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# Getting Ready For Network Conference

We are looking with great anticipation to our 2023 Network Conference and hope you are doing the same. We are praying for an impactful few hours in two days that will bring challenge, fresh vision, and determination in fulfilling our calling to seek and save those who are lost.



We are bringing together a line-up of speakers that are in the trenches and seeing God do great things. **Pastors Travis and Brittany Jones** come to us from Richmond, VA, and represent the growing church they pastor, Motivation Church. Pastor Travis also serves as a Director for the Church Multiplication Network and has been a featured speaker at CMN gatherings. Brittany has a personal testimony of her own trials and triumphs and God's redemption in the midst of brokenness. We are so appreciative of their willingness to come and bless our conference this year and believe the value of having pastors minister to us is crucial in this hour of great spiritual awakening across our nation.

Also coming to bless us is Pastor Mike Santiago from Focus Church in North Carolina. Mike, along with his wife Ashton, plus three kids in diapers, all moved to North Carolina to plant Focus Church. Since then, they've seen God do countless miracles as the church has grown to multiple locations with over 1,000 in attendance. Mike is passionate about preaching God's word, planting more churches as an advocate for the Church Multiplication Network, and helping churches break growth barriers through his resource [break200.com](http://break200.com). Pastor Mike's ministry background spans across three generations of Assemblies of God ministry, and a legacy continues to be built as his entire family is involved in ministry.



We will be blessed with three of 'our own' who will have 10 minutes to share their heart in sermon. Our host pastor, Ryan Visconti, our Assistant to Griffin McGrath and ministry to Youth and Young Adults, Monica Hortiales, and former Youth Alive Director for our network and now on staff at Radiant Church, Christian Chambliss. We believe each will have a word from the Lord for you. We will also be blessed with Generation Church Worship team, Aaron Sevigny leading the worship team.

We will rejoice with 18 Ordination candidates on Tuesday evening in the 7:00 PM service. I will be privileged once again to minister the Word in this service. We will be honoring our 50 Years of Ordination recipient, as well as those newly credentialed candidates for Certified level and those receiving their ministerial License.

We have business to conduct on Monday morning beginning at 10:00 AM. Included in the business is the election of the following: Central Area Executive Presbyter, the office of Assistant Superintendent and this year, we will elect one ordained female minister whose name will be advanced to serve as additional representative as a nonresident executive presbyter on the national level.

Concentrated times of prayer and space for fellowship makes this an event we want every pastor to experience if at all possible. If you have not done so, please go online to [azag.org](http://azag.org) and register today for conference. Secure your hotel, and plan to be with us. We are covering this time in prayer and ask that you join us in praying for a sovereign move of God as we gather for Conference 2023.



*Sincerely,*  
**Pastor Harris and Marjorie**

## Around the Network



Teen Challenge of Arizona presented a check for \$25,000 towards the Botswana Project. This is very unusual in that a non-profit organization would set a goal to give towards another missions' project. We humbly received the check presented by Jim Moyer, Director over the Blessingdales Thrift Stores of Teen Challenge and Jeff Richards, along with State Director, Snow Peabody. This beautiful check actually put our goal over the top for Botswana! What a blessing and special thanks to Snow and his team for their vision and generosity!



# Network Conference

**April 17**  
MONDAY

**April 18**  
TUESDAY

Generation Church | Mesa, AZ

## SCHEDULE

### **Monday - Business Day**

8:30 a.m. Registration Opens  
10:00 a.m. Business session  
11:30 a.m. Lunch break (on own)  
1:00 p.m. Business session  
2:00 p.m. General session  
3:00 p.m. General session  
4:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner Break (on own)  
7:00-9:00 p.m. General session

### **Tuesday - Ministry Day**

9:00 a.m. Intro/Worship  
9:30 a.m. General session  
11:30 a.m. Lunch break (lunch provided)  
1:00 p.m. General session  
2:00 p.m. Less than 10  
2:30 p.m. General session  
4:00 p.m. Dinner break  
7:00 p.m. Ordination Service - Pastor Stephen Harris

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REGISTER [HERE](#)



# Praying for Our Missionary Kids

Arizona Ministry Network family, we pray that this update finds you growing in the grace of God. Recently, Sue and I, along with Pastor Steve, had the privilege of attending the combined "Missions Connect" in San Antonio. It was a wonderful time of gathering with the Executive Leadership of our AGWM and AGUSM departments and we came away both CHALLENGED and BURDENED.

