“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 … Ministers Renewal"
2012 Camps

It’s seems to me that we’re hurling towards the end of the summer season! I can’t let the season pass without expressing my personal appreciation for Tim and Ann Black. Once again, they experienced an incredible summer in seeing the lives of our young people and children challenged and changed as the camping season progressed. Tim has been faithful to report the statistics from each camp, and I think you’ll agree with me that it’s impressive to say the least. Over 2,370 in attendance, 1,176 salvations, and 370 filled with the Holy Spirit. Tim and Ann pack up and move with their girls to the campground and faithfully serve our young people day in day out for 8 straight weeks. They have a dedicated staff of people that work alongside them, but the heart of the ministry comes directly from Tim and Ann. We’re a blessed district with their leadership. I can tell you personally, after attending an evening service in several of the camps that the altar times are a priority to both Tim and Ann, and God never failed to meet and fill the hunger in those seeking Him. "Thank you, Tim and Ann, for your sacrificial love and ministry over the summer camping season! Truly, only eternity will reveal the fruit of your ministry."

Upcoming Election

I don’t think a single one of you reading this article would disagree with me in stating that the national election this coming November is without a doubt the most crucial election of any time in our history. I’m astounded at the number of believers that are either NOT registered to vote, or who are registered and do NOT exercise the awesome privilege of going to the polls and letting their voice be heard. We cannot ‘hope’ that the results we desire will just happen. Pastors, challenge your people to be diligent to get out and vote, and to register if not registered as of yet. Center for Arizona Policy is a great web site to go to for information. This center is at the forefront in guarding our religious freedom in this country and especially in Arizona. You will find a voter’s guide for the coming national election on their website.

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Stephen L. Harris • Superintendent

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

- Isaiah 44:3
USA Today reports that one of the greatest fears of young people today is how they will pay for college. The average cost to get a four-year undergraduate degree in one of our Assemblies of God universities averages approximately $90,000, when tuition, room and board, and books are included in the cost. In addition, it would cost another $42,000 to continue in the educational program and earn a Masters’ Degree.

It is very challenging for a student coming out of a Bible college to pay off a student loan, get married, and have a place to live and a car to drive without a very good salary. If they choose to go to the mission field, they would be required to be completely debt free before they depart for ministry, which could take years.

We want the brightest and best to fill our pulpits and pursue a career in ministry, but many simply cannot afford it while trying to pay off the high cost of education.

To help fulfill the goals of future ministers, we have established a Scholarship Fund in the Arizona District whereby potential donors can financially support students preparing for a career in ministry. All applications for assistance from the Scholarship Fund will be carefully reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, and funds will be disbursed only toward the school account of qualifying applicants or to help pay off loans for students who have graduated and engage in full time ministry in the Arizona district.

This is our opportunity to do our part to help young, bright students finish their education and prepare for a lifetime of ministry.

Donations can be made to the Arizona District Council Scholarship Fund. Applications for scholarships are available online or from the district office.
They call it a “haboob”! The dictionary says it’s a “wind blowing desert sand: a violent sandstorm or dust storm that sweeps across the deserts of northern Africa and Arabia and the plains of South Asia”. I guess they didn’t realize that Arizona also experiences these powerful storms.

I took the attached picture from our patio as the storm was approaching our home in Mesa. My mind immediately went to our Lord’s words in John 3:8 “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” I remember one of my college professors, Frank Lindquist, reading this passage of Scripture and saying “Blow Wind Blow.”

And indeed the wind of the Spirit is blowing all over the World and I want to be a part of that move of God. When the wind of the Spirit is blowing it is important to adjust our “sails” to catch the wind so we can move with the Spirit; it is not the time to get oars and go our own direction, we must catch the wind and go with it.

The World Missions Workshops coming November 12th and 13th will create a great opportunity to catch a glimpse of where the “wind of the Spirit” is blowing in our world and how we as Arizona churches can set our sails to flow with the wind. The workshops will be repeated in two locations, Harvest Church in Glendale and Celebration Church in Mesa.

