



RISEN SAVIOR

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WORSHIP

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE FROM MEMORIAL WEEKEND THROUGH LABOR DAY

8:00 am	Traditional	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Contemporary	Worship Center (Inspire Kids Club)
11:00 am	Traditional	Sanctuary

8:00 AM & 9:30 AM SERVICES LIVESTREAMED

Admin Building Office Hours

Closed July 3

Tu-Th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

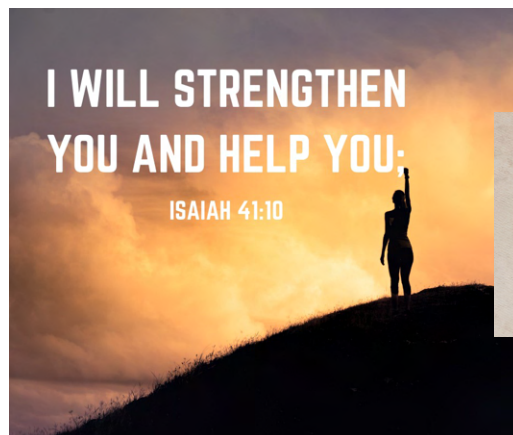
Fri. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sermon Archive

If you are unable to join us in-person or via livestream worship at our available service times, don't worry, the entire sermon will be available the same day after 1:30 pm. Visit risensavioraz.org, select "Sermons" at the top of the page and you can view any of our previous sermons.

Additional Parking Available

Just a reminder that there is additional parking available at the Administration Building and we have permission to use the Safeway parking lot (North of NB) for our Sunday service overflow. Also, if you are able to walk a little further, it would be kind of you to leave the front handicapped spots open to those who have limited mobility.



What's on the App?

"Upcoming Events" link, simply click on this graphic to see our entire upcoming calendar of events. These events are able to be shared electronically with anyone you want to invite. They also have a description, date, time, location and who to contact to RSVP or ask any questions.



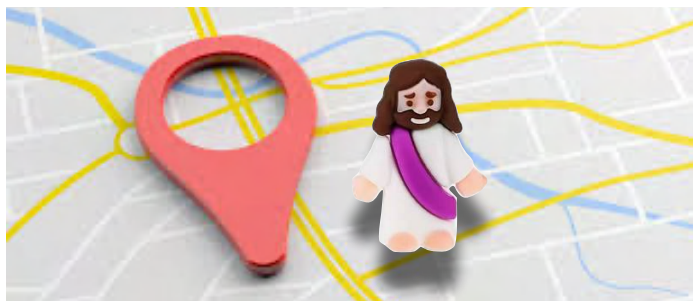
LCMS National Convention- for more info visit lcms.org

July 18–23, 2026 • Phoenix, Ariz.

The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is scheduled for July 18–23, 2026, in downtown Phoenix.

The theme will be “Christ Is Risen Indeed,” based on 1 Corinthians 15:20–22:

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”



Where is Mini Jesus?

Have you been seeing mini Jesus all over town? We have, and it has inspired us to ask you to take a quick pic of mini Jesus “in the wild” wherever you happen to see him or take him (think Flat Stanley pics). We want to see where he is and who you are sharing him with. If that person became your Every One Brings One, let us know that too! Send your pics to jill.vermeire@risensavioraz.org so we can share them throughout the year. On the right are a few that we have already been sent in to us.

Women's Morning Ministry Summer Break from 7/2-8/27

Thursdays at 9:00 am in the NB Multi-Use Room.

Are you searching for connection and a deeper faith? Women's Morning Ministry meets every week and offers just that. This ministry is open to all women and offers a variety of book studies, faith-searching and connection activities throughout the year. RSVP to annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org or reach out with any questions.



Women's Ministry Facebook Page

This page is where we encourage one another to connect with God, ourselves and each other. It's for women after God's heart. “Like” our page today. You can find this group under the RSLCS Facebook page “Groups”, “Women's Ministry”. Contact Annie for more information at Annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org.

ALPHA Team Leader Training September 9 at 6:00 pm in the NB.

