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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

District Superintendent

Psalm of Trust

One of the most gratifying pleasures I have, as a district superintendent is the privilege of being with a congregation in the official welcoming of a new shepherd. The Psalmist David proclaimed, "Lord, You are my shepherd; You make me to lie down in green pastures. You lead me beside still waters."

Perhaps nowhere in scripture do we feel more 'at home' than the book of Psalms. We so identify with David's deepest sense of trust in the Lord's protective care. Psalms 23 renews our confidence in the goodness of God, in His mercy, and in His interest in us. It's a Psalm that proclaims confident faith in our Shepherd.

Several years ago in my second pastorate, I found myself in desperate need of knowing in the most personal sense of the word that the Lord was my shepherd. It's one thing to preach it, and encourage your flock to believe it, but another thing to know in your heart, at the core of who you are that the Lord is your shepherd. As the profound truth of this 'Psalm of Trust' found it's way into my heart and mind, the Holy Spirit anointed me with a series of messages that helped in a significant way to bring healing to my spirit, and is still a series that I receive comments about these many years later.

A real shepherd has his whole life taken up with the care of his sheep. The shepherd meets the needs of his sheep in a variety of ways, providing them with food and water, touch and care, protection and comfort. But, the most profound provision of the shepherd is his presence. The Psalmist proclaims in verse 4, "I will fear no evil: for thou art with me!" The Lord's presence makes all the difference in our lives. In the most difficult hour, we can know with assurance that he is with us. In trials, family and friends can only accompany us so far, but God has promised that he will never leave us nor forsake us. He is there in the dark ravine where unknown danger lurks.

In Exodus 33:15, Moses, in a declaration of his trust in God said, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, your people and I? Is it not in your going with us?"

How can we pray any more significant prayer to God than to request His presence go with us? There is little forward progress without His presence. At least, no enduring progress without his presence. I want to encourage you, inspire you, to see again and believe with your heart that the Lord is Your shepherd. He will feed you, guide you, be your constant companion, set a banquet table for you when you feel famished, and always, refresh you with His presence.

It is my prayer for you, especially those entrusted with shepherding a flock, that you need a shepherd. His name is Jesus. He's walking with you, and guiding you, and His presence is making all the difference. Trust and rest. His presence is with you.

SEE YOU AT DISTRICT COUNCIL!



Stephen L. Harris · Superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT'S APRIL SCHEDULE

April 2 Preach in Chapel at AIC April 16-18 District Council April 29 WBC Commencement For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground.

- Isaiah 44:3

Secretary-Treasurer

Women in Ministry

We are very blessed in the Arizona district to have 203 credentialed women in ministry, which is 27 percent of all the credentialed ministers in Arizona. We have a total of 395 ordained, 247 licensed, and 123 certified. This year, we have 93 who are newly credentialed or upgrading their credential level, six of which are serving as lead pastors.

The message of redemption has been carried to remote parts of the world through the ministry of dedicated, Spirit-filled men and women. A believer's gifts and anointing should still today make a way for his or her ministry. Supernatural manifestations and gifts of the Holy Spirit have played a distinctive role in the origin, development, and growth of the Assemblies of God. Since the earliest days of our Fellowship, spiritual gifting has been evident in the ministries of many outstanding women who pioneered and directed a wide spectrum of ministries. All spiritual gifts are given for service without regard to gender.

The New Testament shows that women filled important ministry roles in the early church. This is true today as well, and we affirm the call of God and celebrate the many ministry roles that are filled by women in the Arizona district. The Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations," (Matthew 28:19) requires the participation of all God's Spirit-gifted ministers, both men and women.