Omar Beiler, Benny Ferguson, Wayne Huffman and David Reddout will be leading fast moving presentations including Skype calls to Greg Mundis, and two of our Arizona missionaries on the field. The workshops are for pastors, ministers, mission committees and church leaders who have a heart for reaching the lost. A great lunch will be provided by Chef Brian Warwick.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that we can have adequate material on hand and properly provide for the luncheon. You can register online at www.azag.org and click on “Online giving Registration” and then “log in”. You will be prompted to give your email address and your district password. You can also register by mail by sending it to the district office to my attention. There is a $10 cost just to cover the syllabus and the luncheon.

“Blow Wind Blow”

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

Kay Burnett • Director
Arizona Women’s Department

National Women’s Department
Theme:
“What great love the Father has lavished on us!”
(1 John 3:1, NIV)

LADIES’ FALL RETREAT
September 21-22
(Optional Thursday evening)
At Granite Hills Campground
For more information and to register, go to AZWI.org

Run4Rescue
10k, 5k or 1 mile Kids Fun Run
Saturday, November 17, 2012

Raising funds and awareness to combat human trafficking both locally and globally.
For more information and to register go to www.azwi.org
AZ ROYAL RANGERS AT CAMPORAMA 2012

The vans were loaded, the trailers were packed, and the boys and leaders from Arizona were ready for an adventure. Camporama 2012, here we come! Royal Rangers from all over the world - 5,000-strong gathered at Camp Eagle Rock, Missouri, for a week of camping, games, and adventure. We were all gathered for the same reason: to worship our Lord and Savior, to fellowship with other boys and men, and to celebrate 50 years of Royal Rangers. The Arizona District Royal Rangers was right in the middle of it!

Over 70 Rangers from the Arizona District traveled to Eagle Rock to set up tents, build an entrance, and make a little part of the 1500-acre camp our home for the week. When all was said and done, there were 17 tents, 3 carport shade coverings, an easy-up to cover our water supply, and our entrance: a mock store front from the town of Tombstone, complete with the famous O.K. Corral! A little rain couldn’t stop the boys and all the hard work paid off as we were awarded the First Place blue ribbon for the best campsite in the Southwest Region!

The week was filled with games, from water slides, inflatables, and bounce houses to archery and BB gun shooting ranges—enough to keep the boys busy from sun-up to sundown. Sundown was the beginning of the best part as we gathered for the evening service. We were blessed to hear from our General Superintendent, Dr George Wood, and Assistant Superintendent, Alton Garrison. We also heard from our National Director Doug Marsh who inspired us to take on the adventure that God has for us. Each night was concluded with an altar time. What a sight to see as boys and men gathered at the altar for a time of ministry from the Holy Spirit!

AZ Youth Leadership Conference
October 12-13, 2012
Fresh Start Church
Download info & register at www.azagyouth.org
2012 YOUTH & KIDS CAMPS

CAMP RESULTS:
• 2,370 total attendance
• 130 churches
• 1,176 salvations/re-dedications
• 370 Spirit-Baptisms
• 506 heard God’s direction for their life
• 246 called into ministry
• $24,871.98 given in STL/BGMC offerings

For more information, go to www.azagyouth.org
Register Online Now at www.azag.org

Special Guest Speaker
Dr. James T. Bradford
General Secretary of the Assemblies of God

Men’s Retreat - September 14-16, 2012 - Pull Up A Chair
w/ Saturday Tailgate Event
Granite Hills Retreat & Conference Center, Prescott AZ

Dale Gray • Director

“Look at the fields... they are ripe for harvest.”
John 4:35
The Fall 2012 semester has begun at American Indian College! Each new academic year brings an excitement and sense of enthusiasm to the campus. The Class of 2016 has begun their journey of education and formation, which will culminate in the beginning of their unique service just a few years from now.

