministry sessions. THANK YOU to all the committee people who made everything go smoothly. Thanks to Dylan Bush, our media man, who in my opinion has such a sweet spirit and makes it so easy to work with him. "Thanks, Dylan. You are appreciated by this network!"**

Our network Attorney Bob Brown brought great insight during our business session on the Reversionary Clause resolution. We are indebted to Mr. Brown for giving his time to us.

I am grateful for Pastor Jeff and the ELDERS who are faithfully serving as a safe place for all who may find themselves in need of a listening ear and a compassionate heart.

“Thanks, Pastor Leigh for your ministry to our network and to me personally. Thank you for the comprehensive financial report to our constituents and giving us the chance to rejoice together, giving praise to the Lord for His rich hand of blessing on this network.”

We asked Christina Vincent to come alongside and fill the position of Event Coordinator for this conference. She went above and beyond what I expected. We are so grateful for her gifting in this area and for her willingness to step in and put the finishing touches on what our office staff do annually in preparation for this conference.

**THANK YOU FOR COMING, SUPPORTING, AND PARTICIPATING IN MAKING THIS NETWORK CONFERENCE A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL.** Our June publication will feature a photo montage from the conference. I've included a few for my page in this month's edition. Stay tuned for more!



*Sincerely,*  
Pastor Harris and Marjorie



**“I have yet to find the words to express my shock and gratitude for the gracious gift given me by our network for my big 70th Birthday this month. Traveling to Tanzania, going on safari and hunting for Cape Buffalo has long been a dream of mine. I am so grateful to have that privilege later this year because of your generous hearts and love. I'm overwhelmed! THANK YOU!” - Pastor Harris**

**As many of you know, Pastor Ron suffered a heart attack last month. He has been recovering and continues to see God's miraculous powers evident in his life. Here is a recent Facebook post from Pastor Ron:**

*Good Morning Church Family. I wanted to give an update on my continued progress. We have learned that my heart condition was solely electrical and something I was born with called a Left Bundle Branch Block (LBBB) This condition causes my heart to fire differently and can create A-fib irregularity. Thankfully the new defibrillator implant will handle this in the future. Yesterday I met with the trauma Dr's who help me come back to life and they were amazed at my progress and called me a "Super Responder" considering I was dead on arrival. Going forward my prognosis is excellent and Sue and I know with your prayers and God's healing touch only the best is to come. With much appreciation and love, Pastor Ron*





**AZ CMN LEADERS  
LUNCHEON**

**FEATURED  
SPEAKERS**



**TRAVIS AND  
BRITTANY JONES**

Lead Pastors  
Motivation Church | Virginia



**BRAD AND BECKY  
DAVIS**

Lead Pastors  
Desert Springs Church | Chandler



**BRYAN AND  
LYNETTE DURRETT**

Campus Pastors  
Desert Springs Church | Gilbert



**REGISTER**

**SATURDAY | JUNE 11 | 10AM-1PM**  
**DESERT SPRINGS CHURCH**  
**GILBERT CAMPUS**



## NOTE TO SELF... Stay Filled Up

*Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.  
Instead, be filled with the Spirit. - Ephesians 5:18*

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We experienced incredible Holy Spirit moments around the altars at last month's Network Conference! It was not only refreshing for us all, but I rejoiced to see many specific pastors with urgent needs prophetically called out for personal ministry by our guest speaker. Such Pentecostal moments are powerful as the Holy Spirit's leading is abundantly evident.

We all know Paul's challenge in Ephesians 5:18 is a call to be "continually being" filled with the Holy Spirit. As we often (humorously) admit as Pentecostals, we tend to "leak," leading to this need for continuing re-fillings. It is probably less a leaking, and more a draining of sorts, as spiritual battles mark our lives on a consistent basis. How true then, that we must constantly return to the Lord for refreshing re-fillings of His Spirit.

Paul's sufferings listed in 2 Corinthians 11 far exceed the pressures any of us face today. Yet as pastors, the pressures and trials of shepherding flocks in this modern day certainly drain us physically and spiritually. Yet, Paul earlier captured the incredible reality that even though we may feel we are wasting away outwardly, "inwardly we are being renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16). This inward renewing no doubt takes place through the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives!



