

05/16/2025

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](https://www.bridgechurchaz.org/1249-N-Lindsay-Rd-Gilbert-AZ-85234)
(at the Arizona Korean Seventh-Day Adventist Church).

Sermon Title: Love Moves: Copying Jesus in the Habits of Mission

Sermon Texts: John 20:21, Eph. 2:10, 1 Thess. 2:8, Eph. 6:12, 2 Cor. 5:20, John 13:34-35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Pastor Joel's Sabbatical:** June 1st - July 31st

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2. **Beware of phishing scams** asking for gift cards from Pastor Joel. He will never ask you to send gift cards electronically via email.

Upcoming Events

- **May 17th - WALK FOR WATER - Final call for Global 6k monetary contributions**

<https://global6k.worldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=39105>

- **May 18th - CLAIRE ENABNIT DEDICATION**
- **May 18th - LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY (after worship - approximately 11:45 - 12:45 AM)**

Mark your calendars for our first Leadership Community! What is a Leadership Community? It is **a one-hour open meeting** where **anyone** who wants to **activate their faith** can **contribute ideas and action** towards **developing God's mission** through The Bridge.

What will happen during Leadership Community meetings?

- There will be a short, special training from Pastor Joel
- Time to dream and share ideas
- Be among the first to know what is coming in the future before it gets announced
- Opportunities to apply your strengths and willingness to special projects

If you want to see God's love pour through The Bridge in more impactful ways, this meeting is for you. Future meetings will be on the second Sunday of each month from August - November.

RSVP to joel@bridgechurchaz.org so we have enough materials and snacks for you.



- **May 18th - CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR REBECCA "CARMEN" FRIAS VALERA, MARTA FRIESTAD'S MOTHER - 2:00 PM on campus**
- **May 25th - LOVE MOVES MEETING (after worship)**

Put Your Habits of Mission to Practice! The Love Moves Team creates opportunities for The Bridge to engage in justice initiatives, acts of service, and fun! We will meet on May 25th at 11:30 AM in the barn door classroom to begin plans for this fall. A light snack will be provided. All are welcome to attend!

- **May 25th - DIRECTORY PHOTOS**

We are updating the directory, including updated pictures, names, and contact info; for members who would like to be posted in the directory (phone, email, address). You can email russell-charles@sbcglobal.net or text (860) 995-1289 if you want the information to be sent online.

- **June 7th - CELEBRATION OF LIFE: BRIAN JOHNSON**

June 7th, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
McQueen Activity Center
510 N Horne St, Gilbert, AZ 85233

We ask that anyone who wants to wear baseball shirts, ball caps, or concert t-shirts please do so. We are going to have an open taco bar and non-alcoholic drinks. We are looking for a headcount for food. RSVP to Amy via text or call (480) 825-9805 as soon as possible.

- **June 22nd - Tentative Potluck and Baby Shower for Ken, Val, and (baby) Robert Hickman - after worship. More info to come**



WE ARE HIRING A YOUTH PASTOR/DIRECTOR

With over **40,000 teenagers in Gilbert alone** (not counting other nearby cities where some of our families live), **we are burdened to find a new leader** to join our community who will **pursue youth** in our town and **introduce them to Christ and our church**.

What can you do?

- Pray for the search team and the candidate(s) God will bring to The Bridge.
- Share the job description on social media
[W Youth Pastor or Director Job Description \(4 - 2025\).docx](#)
- If you know of anyone who might be interested, you can direct them to apply at jobs@bridgechurchaz.org.

LOVE MATURES: COPYING JESUS IN THE HABITS OF **RENEWAL**

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH CLASS CONTINUES

John Decock received such a warm response to his class 'In Spirit and In Truth' that he will lead three more sessions, from 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM. TREATS WILL BE PROVIDED! Call, do not text, John at [\(480\) 321-5673](tel:4803215673) for class details.

THIS CLASS WILL NOT MEET ON 05/18/2025. Upcoming class dates: May 25, June 1, and June 8.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

We have selected the book **"Defiant: What the Women of Exodus Teach Us About Freedom"** by Kelley Nikondeha for a reading club book. We plan to meet on alternating Saturday mornings.

Meeting location: Gina Kistler's home at 945 S Los Alamos, Mesa, AZ 85204

Time: 9:30 AM

Dates: May 24th, June 14th, June 28th

Email Linda at lindapelc2@gmail.com or text (402) 764-0248 if interested.

LOVE MOVES: COPYING JESUS IN THE HABITS OF MISSION

BRIDGEKIDS TEACHERS AND ASSISTANT TEACHERS

Our children's ministry is growing. Join our Bridgekids team and teach our children about Jesus through songs, crafts, Bible lessons, and play. Interested? Contact Robyn Wootton (rlmccleery@yahoo.com) or Keiko Garcia (Katesgarcia77@gmail.com). **Background checks are required, and training is provided.**



FACEBOOK MODERATORS

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Volunteers are needed to moderate our Facebook stream during the service. It's easy, and you can even do it from home if you attend online. Contact Lisa Rempel at lisagrempel@gmnail.com if you'd like to be part of this ministry.

CLEANING & FACILITIES TEAM

We ask each member and attendee to stay after our worship gathering to tidy up the sanctuary. [CLICK HERE](#) to find your spot in the rotation, or contact Daniel Williams at operations@bridgechurchaz.org to be added to the schedule.

FAMILIES SCHEDULED TO CLEAN ON THE THIRD SUNDAY ARE

ANTUONO, PELC, REMPEL, SCHIFFMAN, SCOTT & YI

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

May 1-11 Income	\$5,417.04
Monthly Budget:	\$15,802.00

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