AIC is served by an outstanding faculty, who engage in a continuous mission to provide our students with a quality Christian education. AIC welcomes two new full-time faculty members for the Fall 2012 semester: Sherry Jones, Ed. D. and John Flood, M. Div.

Dr. Sherry Jones has been an adjunct instructor with AIC and now joins the full-time faculty as the Social Sciences Department Chair. She will also teach Elementary Education courses. Along with her husband, Rev. Bob Jones, Sherry has a background in education and pastoral ministry. She has taught in the K-12 sector, served as an educational consultant, as well as adjunct professor at Ottawa University. Dr. Jones holds a B.S. from Eastern New Mexico State University, a M.A. from the University of Arizona and an Ed. D. from Nova Southeastern University.

Rev. John Flood will be joining the Christian Ministry Faculty as a full-time instructor. He comes to AIC from a background of pastoral ministry and also a missionary educator, previously teaching at Native American Bible College in Shannon, North Carolina. Along with his wife, Theresa, John serves as a nationally appointed missionary with Assemblies of God U.S. Missions. Rev. Flood earned a B.A. from Valley Forge Christian College and a M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Thanks, Arizona District, for your continued support and for sending your students to us. Every church and minister is a valuable member of the AIC community.

We cannot separate redemption and provision from our lives in Christ.

Philippians 4:19
“And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Chi Alpha

Dear Arizona District friends,

I hope you had a great summer! Your Arizona Chi Alpha missionaries are finishing preparations for the massive wave of new freshmen who will be coming to our universities this fall. They are coming for many reasons, but our goal is to intersect them with Jesus on the campus. Pray for us for good connections with new students.

Here is an update from one of our summer missions teams. This team was led by Oneida Christensen from the U of A in Tucson. Here is part of her report:

The nation of Japan is called “the land of the rising sun.” It is also a place of great despair. As we were walking to the train, Jian, a Chi Alpha worker, said the train was delayed. “The main reason for delays are suicides,” she said. At least once a day someone throws themselves in front of a train. Japan has one of the highest suicide rates in the world. It is the leading cause of death for men ages 20-44 and for women ages 15-34. Kohei, one of the few young Christian men that we met, said strangers meet online to form mass suicides at forests, bridges, and building around Tokyo. Our team shared testimonies of overcoming despair, thoughts of suicide, and depression to encourage them.

Caleb didn’t go to Japan, but he made a huge impression there. Women we met at Seiku, an all-women’s college, were shocked and amazed that he would allow Oneida to come to Japan while he stayed home with the baby. “Tell him thank you,” they said. “Meeting you was a very special moment to us!”

Join us in praying for students coming to campus this month. Your prayer and financial support allows us to be there to meet them with the good news of Jesus.

Be blessed,
Ryan Ribelin

“Wait on the LORD; be of courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say on the LORD!”
Psalm 27:14
Join us as we celebrate the way out of addiction through Jesus

**Tucson East**
*November 12th*
DoubleTree Hotel at Reid Park
445 S. Alvernon Way - Tucson
Tickets: $44 - Table: $352
520-792-1790

**Tucson Northwest**
*November 13th*
Hilton El Conquistador
10000 N. Oracle Road - Tucson
Tickets: $44 - Table: $352
520-887-8773
Banquet registration begins at 6:30 PM

**Greater Phoenix**
*November 15th*
Renaissance Hotel and Spa
9495 W. Coyotes Blvd - Glendale
Tickets: $47 - Table: $376
602-271-4084

**East Valley**
*November 16th*
Phoenix Airport Marriott
1101 N. 44th Street - Phoenix
Tickets: $47 - Table: $376
602-271-4084

**Scottsdale**
*November 17th*
DoubleTree Resort Paradise Valley - Scottsdale
5401 N. Scottsdale Road
Tickets: $47 - Table: $376
623-465-7810

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**Granite Hills**

*We are gearing up for our Mens and Women’s District Retreats this month and they look to be great events this year. I’m looking forward to seeing all of you again this year. We have some wonderful changes for all of you here on the grounds.*

Granite Hills experienced a great summer with a huge turn out of our youth and kids for camps. I can’t tell you how much Marcene and I enjoy all the kids and young adults that use the grounds. We had one of the best kitchen staffs this year. Everyone worked hard and long hours and we all had a great time doing it. I also want to thank all of the RV MAPS for all the help this summer and for their continued help this fall as we finish several projects we are working on. We also want to thank Pastor Robert and Vickie Koch for their volunteer help this summer, working to keep the dorms and cabins looking their best.