Important Dates to Remember

District Affiliated Pastor/Advisory Council Meetings:

August 17, 2013 in Flagstaff September 7, 2013 in Tucson October 5, 2013 in the Phoenix Valley

Zion Ministries:

June 23-27, 2013

Pastor's Adventure:

August 19-21, 2013 – Lake Powell



Leigh Metcalf • Secretary-Treasurer

APRIL 2013

TRANSFERRED IN Hankins, Ashley (L) from Southern Missouri Sanseverino, Shawn (C) from North Texas Shelott, John W (L) from Southern New England Siwek, Stanley (O) from New York

TRANSFERRED OUT Ketchem, Christina M (O) to Southern Missouri

CHURCH NAME CHANGE Apache Junction – Desert Springs Church to Centric Church

CHURCH AFFILIATION CHANGE Apache Junction – Centric Church to District Affiliated

NEW PASTORS Apache Junction – Centric Church Karl Feller (L)

Globe – Calvary Shadows Assembly of God Allen Tyson (O)

CHURCH LOCATION CHANGES Gilbert – Iglesia Enlase Assembly of God 1711 W University Ste 159

Tempe, AZ 85281

Prescott – Discovery Church of the Assembly of God Prescott College; 220 Grove Ave Prescott, AZ 86301

Tucson – International Assembly of God 939 S 10th Ave Tucson, AZ 85701 Mailing: 6569 W Tuzigoot Way Tucson, AZ 85743-1146

OPEN CHURCHES
Bagdad - Christian Life Assembly - Michael Cochran
(C) (Interim)
Bouse - Community Assembly of God - Sharon
Hillhouse (Interim)
Kingman - Living Faith Assembly
Mammoth - Assembly of God - Donald Montes
(Interim)
Mesa - Church on the Journey - Craig Carter (O)
(Interim)
San Carlos - Apache Assembly of God
Teesto - Crossroad Assembly

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

"Live Dead!"

Today I had the privilege of visiting with one of our missionaries who is a part of the "Live Dead Arab World" endeavor. This is a project with the mission of planting churches in churches in 33 gateway cities in North Africa and the Middle East.

Regional Director for Eurasia, Omar Beiler, writes:

"The 44 countries and territories of Eurasia are made up of more than 4,400 unreached people groups (UPG). Hundreds of millions have never heard the good news of Jesus – not even once. It is our mission to reach them. Our Big Dream is to proclaim the gospel and to form and strengthen faith communities in Eurasia. Live Dead Arab World is our answer to the challenge of establishing the church among the 300 million Arabs in our region. Will you join us?" (For more information go to www.live-dead.org)

Live Dead is timeless and universal. It is the crucified life, the "I die daily" of Paul, the death to self that unbroken generations of Christ followers from all cultures have faithfully lived. All who bear the name of Jesus are called to put His passions and priorities above their own needs and comforts. We all are to live dead.

Dick Brogden writes in "Live Dead the Journey":

"To live dead is to journey. It is not momentary heroism or occasional folly; it is a life dedicated to following Jesus – not matter the cost. We are not the first to embark on this journey; we follow in the footsteps of Paul, the Celts, Franciscans, Moravians, Carey, Taylor, Elliot, Townsend, McGavran, Winter, and thousands of colleagues from the Global South. No, we are

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not the first but we very well could be the last. If we are joyfully willing to pay any price (to live or die) that Jesus be glorified by every people everywhere. Then the end shall come."

As I visited with missionary Travis my heart was inspired by what he was sharing with me. Many college students and Chi Alpha members are volunteering to "give a year and pray about a lifetime" in the Live Dead countries. These new missionaries will go out as MA's and need our support. As they contact you please give them an opportunity to share their heart with you and support them. These are new missionaries with a new creative approach to taking the gospel to the Unreached People Groups of our world. Many of these UPG's are in the major cities of our world.

Live Dead is a very intentional effort to preach the gospel of the Kingdom among every nation that the end may come (Matthew 24:14).





Craig W. Carter • Asst. Superintendent



Purpose:

To develop and promote the World Missions Program in the Arizona District.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13-17

Women's Department



Ladies Fall Retreat

September 19-21 Granite Hills Campground, Prescott, AZ

Early Registration-- \$45

After July 31-- \$50

Onsite Housing and Meals-- \$35

(Friday lunch and dinner; Saturday breakfast)

Full-time Student/Full-time Missionary-- \$25

*Thursday night- "In His Presence"--\$12



For more info and to register: AZWI.org





Kay Burnett • Director

AZ DISTRICT COUNCIL: APRIL 16-18, AT VICTORY Worship Center, 2561 W Ruthrauff Road, Tucson, AZ 85705

AZ WOMEN OF INFLUENCE CONFERENCE: JUNE 14-15, AT RADIANT CHURCH, 15522 W PARADISE LANE, SURPRISE, AZ 85374. OUR SPEAKER IS AUTHOR LISA BEVERE. BE WATCHING FOR MORE INFORMATION.

