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Ministers Renewal 2021

Pastor, I cannot emphasize enough how important our time together will be at Minister's Renewal this October. It will be a tremendous blessing to you personally, as well as inspiring, as Pastor Rob Ketterling joins us to challenge and teach on unlocking the secrets to teaching your congregation to be **GENEROUS** in their giving for the Kingdom of God. I am so excited to have Pastor Ketterling coming to share what he has proven is a win for the furtherance of the Gospel.

PLEASE SET ASIDE MONDAY EVENING, 7:00 PM ,OCTOBER 25TH, AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE, FREE OF CHARGE OF THIS VALUABLE TIME TOGETHER. I GUARANTEE IT WILL PAY GREAT REWARDS FOR YOU PERSONALLY, BUT ALSO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO THE GENEROSITY OF YOUR CHURCH.

Featured at Minister's Renewal:

GENEROUSITY ACCELERATOR

**INCREASE
YOUR GIVING!**

River Valley Network is excited to partner with AGWM to host one-day Generosity Accelerators around the country! We will be discussing how to grow the tithe and increase over-and-above generosity. We have personally seen God grow our church from \$157,000 to over \$6,000,000 above the tithe, which has helped build unified local communities, plant more churches, and has sent more missionaries around the world!

LED BY PASTOR
ROB KETTERLING



What is "Generosity Accelerator"?

Assemblies of God World Missions is partnering with River Valley Network to host One-Day Generosity Accelerators around the country. We are privileged to be one of the first, if not the first network to take advantage of this with a district level event. We will discuss:

- How to grow your current tithe in your church and increase over-and-above giving.
- Different ideas to cultivate generosity in the hearts of your congregation.
- Ways to develop more partnerships with local and global projects.
- Resources that will support you and your church in taking your next step in generosity.

We believe in the power of unity. Whether your heart is to increase generosity to pour into your local community, to send missionaries across the globe or to plant more local churches, this Generosity Accelerator will help you have a fresh vision for the dreams God has placed on your heart for your church and increase generosity in a way you never thought was possible!

The full schedule, as well all other details will be available to you through the following registration link. We are paying that you will determine now to be with us.

[Register Here](#)

2021 PK RETREAT:



The Arizona Ministry network invests in young people, especially the sons and daughters of our ministers, fondly referred to as PK's and MK's. We not only invest money as a network, but the leadership invests their lives into these young people for the simple reason that many will be our next generation of ministers of the Gospel.

They are well equipped for ministry, in many cases being a help to their parents with helping in the local church. They do sound/media, lead in worship, teach Children's Church, and often drink the left over communion juice and eat the crackers! It's amazing what you find out as you listen and observe these young people. They are not a whole lot different than many of us were in our younger years!



It's always a terrific honor to be a part of the PK/MK retreat. This year we traveled to California. We love our PK's and this retreat gives us an opportunity to build relationship with your kids.

We are indebted to our Youth & Young Adult ministries as well as Youth Alive leadership in Griffin and Bethany, Christian and Brittany, Yoyo Garcia, Brea Graff, Monica Hortiales, and supporting staff that accompanied this trip. WE LOVE YOUR KIDS!

**Sincerely,
Pastor Harris and Marjorie Harris**



A Passion for Missions



Recently Sue and I attended General Council in Orlando. During the General Presbyters meeting we given important statistical data about our denomination. I was stunned to hear that in 2020 21% of our Assembly of God churches did not record a single decision for Christ. Could it be true that one-fifth of our churches didn't experience one conversion in the space of 365 days?

If this is true, then one might ask, "What happened to their passion to reach the lost?" Could a spirit of apathy have settled over a congregation to the point that they've laid aside the Lord's mandate and have become comfortable with just having church? God's heart must break when He sees His church not engaged in soul winning.

Jesus' mission on earth was "To seek and save the lost!" and this must be our priority as well. Preaching, worship and ministry programs are wonderful, but nothing should ever take the place of having a strong passion to witness spiritual conversions in every church throughout America. And the good news is that God wants to partner with us in this endeavor. As we see the Day of the Lord approaching, we need every church and every pastor to prioritize and engage in the ministry of evangelism.



This week I read an article about the missionary, He was and still is one of the most inspiring missionaries in history. He was called "God's Smuggler" because he brought the gospel behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War and then went on to carry God's Word to many persecuted nations around the world.

He drastically surrendered his life to the Lord and then risked everything he had for the Great Commission. He spent his life bringing Bibles to the persecuted and spiritually lost, and Brother Andrew is still serving the persecuted church today. He continues to speak to Christians all over the world and has stirred up dissatisfaction in the hearts of those who have never considered preaching the good news, to go to the unreached and bring the gospel to where it is not.

Brother Andrew is an example of what can be done if we make a commitment to winning the lost at any cost. There are so many hungry hearts desiring to experience God's peace instead of the chaos and fear the world is offering.