Join us at this ALPHA Study leadership meeting if you would like to be a part of this ministry. If you are not familiar with ALPHA, the course is geared towards the unchurched or those very new to attending church. If you are interested in volunteering to be a leader for this study, plan to attend this informational meeting to get any questions answered. RSVP to Kevin.austin@risensavioraz.org



**NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?
FACING A TOUGH TIME?
NEED A LISTENING EAR?
NEED SUPPORT?
YOU AREN'T ALONE.**

Contact the Church Office to speak with a Stephen Minister 480.895.6782.





Hooks and Needles Ministry

Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the SB Genesis Conf Rm
This Ministry is in need of donated yarn; four-ply, worsted yarn works best. Donations can be dropped off at the Church Office or in the Ministry Donation Cabinets in the either building. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. For more information contact Marion at 602.920.3319.



Welcome Party!

September 20 at 5:00 pm in the North Building.

If you are new or newer, or just curious about Risen Savior, we invite you to join us for a "Welcome Party" in your honor. The Welcome Party is an informal opportunity for us to get to know you and for you get to know us. During our time together you will have the opportunity to; enjoy appetizers, learn a little about who Risen Savior is and what we are all about, meet the team and others just like you or see how you can get involved and take your next step. We would love to have you join us for this fun night together. RSVP is not required, but any questions can be answered by emailing michelle.burcham@risensavioraz.org.



MARICOPA BIBLE STUDY: THE CHOSEN

This study meets every Monday in Maricopa City at 6:30 pm. RSVP to Linda 480.452.8980 to get the meeting location or to ask questions about how to attend.



Show Them Ways to Develop Their Faith...

Whether they have kids that can attend one of our youth ministries or just haven't taken a Bible Study in years, there are many ways to help your friend/neighbor develop further in their faith. Here are some ways to share RSLCS with your friends:

You can "Follow and "Like" the RS Facebook page @RSLCS. "Check-in" on Facebook when you attend church worship or any events here on campus. Share sermon clips on Instagram @RisenSaviorAZ you may have a friend who is looking for a church that sees one of these actions taken online and it encourages them to reach out to ask about Risen Savior.

Bring them to an event or a Bible Study that may be of interest to get them comfortable. Remember, everything is more engaging with a friend.



Let's meet up
at the
Welcome Center!



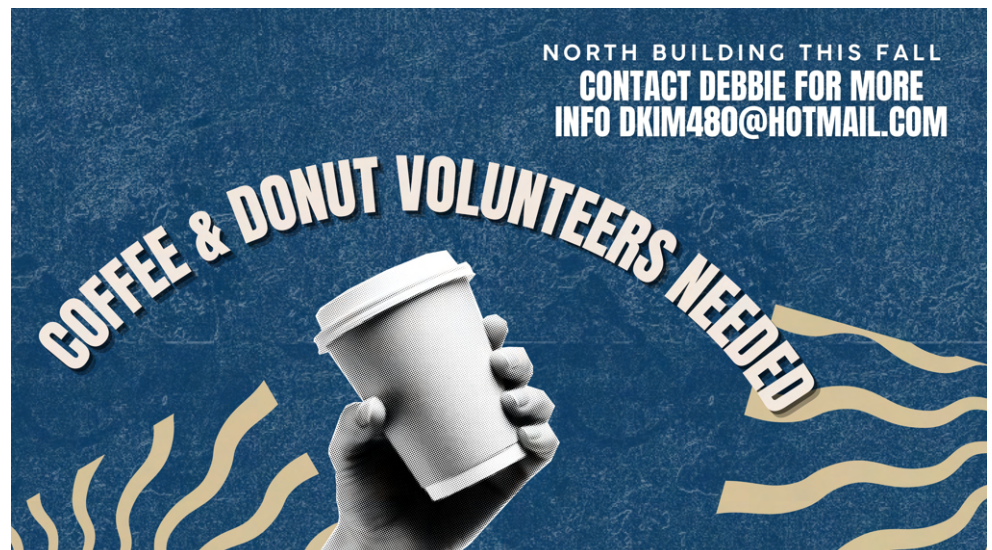
To listen to Lutheran Hour Ministries weekly program: Visit their website at lhm.org; Scroll down on the webpage to "This week on TLH", or to link "Listen Now" and enjoy daily devotions and the broadcast each week.

