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"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." - Acts 2:17

In Focus ... 2012 Sectional Council Tour

District Superintendent

A SENSE OF URGENCY

he New Year is often depicted as a tiny baby. There is much comfort in this concept. A new beginning, new opportunities, and time. But there is also a danger that's as old as mankind and that is believing that somehow we have all the time in the world.

This problem existed in Christ's day. He had to warn: "Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." Jesus also reminded the disciples that people with a 'the Lord delays His coming' attitude would ultimately fail in the stewardship of life.

The year is new. Three hundred sixty-five days lie ahead, eight thousand seven hundred and sixty hours are ours to use as we please. But what we need is a sense of urgency. We must work to be faithful stewards of the time given us. Stewardship is taking care of everything God gives us and if we consider that everything given us, including the precious gift of time, comes from God Himself, then things start to take on a whole new perspective.

The very foundation of Paul's ministry was driven by a sense of urgency. He knew there was no time to lose. In 2 Corinthians 6:2, Paul says "NOW is the accepted time."

There are those who proclaim that the world as we know it will come to an end in December of this year. No one truly knows. When will the Lord return? We have a lot of help in scripture that points us to the times and His return, but no man knows the hour or the day, except God Himself. It could be this year. A sense of urgency will cause people to attempt the seemingly impossible. It was a sense of urgency that made Abraham attack an alliance of kings with only 318 servants and Abraham dealt the enemies a devastating blow. It was a sense of urgency that made Esther a heroine in saving her people. She declared, "If I perish, I perish!" A sense of urgency is demanding. It requires dedication, sacrifice, and effort. But the sense of urgency is also rewarding. The history of the church is not only the story of men who served, bled, and died, it is the story of men who found their lives.

"For whoever wants to save their life, will lose it. But whoever loses their life for me, will find it!" Matthew 16:25.

Our time is NOW! I am filled with anticipation at the possibilities of at least 10 new church plants this year in our state, and the eventual completion of our goal of 100 new churches in 10 years. We were able to plant eleven churches in 2011 for which we give thanks to God.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the state Arizona. I pray for your encouragement and strength in the Lord as we work together in the harvest. Paul says in Colossian 4:5 "make the most of every opportunity." Let's make the most of any and every opportunity TOGETHER!



"Baby dedications were always a highlight for us while pastoring a church and I was given this honor once again on Sunday, November 6th, when we gathered with the Ridgeline Church and Pastor Steve and Cheri Long and dedicated their new daughter, Hannah Christine. Sisters Katelyn, Chelsa, and Ashley were on hand as well, and Hannah was an angel the whole time! What a cutie. Marjorie and I were delighted to be a part of this special day for the Long family."



Stephen L. Harris • Superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT'S JANUARY SCHEDULE

9-12	BGMC Conference
22	Papago Sells
23-24	Presbyter Meeting
25	.Native American Committee Meeting
29	Coolidge First Assembly
30	LFTL Tours

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground.

- Isaiah 44:3

Secretary-Treasurer

LEO GODZICH IS IN HEAVEN -



sympathy is ur extended to the immediate family of Dr. Leo Godzich, along with the Phoenix First Assembly church family, in their loss of a staff member and dear friend who spoke healing into the lives of so many.

Dr. Leo Marc Godzich was involved in a fatal automobile accident while on a mission trip in Uganda, Africa, on October 27, 2011. He was born April 30, 1959, in Soissons, France, and is survived by his wife of 29 years, Molly, and

his daughters, Emily, Bethany, and Christy. Pastor Leo Godzich served as an associate pastor at Phoenix First Assembly of God for over two decades under Pastor Tommy Barnett. He received his Doctorate from Phoenix Theological Seminary. He, along with Molly, founded the National Association of Marriage Enhancement (N.A.M.E.), a ministry to promote marriage and train and certify lay marriage counselors. There are over 200 NAME centers across the globe on six continents. He was also the founder of the International Marriage Conference, an annual event that has drawn tens of thousands over the past 16 years.

He is the author of numerous books and training materials, including Is God in Your Marriage?, Men are from Dirt and Women are from Men, and Faith of our Founding Fathers.