As a personal example, our church sends out small evangelism teams of 4-6 people on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights and the favorable response to the message of the gospel is unbelievable. In 2020 they prayed with over 8,000 people to receive Christ in city parks and this year we have already seen 7,212 decisions for Christ. I say this, not to boast, but to encourage every pastor and church to once again engage in evangelism and take the good news of Christ's love to your community.

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If one man like Brother Andrew can bring millions of bibles to the persecuted church, certainly we can lead one person to Jesus and eliminate the statistic of not having one decision for Christ. The field is ripe for harvest and now is the time to reach the lost. We're praying for you, dear pastor, that God will stir you and your church in order that many may come to know Christ.

Together we can do this! And as always, thank you for your continued prayers and support for our missionaries and their families.



Love and prayers,
Ron & Sue



WHY



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Leigh Metcalf

Ordination?



UPGRADING YOUR CREDENTIAL IS A GREAT WAY TO SHARPEN YOUR SKILL SET THROUGH ONGOING EDUCATION WHILE MOVING TOWARD THE BIBLICAL PRECEDENT FOR ORDINATION. BELOW IS A BASIC OUTLINE OF THE CREDENTIAL PROCESS SO YOU KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT.

- CONTACT OUR CREDENTIALING ASSISTANT FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE APPLICATION PACKET & PAPERWORK AT VCRUZ@AZAG.ORG.
- UPLOAD ALL DOCUMENTS TO YOUR MINISTER'S PORTAL
- ATTEND A COMMITTEE MEETING - ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR PACKET & INTERVIEWS, APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE FOR RECOMMENDATION OF FINAL APPROVAL.
- THE GENERAL COUNCIL WILL PREPARE YOUR CERTIFICATE AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AT THE ORDINATION SERVICE IN APRIL.



NOTE TO SELF...
*KEEP A HEALTHY
PERSPECTIVE
ON LIFE AND
MINISTRY!*

“Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist...”

- James 4:13-14

His death made me pause. Since he was an Anglican priest, I had not followed him closely. Yet, as I awoke and scrolled through my phone, the lead story on the website told of this man and his son’s tragic deaths just days before. Moments like this can be very good for us. As I moved on with my early morning routine and headed to the airport for a speaking engagement, my thoughts were hijacked by his story.

It is staggering, isn’t it? The thought of transitioning from this life—with all its temporal earthliness—into eternity with Christ in a split second. That’s what we preach, right? That’s what we challenge our people to consider and be prepared for, correct? Yet, the rawness of its reality transcends our common, everyday distracted thoughts.

In that moment, in light of our ministries, what will matter will be...

1. Our relationship with Jesus. The size of our church, perception of others’ toward us, education, resumes, trophies, plaques, ACMRs...a lot of things will simply not matter at that moment.

2. His Kingdom, not ours. The ministry comparisons and inner jealousies we have carried due to the size or scope of others' ministries, the rivalries that developed over time, the resumes, trophies, plaques, ACMRs (did I mention those?)...so much will not matter at that moment.

3. Our seeds. Yes, our life's work will certainly matter. The untold amount of spiritual seed we scattered will continue to grow until Jesus splits the skies. How exciting! Our work will continue in collaboration with the watering and harvesting of others under the influence of God's economy.

4. Our loves. By that I mean, those we have loved the most intimately. Most that we pastored over time will not be present at our eulogy. Yet, our family and closest of friends will seek to comfort their hearts through sharing collective thoughts of our existence.

I recently had a conversation with a pastor via text. It was brief, but painful. I sensed he found no joy in the success of another in ministry. It had to be his way, his ministry, his name, his...or it was nothing to him. My heart was sad, yet not overly condemning. I realized how hard it is often is for us to rejoice in the successes of another, unless it is that of a good friend or colleague. Otherwise, the deceitfulness of the flesh sabotages such moments with petty jealousy or rivalry.

This scenario was fresh in my mind as I read of the priest's passing. Thus, I weighed the situation in light of the prospects of eternity. It reminded me to strive after those four ideals each day: my relationship with Jesus, His kingdom (not mine), my seeds, and my loves.



**Stay healthy in ministry,
Pastor Jeff**

Reach Out to an Elder Today!

To speak confidentially with an Elder, find their contact info on the *Arizona Ministry Network* app or at www.azag.org.