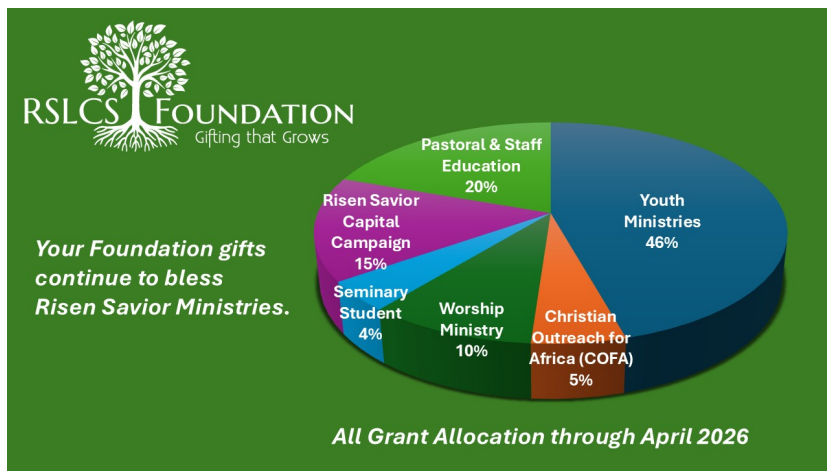
NORTH BUILDING COFFEE UPDATE

Due to a shortage of volunteers and some of our regular volunteers are unavailable over the summer, coffee and donuts will not be served until the fall. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, contact Debbie at dkim480@hotmail.com for more information.

Whatever is true,
whatever is noble,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable —
if anything is excellent or
praiseworthy—think about
such things

Philippians 4:8





What are Stephen Ministers? How Can They Help You?

Are you going through a tough time? Stephen Ministers are members of the congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis, or going through tough times. The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. Contact the Church Office at info@risensavioraz.org for more information.

LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

Thursdays at 6:00 am at the South Building Patio.

This ministry meets weekly for fellowship and to care for the church campus grounds and landscaping needs. Contact Chuck for more information on how to be a part of this ministry at cmdeuth1@gmail.com.

A flower chart binder is available in both buildings at the Welcome Centers. Select an open date to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Cost is \$50.00.

Visitation Ministry

This work is done by lay members who offer care and encouragement through personal visits. These volunteers provide a listening ear, prayer, companionship, and spiritual support to those who may be homebound, hospitalized, grieving, or otherwise in need. Their presence helps extend the love of Christ and the care of the congregation beyond the walls of the church. Some of those who help in this ministry offer communion during their visits. Contact the Church Office if you would like to schedule a visit.



Piece Maker Quilter's Ministry

Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.

Do you realize we are halfway through the year 2026?

The Quilt Sale will be here before you know it! Yes, I am getting ahead of myself.

In the meantime, we quilters soldier on, still meeting in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday, tying, cutting ironing, pinning, and measuring... We have been SOOOOO blessed by many donated items: fabric, sheets, and amazing, already assembled quilt tops! (We actually have a MYSTERY quilt top donator who sneaks quilt tops into our special cabinet just off the Narthex. Thank you, dear friend!)

We invite all who enjoy fellowship with Christian women, those who can iron, cut, measure and pin. Some of us even use a sewing machine! But, you don't have to. If you have questions, call Dottie Mitchell 480.759.0977 or Gail Solway 805.404.7604.



Every Gift Matters

As passionate followers of Jesus, and stewards of earthly God-given gifts and blessings, prayerfully consider an annual gift, or legacy gifting to Risen Savior Foundation. All gifts help us expand Christian education and ministry projects in God's Kingdom. Your gifts have blessed, and continue to bless, Risen Savior Ministries. If you have questions or would like to speak with a Foundation Board Member, contact foundation@risensavioraz.org.

