

A Season of *Thankfulness!*

A Message from our President, Dave Mitchell

Wow! What a year to be thankful for. It goes along great with what the Psalmist says, "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!" Our year isn't over and we have so much to be thankful for.

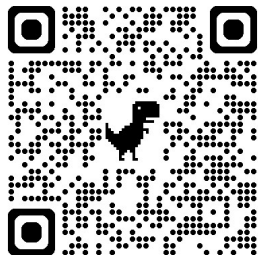
The biggest thing, of course, is our new location. 5585 W. Glenn Avenue, at the SE Corner of 56th Ave & Glenn.

We also have a terrific staff, very capable at handling the needs of the homeless and working poor in our community.

There are several new members on our board. These people are creative and dedicated to our mission. We are planning a fundraiser this coming February. This will be a fun event. I hope you can attend.

And know that we are thankful you for your support... and prayers!

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Community Action Network (CAN)

AZJC sponsors the Community Action Network. It is a group of businesses, churches, government, individuals, and social service agencies joining together to meet the needs of our community.

The primary goal at each meeting is to share information with each other and assist our community's poor with their needs.

Our community needs are constant and we meet to explore how we may better help those in need: homeless, veterans, elderly, working poor, seniors, and youth.

Stay informed. Come to our monthly CAN meetings to hear great speakers, relevant information, and resources to share with like-minded organizations—from individuals, churches, government entities, social service agencies and more.

These meetings are normally the 4th Thursday of each month, but because of Thanksgiving and Christmas, November meeting will be the third Thursday and no meeting in December. We meet from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Meetings held at United Methodist Church 7102 N 58th Dr- Glendale Arizona. Light lunch provided.

If you have any questions, call Joe at 602-377-9013 or Rhonda at 602-370-1534.

We'd love to see you
Thursday, November 20th, 2025

Next Meeting Dates
November 20th • January 22nd, 2026
No meeting in December

Legal Lessons of Judge Tolby

Preserving Arizona's History

Thanksgiving will be celebrated soon. One thing I am thankful for is knowing Bob Manzetti

Glendale lost a very good friend when Bob passed away. Even at 80 years old, Bob had more enthusiasm than a man half his age, he was always positive and always with a dream.

His family held his memorial service under the battleship USS Arizona's flagpole at the veterans cemetery just off Cave Creek Road.

As I stood that day there saying my goodbyes to Bob I remembered when he walked into my office many years ago. He said he needed a place to store a flag pole. I had a machinery business at the time, so storage space was not a problem. But I asked about his flag pole. He said it is off the battleship USS Arizona. Now he had my full attention.

He went on to tell me that right after WWII a flag pole was welded to the Arizona's hull. For about 50 years the stars and strips flew over the battleship Arizona. The salt water had damaged the pole, so the navy was installing a new pole.

Bob, through much wheeling and dealing, was able to obtain the old flag pole. He wrangled an ocean shipping company to freight the pole from Hawaii to Long Beach; Swift Trucking hauled it from Long

Beach to Arizona for free. Then it was stored in my machinery yard.

Over the period of a few years, the pole was sand blasted. The bottom eight feet that was damaged by salt water was replace and painted. He then went to work finding a suitable place to erect it.

The Veteran's Cemetery off Cave Creek gave him a site. A few more years of effort came and went and he completed the site work and the flag pole was erected. It now stands proudly for everyone to see here in Arizona.

Few people will remember Bob was the driving force to get the signal mast off the battleship, USS Arizona that proudly stands in Wesley Bolin Park at Arizona's capitol.

After he finished working on the signal mast in 1990, his family presented him with a special plaque that had the following words engrave on it: "*You had a task that was once begun and you never left it until it was done. Your labor was both great and small. You did it well and created history for all*".

Most don't know he also had a lot to do with getting the city to erect the Veteran's memorial at the Glendale Library on 59th and Brown Avenues. Those bronze trees are another reminder of Bob Manzetti, my friend and all his good work.

