

Arizona Hills Community Church

Alignment Document

The Dream (Vision): *What would Arizona Hills Community Church like to accomplish before Christ's return?*

Transformed People; Transformed Families; Transformed Community

The Arizona Hills Church dream is a transformed Anthem community and communities worldwide that reflect Jesus Christ through engaged Believers and restored Families.

Our primary customer: Christian families at all phases of life.

Theme Verse: *What verse uniquely captures the vision of the church?*

Romans 12:2 – Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Mission/Purpose: *What is the church called to do?*

The mission of Arizona Hills Community Church is to transform our congregation, our community and communities worldwide from the inside out.

We are called to be instruments of transformation – into the image of Jesus Christ – those communities where we minister. Those communities include; our own church body, through deepening their personal relationship with Christ; our Anthem community, by reflecting Christ through service; and select communities worldwide through the loving witness of our congregation and the missionaries we support to select communities worldwide.

Tagline: *Transforming community from the inside out*

Guiding Principles: *What values does the church hold that are inviolable?*

1. **Arizona Hills Church is committed to Jesus Christ.** (Col. 1:18) We follow Christ's lead in thought, word, and deed, corporately and individually.
2. **Arizona Hills Church is committed to Scripture.** (2 Tim. 3:16) We believe that Scripture is inspired by God and the blueprint for a practical, powerful, Christ-centered life.
3. **Arizona Hills Church is committed to Discipleship.** (1 Thes. 2:8) We believe that a mature relationship with Christ is developed through imparting the Gospel, pressed by invested believers, and then prayerfully and purposefully lived out.

4. **Arizona Hills Church is committed to Family.** (Jos. 24:15) We believe that family begins with marriage between one man and one woman for life, is an earthly reflection of the Triune God and as such, will reflect Christ's model of families at all phases of life
5. **Arizona Hills Church is committed to Community.** (1 Cor. 9:19) We believe that we are called to transform the Anthem community and communities worldwide with the Truth, in relevant ways, from the inside out.

Strategy: *The series of decisions made in the context of the Dream without contradicting Guiding Principles. Strategy is both long term "aspirational" with short term "reachable".*

Long Term Aspirational Strategy (established by the Elder Board):

1. **A Transformed Church** — Building a unified body of mature believers, for the glory and by the grace of God, through three key areas of transformation:
 - a. Bringing all congregants into saving and transformational relationships with Jesus Christ through the sustained preaching of the gospel.
 - b. Developing all congregants into disciples by creating avenues for continued spiritual transformation (i.e. bible study, prayer, fellowship, accountability, service, evangelism, etc.)
 - c. Challenging all congregants to live out their transformed lives through full submission to Christ in all aspects of life, including: World View (Ultimate Truth, Origination), Propriety (sexual deviance, intoxication, etc.), Societal Pressures (work life, politics, philosophy's of man), Family (divorce, sexual impurity, abortion) and Financial Management (tithing, debt, support of the body).
2. **A Transformed Community** — Serving our community, for the glory and by the grace of God, in order to bring others into transformational relationships with Jesus Christ, through three key strategies:
 - a. Equipping all congregants to be a witness for Christ through the exercising of their gifts.
 - b. Maximizing all resources to bring about the greatest transformation.
 - c. Seeking out opportunities where individual congregants can be immersed within community institutions (schools, community center, business, special services (fire, police, etc.), civic organizations (scouting, rotary, veterans, etc.) and other churches)
3. **A Transformed World** — Choosing, for the glory and by the grace of God, select communities worldwide to bring into transformational relationships with Jesus Christ, through:
 - a. Involving the congregation directly with select missionaries and/or organizations
 - b. Encouraging the congregation to adopt targeted communities through missions' trips, personal visits, prayer, and financial support among other things.

Short Term Practical Strategy (established by the Staff):

1. **Structure the AHCC staff into areas in alignment with our Church calling.** This includes: a Sr. Pastor; focusing on vision and message, an Administrative Pastor (COO); responsible for staff and administration, a Pastor of Discipleship; focusing on congregational spiritual development, and a Pastor of Outreach; focusing on community spiritual development through service. Missions – our focus on transforming select communities worldwide - shall be administered by a volunteer committee.