FINANCIALS

Financials are published in the Newsletter on a quarterly basis. If you desire to see the monthly summary, please contact Susan Mello at susan.mello@risensavioraz.org and the summary can be emailed to you.



Ways to Give:

- *Text to Give 77977*
Text Risen Savior to the number and follow the instructions.
- *Via our website RisenSaviorAZ.org/Give*
- *Mail a check to the Admin Building*
23914 S. Alma School Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85248

Thank you for your generosity!



Everyday Disciple

Begins August 4 at 9:30 am & 7:00 pm in the North Building Discipleship Room.

Why study discipleship? What is a disciple? Is this even a relevant word or topic for the church today? At the heart of the Great Commission is God's call to make disciples. Disciples are not just the spiritually elite but, each and every person who is a follower of Jesus. God's calling to discipleship is not reserved for just one day of the week or one area of our lives but, encompasses the entirety of our lives.

In Everyday Disciple, we will explore a biblical understanding of discipleship and how God's call to discipleship shapes the way that we go about living our everyday lives. Email Kevin.austin@risensavioraz.org with any questions. Use the QR code to sign-up today!





His Story, Our Story

Begins September 10 at 9:30 am &

7:00 pm in the North Building Discipleship Rm.

Stories are powerful tools that have the power to transport us into different worlds and to give unparalleled insight into the human experience. Stories powerfully communicate truth and challenge our preconceptions.

As we open the Bible, we are invited into not just a book but a story. This isn't just any story but God's story. It's the story of God creating everything there ever was or is. God's creation was good until that which was good chose evil and forever changed the story. From that point on what we see is the story of God's relentless love that would stop at nothing to recover that which was lost and make us his own.

God's story is not just His Story, for we are a part of it. Within this greater story, each of us has our own unique story. As we seek to understand the story of our lives, we see how God has been at work every step of the way to guide and shape us. In His Story, Our Story, we will discover how to see God's Story as a part of our Story and then share that story with those around us. This a 5-week course, written by Pastor Kevin, for those who desire to walk deeper in their faith and learn how to tell their story, to encourage others to walk in faith. A free workbook is included.

Baptism at Risen Savior

If you or someone you know is interested in getting more information on being baptized, contact the Church Office at 480.895.6782 or scan the QR code to complete a short form.



Men's Early Bird Bible Study *July 11 & 25*

**This Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays
each month at 7:30 am**

in the North Building Multi-Use Room.

Doors open at 7:00 am for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend or fellow member, all men are welcome. Contact Chuck at 480.766.3626 with any questions.



REQUEST A PASTOR VISIT/PRAYERS

* To have someone pray with you by phone, in-person or to submit a prayer request email info@risensavioraz.org (add prayers to the subject line). Prayers remain on the list unless an update is provided.

*To notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization, please email info@risensavioraz.org and include the facility and contact number.

*After hours that need a timely response from a Pastor, please call 480.895.6782 ext. 120 and leave your name and phone number.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 9:15 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.

Join us each Sunday as we gather to study the Bible. Each week's study is individual, so join us at any time. All adults are welcome!



LWML summer meetings will vary in locations and times, be sure to check out News & Notes for details.

LWML Mission Grant Update

\$100,000 for Lutheran Hour Ministries for Gospel Outreach through the DIGITAL Mission Field: Digital resources and social media platforms; websites, blogs, podcasts, and online communities reach people from all walks of life. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) have digital resources that are geared for people of all ages, including children and youth. Families and individuals are able to benefit from these resources, which enable LHM to connect with people that have never entered a church building. People receive hope, comfort, and guidance in the Gospel through the sharing of a Scripture reading or hearing an uplifting message.



Join a Conversation!

This study is a series of group conversations that explore Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

ALPHA Study - Do You Know Someone Who Has Questions?

Study Begins September 16 at 6:30 pm in the NB.

Do you know someone who has "Big" questions about church and God? *Who is Jesus? Why and how do I pray?* This course is geared towards the unchurched or VERY new to attending church. Be sure to invite that ONE person we all know who asks these types of questions by using this article as an invitation or use the QR code for more information. Dinner is included with an RSVP. Email kevin.austin@risensavioraz.org with any questions.



