



PASTOR
TOMMY
BARNETT

Tommy Barnett is the Senior Pastor of one of the fastest growing churches in America, Phoenix First Assembly of God, in Phoenix, Arizona. The church is known as The Church with a Heart, because of its 260+ outreach ministries.

With an average weekly attendance of over 17,000, Phoenix First is a soulwinning church, committed to reaching the city, country, and world for God. The Church moved into a multi-million-dollar complex in 1985, occupying 75 acres on Shadow Mountain. The first building constructed was the 6,500-seat auditorium, one of the largest sanctuaries in America. Next came three additional buildings -- administration, education, and gymnasium. Completed in 2001 is the exciting SMALL WORLD VILLAGE. This state of the art facility is 33,800 square feet of early childhood education. Thirty classrooms are used for a variety of church services and ministry activities. It showcases innovative use of materials, light and space. Two other buildings have been completed in recent years. One is the world-class YOUTH MINISTRY PAVILION! It has been designed to serve as a "magnet" for thousands of local teenagers – one of the most critical "mission fields" of our community. Also – CITY LITES CHILDREN'S COMPLEX, this beautiful ultra-modern all-glass facility not only serves as a children's church facility, but also for weddings and other events. The newest building - the PRAYER PAVILION of LIGHT was completed February, 2007 This all glass building is positioned at a high point on the campus, and is accessed by a long meditative path. Envisioned as a 'lantern on a hill', it is a 'glass box' chapel surrounded by grounds filled with trees and plants and also has a reflection pool, burning flame, 50 foot steel cross, monumental cast-bronze doors artistically inscribed with the Lord's Prayer, and a beautiful view of the city. At night the glass pavilion is transformed by hues of color and shade, a glowing, unique and fascinating environment created by each color shift. Truly an inspirational Place of Prayer!

On many occasions, attendance at special services has soared including an outdoor event of 25,000. Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday in multiple services has reached over 150,000.

Phoenix First Assembly is noted nationwide for several outstanding assets introduced by Pastor Barnett:

- Spectacular events at Easter, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- A great soulwinning Bus Ministry.
- Trained soulwinners.
- Strong discipleship training.
- Hundreds of lay people overseeing the follow-up and care of attendees, visitors, and new converts.
- Reaching out to the homeless and hurting with the founding of the LA Dream Center in 1994, in 2006 the Phoenix Dream Center, and once again the New York Dream Center opened in August 2008!

These assets have contributed to the impressive growth of First Assembly under Pastor Barnett's leadership. When the Church called him as pastor in December 1979, the average attendance was 250. Within three weeks, a Christmas rally drew 2,700. Attendance in 1980 climbed to 4,800 at Easter, over 6,500 at Thanksgiving, and over 8,000 at Christmas.