

**Cleaning Crew Needed**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14**  
8-11am  
Just show up!

Help clean our buildings  
All ages & families welcome  
We will provide cleaning supplies

**SATURDAY SERVE @ ACC**

Fall Session  
Aug 29 - Nov 21  
Sundays 2-4p  
in G3

**GRIEF SHARE**

Contact Karen [ktthelander@cox.net](mailto:ktthelander@cox.net)  
602-292-5157

**ACC MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

**WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY**

Sunday, Sept 19 · 4-5:30p · G-2  
Sign Up · [az.church/events](http://az.church/events)

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS



**ALL FOR LOVE**

Find out more info & register at: [www.azcc.org](http://www.azcc.org) MOPS  
Starts This Fall - August 20th

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**Awana Clubs™**

Cubbies Sparks Treks

**Register TODAY**  
Wednesdays 4:00-5:30 PM  
[AZCC.ORG/AWANA](http://AZCC.ORG/AWANA)

Mondays at 7pm + once a month socials - Ages 25-35  
Email Tucker [tswann@azcc.org](mailto:tswann@azcc.org)



**Young Professionals**


**ACC LIBRARY**  
Non-Fiction, Fiction, Children's, Research Books  
Something for Everyone!

Sundays - E6  
8:00a - 12:00p  
STOP BY!




Need Prayer? Send us your prayer requests by email at [pray4me@azcc.org](mailto:pray4me@azcc.org) or [AZ.CHURCH/PRAYER](http://AZ.CHURCH/PRAYER) or a Connect Card or through our APP. Prayer wall also available in the lobby. Library open Sundays 8:00a-12:00p E Bldg Room 6


July 31 & August 1, 2021



**Prayer**

God's power to change your world

**BACK TO SCHOOL WEEKEND** 

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## WELCOME TO ARIZONA COMMUNITY CHURCH!

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We are a nondenominational, Bible-based church that you can call home. No matter your age or stage of life, there's a community here for you!

New  
HERE?

If you're new to ACC, we'd love to help you get connected with our church family. Here are some simple steps you can take:

1. **FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD** (also online at [az.church](http://az.church)). Simply drop it in one of the offering boxes in the lobby or bring it to the Welcome table for a free gift. We'd love to meet you!
2. **NEXT STEP OPPORTUNITIES** coming up:
  - Christian Basics • Watch for next class date & time!
  - Baptisms • Dates TBD • Sign up online [az.church/baptism](http://az.church/baptism)
  - Membership Experience • Sept 19, 2021 • 4:00p • G1 • Sign up online [az.church/events](http://az.church/events)
3. **FOLLOW US ONLINE:** We're on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and wherever you listen to Podcasts.

## THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT ACC!

**ACC OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Thursday 9a-4p • Fridays 9a-12p**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS (8/1):** Tuna, jelly/jam (18 oz), fruit cocktail (15 oz), canned ravioli, pasta sauce

**SINGLE WOMEN'S GROUP** is open to all single women (divorced, widowed, never married). Meet for lunch and conversation on the second Sunday of each month 11am at Cheddar's on Chandler Blvd • Next Sunday, August 8 • Contact Jan Christian 520-840-7360

**IN-JOY SENIORS SUMMER LUNCH:** Tuesday, August 10 at 11:30a • Nando's Mexican Café • 1890 W Germann Rd, Chandler (NE corner Dobson & Germann) • For reservations, please call Martha 480.759.0527

**PICKLE BALL ANYONE?** Join Pastor Bill & others Sunday nights starting Aug 8 • 7p • Tempe Sports Complex • 8403 S Hardy Dr, Tempe • Want to learn? We'll teach you! More info? Dan Lynch 530.903.1913

**"UNITED IN PRAYER":** Sunday evening from 5:00-5:45pm in the prayer chapel (E7) or join our group conference call. Dial: 602.580.9819 Access code: 5602408#. Please join us. Bob & Nancy [bcunn7@aol.com](mailto:bcunn7@aol.com)

**MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers:** Every other Friday • Begins Friday, August 20 • 9-11am • G Bldg • Childcare provided • Learn more at [AZ.CHURCH/MOPS](http://AZ.CHURCH/MOPS) or contact Kayce Lloyd [klloyd@azcc.org](mailto:klloyd@azcc.org)