Prayer Warriors

Prayer Focus

Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the SB Proverbs Conf. Room.

If you have a passion for speaking to the Lord in prayer or lifting up those in need, join us every Wednesday! Contact Joan at mandjscott@cox.net with any questions. This ministry prepares a Prayer Focus that all the congregation is invited to partake in. It's a weekly prayer for a specific topic, all you do is add this prayer to your regular prayer time! The Prayer Focus for each week for this month is:

July 5 - Pray for those who are homeless that God will protect them and provide for them. And ask the Lord to show each of us how we can support and help, especially when they suffer in Arizona's summer heat. Isaiah 25: 4, Psalm 9:9-10, Galatians 6:9, Matthew 25:35-4

July 12 - As you seek the Holy Spirit's guidance, pray for students, teachers, staff and bus drivers as they return to their respective schools, as well as for the homeschooled. Proverbs 1:2-7, Psalm 91:10-12

July 19 - Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead the delegates at the LCMS Convention to focus on the theme "Christ has Risen Indeed" and to foster His desires for repentance, unity, and humility. 1 John 1:9, Ephesians 4:3-4, Philippians 2:2-4

July 26 - Let us be thankful for the digital connectivity we are enjoying. We pray that the Lord will always guide us to use social media wisely for good purposes, while being very alert about its potential risks. Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 3:7

Youth & Teen Information

Contact Jill with any questions regarding our youth groups at Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org.



Inspire Kids Club
(Ages 3 yrs-Grade 6)
NO meeting 7/5
Sundays at 9:30 am in the
North Building Youth Rooms.
Look for the Sign-in table.

NURSERY

(Age 3 and under)

Available on Sundays during the 9:30 am service
in the North Building Nursery.



Preschool-Kindergarden & Inspire-The quest for God's kingdom begins with knowing the King, Jesus. When we choose to follow Jesus and learn to know Him more, we are given the amazing mission of helping to grow God's kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit. It can start with the smallest thing—one choice, a kind word, an offer of help—and grow into something far bigger and more amazing than we can imagine. But seeking God's kingdom and inviting others to be a part of it is more valuable than anything else that we can ever own or achieve or be. God has invited us on the amazing adventure of partnering with Him to bring the kingdom now, where we live, until the time when God makes everything right and brings the kingdom fully.

Move Up Day & Backpack Blessing!

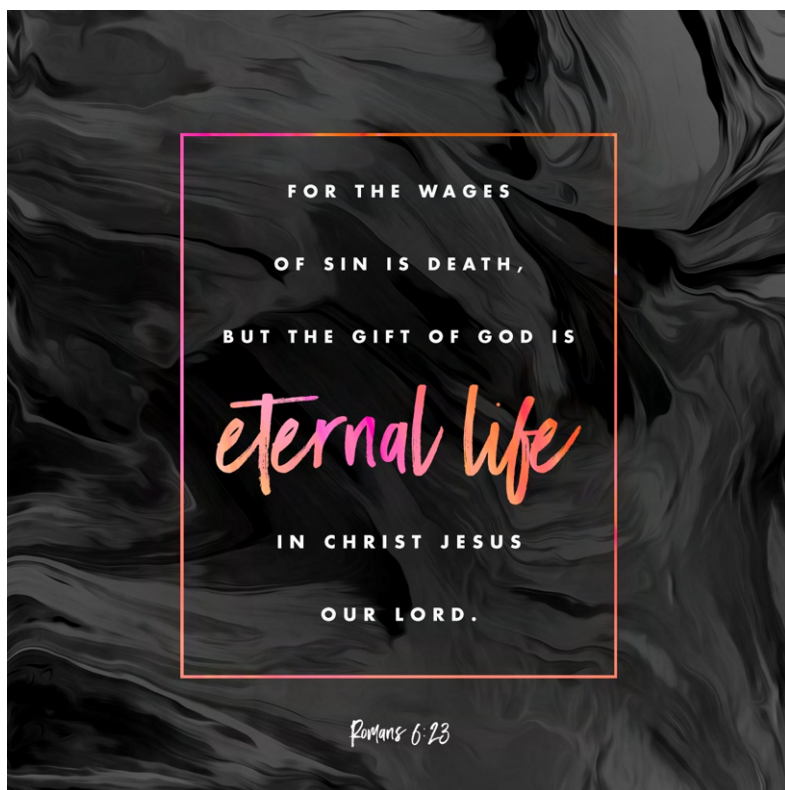
SUNDAY JULY 12
at the beginning of the
9:30 am service

