



*We exist to...  
engage college students with the gospel,  
develop disciples of Jesus Christ,  
and mobilize servant leaders for the church.*

The collegiate ministry of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention

## 2020 Annual Report

**2020 began normally** as we continued to partner with 18 local churches to reach college students on 17 campuses through the ministry of 27 Campus Missionaries.

**We are devoted** to the discipleship and spiritual growth of our students. To further this part of our mission, on the weekend of February 7-9, students and campus missionaries from across Arizona gathered for our annual discipleship focused retreat called Surge. One hundred and eighty-eight people were in attendance this year. Dr. Adam Groza (Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services of Gateway Seminary and alumni of Northern Arizona University) was our speaker for the weekend.

**When COVID hit in mid-March** university and community college campuses closed down, moved to strictly online courses, and suspended all student organization activities. Therefore, just like most of our local churches, Christian Challenge ministry activities essentially moved online. Our student leader equipping conference (Propel) had to be cancelled as well as our mission trip to Zambia, two training events for our staff and college students serving at ZONA Camp. Our missionaries have become innovators as they are making excellent use of social media and online video conferencing applications. This “virtual” ministry continued into the Fall semester with most campuses holding only online classes. Our missionaries are working hard to connect with new students, share the gospel and develop disciples all online.

**Brad Schneeflock, Christian Challenge’s State Director**, resigned in July after more than five years of fruitful ministry and entrepreneurial leadership. He has entered the financial advisement arena working with a Christian firm in Scottsdale. Brad was the catalyst for significant transition in the structure and day-to-day ministry of Christian Challenge. He leaves behind a legacy of developing church partnerships to expand Baptist collegiate ministry in Arizona. I was chosen to succeed Brad and will continue to lead Challenge missionaries to pursue our Mission as stated at the top of this report. I will also work to see God’s vision for Challenge realized - to work together “with local churches to advance God’s Kingdom on every college campus in Arizona.” In short, Brad might have left, but our mission and vision remain the same. I had been a local campus missionary at NAU since 1989 and, in addition, for the last five years, had worked with Brad to develop the structure and ministry for Challenge ministry statewide.

**A Transformed Life** - Below is part of a letter that Challenge missionaries at the University of Arizona received from a student who graduated in May this year. It encapsulates our commitment to developing disciples of Jesus Christ who LOVE God, LIVE His Word, and SERVE His Church.

*“I have seen people who grew up in the church, and those who did not be transformed during their time in Christian Challenge. I entered college an incredibly timid, self-image oriented believer in God, afraid of life and herself, and I am now on the other side a (more) confident, truth-seeking follower of Jesus. I can share my faith with my friends. And, through a lot of support at Challenge, I survived probably the hardest struggles of self-reckoning I will have in my life. I look back on my four years and cry out of thankfulness; I am so grateful to God for keeping me at Challenge. I never, ever would have believed what could be done in my life in four short years, and I am excited to live out the rest of my life with God.” - T.M. 7/2020*

**We are ending 2020** partnering with 7 more churches to reach students on 6 more campuses.

**Please pray** for Christian Challenge as we continue to reach out to share the gospel with college students all over Arizona, especially in the midst of COVID restrictions.

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