AZ MAN CAMP

TWO CAMPS:

Sept. 24-25 in English

Oct. 8-9 in Spanish

September 24 & 25, 2021

Register at: azmensministries.org

- Golf Tournament
- Fishing Derby
- High Ropes Course
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Swimming

— COURAGE —

- Worship Service
- Motorcycle Ride
- Archery
- Lawn Games
- Camp Work Day



Choco de Jesus
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AZ Network Men's Director

- Curso de Cuerdas Altas
- Muro de Escalada
- Natación

Arizona Campamento de Hombres

- Servicio de Adoración
- Torneo de Volibol

— VALENTIA —



Pastor Mark Vega
Mark Vega Evangelistic Ministries

Octubre 8 & 9, 2021

Regístrese en: azmensministries.org



Pastor Dale Gray
AZ Network Men's Director

Fall Women's Retreat

2021

Weekend 1: Sept. 9-11

Weekend 2: Sept. 16-18

Ladies, mark your calendar and make plans to join us in September! This is the perfect opportunity to step away, take a deep breath, encounter God and meet new friends. There will be amazing speakers, powerful worship, breakout sessions, campfires, zip lines, rock walls, after parties, shopping, coffee and more! So start spreading the word in your church and among your friends. Space fills up fast and you won't want to miss this!



Lindsay Petri

Arizona Women's
Director

Find more info and register at azagwomen.org.

Activities



Pricing

Full Conference
\$170

**Friday/Saturday
Only Conference**
\$160

**Conference
(no lodging)**
\$160

**Conference
(no lodging or meals)**
\$130

Register today!

SEPTEMBER

ARIZONA YOUTH MINISTRIES



COMING UP

National
Speed the Light Day
October 17, 2021

Arizona Youth
Convention
October 22-23, 2021



CHRIS ESTRADA



MANNY ARANGO



RIVER VALLEY WORSHIP



NAVAJO NATION WATER CRISIS & WHAT AZ YOUTH ARE DOING TO HELP

Over 40% of the people on Navajo Nation do not have access to running water, and much of the water they do have is contaminated. We have the opportunity to change that! Upon learning about the water crisis on Navajo Nation during the start of COVID, *WorldServe* committed to helping to meet a profound need for water, sanitation, hygiene, agriculture, and economic opportunities within the Navajo Nation. People on the Nation face water challenges rivaling those we typically see on the African continent and in the Global South. *WorldServe* is developing a comprehensive plan of action to address these challenges over the next decade, establishing long-term collaboration with powerful partners to bring clean water where it can be sustainably accessed and maintained over time. *Speed the Light* is a student-initiated, volunteer, charitable program that provides much-needed equipment to missionaries in over 180 countries around the world. *WorldServe* and *Speed the Light*'s partnership is unique. Students in Arizona and across the United States are raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for water wells and challenging business people, athletes, churches and many others to match their giving! In 2019 alone, students funded 19 water projects and helped to purchase vital drilling equipment to expand in Kenya. Now it's time for new life in Navajo Nation!

Our Network Youth Director Griffin McGrath is doing an Iron Man to raise funds and awareness!

"I'm doing a 70.3 IRONMAN on National Speed the Light Sunday (10.17.2021) because I want to live fearlessly and challenge a generation to believe God to provide through seemingly impossible situations. I want to see new life on Navajo Nation. As long as there's Jesus, there's hope."



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Visit azagoyouth.org/ironman to follow his journey and for ways to give!

GROW 2021

KidMin Conference



WWW.AZAGKIDS.ORG



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
9:30AM - 4:30PM (Registration Opens 8:30AM)

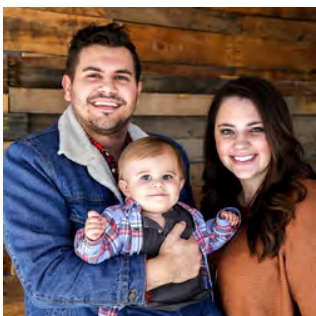


DESERT SPRINGS CHURCH
19620 S. McQueen Road • Chandler, AZ 85286



REGISTRATION
\$30/Person

Speaker: **JUSTIN EDGE**
Central Ministry Leader of LifeKids at Life.Church



Register **HERE!**

Kirstyn Rempel, Kid's Director
krempe1@azag.org



THE ARIZONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

WHAT'S NEW?

ASOM is up and running for the Fall and we are looking at a very strong year ahead of us.

As we continue to grow we are always looking for ways to improve the student experience. This includes finding top tier educators and finding new tools to help connect and equip students.

If you have someone you think may be interested in ASOM let us know and we will reach out to them personally.


OCTOBER CLASSES


AG History, Missions, and Governance
Intro to Missions
Multicultural Ministry


SAGU

PARTNERSHIP

Interested in getting your master's degree? SAGU has launched a special Master's in Organization Leadership this Fall. Email asom@azag.org for more info!

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Yisrael Vincent
Director



Jeanna Lonergan
Coordinator

Divine Acceleration

By God's Spirit, there is acceleration coming to His Church and this generation. It is promised in Amos 9 and Acts 2.