In civic affairs, he helped author and pass Covenant Marriage legislation in Arizona and Louisiana and was a founder of the Covenant Marriage Movement as well as serving as a member of the Arlington Group. He will perhaps be best remembered for the impact he had on individual marriages through personal counseling, the hundreds of marriage conferences he held, and his speaking engagements at conferences around the world.

Molly and Leo worked together and played together. They enjoyed traveling together, playing games with their children, and their special "date" nights.

Emily, 20, has been studying theology at Southeastern University (AG) in Lakeland, Florida. She and Matthew Nilsen plan to marry next year. Emily works part-time for her parents at the NAME marriage headquarters.

Bethany is 17, and Christy will be 15 in December. Both girls attend Paradise Valley Christian College Prepatory in Phoenix. Leo was very involved in the girls' schooling and education and was well-known by the other parents on campus because of his involvement in their productions and sport activities. He often gave the benediction at special events. The girls are extremely involved with their church, Phoenix First Assembly, participating in district Fine Arts competitions, Phoenix First Assembly's Christmas productions, and their discipleship group called Ignite.

Our prayers are continuing for those left to live their lives without the godly guidance and influence of Dr. Godzich. He will be greatly missed.



Leigh Metcalf • Secretary-Treasurer

JANUARY 2012

TRANSFERRED IN Panzetta Jr., John C – (O) from Southern Missouri TRANSFERRED OUT Darbroudi, Johnsin – (O) to Southern California Morales, John J – (O) to Southern California Nunoo, Samuel – (L) to British Columbia/Yukon

CREDENTIAL STATUS CHANGE

Collins, Aida X (L) – to Retired Active Russell, James D (L) – to Retired Active REINSTATEMENT

Beasley Jr., Paul A (L) Spence, Joyce "Alondra" (L) NEW PASTOR

Cibecue – Indian Assembly of God – Augburn, Roy (O Goolidge – First Assembly of God – Miller, Betty Jo (O) Houck – Bethel Navajo Assembly of God – Beasley Jr,

Paul (L) Sells – Papago Assembly of God – Hodges, Dennis E (O) NEW CHURCHES OPENED

Phoenix – First Haitian Assembly of God Tabernacle of Grace Pastor – Joseph, Lukerne (O)

NEW PAC CHURCH OPENED Apache Junction – Desert Springs Church at Apache Junction Parent Church – Desert Springs Church, Chandler

CHURCH LOCATION CHANGE Tucson – Templo Betel Asamblea de Dios To: 5665 E 29th Street Tucson, AZ 85711

CLOSED CHURCH Anthem – Heritage Christian Assembl Apache Junction – LifeGate Assembly

OPEN CHURCHES

Cortaro – Praise Center Assembly Gila Bend – Faith AG – Tim Sizemore – interim Grand Canyon AG – Tim Schaffer (C) – interim Pearce – Sunizona Assembly of God Rainbow City Assembly of God Teesto – Crossroad Assembly

IN MEMORIUM

Everett, John W (O) – July 21, 1926 – December 10, 2011 Killian, Gerald J (O) – September 26, 1932 – November 16, 1011 It is wonderful partnering together with you in building His church. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, "... I will build my church; and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." He had a great idea in using the church to reach the world with the good news.

Assistant Superintendent

THE POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

n his classic book, "One Minute Manager" Kenneth Blanchard recommends developing the practice of "One Minute Praises" where the manager (pastor, parent, spouse, etc.) tries to **"catch someone doing something right"** and then spend a full 60 seconds praising that person for the good deed. This is a lot more difficult than it appears. Where we might not find it difficult to criticize someone for even 60 minutes, many times we find it almost impossible to praise someone sincerely for a full minute.

That's too bad, because a basic element of living the Christian life that we see defined so clearly in the New Testament is the practice of encouraging others. Paul said, **"he who prophecies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort."** (1 Corinthians 14:3)

This is what preachers should do; our sermons should strengthen, encourage and comfort the listeners. This is also what church members should do; our conversations with each other should be a source of strength, encouragement and comfort.

John Maxwell writes in his book "Developing the Leaders Around You" that UCLA basketball coach John Wooden told players who scored to give a smile, wink, or nod to the player who gave them a good pass. **"What if he's not looking?"** asked a team member. Wooden replied, **"I guarantee he'll look."** Everyone values encouragement and looks for it.