The CHALLENGE remains: We must prioritize all missions' endeavors, both home and abroad! 2 Cor. 2:15 instructs us to be a "pleasing aroma" to all the world. Like Christ on the Earth and the Holy Spirit in the Church, our presence not only brings encouragement to followers of Christ but attracts those who do not yet follow Him. Christ calls us and the Holy Spirit empowers us to live and minister among the whole world. In this way, we can be "Christ Among Us" to those who need Him. My challenge to you today: Make missions a priority!

And then the BURDEN, very much like yours, Pastor, is for the generation following behind. Regardless of where they serve in the world, missionary families say the same thing – their children are a special blessing and a big part of their work. Children matter to the expansion of the Kingdom, which is why they are a target of the enemy.

Beloved, hear my heart. The enemy's attack on the families of missionaries has escalated and many find themselves in a battle for the souls of their children. Eternity is at stake, and we must pray as never before.

This month, we are calling you to pray for the children, teens, and young adults of all our missionaries. These are the ones living and serving on the frontlines of the expansion of the Kingdom of Light into dark places. Yes, it's a privilege, but it also means that they are targets for the enemy and therefore worthy of special prayer coverage.

## Here are a few things you can ask the Lord for on behalf of our missionary kids (MKs):

- Pray that they learn to trust in Jesus for themselves. A MK's greatest need is Jesus so pray that they will make that personal commitment for themselves.
- Pray for spiritual growth – that they'd put Jesus first, will be growing in their love for the Lord and be assured that Christ is with them in all circumstances.
- Pray for good relationships. Pray for honest and joyful relationships with their parents, for close friendships between siblings, and for them to make friends locally. Pray that relationships with friends and family back in the USA would be sustained, despite the distance.
- Pray for cultural adjustment. MK's face the challenge of not quite 'belonging' anywhere so pray that they will cope well with being different to their peers and that they'd appreciate their unique experiences.
- Pray for safety. Life can be unsafe living overseas: natural disasters, unstable governments, hazardous travel, pollution, inadequate medical care, foreign illnesses. Pray that the Lord would keep them safe and, if crisis hits, they will keep trusting that God is in control.
- Pray for transitions. MK's often have to cope with constant change, lots of goodbyes and moving often. Pray that they'd trust in God during transitions and be able to adjust quickly to new environments.
- Pray for sexual purity. MK's are also assaulted with the endless lies and confusion of the enemy's agenda to distort biblical sexual purity. Missionary families are being torn apart and the spiritual future of their sons and daughters is at stake. Pray for the protection of the Blood of Jesus over their minds, bodies and desires. Ask the Holy Spirit to help them understand they are created in God's image and that His plans for their lives is for good, to give them a future and a hope.

Thank you, Network family, for joining us in prayer for all our Arizona MK's. What a privilege to lift our prayers together with Jesus, the Great High Priest as He intercedes for these precious souls. May the Lord hear and respond to the prayers on behalf of His children!

**Ron Rockwell**  
Assistant Superintendent





# ATTRIBUTES OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

The concept of a healthy church is one that has been discussed and debated for centuries. What makes a church healthy? How can we recognize a healthy church when we see one? These questions are important to consider, especially for those who are seeking a church home or are involved in church leadership. In this article, we will explore six key attributes of a healthy church.



## 1. Strong Community.

A healthy church has a sense of community & fosters meaningful relationships between its members. This includes opportunities for fellowship, outreach, and support.

## 2. Sound Doctrine

A healthy church is rooted in sound biblical doctrine and teaches the Gospel accurately and faithfully. It also values theological education and encourages its members to grow in their knowledge of the faith.