*"Yes indeed, it won't be long now." God decrees. "Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won't be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once — and everywhere you look, blessings! God, your God, says so."
- Amos 9:13, 15b MSG*

"No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "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." - Acts 2:16-18

I believe and sense with great conviction that as we, who have been called of God, move forward in 2021 and into 2022, God is ready to thrust in NEW WAYS the dunamis power of the Holy Spirit into our ministries. He wants an explosive, supernatural, life-changing movement of His Spirit in our personal lives and in our church life. Opportunities are everywhere! Pieces are in place and ready for such a time as this.

In these last days, let us understand that UNITY will bring blessings and harvest. We cannot expect to take off when the crew and staff of the airplane are not all on board. Without unity, there is no harvest. Without unity, there is no construction towards the future. Without unity, there will be no acceleration. God wants to bless His Church with an anointing the world has never seen! This is what the world desperately needs if they are going to turn to Him!

I am praying for you today, that the Holy Spirit will accelerate you and your ministry to a powerful and anointed way. May the Lord quicken all He is doing by adding speed, momentum, weight, and magnitude that His Church would advance with a great ingathering of souls!

Here are some of the **INCREDIBLE TESTIMONIES** how God is accelerating His Church through Intercultural Ministries!

God helped us unexpectedly connect with PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY OF GOD in Phoenix with Pastor Thomas with a phone call from Fort Worth, Texas. Pastor Thomas and his wife are from the war-torn county of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In 2014, they barely escaped to a refugee camp in Uganda. After establishing a church in the camp, they arrived in Phoenix in 2017 with a handful of refugees. They did not realize that the Assemblies of God was not just in Africa, but existed in the USA as well! They were overjoyed last month when they discovered the Arizona Ministry Network. Today, they have just over 200 people rejoicing in the supernatural way God is moving among their people.



God helped us connect with IGLESIA NUEVO NACIMIENTO in Phoenix with Pastors Raymundo and Veronica Gordillos through an introduction from Pastor Raul Salgado. This vibrant and intentionally outward-focused church is reaching their community by extending the hand of Compassion and the hand of Evangelism in the streets around their church. They have come into our Network with 180 excited believers. They will be a Parent Affiliated Church with Revolution Ministries Church in Tolleson with Pastors Raul and Nora Salgado.

God helped us connect with IGLESIA AGUA EN EL DESIERTO in Tucson with Pastors Joe and Lesly Merlos. Pastors Merlos are missionaries sent by the Southern Pacific District of the Assemblies of God to plant churches in Arizona and around the world. This precious couple have bought land and equipment to start a church in Tucson. They have a 24-hour YouTube channel committed to worship, prayer and preaching. They are also the new pastors of our church in Sacaton on the Gila River Indian Reservation.



God is accelerating His Church! We are proud and grateful for our Hispanic churches and what is doing among our men. Pastor Raul Salgado and 11 other pastors have been praying and planning for a Spanish Men's Retreat at our campgrounds. With the blessing of our Network Men's Ministry Director, Dale Gray, they are using the brand new material for Men's Ministry in the local church, THE 360° MAN. They have travelled to different parts of the state and hosted meals while sharing this material for Hispanic Pastors and Leaders. God is accelerating His Church. The excitement among our Hispanic Pastors is amazing.

On October 8-9, 2021, there is a "Speak" Men's Retreat at Granite Hills Campground. If you have Spanish-speaking men in your church, they won't want to miss this power-packed retreat. Registration for the retreat is now open at azmensministry.org.



Sincerely,
Rick Ryan

NWM GATHERING

Time to Talk! Time to Connect!
Get Back in the Groove of Being Together!

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 1, 2021 | 7:00 PM

**GENERATION CHURCH
SOUTH MOUNTAIN CAMPUS
11832 S. WARNER ELLIOT LOOP
PHOENIX AZ 85044**

- A FREE Event
- Invite a credentialed friend or someone who is seeking credentials
- Please Register: <https://bit.ly/3y17LKL>



Amy Visconti, host
Generation Church



Denise Ryan
Network of Women Ministers



TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA



SING

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

a virtual tour of songs & stories

MONDAY - November 15, 2021 - 7PM
to benefit the Tucson Men's Center & Springboard

FRIDAY - November 19, 2021 - 7PM
to benefit the Phoenix Men's Center

SATURDAY - November 20, 2021 - 7PM
to benefit the Christian Life Ranch



Teen Challenge
ARIZONA

For more information, visit: tcaz.org/sing

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

Recent Network Statistics

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Houck, Bethel Navajo A/G
Page, First A/G
Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.
Sacaton, River of Life A/G
San Carlos Apace A/G
Scottsdale, Salt River Indian Church
Shonto, Victory A/G

TRANSFERRED IN

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Russell Garlit, So California

TRANSFERRED OUT

Timothy Garrison, Kansas
Virginia Stahl, Rocky Mountain

DECEASED

Richard Barnett - Aug 11, 2021