Pastor, I want to encourage you to seek the continual refreshing and renewing that comes in the Holy Spirit. Jack Hayford stated that a couple of times each week, he sought after a “gully washer” of the Holy Spirit in his times of devotional prayer. As our theology bears out, Jesus the Baptizer, is also our “Re-filler” as we desire refreshing from Him. I have often found lengthy times of praying in the Spirit rejuvenating to my spirit. Other times of just quieting myself in His presence, meditating upon His word, and stirring myself to louder praise and thanksgiving allow the Holy Spirit’s fresh movement within my inner being. I am sure you have your own personal approaches to seeking for fresh wind from the Lord. Whatever they are, I encourage you to experience them on a regular basis!

## **Keys to being re-filled with the Spirit:**

- Prayerfully evaluate what seems to drain you the most spiritually
- Relish the fact that the Lord wants to refill you with His Spirit
- Stir your own spirit with whatever means you personally value: worship in song, loud calling out to God, quiet contemplation and seeking, praying in the Spirit, etc.
- Reflect on your “gully-washer” moments in the Spirit
- If you ever want to discuss such topics, 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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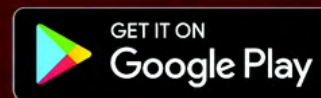
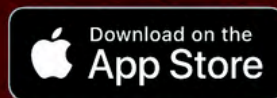


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# RETREAT 2022



*Retreat Host:*

Lindsay Petri



*Keynote Speaker:*

Elyse Murphy



*Worship Leaders:*

Jordan & Manuela Coleman

Register [HERE](#)

*Two weekends to choose from!*

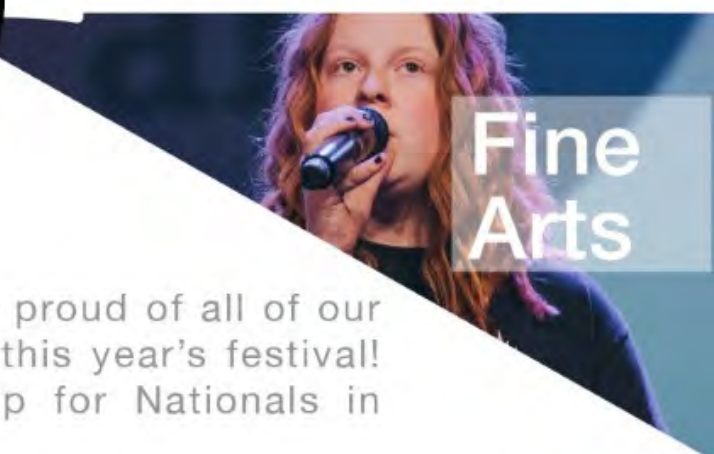
**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup> or  
SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup>**

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)

Youth  
Camp

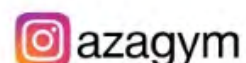


Fine  
Arts

Fine Arts was a blast! We are so proud of all of our AZ students who participated in this year's festival! Students are already gearing up for Nationals in August!

It's time for camp! Our team is heading up to Granite Hills Campground for our 6 youth camps and could not be more excited!

Visit [azagyouth.org](http://azagyouth.org) to stay up to date on all of our events and resources!



# Youth Alive One Day 2022

[youthaliveoneday.com](http://youthaliveoneday.com)

Aug. 20th, 2022

Radiant Church

\$25



CHRISTIAN  
CHAMBLISS



29:11  
WORSHIP



PETER  
REEVES

*"To Evangelize Every Student & Every School  
With The Gospel Of Jesus Christ."*

## \* MEET THE TEAM \*



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CHAMBLISS

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# KIDS CAMP 2022



**WEEK 1: JUNE 27-JULY 1**  
Speaker: Corinne Noble



**WEEK 2: JULY 11-JULY 15**  
Speaker: Kaitlyn Hoorneman



**WEEK 3: JULY 18-JULY 22**  
Speaker: Sarah Zastrow &  
Matthew Schmidt



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Kirstyn Rempel  
Kid's Ministry Director

# A S M

THE ARIZONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

## THAT'S A WRAP!

This year we had about 1,000 registrations for classes at every level. That's a lot of learning! We also met in locations all over the state and online.

We've had amazing guest instructors with decades of experience in multiple areas of ministry. Our goal is to continue to provide this level of quality next year. That's why we'd love to know if you are interested in teaching a class sometime.


If you would like to be involved with ASOM next year please email [yvincent@azag.org](mailto:yvincent@azag.org).