## 3. Servant Leadership.

A healthy church is led by individuals who prioritize servant leadership and model Christ-like behavior. Leaders are humble, approachable, and seek to serve others rather than seeking power or recognition.



#### 4. *Worshipful Atmosphere.*

A healthy church creates an atmosphere of worship, where members are free to express their love for God and encounter His presence. Worship is focused on God and not on performance or entertainment.

#### 5. *Emphasis on Mission*

A healthy church is passionate about reaching out to the community and sharing the love of Christ. This includes evangelism, service, and supporting global missions. Members are encouraged to use their gifts and talents to advance the mission of the church.

#### 6. *Empowerment of the Holy Spirit.*

A healthy church recognizes the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church and its members. It seeks to cultivate an environment where individuals can be empowered by the Spirit to live out their faith and use their gifts for the benefit of the community.

Over the next 6 publications, we will take a closer look at each of these attributes and explore how they can be cultivated in a church setting. By understanding these key components of a healthy church, we can work towards creating a church community that reflects the love and grace of Christ and empowers its members to live out their faith.

# Note to Self...



## Live the Warrior/Shepherd Way

A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

Isaiah 42:3

I am focusing this series of monthly articles upon Dr. Lichi's teachings from our recent Network Tour. He graciously provided us his notes, as well as many other resources. I would strongly encourage you to go to our network website, under "resources" and find "2023 Network Tour" to download these materials.

Dr. Lichi's theme for much of the tour was, "The Way of the Warrior/Shepherd," emphasizing the contrast we all seek to fulfill in pastoral ministry: being tough minded like a warrior / tender hearted like a shepherd. He illustrated how each end of the spectrum reflects our Lord Jesus, who was warrior-like (i.e. in casting out the money changers from the temple), while tender-hearted as He ministered to the brokenness that abounded. What a picture of the range of ministry the demands of pastoral work call us to! (Again, check out his teaching materials on this contrast.)

Pastor Ryan Visconti of Generation Church recently spoke of this same contrast, but in terms of the "prophetic" and "priestly" personalities reflected by many pastors. He aptly articulated the contrasts of the prophet's delivering of truth, confronting of sin, and discerning spirit versus the priestly care for people, compassionate heart and comforting ways. Once again, we see this contrast of roles and personalities pastors share. (I would strongly encourage you to download Pastor Ryan's Leadership podcast and listen to February 14, 2023).

My challenge to you is to consider this spectrum of personality and ministry style. All of us are gifted and lean to one or the other. My teaching of these gifts focuses on the seven “Motivational gifts” of Romans 12 and specifically the prophet versus the mercy gifts. Bottom-line the demands of pastoral ministry will at times require the prophetic-gifted pastor to be more merciful and the mercy-gifted pastor to be more prophetic in style. The Lord will provide us the grace to be that warrior/shepherd He has called us to be.

## Keys to being a faithful Warrior/Shepherd:

- Download the materials/podcasts mentioned and reflect on your ministry style.
- Discuss your personality/ministry gift with your spouse or a close friend and how it impacts your style of ministry.
- Reflect on ministry times that demand you to be more Warrior than Shepherd and vice versa.
- If you would like to discuss these thoughts, feel free to give me a call: 480-579-9998.



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Pastor Jeff**



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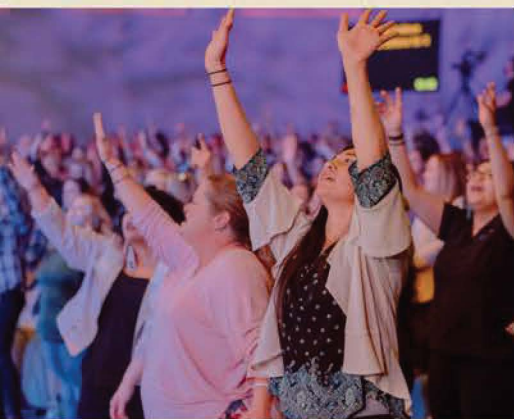
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# AZYM

ARIZONA YOUTH MINISTRIES

## REGIONAL TOUR 2023 RECAP!

Regional Tour 2023 is complete but our mission is just getting started. Over 750 students and leaders from many different churches attended six strategic locations throughout Arizona. Each night, our aim was to draw closer to Jesus and make room in our hearts for the Great Commission.