**CARE/REHAB CENTERS:** Larry Daniels (Brookdale on Ray) Georgene Simms, Susan Derr (Sunrise) Joyce Nyquist (Hawthorne Court), Jeanne Kozell (Legacy-Mesa), Lois Erickson, Jim Deaton (Brookdale Tempe)

**THANK YOU** to everyone for your kind words and cards for Larry's 80th birthday. Marilyn Daniels

## WAYS TO GIVE



TEXT-TO-GIVE APP

Text "AZCC" To "833-589-5719" Tap the link and you're ready to give



ONLINE

[AZ.CHURCH/GIVE](http://AZ.CHURCH/GIVE)  
One-time or Repeat



CASH OR CHECK

Envelopes & offering boxes in lobby or front exits

## SERVICES

### BLENDED WORSHIP

Sunday • 8:00 & 9:30a

Announcements & Prayer

Responsive Reading - "Christ Be In Me"

Songs of Praise - "The Solid Rock"  
"Cornerstone"  
"Jesus, Son of God"

Special Music & Songs of Worship  
"Let the Worshippers Arise"  
"I Give You My Heart"  
Marianne Heim/vocal soloist

"Build My Life"

Message

PRAYER #1

"Don't Give Up On Prayer"  
Brandon Hilgemann, Associate Pastor

Back-to-School Prayer Time for  
Students & Educators

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Saturday 5:30p & Sunday 11:00a

Announcements & Prayer

"Let the Worshippers Arise"  
Marianne Heim, vocal soloist

"I Give You My Heart"

Scripture Reading

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

"Build My Life"

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### I Didn't See That Coming!

**"When Ordinary People Are Faced With Extraordinary Circumstances!"**

The Bible is full of examples of "ordinary people" who were thrust into the middle of "extraordinary circumstances". Some of those "ordinary people" responded amazingly... others, not so much! Join Pastor Bill as he kicks off a brand-new sermon series Aug 14 & 15. This will be a powerful, practical, and pertinent series given where our culture is today! Don't miss out... and help get the word out!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sat, Aug 14 **Saturday Serve** - Come help us do light cleaning in our bldgs. • All ages/families welcome!
- Sun, Aug 15 **ACC Ministry Fair** • Community Center • All morning • Find where you fit and serve
- Wed, Sept 15 **Financial Peace University** • 6:30-8:30p • G5 • 6 weeks • Register online [az.church/events](http://az.church/events)
- Sun, Sept 19 **ACC Membership Experience** • 4:00p • G2 • Sign up online [az.church/events](http://az.church/events)



# Prayer God's power to change your world

Pastor Brandon Hilgemann  
July 31 & August 1, 2021 #1

## PRAYER

### "Don't Give Up On Prayer"

#### TODAY'S PASSAGE:

Luke 18:1-8 (ESV)

*<sup>1</sup> And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.' " <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"*

#### Why do we ask so little of God?

- We can talk to the all-powerful Lord of all creation, and He listens!
- Prayer is an unnatural activity.
- We have to humbly admit we need God's help.

#### Even Jesus was committed to prayer.

- Even after a late night or work, Jesus woke up early to pray (Mark 1:32-35).
- Jesus got away from crowds to focus on prayer (Matt 14:23, Luke 5:15-16).
- Jesus prayed before making major decisions (Luke 6:12-13)

#### The Persistent Widow: A Prayer Parable (Luke 18:1-8)

- Always pray, and don't lose heart (18:1)
- The widow wins because she doesn't give up on her request (18:5)
- God will give His faithful believers justice (18:7)

#### Three ways that God always answers prayer.

- "Yes." Like a good father, God delights in answering our prayers.
- "No." Our prayer may not be God's will or what's best for us. His plan is better.
- "Not yet." God is preparing you for something greater.

#### Always pray and don't lose heart!

#### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. If God granted your most recent prayer, what would change?
2. Have you ever prayed so persistently about something that you felt like you were bothering God?
3. Why do you think we get stuck in repetitive prayers that aren't really asking much?
4. What causes us to lose heart when our prayers seem to go unanswered?
5. How have you seen God answer prayer?
6. What would it take for you to have a more regular and persistent prayer life?



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