National Women's Department Theme:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have summoned you by name; You are mine." Isaiah 43:1



Youth Department

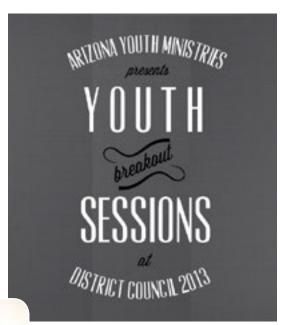
Fine Arts 2013

Fine Arts is quickly approaching on April 13th, 2013 at Phoenix First Assembly. I encourage you to come out and see our students glorify God with their gifts. This is an incredibly talented generation that God is setting up for Kingdom purposes. I believe we've only seen a glimpse of what God has in store to redeem the arts for His sake. Fine Arts exists to help students discover, develop, and deploy their ministry gifts. I believe our fellowship has traditionally done a great job with the first two aspects, but we can tend to lose focus on deploying our gifts for effective ministry.

I see God opening doors to utilize our ministry gifts in our churches, campuses, and communities. God gave us ministry gifts for ministry. Our culture is on the verge of another renaissance, in search of their Creator God. As we redeem the arts for Jesus, God will open doors to share the hope we have in Him.

I hope you will pray with us and think of creative ways to invest in students participating in Fine Arts, helping them deploy their gifts through special services, campus clubs, or outreaches. We're asking leaders to show students how to focus on the altar rather than the stage; that the greatest platform of all is ministering to those who have yet to encounter our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I look forward to seeing you at Phoenix First Assembly, supporting our Arizona youth!



Griffin McGrath · Director

Let us know if there is ever anything we can do to better serve you and the youth of Arizona. We are praying for you!

Griffin & Bethany McGrath



Youth Breakout Sessions at District Council

We will have youth breakout sessions at the 2013 Arizona District Council on Thursday, April 18th, from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Bring your youth leaders and pastors for discussion, training, and an opportunity to connect and network with other youth pastors around the district. Register online at www.azag.org for \$20 or free admission when you register for the 2013 Arizona District Council

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013

Fine Arts Festival

Phoenix First Assembly
April 13, 2013

District Council 2013

Victory Worship Center April 16-18, 2013 Youth Thursday Breakout Sessions (\$20) Register at www.azag.org

Youth Camps

Granite Hills Campground

Camp #1 - May 27-31, 2013 (Allen Griffin)

Camp #2 - June 3-7, 2013 (Jeff Deyo - Fine Arts emphasis)

Camp #3 - June 10-14, 2013 (Jason Alvarado)
Camp #4 - June 17-21, 2013 (Brian Porzio)

More Upcoming Events

For a full calendar with all the district youth event dates for 2013, visit www.azagyouth.org.



Children's Ministries





Karla Rodriguez • Director





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Stars Retreat

April 26th - 27th

Camp Dates:

Week One: June 24th - 28th Week Two: July 1st - 5th Week Three: July 8th - 12th Week Four: July 15th 19th



Men's Ministries





Dale Gray • Director

Save the date- Man Camp Spetember 27-29 "Look at the fields...
they are ripe for
harvest."

John 4:35

Western Bible College



Barb Schuz

CONGRATS TO THE WESTERN BIBLE COLLEGE 2013 GRADUATES

Bachelor of Arts Biblical Studies Rachel Birman Charlotte Becker Richard Kimble

Associate of Arts Biblical Studies
John Davis
Annie Doughty
Edward Hurd
Tafesse Kidane
Shaun Michael
Ricardo Molina
Mitchell Oller
Debbie Vizzerra

SUMMER 2013 COURSES

6-9:30 PM May 5 – July 20 2013

BRIDGE (HYBRID) 4 WEEK COURSES

MAY – ACTS

JUNE – EVANGELISM

JULY – INTRO TO THEOLOGY

SUMMER 7 WEEK COURSES

MONDAY MAY 5TH – NEW TESTAMENT WBC OFFICE

TUESDAY MAY 6TH – HOMILETICS I – GILBERT SONRISE

TUESDAY MAY 6TH – PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION – TEEN

CHALLENGE CENTER - -PHOENIX

Peter 1:3 "...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him.."