It's good to be specific in your praise. Take time to look up the times the Apostle Paul specifically praised people for what they had done, even naming names. It seems he is always specific in his praise for each church; "...I thank God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world." (Romans 1:8)

Paul ends the book of Colossians with some personal notes. Look at what he says about some of his fellow ministers: **"…Tychicus will tell you all the news about me; he is a beloved brother, a faithful minister, and a fellow servant…he is coming with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother...Epaphras is always wrestling in his prayers on your behalf…"** (Colossians 4:7-17)

When the Apostle Paul talks about the end time, where I believe we are now living, he says **"Therefore encourage each other with these words."** (1Thessalonians 4:18) What words are we to use? That Jesus is returning in the clouds of glory to take his people to their heavenly home. The world constantly tries to discourage us, so it is vitally important that we believers in Christ be encouragers.

In all your "resolution making" for the New Year, why not make a resolution to be an "Encourager". Encourage your fellow pastors and the people you minister to each week. Encourage the waitress at the café you frequent and encourage your neighbors and friends.

Take time to write an email to the missionaries you support and just let them know you appreciate the work they are doing to advance the Kingdom and let them know you are praying for them.

It was important for the Apostle Paul to be an encourager, let's follow his example.



Craig W. Carter • Asst. Superintendent



Purpose:

To develop and promote the World Missions Program in the Arizona District. Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all. Whoever believes and is baptized is saved; whoever refuses to believe is damned."

Mark 16:15-16 Msg

Women's Department

NATIONAL WOMEN'S MINISTRIES 2012 THEME

How can God **reveal** His love through you and the women of your church?

TEVEALED What great love the Father has lavished on us! • 1 JOHN 3:1, NIV

> God wants you to experience **authentic love** through connections with others. He wants you to grow and mature by encountering His **transforming love**. He wants to reveal His **extravagant love** through you as you serve others. He wants the world to see His **love in motion** as you care for those in need. When you are **consumed with His love**, you can live every moment in the fullness of His presence, and experience the joy only He can give.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012

Use this theme all year for events and activities! Visit women.ag.org for more ways to use this theme and subthemes throughout the year.

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Kay Burnett • Director Arizona Women's Department

AZ DISTRICT COUNCIL: April 24-26, at Harvest Church, 8340 W. Northern Ave, Glendale, AZ 85305

Women of Influence Conference: May 4-5, at Harvest Church, 8340 W. Northern Ave., Glendale, AZ 85305

BE WATCHING FOR DETAILS OF OUR FIRST EVER WOMEN OF INFLUENCE CONFERENCE!!!

Women's Department Theme: "What great love the Father has lavished on us!" (1 John 3:1, NIV)

National

Youth & Christian Education





Tim Black • Director

National BGMC Day



Sunday, March 11, 2012

LOOKING AHEAD...

District Fine Arts Festival March 31, 2012 Phoenix First Assembly Stars Spring Retreat April 27 & 28, 2012 Speaker: JJ Hayes Girls Ministries Honor Celebration July 28, 2012 Phoenix Area Girls of Purity Conference August 24 & 25, 2012 Peoria LightHouse Church Royal Rangers Events A calendar with all Royal Ranger Events can be downloaded at www.azag.org under resources, 2011 District Calendar. Check out www.azagkids.org for a listing of Royal Ranger Events as well.

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Youth & Christian Education

Summer Camps 2012

YOUTH CAMPS



May 28 – June 1 Jaroy Carpenter



June 4-8 Rick Pasquale



June 11-15 Jacob Jester



June 18-22 Garland Owensby

KIDS CAMPS



June 25 – 29 Dave Richards



July 2-6 Mikki Garland



July 9-13 JJ Hayes



July 16-20 Lenny Corliss

2012 ARIZONA MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

MEXICO Cabo/Puerta Vallarta July 21-29, 2012 Cost: \$1250 www.azagyouth.org

HAITI June 23-30, 2012 Cost: \$775 plus airfare <u>www.aim.ag.org</u>

> LOUISVILLE, KY August 6-10 www.aim.ag.org

ISRAEL December 26 – January 6, 2012 Cost: \$2800 www.holylandstudies.ag.org





American Indian College



At American Indian College, we continually speak of values our of Academic Excellence, Spiritual Empowerment, and Ministry Experience. In alignment with pursuit our of Academic

