

APRIL 13 & 14, 2024

AWKWARD.

HOW GOD REDEEMS CRINGE-WORTHY MOMENTS
INTO SPIRITUAL MILESTONES



Arizona
COMMUNITY
CHURCH

9325 SOUTH RURAL ROAD • TEMPE, AZ 85284
(480) 491-2210 • WWW.AZ.CHURCH

WELCOME! WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



If you're new to our church, we'd love to help you get connected.
STOP IN THE LOBBY FOR A WELCOME GIFT!

UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS AT ACC!

CONNECT WITH US!

- ◆ Prayer Requests
- ◆ Comments / Questions
- ◆ Request information
- ◆ Let us know you're here today
- ◆ Decision for Christ/Baptism/Membership
- ◆ **SCAN THIS QR CODE** →



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS (4/14) Jelly/jam (18 oz), fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, mixed vegetables, beef stew (15 oz). Bring to the church office on Sundays or during the week.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY to Larry Kentera, former ASU defensive coordinator under Frank Kush and former head football coach at NAU. Congratulate him at 10a service. He turns 100 on April 17th.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: New study from the Book of Esther • Join us this Wednesday 9a or 6:30p.

"UNITED IN PRAYER": Sunday evenings from 5:00-5:45pm in the prayer chapel • D7 (South end D Bldg)

FUNDAMENTALS OF CPR & FIRST AID CLASS: Saturday, May 4 • 10:30-12p • G1 • FREE! • This is not a certification class. Sign up az.church/events

ACC MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Sunday, May 5 • 4-5:30p • G5 • Come learn about ACC! Sign up az.church/events

SINGLE WOMEN'S CONNECTION: Join us every Fri night for game night • 5:30p • G7 • Contact Suzan (480) 580-3711 or Janice (480) 239-0636. We also meet for lunch at 11:30am on the 2nd Sunday of the month at **La Madeleine**, 3605 W Chandler Blvd. Meets TODAY, April 14. Contact Nan (480) 528-6759

YOUNG ADULTS "4:12": Sundays nights • Doors open 5:00p • Event 6:00p • G Bldg downstairs For more info, contact Paul English penglish@az.cc.org

MEN'S LUNCH: Third Thursday of the month • April 18 • 11:30a • Rigatony's at Warner and McClintock • All men welcome!

DEMENTIA CARE GIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: Last Wed of month, **April 24** • 1:00p • G1 • To encourage and inform those who care for family/friends with dementia. Call Olive 480.747.2039

OUR ACC LIBRARY HAS MOVED: Come check out our relaxing new location in G8 (old coffee house).

IN-JOY SENIOR MINISTRY: Meets Tuesday, April 16 • 10a • Community Center • Last regular Tuesday meeting until August • Hymn Sing • Meet New Members • Martha Davidson will be present to share and sell Pastor Guy's new book

CARE/REHAB CENTERS: Georgene Simms (Sunrise), Larry Daniels (Hawthorne Court), Maxine Baty (Enclave), Elsie Mulligan (Anna's Haven), Marilyn Tarrant (Solterra-Chandler), Ellen Bradley (Avana Assisted Living), Judy & Calvin Hubbell (Ohana House), Gee Gee Alexander (Copper Creek), Dirk Vander Woude (Mosaic Gardens), Norris Gross (Morningstar Arcadia)

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

WAYS TO GIVE



SCAN THIS QR
CODE

with your phone
for online giving



ONLINE

AZ.CHURCH/GIVE
One-time or Repeat



CASH OR
CHECK

Envelopes & offering boxes in
lobby or front exits

SERVICES

WORSHIP

Sunday • 8:30a & 10:00a



WORSHIP

Saturday • 5:30p & Sunday • 11:30a

Welcome & Announcements (Video)

Call to Worship - "It Is Finished"
Beth Grimm/soloist

Opening Prayer - Dr. Dave Thye

Praising the Lord - "Christ Our Hope in Life and
Death", "Your Name *with* Stronger"

Special Music - "God Is Able"
Dr. Dave Thye/soloist

Greeting Time - Dr. Dave Thye

Worshipping the Lord- "Ancient Words"
"Blessed Assurance"

Pastoral Prayer

MESSAGE

AWKWARD #1

"God's Redeeming Work in
Awkward Moments"

Bill Meiter, Lead Pastor

Welcome & Announcements (Video)

Song of Worship - "There's Nothing That Our
God Can't Do"

Greeting Time

"A Thousand Hallelujahs"

"Waiting Here for You"

"King of Kings"

MESSAGE

AWKWARD #1

"God's Redeeming Work in
Awkward Moments"

Bill Meiter, Lead Pastor

**THIS WEEKEND
AT ACC**

NEW BUILDING Q & A with DIGITAL 3D DISPLAY

TODAY, April 14 at 4:00p in the Worship Center
Come take a virtual tour...talk to architects...ask any
questions...turn in your card...Hope to see you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fri, Apr 19

