

APRIL 27 & 28, 2024

AWKWARD.

HOW GOD REDEEMS CRINGE-WORTHY MOMENTS
INTO SPIRITUAL MILESTONES



Arizona
COMMUNITY
CHURCH

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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 (4/28) Corn, green beans, peas, black beans, fruit cocktail, applesauce (6 pk), condensed soup (10 oz), jelly/jam (18 oz). Bring to the church office on Sundays or during the week.

"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

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM: Sat & Sun, May 18 & 19 • All services • Register online az.church/baptism
Baptism Class • Sun, May 5 • 12:45p • D9 • Questions? Contact Pastor Brandon bhilgemann@azcc.org

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 next on June 9. No lunch meeting in May.

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

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).

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Robert (Bob) Crawford who was honored as the MVD MVP of the Year by the Community Legal Services (CLS) Volunteer Lawyers Program on April 17th. He was also selected as one of the 2024 recipients of the Top Pro Bono Attorneys in Arizona Award. He will receive this award at a luncheon on June 13th from the Arizona Bar Foundation's Legal Services & Education Group.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR: Ken and Lory Ellerbrock will be Tues, May 7th • 10a • G2. Reception following.

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. Closed Fridays from June 14 – August 9

WAYS TO GIVE



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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

Call to Worship - "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Bel Canto Bells—Gordon Christopher/Director

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading - "Praise the Lord!"

Hymns of Praise - "Praise Him! Praise Him!", "To
God Be the Glory", "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Greeting Time - Dr. Dave Thye

Special Music - "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Thanking the Lord - "Through It All", "Bless His Holy
Name", "My Tribute"

Pastoral Prayer

MESSAGE

AWKWARD #3

**"HOW ONE MAN'S FEAR CREATED AN
AWKWARD SITUATION"**

Bill Meiter, Lead Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Song of Worship - "Battle Belongs"

Greeting Time

"Same God"

"Crowns Down"

"Nothing Else"

MESSAGE

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**THIS WEEKEND
AT ACC**

CAMPUS TOUR TODAY • 11:00a
Meet on the plaza near D9 by the sign
Make it easy to find your way around
our beautiful campus!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sun, May 5

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

Thurs, May 9

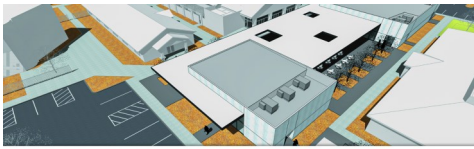
Estate Planning Seminar for Wills & Trusts • 6:00p • G Bldg • Sign up [az.church](https://www.az.church)

Sun, May 18 & 19

Believer's Baptism • All services • Register at [az.church/baptism](https://www.az.church/baptism)

Mon-Fri, June 3-7

Kids' Camp (VBS) • SCUBA –Diving into Friendship with God • Register [az.church](https://www.az.church)



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



**BOTTLED WATER
 DRIVE
 MAY 1-31**
**LEAVE ON PATIO
 CARTS**

**ACC MEMBERSHIP
 CLASS**

**WELCOME TO
 OUR FAMILY**

Sunday, May 5 • 4pm • G-5
 Sign Up online • az.church/events

**ESTATE PLANNING
 EDUCATION & DOCUMENTS
 AT NO COST TO YOU.**

Thursday, May 9
 6:00 - 8:00 pm
 Arizona Community Church, G Building

Financial Planning | VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS | Arizona COMMUNITY CHURCH

RSVP at AZ.church

BAPTISMS

May 18 and 19- all services

Register online at
az.church/baptism

SCUBA
 diving into friendship with god

ACC KIDS Camp (VBS)
 6/3 - 6/7 Register at AZ.church

MOPS at ACC
 Mothers of Preschoolers

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

az.church/mops

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
 Join us in D9!
 (Childcare available)
jstjohn123@gmail.com

**Young
 Professionals**

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 G Bldg Rm 8

AWKWARD.

Pastor Bill Meiter

April 27 & 28, 2024 #3

“HOW ONE MAN’S FEAR CREATED AN AWKWARD MESS”

TODAY’S PASSAGE:

Genesis 38:24-26 ESV... About three months later Judah was told, “Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral. Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality.” And Judah said, “Bring her out, and let her be burned.” **25** As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, “By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant.” And she said, “Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff.” **26** Then Judah identified them and said, “She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not know her again.

JESUS IS THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

- One of the most majestic titles given to Jesus is Lion of Judah... Rev. 5:5
- Judah was one of the 12 sons of Jacob and was even called a lion... Gen. 49:9
- Judah was one of the primary conspirators involved with selling Joseph... Gen. 37:26-27
- Just how flawed Judah was can be seen in his treatment of Tamar... Gen. 38:24-26

JUDAH’S MORAL SHORTCOMINGS

- Judah had three sons... Er, Onan, Shelah. The first of which married Tamar... Gen. 38:2-7
- Levirate marriage: If a man dies without having any children of his own... his unmarried brother would bear children with his widow... to provide an heir for the deceased individual... Deut. 25:5-6
- Onan would not fulfill his responsibilities... Gen. 38:8-10
- Judah tells Tamar to return to her father and wait for Shelah to grow up... Gen. 38:8-10

TAMAR'S CUNNING PLAN

- Tamar disguises herself as a prostitute. . . Gen. 38-13-18
- Tamar exposes Judah as the father of her children. . . Gen. 38:24-26

FEAR IS OFTEN THE SPRINGBOARD INTO AWKWARD MESSES

- King Saul let fear create an awkward mess. . . 1 Samuel 15:13-24
- The fear of man is a snare. . . Prov. 29:25
- Peter let fear create two awkward messes. . . Luke 22:33-34; Gal. 2:11-13
- Would you still come to church if you had to pass through protestors to get onto campus?

HOW GOD REDEEMS JUDAH'S AWKWARD MESS

- This is a turning point in Judah's life! Judah becomes a changed man. . . Gen 44:33
- It is through the line of Perez that the Messiah would eventually come. . . Matt. 1:2-1
- It is the Lord who will deliver us from our fears. . . Psalm 34:4
- Never underestimate the power of fear to create awkward messes!!

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. How did Judah's fear create an awkward mess?
2. Has fear ever created an awkward mess in your life? When?
3. Why was Tamar more righteous than Judah?
4. What fears can you commit to the Lord this week?



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