Excellence, AIC is proud to announce that Dr. Aretha Matt will be joining the faculty, beginning January 2, as the incoming Chair of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Dr. Matt is a member of the Navajo Nation from Querino Canyon, Arizona. She identifies as the Charcoal Streaked Division of Red Running into the Water clan and is born for the Towering House clan. She holds a B.S. in Political Science, a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, and an M.A. in English from Northern Arizona University (NAU). She earned a Ph.D. in English with an emphasis in Composition, Rhetoric, and Teaching English from the University of Arizona where she has also been serving as a lecturer in the English Department. Previously she has also served as an English instructor at White Earth Tribal and Community College in Mahnomen, Minnesota. Dr. Matt has had several poems published and made close to a dozen scholarly presentations at various academic conferences. While a Ph.D. student she won numerous scholarships and fellowships.

Dr. Matt will be teaching courses in English Composition, Native American Literature, and interdisciplinary courses related to Native American Studies at AIC. When visiting the campus recently Dr. Matt made a very powerful impression on the AIC community, displaying a great passion for teaching and mentoring students, as well as encouraging them in their Christian faith. She currently attends Victory Worship Center in Tucson under the leadership of Pastor Zane Anderson, where she is involved in music ministry with the choir.



David DeGarmo President

Thank you, Arizona District, for your prayers and financial support. Your students benefit by a quality Christian higher education. Please know that we seek to be a valuable partner with our churches.

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Granite Hills Camp

t is a new year and it's hard to believe 2011 is over. 2011 was a fantastic year. We had an awesome time at camp with a larger number of youth and kids than the year before. We also had a great turnout of adults for retreats this year. For the coming year of 2012, we anticipate an even better year with more youth and kid's at camp and more retreats.

I would like to thank all of the churches that have been supporting Granite Hills Retreat & Conference Center this past year. Because of your support we are a much better place. We also want to thank all of the RV M.A.P.S. workers that worked last year; without your help we would not have completed the Worship Center with the new lighting and sound systems and the Christmas lights.

2012 begins mine and Marcene's fifth year here at Granite Hills. We are very excited to continue working here to help make your events as pleasant as can be. We would love to host your Men's, Women's, Kid's or Youth's winter, spring, summer or fall retreats. We have special discount rates for all the churches that are supporting Granite Hills.

GOD BLESS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



Andy Swinford

"Wait on the LORD; be of courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!" Psalm 27:14

Teen Challenge



Snow Peabody Executive Director

Come Rejoice With Us at a Teen Challenge Spring Banquet

February 24th	Lake Havasu
March 9th	Sierra Vista
March 23rd	Casa Grande
March 24th	Casa Grande
March 30th	Prescott Valley
May 18th	Flagstaff

Only A Miracle Could Change Scott's Destructive Future

Scott Moseley came to Teen Challenge in desperate condition. Only a miracle would change his destiny. But, Teen Challenge is all about miracles made possible by the Miracle Maker Jesus Christ.



By the age of 13, Scott was enslaved in addiction to alcohol and meth. He turned to drugs to "fill an emptiness inside" that he could not explain. He was angry with God and himself as he headed down the path of destruction. A war was raging inside him that he had no control over, a battle he was losing.

Before

When he was 26, just a few days before Thanksgiving 2004,

Scott hit bottom cutting his wrist in a drunken rage. Desperate for help, he stumbled into the Greater Phoenix Teen Challenge Center.

Nearly a year later, on October 18, 2005, the miracle happened. Jesus changed Scott from the inside out. His life has been radically transformed by the power of God. God has filled the emptiness with His love.

Scott now serves as the Greater Phoenix Center Supervisor helping other young men hurting... empty... addicted. He A works with desperate men, helping them find the miracle of salvation and freedom from their addictions and hopelessness.

