

ALLIANCE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Pastor's Corner

What is one attribute that is missing in our society? If you could boil it down to just one, what would it be?

There are about nine categories that attributes could be divided in. Grit, Drive, Mental Acuity, Commitment, Vision, Social Intelligence, Service, Teamability, and Leadership.

Grit is all about things like courage and resilience, whereas drive is about discipline and competitiveness. Mental acuity is about discernment and awareness, while commitment is about confidence and tenacity. Vision is about creativity and cunning, whereas social intelligence is about charisma and influence. Service is about caring and compassion, while teamability is about integrity and collaboration. Finally leadership is about accountability and decisiveness. There are many more attributes, with some saying there are over 500. So what is our society missing.

Maybe the question itself begins at the wrong point. Maybe it's not what society is missing, but what the Church is missing. Societies ebb and flow, rise and fall all the time, but as disciples of Christ, we are called to eternal things.

“Jesus calls us to his rest, and meekness is His method. The meek man cares not at all who is greater than he, for he has long ago decided that the esteem of the world is not worth the effort.”
- A. W. Tozer



Most of what the world desires in attributes fall to the wayside in the presence of the Eternal. No amount of competitiveness will breach the gap, nor would any charisma. In fact there is only one attribute given to humanity that can be done on our part, that's humility. Being humble is not simply one attribute of the Christian, it is the attribute on which all others are built upon. And it is the one attribute through which we receive God's gift of salvation.

The prideful person sees no need, and so builds all other attributes upon this one. The humble one accepts their position and receives what they have not and cannot earn.

Beloved of God, we are called to humility. The Church was built upon the humbleness of God himself, who took himself to the cross that he may gain us. The Church is in need of humble disciples. The world is in need of humble Christ followers. The word of God declares, **“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you ... (1 Peter 5:6)”** May the Holy Spirit empower each of us that we may be known as the humbled ones, and through it Christ may be glorified. AMEN!

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[A Note From the Youth](#)

Hello Arise family,

I pray that you are all doing well. Even through the storms and trials of life, I hope that you are keeping your eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ. I wanted to give you a praise report and review of this past season with the Youth Group. It has been miraculous in so many ways.

Back in March, we went to a Winter Camp where the teens got to be around many other youth groups from many other churches. They got to eat together, fellowship together, play games together, worship together, and hear great messages throughout. I saw teens break out of their shells, a shell they had remained in for so long due to past hurt. We saw breakthroughs, healings from emotional hurt, and so much more. We already have teens asking when the next camp is.



We have had phenomenal success at our Friday Wreck Nights as well as our Sunday mornings. The teens have grown tremendously. They are engaging, asking questions, and growing.

In June, we had two weeks of prep for the In-Town

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Cabin being built at
AZ Eagle Creek Retreat

Missions trip. Though it is never going to be perfect, we saw so many get involved and serve our community. They served at the Church, Food Banks, Thrift Stores, Salvation Army, and at the homes of community members. It was a tiring three weeks, but the fruit of it all will last for decades if not generations. We could've never got it done without such a great team of volunteers and leaders. There were

people dedicated to pouring into the little ones and teens. There was also such great help in making sure we had everything we needed to make this a special week.

In July, we went to Arizona Eagle Creek Retreat for our Out-of-Town trip. The teens got to be involved in building a future ministry that will reach many youths one day. They were able to come alongside the leaders and vice versa to be the early foundational pieces of something very special. It was a week filled with great joy, great trials, and even greater grace, which is everything you would expect from a mission of God.

We have had a month of winding down before the busy season ahead. Next month, I will send out an update that will give a vision of things to come through this wonderful ministry. Thank you for all of your continued support and prayers. Please continue to pray for us all. Candice, Karl, and myself thank you.

With Love, For His Glory,
Tony Ajhar



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- Our Country, our President, our National, State, and Local Representatives, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Medical,

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& Military.

- The Church worldwide and persecuted Christians.
- Wars in Israel, Ukraine, and fighting in Africa. Pray for peace.
- Continue to pray for Milo's tumor, it has stayed the same.
- Pray for Codey, he is out of the hospital and walking with crutches.
- Megan who's doctors cannot find her root of illness.
- Brad and his heart.
- Praise Angel and Joey are doing better, but still need prayer.
- Shirley and her continued cancer battle.
- Yaokum Family going through hardships.
- Baby Girl's family situation.
- Southern Baptist Congregation as they look for a new pastor.
- Randy and Gallbladder.
- Pastor Tony and Gallbladder.
- PRAISE, Linda's foot is recovering.
- David and pancreas.
- NY family and the loss of their son.
- Family who's struggling with their kids.
- Sally receiving hospice seeking to stabilize her.
- Steve Fisher passed away, pray for Linda & the family.
- The Town of Noxon with burned business.
- John and his cancer.
- Doug Haskins (Navajo missionary), continued improvement.
- William and his cancer.
- People to come to know Jesus through everything going on.
- Praise God for the healing of Mike, be



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Pizza Themed Potluck

in pray for a home for him and Elaine.

- Margaret and her knee

Finally, please send in prayer requests through email or Postal.

Also, sign up for our Prayer Tree by calling Ken at (480) 501-1209

Looking Towards the Future

It has been two years since I first came to the members of the church and then to the congregation that I was planning on stepping down as Lead Pastor to move to Eastern Arizona to help establish a camp. When that announcement was made the plan was to hire an Associate Pastor to prepare to take my position. Afterwards we hire Pastor Tony and we have been working towards that goal.

In the last month, several people have approached me under the impression that I will be leaving soon. As I stated in that first announcement, and reiterated since then, our plan was to have a three year transition. In June of this year, we have completed the first year. That means, we have another two years to go. Therefore I do not plan to just up and leave (I would hope to have a big party prior to that). So, please, if someone mentions how Jeremiah will be leaving soon, you can correct them by saying, yes in two years. If all things continue to work as planned, we all know that God laughs at the plans of man, my final preaching Sunday will be May 17 or 24, 2026.

Until that day, I am content in where I am. I love you as the congregation God has graciously allowed me to serve for the past 17 years, and though I am excited on what we'll do, and am also not looking forward to the day I leave. So please, let us not worry about that day, but instead rejoice in the Lord as we are only guaranteed today.

In Christ's Grip, Jeremiah



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