If you haven’t heard, we are looking for churches to help us restore some of our cabins and we would be blessed if you could help. These cabins are owned by the district and most of them are in dire need of work. We are asking churches, mens groups, women’s groups or youth groups to bring workers, or contribute finances, or both to help us refurbish these cabins. The finished cabins will benefit the grounds by increasing our income as a result of renting them during events or providing a place for pastors to come and relax. For more information about the cabin projects call me here on the campground.

In October we will be putting up Christmas lights to get ready for the Christmas season. We are in need of Christmas displays, lights or decorations. Last year we had a little over 70,000 lights on the grounds. My goal is 100,000 lights! Hopefully this year we can reach our goal with your help. If you are interested in helping with our Christmas decorations, please contact me. We had approximately 2,000 people drive through our campground to see the lights last year. We play Christmas music to enhance the ambiance of the season. It’s our hope that it will become a holiday tradition for Prescott residents.

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“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”

Matthew 11:28
**DISTRICT CALENDAR**

### SEPTEMBER

- **1-3** PK/MK Retreat
- **3** Labor Day*
- **4** New Pastors Orientation
- **8** Teen Challenge Graduation-Tucson
- **8** RR Masters Tool Box
- **10** Credential Interviews-Central Area
- **10-11** Presbyter Board Meeting
- **13** Credential Interviews-North Area
- **14-16** Men’s Retreat
- **20-22** Women’s Retreat
- **20** Credential Interviews-South Area
- **21** GM Sleepover
- **24-25** Pastors Adventure
- **24-10/12** Tanzania Missions Trip
- **29** Kids Fine Arts
- **29** Teen Challenge Graduation-Springboard

### OCTOBER – PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

- **5-6** AZ Youth Leaders Conference
- **11-12** Women’s Rep Seminar
- **13** Annual Teen Challenge Homecoming BBQ
- **15-16** Ministers Renewal
- **19-21** RR Sectional Campout
- **21** National Speed the Light Day
- **22-26** LFTL Tour
- **23** Executive Presbyter Board Meeting
- **27** TBQ #1

### NOVEMBER

- **1** Ordination Applications Due
- **5-6** Presbyter Board Meeting
- **9-10** AZ Youth Convention
- **12** Teen Challenge Banquet-Tucson
- **13** Teen Challenge Banquet-Tucson
- **15** Teen Challenge Banquet-Greater Phoenix
- **16** Teen Challenge Banquet-East Valley
- **17** Teen Challenge Banquet-Scottsdale
- **17** JBQ #1
- **21** Thanksgiving Holiday*
- **22** Thanksgiving*

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**NEWS & NOTES**

- **American Indian College** is requesting donations for Golf Carts or Multi-Purpose Carts. Please call Debbie at (602)944-3335/extension 221 or email dneugent@aicag.edu if you would like to make a donation.

- **Payson First Assembly of God** is looking to sell a church bus as we have difficulty finding CDL drivers in our congregation. It is a 1993 Ford 25 passenger bus with 71,000 miles. It is a 350 Diesel engine with automatic transmission. We are asking $3,000. Please call Vickie Moore at 928.474.2302.

- **Teen Challenge Job Opening:** Teen Challenge currently has an opening for a Center Director for the teenage boys program in Flagstaff - New Horizon Christian Academy. For more information, contact Jeff Richards, Director of Operations: Office 520.292.2273 Cell 520.730.4264 Fax 520.292.2257

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- Judy Grams .................. 480-580-0286
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