Encore • 6:00p • G2 • For newly or nearly retired • \$10 includes dinner • az.church/events

Fr-Su Apr 19-21

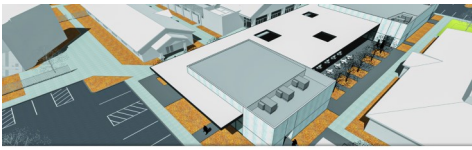
Man Camp at Lost Canyon, Williams, AZ • Limited space • Register az.church/events

Sun, Apr 21

Spring Hymn Sing • 4:00p • Worship Center • Pick your favorite hymn/chorus

Sun, May 5

ACC Membership Class • 4-5:30p • G5 (upstairs) • Register az.church/events



Connected Community Commitments
**PLEASE HAVE YOUR COMMITMENTS
 IN BY THE END OF APRIL**
 April 2024 - March 2026



**REGISTER TODAY
 ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT**

MAN CAMP
 LOST CANYON - WILLIAMS, AZ
 April 19-21, 2024

AZ.CHURCH/EVENTS

ENCORE
 FRI, APRIL 19 • 6PM • G2

For newly or nearly retired
 \$10 includes dinner

Sign up now
az.church/events

Hymn Sing

Featuring the AZ Chorale, Orchestra and Band
 Choose your hymn!

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 • 4pm
Worship Center

SENIORAdults
 COMMUNITY CENTER @ 10 AM
 "ENJOY" TUESDAYS WITH
IN-JOY Ministry

**Christian Fellowship
 Musical Programming**

New Women's Bible Study Series

Esther
 The Unspoken Hand of GOD

Wednesdays April 10th - May 1st
 9am & 6:30pm

MOPS at ACC
 Mothers of Preschoolers

Fridays Twice Monthly
9:15-11:15am
 Childcare Provided

az.church/mops

Sat 9am and
 Thurs 6:30am
 in the ACC
 Gym

PICKLEBALL
Come join us!!

Need Prayer? Send us your prayer requests by email at pray4me@azcc.org or AZ.CHURCH/PRAYER, a Connect Card or through our APP. Prayer wall also available in the lobby. **Library open Sundays 8:30a-12:30 E Bldg Room 6**

AWKWARD.

Pastor Bill Meiter
April 13 & 14, 2024 #1

“GOD’S REDEEMING WORK IN AWKWARD MOMENTS”

TODAY’S PASSAGE:

Genesis 3: 6-8 ESV... So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. **8** And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

THE GRANDDADDY OF ALL AWKWARD MOMENTS...

- The Bible is full of awkward, embarrassing, and cringeworthy moments!
- Life itself is also full of awkward, embarrassing, and cringeworthy moments!
- God specializes in redeeming awkward and cringeworthy moments!
- The granddaddy of all awkward moments: Adam and Eve’s nakedness... Gen. 3:6-10

YOU CAN’T MESS WITH SIN...WITHOUT THINGS GETTING AWKWARD

- Before Adam and Eve sinned, things were perfect... Gen. 2:25
- After they sinned, things got awkward when they realized they were naked... Gen. 3:7
- “Blushing may be the color of virtue, but it was not the color of innocence.”
- Adam and Eve first sought to do damage control... Gen. 3:7-8

HOW SIN MAKES THINGS AWKWARD WITH GOD

- Even though beliefs are justified, we are not fully sanctified.
- Believers who have been washed clean . . . can still have dirty feet . . . John 3:4-10
- Believers can grieve the Holy Spirit by their sinful behavior . . . Eph. 4:29-32
- This is why the Lord instructed us to pray . . . Forgive us our debts . . . Mt. 6:12

HOW SIN MAKES THINGS AWKWARD WITH OTHERS

- The sin that affected Adam and Eve also affected Cain and Abel.
- Sin will also turn an “awesome church” into an “awkward church” in the blink of an eye . . . 1 Cor. 5:1-2
- The one person most often affected when someone messes around with sin . . . is the sinner himself/herself.
- The good news is that God specializes in redeeming awkward messes . . . Romans 8:28.

GOD SPECIALIZES IN REDEEMING AWKWARD MESSES

- God immediately set out to redeem the awkward mess that Adam and Eve created . . . Gen 3:21
- God is redeeming every awkward mess for those who have been called according to His purpose . . . Rom. 8:28
- Dr. R. C. Sproul once said, “If you’re going to base your life on any one Bible verse, make it Romans 8:28”.
- Will you keep trusting God even when you are in the midst of an awkward mess?



Arizona
COMMUNITY
CHURCH

9325 S RURAL RD • TEMPE, AZ 85284
(480) 491-2210 • WWW.AZ.CHURCH