Granite Hills Campground



Andy Swinford

"For the Son of man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them"

Luke 9:56

At Granite Hills Retreat & Conference Center we are getting ready for our busy seasons. This year we have more events than ever before, so we are very excited about that. I believe this year will be a blessing to more people than any other year due to the conditions of our state and country.

Here at Granite Hills, we will welcome Cottonwood First Assembly volunteers who will come and remodel the old Gresset cabin. This will be such a blessing to us and all the people that will be using this cabin. We will be putting in all new windows, new beds, new paint inside and out, new flooring and a new water heater. Thank you Cottonwood First!

We would love to have your church come and take on a cabin to remodel. There are several that need to be remodeled or rebuilt. Talk to your church about getting involved in local missions and give me a call to find out what you can do to help support Granite Hills, YOUR camp grounds.

The camp staff and Marceen and I are very excited about this summer with our new District Youth Director Griffin McGrath and Children's Director Karla Rodriquez. We know great things will be happening here at camp this summer. I am looking forward to seeing all the youth and kids along with the Pastors and dorm leaders.

Teen Challenge



Snow Peabody

Help Grow a New Christian

Spring is a time of rebirth and new growth. Students at Teen Challenge are being born anew and growing spiritually and personally.

Would you help water these budding Christian lives by making a special donation?

Call: 800-346-7859 Visit Web: www.tcaz.org Mail Check to:

> Teen Challenge Corporate Office PO Box 5966 Tucson, AZ 85703-0966



You are cordially invited to attend the Teen Challenge of Arizona Spring Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 2:00 P.M.

Phoenix World Outreach 1601 W. Grand Avenue, Phoenix

Celebrate with us lives saved through Jesus Christ

Join families, friends, and staff as we honor students completing the Teen Challenge of Arizona recovery program. Hear powerful testimonies by graduates of how they found their way to Jesus Christ through the ministry of Teen Challenge. Worship with us as the statewide choir sings our THE WAY theme songs.

Reception to follow. Please RSVP to 1-800-346-7859 ext. 114



800.346.7859 · snow@tcaz.org

Intercultural Ministries



Jim Lopez

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Intercultural Ministries of Arizona

Celebration of Joy

During 2012 Belinda and I have had the opportunity to celebrate with several of the ethnic congregations as they rejoice in the freedom of worship and praise unto the Lord. In 2011 we celebrated the two newly formed African and Burmese churches who continue to flourish. Within their congregations they have been able to reach out into their respective communities evangelizing and winning their people for Christ. The English as a Second Language ministry (ESL) has experience growth in opportunity to serve unreached language groups who have made Arizona their home. US Missionaries Glen and Peggy Gray are giving great leadership in presenting the message of Christ to language groups who are hearing of the saving grace of Christ for the first time in their lives.

Celebration in Ministry

This year has been a productive year in celebrating with various ministries thru out Arizona. Native ministries such as our Churches, camp meetings, Native/Pastor Board Retreats and fellowship meetings are experiencing the blesssings and move the Holy Spirit in the gatherings.

The Ethnic congregations continue to celebrate with great joy in experiencing the freedom in Christ. Several of the pastors we minister along with are church planters, and as their congregations have grown numerically, the members themselves are ministering both within their language and culturally. This year, the newly formed Burmese congregation located in the greater Phoenix re, conduct all services within their language. They are experiencing salvations, healings, water baptismal and the move of the Holy Spirit. Additional Ethnic congregations are expressing interest in coming into the Arizona District. During 2012 the Arizona District has been given the opportunity to serve along the side of an Arabic, East Indian, Ehtiopian and Filipono congregations. What great opportunities we have to reach the world.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