We are responding to the devastating earthquakes that hit Turkey and Syria, killing over 40,000 people and displacing over 5 million refugees from their homes. Speed the Light is partnering with Convoy of Hope to bring disaster relief to the victims and ultimately the gospel of peace through Jesus Christ.

Out of this message of living generously, 50 students responded to the call of God to be a missionary, many others to stand in the gap as intercessors, and over \$400,000 was promised in faith for Speed the Light in 2023. (If all of our 200+ churches gave \$2,000 this year, we would surpass this faith promise!) We had individual students make faith promises for \$800, \$5,000, and one student wrote \$21,100 on their faith promise card! This generation wants to live generously and sacrificially, no longer satisfied with the world's offerings. Our students are hungry for the real presence of God and are offering their lives to share Jesus with their friends, filling heaven!

The most inspiring stories from Regional Tour are the prophetic words students were hearing God speak. One student said, "God's grace is greater than any devastation." Another student said, "What is happening in Turkey and Syria is sad, but I believe God will be glorified and we will rebuild Turkey." In Yuma, one of our youth pastors shared a vision of a burning saguaro cactus, a desert on fire with God's Spirit.

A student in the same meeting said, "When I share Jesus with my friends, heaven rejoices."

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These are just a few of the things God is speaking to this generation, but it's clear that God is stirring up the hearts of sons and daughters and calling them into reap a great harvest of souls in these last days. Would you continue to pray with us that our churches and leaders will continue to fan into flame the gift of God and steward the move of His Spirit? Disciples are forged out of these moments of encountering God's presence. Let's make disciples while the iron is hot, and continue spreading the gospel like wildfire!



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-Yisrael





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Thankful!

For more information:  
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save the dates

