



2009 Annual Report

A RECAP OF GOD'S WORK THROUGH OUR CHURCH BODY IN THE LAST YEAR.

LOOKING BACK

■ **TEACHING:** Our Sunday morning teaching has been both deep and wide. *"Serving with Christ in our Community"* made some real differences Sunday morning and through small groups. Remember, our faith is not determined by what we do, it is demonstrated by what we do. *"Small Gift, BIG IMPACT"* was our December teaching series. Many of the events and prophecies concerning the first Christmas appeared to be little things, but turned into the greatest event of history...the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Also in December, we focused on *"Sharing the Good News"*. Good news becomes great joy when it becomes personal. We then launched into *"Missing Pieces"*, a book study of Colossians. Many people feel they have all the answers to life and particularly an accurate picture of God, without looking at the scriptures. This study revealed a beautiful and accurate picture of God through a verse by verse look at Colossians. *"TRANSFORMERS – 13 Men Who Changed the World"* was a study looking into the life of each of the disciples. Lastly, we have started our study through the book of Genesis. The first in this series is *"CREATION: Where It All Began"* Genesis 1 & 2

■ **MEMBERSHIP:** In 2009 we launched a strong initiative towards authentic church membership. Through the new

introduction class "Starting Point", approximately 120 people have committed to Arizona Hills Community Church.

■ **EFFECTIVE ADULT MINISTRY:** We've had many decisions for Christ with over 60 baptisms. Women's ministry included a variety of Bible studies, a Christmas dessert, movie nights, and Girl's Night Out events. Men's ministry included several Bible studies, a chili cook off, Father's Day essay contest, the annual Golf tournament and a fishing trip. Adult activities that had an impact in our community include participation in the National Day of Prayer (ministry center), volunteer support for BCHS Grad Night, a successful Blood Drive, a Job Strategies seminar, and a Backpack Drive for Teen Challenge. In addition, Holy Grounds Café had a Grand re-opening, the church hosted Financial Peace University (two times),

■ **MISSIONS:** In an effort to educate the congregation on the worldwide transformational efforts of the missionaries supported by Arizona Hills, over the summer we had a month of missionary visits in which they shared with us their impactful work. The year was also filled with India Trip fundraisers in the Anthem community.

■ **CHILDRENS AND YOUTH MINISTRY:** Our Children's & Youth ministry has had a banner year. In combining Vacation Bible School with Cross of Christ church

we were able to effectively reach and minister to over 500 children in one week. Base Camp and mid-week ministry has flourished seeing many growing children and youth. We are extremely thankful for ALL the incredible sacrifice of our teachers and helpers that make this possible! We've not slowed down a bit with Summer Camps, Moms & Kids Playgroups, Story Time and Craft Day, Adopt a College Student, and our Magic Mountain trip.

■ **CHURCH VISION:** The Elders and Pastors have worked diligently to bring our entire church in alignment under our Mission and Vision. This process answered these questions: *What would Arizona Hills Community Church like to accomplish before Christ's return?* Answer: A transformed Anthem community and communities worldwide that reflects Jesus Christ through engaged believers and restored families. *What verse uniquely captures the vision of Arizona Hills?* Answer: Romans 12:2 (NIV) "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." *What is the church called to do?* Answer: We are called to be instruments of transformation – into the image of Jesus Christ – in 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.

What values does the church hold that are inviolable? Answer: Arizona Hills Church is committed to Jesus Christ, Scripture, Discipleship, Family, and Community.

■ **STAYING ON TRACK:** The elders are in the process and have nearly completed *The Elder Board Policy Manual*, which gives the practical policies in which we function as a church. Both the *Vision and Mission* document and the Policy Manual are found posted on the church website, azhills.org.

LOOKING FORWARD

The Elders and the Pastors of AHCC are genuinely thrilled with the alignment of our church. Our strategy, our budget, and our ministries are all squarely united under our vision and mission. In keeping with that imperative, our team is working consistent with that alignment.

■ **COMMUNITY GROUPS:** This coming year we desire to establish a solid community groups ministry by developing a team of core leaders who, under the direction of the Executive Pastor, properly equip the leaders of community groups, develop a system for connecting adults into groups, and oversee community group multiplication.

■ **MEMBERSHIP EMPHASIS:** We seek to schedule a minimum of one membership class (Starting Point) every quarter. This class will help potential members understand our church's faith, structure and mission. A baptism will also be scheduled a minimum of once every

quarter as a follow up to the membership class.

■ **DEVELOP VOLUNTEERS:** Establish a process for assimilating church members into volunteer ministry positions.

Develop a class where members will understand the responsibility of serving in the church body, and discover their gifts for serving.

■ **SUNDAY MORNINGS:** We seek to create a positive church experience on Sunday mornings for our congregants and visitors. We seek to have all the ministries that operate on Sunday mornings function under the mission of our church. Regular meetings with ministry heads will be held to that end. The Executive Pastor will be responsible for these meetings and the overall production of Sunday morning. The teaching/preaching of Arizona Hills Community Church will be straight from the Scriptures, relevant, and focused on life transformation. A calendared annual plan of the teaching/preaching series will be developed and carried out for the year.

■ **NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY:** Our Next Generation ministry will produce a written plan of teaching/curriculum for all age groups that is progressively growing kids spiritually and is appropriate to their age. Also, to develop a teacher application and development process to ensure quality adult leaders for Next generations ministries. Finally, to produce an annual calendar of all regular programs and special events for all age levels accessible in different forms for church staff and congregation.

Thank you for your faithfulness and prayers. Philippians 1:3-4