

The perfect place for imperfect people.

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Leading all people to follow Jesus to the fullness of life. Together.

Transformation - Generosity - Community

Join us for worship at 10:00 AM on Sunday at our facility [1249 N LINDSAY RD. GILBERT, AZ 85234](#) (at the Arizona Korean Seventh Day Adventist Church).



Sermon Text: Luke 12:13-21

SAVE THE DATE

- **January 14th** - Habits of Mission Roundtable Lunch.

Do you want encouragement or ideas for how to reach people with the gospel in your sphere of influence?



Today, after worship, we will have a roundtable conversation about people we want to see follow Jesus in our workplaces, homes, neighborhoods, and families. Come share your experience, learn what others are doing, and leave refreshed for continued faithfulness. There will be chicken soup and salad to enjoy. Join the group for lunch in the connected barn door classrooms just off the courtyard outside the worship center. Contact Lisa Rempel with any questions you might have at lisagrempel@gmail.com

- **January 14th** - Part 3 of ***Good News for ALL People***, our teaching series through the gospel of Luke, kicks off. [Watch two overview videos from the Bible Project to help grasp the book's big picture in preparation for the series.](#) You can also find a lot more information [here](#).
- **January 16th** - Tuesday Evening Women's Small Group Begins.

Join other women at The Bridge to grow deeper in Christ every other Tuesday night from 7 - 8:30 PM. A new nine-session study will go through the [Sermon on the Mount](#) (Matthew 5 -7), finishing mid-May. The group meets at the Scott home in north Chandler. Contact Kim Scott for more information and her address at kim@journeycounselingaz.com.

- **January 18th** - Thursday Night Zoom Small Group starts its Galatians study. Meets every other Thursday at 7 PM. Contact Joe Alcala at joevalcala@gmail.com for more information.
- **January 21st** - Annual Congregational Meeting after worship. **All are welcome.**
 - 2024 Budget presentation and vote for approval by members.

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- Come to thank Lisa Rempel and Bruce Kalin for four years of service on the Leadership Team.

- Members will vote to affirm Vickie Longenecker and Joseph Alcala as new members of the Leadership Team for 2024.
- Hearing about two bi-law amendments that will be voted on in 2025.
 - One amendment has to do with allowing voting via email, as only in-person voting is currently allowed. With some of our members traveling at different parts of the year, as well as those who live physically distant, this will ensure that all members have a chance to participate in a vote.
 - The second is about adjusting our quorum language.
- **January 23rd** - Tuesday Night Men's Small Group starts a study in Galatians. Meets every other Tuesday at 7 PM. Contact Joe Alcala at joevalcala@gmail.com for more information.
- **January 29th** - [Politics, Polarization, and Peacemaking Event](#) - 6:45 PM at [Phoenix Bible Church](#)

Election season is coming this fall, and the church has a vital role in engaging in civil conversation around important issues, even when there is disagreement. Join other churches from across the valley for an open session of the **Politics, Polarization and Peacemaking Conference** featuring [Russell Moore](#).

Moore serves as the Editor in Chief of Christianity Today and is the author of the forthcoming book Losing Our Religion: An Altar Call for Evangelical America. The Wall Street Journal has called Moore "vigorous, cheerful, and fiercely articulate." He was named in 2017 to Politico Magazine's list of top fifty influence-makers in Washington. Such publications as the New York Times, the Washington Post, TIME Magazine, and the New Yorker have profiled him.

Let's be a people who pursue **constructive conversations rather than divisive debates, ensuring that churches remain sanctuaries of Christ-centered unity, truth, and peacemaking.** If you are interested in going, email Pastor Joel at joel@bridgechurchaz.org.



NEW OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

Are you interested in joining the staff team at The Bridge? We are looking for our next part-time Operations Assistant. [Click on this link to read the job post.](#)

HAVE PICTURES FROM 2023?

Ceci Holbert is requesting **any pictures you have taken of events held by The Bridge during 2023.** She will be compiling a slideshow for our annual meeting. The **deadline is January 14th.** Please email them to cecilia.holbert@gmail.com

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BRIDGEKIDS LEADERS NEEDED

Robyn Wootton has prepared the schedule for the first quarter of 2024, but it's not too late to join the Bridgekids team. We need teachers, assistants, and people to escort kids to their classes and stay, depending on how many children we have in worship. Consider shadowing one morning to learn what serving is like and whether it fits you. See Robyn Wootton or Keiko Garcia or email info@bridgechurchaz.org.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED - LIGHTING PROJECT

We are blessed to announce that we have received a generous gift from a lighting company. The donation will allow us to bring more warmth into our worship center, as well as let us find a happy medium between all lights and no lights. To prepare for the installation, we need to run some electrical lines to the location of the lights.

If you are interested in working to take this project to the next step by gathering electrician bids and helping order some necessary lighting components to complement the donation, please contact Joel at joel@bridgechurchaz.org.

CLEANING & FACILITIES TEAM

We ask each member and attendee to stay after our worship gathering to clean. [CLICK HERE](#) to find your spot in the rotation.

FAMILIES SCHEDULED TO CLEAN ON THE SECOND SUNDAY ARE

GARCIA, HANSON, HOLBERT, KALIN & LONGENECKER

SMALL GROUPS, MEN'S & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES.

To learn more, visit these pages on our website: [Small Groups](#), [Men](#), [Women](#), [Prayer](#), or [our website events page](#).

GIVING Please visit our website at <https://www.bridgechurchaz.org/giving>.

Dec. 2023 Income	\$36,413.05
Monthly Budget	\$14,417
January 1-7 Income	\$2,535
2024 Proposed Monthly Budget	\$14,745

* Remember to mark your calendar for our ***Annual Congregational Meeting*** on January 21st after worship, where the 2024 budget will be presented for approval by members. **All are welcome.** [CLICK HERE TO VIEW A COPY OF THE BUDGET](#)

Need Prayer? Email prayer@bridgechurchaz.org

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We are proud to be a part of The Evangelical Covenant Church. For more information on the ECC, visit (covchurch.org) or listen to the [Love the Cov](#) podcast to get introduced to some of the Covenant's core convictions.

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