Have a great summer!


Yisrael Vincent, PhD

## SAGU PARTNERSHIP

Interested in getting your master's degree? SAGU will be launching a special Master's in Organization Leadership this Fall. Email [asom@azag.org](mailto:asom@azag.org) for more info!

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Yisrael Vincent  
Director



Claire Willhite  
Coordinator



# Missions is not a program; it's a fight against hell.

Dr. Elizabeth Grant

**W**e live in a multicultural world where if we take notice, beautiful ethnicity is all around us. It reflects the great brilliance and imagination of our Creator. If we don't see the diversity around us, missions becomes about reaching into our back pockets and giving to someone else to go somewhere for us. Missions can become a program versus a passion that leads us to go across the street and meet the world around us. I encourage you to join the "fight" and embrace the diversity around you. We, in Intercultural Ministries, are ready to help you!

We are grateful for a Network and Network leadership that passionately pursues helping us reach the multicultural world around us. We have over 50 intercultural congregations lead by amazing intercultural pastors. We celebrate five pastors who have recently received their ordination!



Pastor Thomas & Debora Munyahame  
Pentecostal Assembly of God  
Congolese Church Phoenix



Pastors David & Elizabeth Lopez  
Received their ordination  
Abundant Life  
Assembly of God  
Spanish/English Church Nogales



Pastor Bizimana & Alice Bigege  
Good Shepherd Community Church  
Congolese Church Phoenix



Pastor Nora Martinez, newly ordained  
& Pastor Alfredo Martinez  
Neighborhood Assembly of God/  
Iglesia Una Voz  
Spanish/English Church Phoenix



**RICK RYAN**  
DIRECTOR



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# Congratulations



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NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

## To Our Newly Credentialed Women

### Certified

Gillian Berry  
Jessica Calahan  
Violet Diaz  
Rylie Floyd  
Ann Totsch

### Ordained

Jennifer Cox  
Christina Dickison  
Sharlene Garza  
Marcella Hamrick  
Rosalinda Kirtdoll  
Kelly Lewandowski  
Elizabeth Lopez  
Brandi Martinez  
Nora Martinez  
Lavon Reep  
Kelly Ribelin  
Lynnette Riggs  
Joanne Wall

### Licensed

Maria Higginbotham  
Johanna Hillis  
Frances Macias  
Krislyn Maestas  
Georgia Morrison  
Lindsay Petri  
Mary Starmer-Smith

## WE ARE CHEERING YOU ON!



**DENISE RYAN**  
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TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA 

# SING

*"Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth."  
Psalm 96:1*

## Spring Graduation 2022

Saturday, May 21, 2022 – 2 PM

Passion Church  
501 E. Kortsen Road  
Casa Grande, Arizona

*We invite you to celebrate with us  
as we honor each of our graduates who have  
completed the Teen Challenge of Arizona  
program to the glory of God!*

*This year, it is a privilege to welcome our  
Keynote Speaker, Rev. Ron Brown, who serves  
as the Executive Director of Teen Challenge,  
Southern California. He is a gifted  
singer/songwriter, and he will also lead us in a  
special time of singing unto the Lord!*

*A celebration you don't want to miss!*



Rev. Ron Brown  
Executive Director  
Teen Challenge  
Southern California

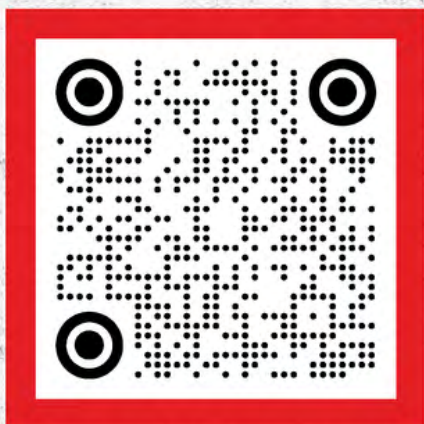
Private Reception for our Graduates and their families  
to follow after the Ceremony.