All children are encouraged to bring their school backpacks to church to receive a special blessing in worship before heading to their Inspire Classrooms.

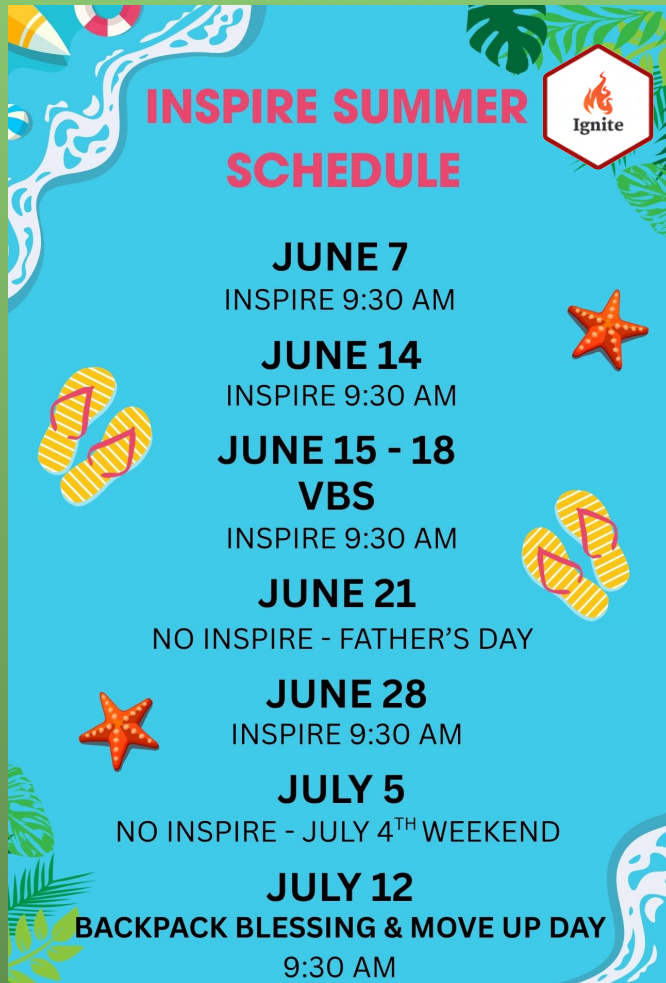


SUNDAY, JULY 12
MOVE UP
SUNDAY

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Youth & Teen Information



INSPIRE SUMMER SCHEDULE

JUNE 7
INSPIRE 9:30 AM

JUNE 14
INSPIRE 9:30 AM

JUNE 15 - 18
VBS
INSPIRE 9:30 AM

JUNE 21
NO INSPIRE - FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 28
INSPIRE 9:30 AM

JULY 5
NO INSPIRE - JULY 4TH WEEKEND

JULY 12
BACKPACK BLESSING & MOVE UP DAY
9:30 AM

Ignite logo



Ignite & Impact SUMMER SCHEDULE

May 17
Last Regular Meeting
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm

June 15 - 18
VBS
9 am - 12 pm

June 7
Fun Event
More info coming soon!

July 12
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm

Impact logo



ACSTO exists to give all kids the opportunity to attend a private Christian School. We have the privilege of being able to do this by transforming tax credit donations into valuable tuition scholarships—helping families afford a private Christian Education. Contact the Early Childhood Center for more information 480.802.1505 or visit ACSTO.org for more details.



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