APRIL

Teen Challenge Banquet Prescott Valley JBQ State 6 **ASOM Education** 6 12-13 Teen Challenge Banquet Casa Grande 13 Fine Arts Festival District Council 16-18 FCF Adventure 19 26-27 Stars Retreat Prescott Rangers kids Day 27 **WBC** Commencement 29

MAY

Teen Challenge Banquet-Lake Havasu 3-4 JBQ/TBQ Regionals District RR camp American Indian College commencement Teen Challenge Banquet - Yuma 10 Teen Challenge Banquet-Flagstaff **ASOM Education** 11 13-15 Presbyters Retreat 17-18 Men's Event Teen Challenge Spring Graduation-Phx 18 24-27 FCF Family camp 27-31 Youth camp #1

IUNE

3-7	Youth Camp #2
6-9	Royal Ranger Jr Missions camp
8	AZWI Single Moms Conference
10-14	Youth Camp #3
11	Executive Presbyters
14-15	Acts2Journey Retreat #2
14-15	AZWI Conference
17-21	Youth camp #4
21-23	District Royal Ranger's camp
22-27	National Missions Conference
	(Commissionin-27)
24-28	Kids Camp #1

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NEWS & NOTES

Cabin for Sale

\$48,000 2 br. 1 1/2 bath. Completely remodeled. All furnishings included. Enclosed garage with attached work room. Two bedrooms, one is detached behind garage. Central heating and cooling. 775 sq ft with approved addition of 250 sq ft on west end of home for a potential total of 1029 sq ft. call 602 738 4959 for additional info and Andy Swinford will show.

Cabin for Sale

1600 sq ft cabin two bedrooms and 1 and 1/2 baths on view double lot #348 for \$130,00.00. Home recently remodeled with new cabinets and wood floors in kitchen, dining and hallway. Dual pane windows recently installed. Wood burning stove and two garages, one for rv. Central air and heating. Lot has oak and pine trees and peach and apple trees. Low utility bills with wood stove providing most of needed heat. Andy Swinford will show and you can call me at 602 738 4959 for any other questions.

Cabin for Sale

Lot # 54. 2 bedroom 1 ½ bath \$45,000.00 call David Pinrose 928-277-3959

American Indian College

is requesting donations for Golf Carts or Multi-Purpose Carts. Please call Debbie at (602)944-3335/ext.221 or email <u>dneugent@aicag.edu</u> if you would like to make a donation.

Ministers Available for Ministry or Fill-in

Jack Bryan	928-649-0642			
Marc E. Cadwell	928-200-7551			
Roman Cordero	623-910-5412			
Mary Ficarra	480-982-0849			
Harold Franklin	760-688-3339			
Rita Franklin	760-668-0125			
Judy Grams	480-580-0286			
Kevin Gray	602-931-6766			
Alvin Guilliot	623-218-3321			
R.T. Havener	432-816-9817			
Shirley Kimzey	623-977-0049			
Arvle Knight	602-885-8000			
John Knoles				
William Kruger, Sr	417-459-2621			
Michael LaPoff	520-203-7991			
Jon Maremont	480-789-1576			
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Brad Stocking	602-373-2647			
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To add your name to t	his list, please call			
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Victory Worship Center 2561 W Ruthrauff Road Tucson AZ 85705-1853 April 16-18-2013

SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, April 16

8:00 a.m. Superintendent's Golf Classic

Registration begins 2:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Ordination Service – Pastor Harris

Wednesday, April 17

9:00 a.m. Business

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

5:00 p.m. Evening Service - Rev Greg Mundis

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Thursday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Plenary service – Scott Hagan

10:30 a.m. Workshops

10:30 a.m. Youth & Children's Leader's Workshops 12:30 p.m. Boxed lunch – Small Group Luncheons 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Plenary – Scott Hagan

WORKSHOPS

Thursday, April 18

Bob Brown Current Legal Developments Effective Churches Ron McManus Church Health-Removing the Growth Barriers Ken Andrews Pastor's Fitness and Wellness Leadership Development Ron Woodworth

Greg Mundis World Missions Update Robert Teague

One Hope, Billy Graham Association, Home

Evangelism Campaign