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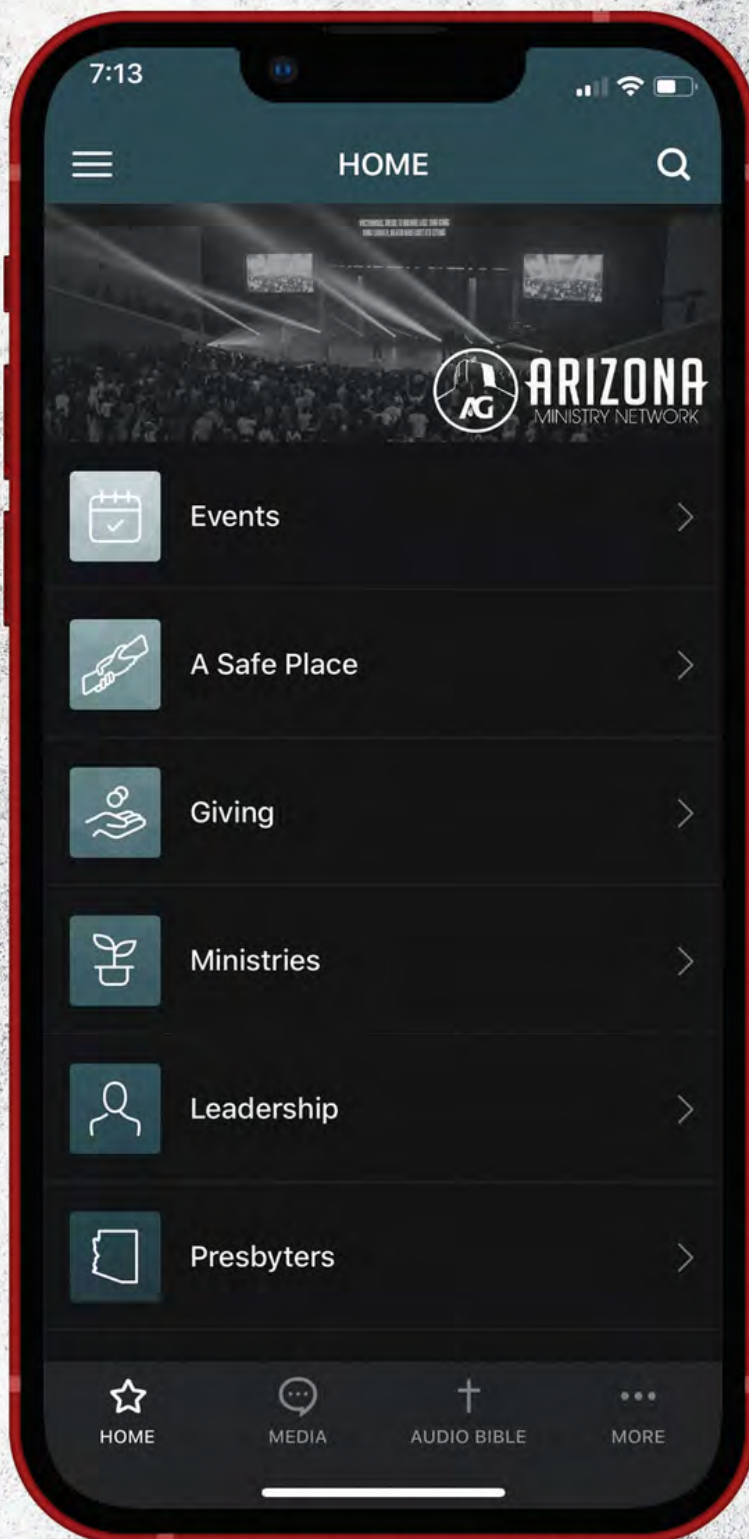


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- **A Safe Place** - List of elder contacts for times of crisis + coaching
- **Events** - detailed information/ easy registration
- **Ministries** - links to all network ministry websites
- **Leadership** - network leadership/presbytery contacts
- **Inspiration** - daily scripture + network pastors' blogs
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# Network Information

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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Leigh Metcalf                      Secretary-Treasurer

## EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERS

Jesus Garza

Dale Gray

Todd League

Kirk Sorensen

## GENERAL PRESBYTERS

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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Stephen & Jill Valentine                      Deaf Ministries

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

## **Recent Network Statistics**

### **OPEN CHURCHES**

Dennehotso, Trinity Assembly of God

Eloy, First Assembly of God

Page, First Assembly of God

Payson, Restoration Church

Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.

San Carlos, Apache Assembly of God

San Manuel, Assembly of God

Shonto, Victory Assembly of God

**There are no new Minster Stats  
to report this month.**