## SPRING BANQUETS 2023

### LAKE HAVASU CITY

*to benefit Phoenix Teen Challenge*

**FRIDAY, March 3, 2023**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

London Bridge Resort

1477 Queens Bay, Lake Havasu City, AZ

### YUMA

*to benefit Tucson Teen Challenge*

**SATURDAY, March 4, 2023**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

Harvest Prep Academy

350 E 18th Street, Yuma, AZ

### SIERRA VISTA

*to benefit Tucson Teen Challenge*

**FRIDAY, March 10, 2023**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

Shiloh Christian Ministries

1519 Avenida del Sol, Sierra Vista, AZ

### CASA GRANDE

*to benefit Home of Hope*

**FRIDAY, March 17, 2023**

**SATURDAY, March 18, 2023**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

The Property

1251 W Gila Bend Hwy, Casa Grande, AZ

### FLAGSTAFF

*to benefit Christian Life Ranch*

**FRIDAY, April 14, 2023**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

High Country Conference Center

201 W Butler Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ

### PRESCOTT VALLEY

*to benefit Christian Life Ranch*

**FRIDAY, April 21, 2023**

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

Lifepointe Church

10100 E St Rt 69, Prescott Valley, AZ

Colossians 4:2

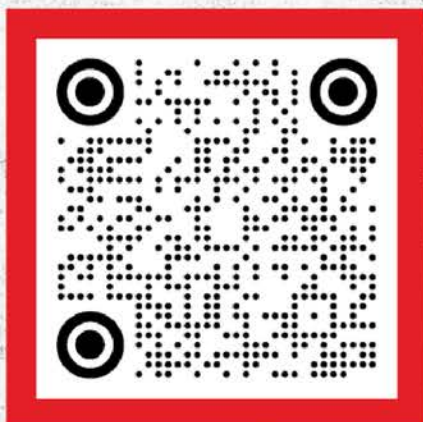


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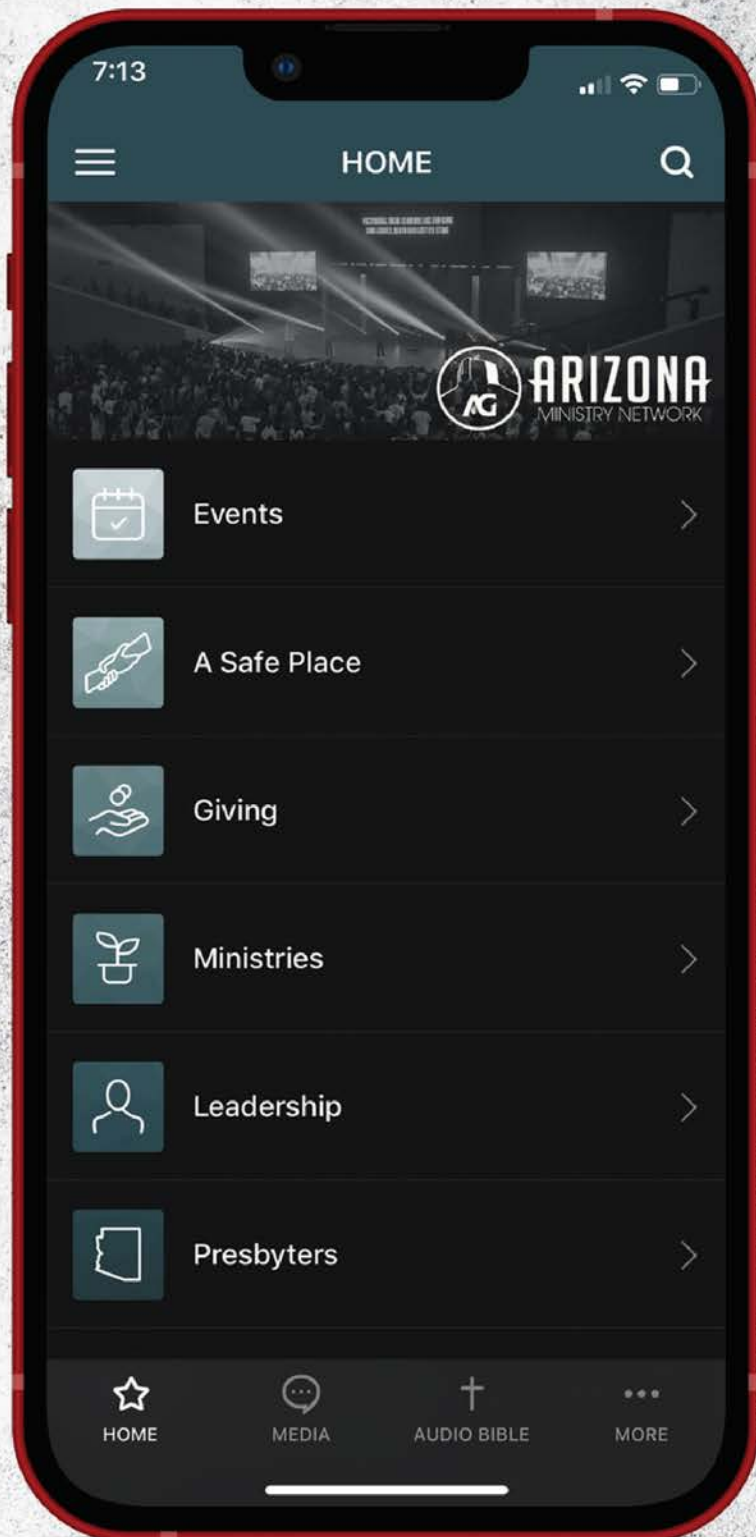


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# Network Information

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(Interim: Ron Burnett)

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(Interim: Isaac Todachine)

Page, First Assembly of God

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San Manuel, Assembly of God

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(Interim: Ron Kobs)

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Celeste Austin from South TX

Luis Guzman from South TX

Andrea Wheeler from Rocky Mountain

### TRANSFERRED OUT

Paul Guttke to New Mexico district

### DECEASED

Warren Fuller Jr on 2/12

Thank you for being a part of the  
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