Lesson: Bob will always be known by his good deeds.

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When Life Gives You 100 Reasons to Cry, Show Life 1000 Reasons to Smile!

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Keep your faith and drop your fear!

Dr. Wilson asked his patient, “Which do you want first, the good news or the bad news?”

His patient replied, “Give me the good news.”

Dr. Wilson said, “You’re about to have a disease named after you.”

Life does throw us some curves, doesn’t it? Many times we feel that things are just starting to improve and, boom, everything falls apart. We discover that the light at the end of the tunnel is a train. I have felt that way and you have too. Maybe we just need to see differently. Let me illustrate.

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign that said, “I am blind please help.” There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man came walking by. He took two coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who changed the sign returned to see how things were.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, “Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?”

The man said, “I only wrote the truth. I said what you said, but a different way.”

The man had written, “Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it.”

Both signs told the people that the boy was blind. But the first sign merely stated that fact. The second sign told people that they were lucky they were not blind.

There are heaps of lessons in this story.

First of all, be thankful for what you have. Be creative and innovative. Think differently and positively in the midst of hardship. Be creative and innovative. Think differently and positively in the midst of hardship. When life gives you one hundred reasons to cry, show life and yourself that God gave you a thousand reasons to smile. In other words, we keep our faith and drop our fear.

Here’s an example: a man wanted to go to Africa as a missionary, but his wife failed the medical examination. He decided that he would spend his life making money so that he could support other missionaries.

He started bottling grape juice. His grape juice was used worldwide as “unfermented” communion wine. He raised significant money for missionaries. Meet Dr. Thomas Bramwell Welch of Welch’s Grape Juice fame!

God’s wisdom teaches us how to use our imagination in a creative way. The Bible says in Proverbs 8:12, “I, Wisdom, love together with good judgements. I know where to discover knowledge and discernment.” Another translation says that God gives us “witty inventions.”

God does think outside of the box. Just look at yourself in the mirror! Now that’s creative!



***The need is great
the workers are few
If you have a heart
we’d like to meet you!***

AZJC is about to begin a new program for volunteers to help the homeless. This is your chance to make a BIG impact in the life of a homeless person.

We include training. Don’t worry about what to do or what to say. All that’s required is a heart to help.

At the end of this one-year commitment you will have knowledge and experience to use in any life situation.

Information coming soon!

Proverbs 31:9

*“Open your mouth, judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and
needy.”*

***Help AZJC get the word out
about our important ministry.
Forward this newsletter to your
friends.***



Anthony's Story

AZJC provides mail services for the homeless. It's a basic and simple service we provide to the homeless: They get a mailbox at our office. It works a lot like having a P.O. Box but without the fee.

This program is what brought Anthony to us about three years ago.

Anthony is a friendly guy with a soft heart. His problem is he loves to get high on Fentanyl. For all you hear about Fentanyl deaths, it's rather amazing he has survived for such a long time.

We'd see him in two places. 1) When he came in to get his mail, and 2) at a nearby park. It seems he was always at that park.

We always offered to help him get into a program. We don't actually have a recovery program, but we refer many homeless to agencies we partner with.

Most of the time he refused our referrals. The few times he took advantage of such programs they didn't work out for him. What can you do?

I'll tell you what we did: we kept talking to him when he picked up his mail and in the park.

We finally got him into a program at Phoenix Rescue Mission. This is a six-month deal. And he finished it!

He found a job. We found affordable housing for him. So far so good for Anthony.

Most homeless, like Anthony, are not instant success stories. It takes time. They have to want to improve their lives. We rejoice with all the pieces fall together... for Anthony and the people like him.

SAVE the DATE!

AZJC is hosting a fundraiser

February 20th

Orangewood Presbyterian Church

7321 N 10th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020

Time: 6:30 to 8:30

Dinner ♦ Silent Auction ♦ 50/50 Drawing ♦ Raffle

It's gonna be fun!

