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



Sermon Title

How to have Compassionate Conversations in the Chaos

Texts

James 4:6; Matthew 5:9; Proverbs 26:4-5; James 1:19, 26; Psalm 23:5

In this political season - one that is full of challenge, disagreement, divisiveness, and hate - how will you survive? That may seem like a dramatic question, but you will not become a person of love, joy, peace, and justice by accident. So what will you pursue in community with others walking in the way of Jesus?

If you are weary of our country's division and are ready to be encouraged to live out of compassion and conviction, don't miss one week of this teaching series. Oh, and our family, neighbors, and friends need this too. So bring someone with you on Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE

- **September 1st** - Love Moves Team meeting (after worship)
- **September 8th** - Fall Women's Conference. 11:30-3:30 (more info below)
- **September 11th** - Practicing The Way Course Begins (more info below)
- **September 29th** - Jersey Sunday with Game Day themed potluck (after worship). Wear your team's gear and bring your favorite appetizer, dessert or sports watching food to share.
- **November 9th** - Annual Chili Cook Off @ 4pm
- **December 8th** - Pancake Breakfast (before worship)

LOVE MATURES: COPYING JESUS IN THE HABITS OF RENEWAL

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL CONFERENCE

Join women at The Bridge for our Fall Women's Conference on Sunday September 8th from 11:30am - 3:30pm in the barn door rooms on campus. Tina Schuler, the women's ministry director from Arizona Community Church will be the speaker on this year's theme, hope. She will lead us through two sessions:

- Finding Hope in the Middle of the Storm
- Finding Quiet Moments with God



Lunch will be provided, including gluten-free options. Please invite your friends and family. All are women welcome!

RSVP by this Sunday, September 1st, at women@bridgechurchaz.org or cathykalin@gmail.com or text Cathy at 480-229-5383.

PRACTICING THE WAY COURSE

Do you want to learn new ways to follow Jesus in our busy, distracted, and increasingly secular culture? Join Pastor Joel and others at The Bridge as we launch [The Practicing The Way Course](#). This eight-week course, lasting about an hour and 15 minutes each session, will give you **tools to take an audit of your life, connect more deeply with God, and teach you new spiritual habits**. We would love to see everyone at The Bridge take this course in the coming years. Be part of the first group this fall.

The course will run on Wednesdays, September 11th - October 30th, at one of the following locations (depending on which is best for most of the group).

- Wednesdays on campus at 6:00 PM.
- Wednesdays at Joel and Kim Scott's home in north Chandler at 6:30 PM.

[To learn more about the course, watch this video.](#)

Contact Pastor Joel at joel@bridgechurchaz.org to express interest and discuss the best time and location for you.

LOVE MOVES: COPYING JESUS IN THE HABITS OF MISSION

NEW GROUPS FORMING

As we continue to pivot even more towards those not yet a part of us, we are forming groups to have fun and meet felt needs in our community. We encourage everyone who calls The Bridge home to find a group to connect with this fall.



Here are the groups that are forming for the fall:

- Cards and Game Nights.
- Hiking Group
- Connecting Pet Owners
- Recovery Groups.
- Community Through Meals (this group will explore visiting senior centers, doing in-home meals for shut-ins, planning group meal meet-ups, and more).

All of these groups exist to build community with people beyond The Bridge.

All groups are in the planning phase. Contact Pastor Joel at Joel@bridgechurchaz.org to get connected to a group.

HOSPITALITY

We invite anyone to serve on the hospitality team. Each week, a member assembles a comfort station by the front door to serve water and food. You get to set the tone in the morning and introduce any newcomer to the welcoming atmosphere for everyone who joins us on Sundays to worship. Contact Joe Alcala at joevalcala@gmail.com for more information.

A-FRAMES

We are looking for one more person to join the team that places our a-frames out on Saturday afternoons (sometime after 2 PM) and then picks them up on Sunday morning after worship concludes. If you want to join the rotation of people who serve in this role throughout the year, contact joel@bridgechurchaz.org.

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.

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, or contact Daniel Williams at operations@bridgechurchaz.org to be added to the schedule.

FAMILIES SCHEDULED TO CLEAN ON THE FIRST SUNDAY ARE

ALCALA, CLEMENS, DAVIDSON, FRIESTAD, ENABNIT & MONTANO

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