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After

Beth Yachad



Rabbi Joyce Picker Director



Pregnant With Promise 2012- Don't Put Your Dreams On The Shelf Will You Give Birth Or Abort?

nother year you say? Praise God we are alive for such a time as this. There is no better time to make a difference for the Kingdom of God as today! This is a very important time to be available to minister to every kindred tribe and tongue. What are we waiting for? The scripture Psalm 133:1 is written all over this word from the Lord. In order for brothers to dwell together in unity- the promise must turn into action. On just an average December day, Adonai gave me this message for 2012.

At the beginning of the Gregorian calendar year after year, we all look for the prophetic word for the New Year. We search the internet and e-mails to listen to what mighty men and women of God have to say from the Lord. We are anxious for new beginnings and to start afresh. Are you with me? Have you already been waiting for the Word? Well, here is what I received from the Lord! He said, "2012 is the year NOT TO put your dreams and visions on the shelf!" He said that "we are pregnant with promise." The question is, are we going to deliver this year or will we abruptly abort? It's about our attitude, obedience and trust when we are pregnant with promise.

Let's look at Manoach and his wife, Judges 13:3-24, and how they received the man of God and His word. They were excited, trustful and anxious to get instructions so they could obey. They were pregnant with promise and knew their dream would come true. They were obedient and fearful of the word from the man of God. They knew that this was very important not only for them but for the Kingdom of God. They had the right attitude and had no doubt. This would be a promise carried through full term! This is an example of action for us in the Body of Messiah. Let's receive the Word of the Lord and be pregnant for the Lord for 2012.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

JANUARY

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1	New Year's Day*
2	New Year's Day Holiday*
7	TBQ #3
7	FCF Workshop
8-14	Week of Prayer
10	Teen Challenge Spiritual Emphasis
13-14	Acts 2 Journey
20-21	RR Training Academy
21	JBQ #2
23	Credential Interviews
23-24	Presbyter Board Meeting
25	Native American Committee Meeting
27-28	Teen Girls' Winter Retreat
30-Feb	b 3 Boot Camp
30-Feł	D 3 LFTL Banquets
31	ACMR Deadline

FEBRUARY

7	New Pastors Orientation
11	TBQ #4
13-	15 Phoenix First Pastors School
16	Executive Presbyter Board Meeting
17	East Central Sectional Council
18	Phoenix Metro Indian Sectional Council
18	JBQ #3
21	North Central Sectional Council
23	Northwest Sectional Council
24	Northwest Valley/West Valley Sectional Council
24	Teen Challenge Spring Banquet- Lake Havasu City
25	RR Pinewood Derby
25	Southwest Sectional Council
26	National Women's Day
27	Canyon North Sectional Council
28	Northeast Sectional Council
29	East Sectional Council

MARCH

1 2-3 5 6 9	Southeast Valley Sectional Council KidVention South East Sectional Council South Sectional Council Teen Challenge Spring Banquet- Sierra Vista
11	National BGMC Day
13	Central Valley Sectional Council
15-17	National RR Conference
17	JBQ #4
20	Executive Presbyter Board Meeting
23-24	Teen Challenge Spring Banquet- Casa Grande
24	TBQ State Finals
30	Teen Challenge Spring Banquet- Prescott Valley
31	Fine Arts Festival

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 or used 2 and 4 passenger 	
Golf Cars and a Utility ATV	
o Work Vehicle. Any interested	
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2012 SECTIONAL COUNCIL TOUR

All Councils begin at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided by Speed the Light and Light for the Lost.

Date	Section	Location
Feb 17 Fri	East Central	Miami Word of Life
Feb 18 Sat	Phoenix Metro Indian	Salt River Indian Assembly
Feb 21 Tues	North Central	Granite Hills Camp
Feb 23 Thur	Northwest	Kingman First Assembly
Feb 24 Fri	Northwest Valley/West Valley	Harvest Church
Feb 25 Sat	Southwest	Wellton Assembly
Feb 27 Mon	Canyon North	Tuba City Assembly
Feb 28 Tues	Northeast	Holbrook Faith Assembly
Feb 29 Wed	East	Blue Ridge Christian Center
Mar 1 Thur	Southeast Valley	Chandler Desert Springs
Mar 5 Mon	South East	Sierra Vista First Assembly
Mar 6 Tues	South	Copper Mountain Assembly
Mar 13 Tues	Central Valley	Phoenix Faith Assembly