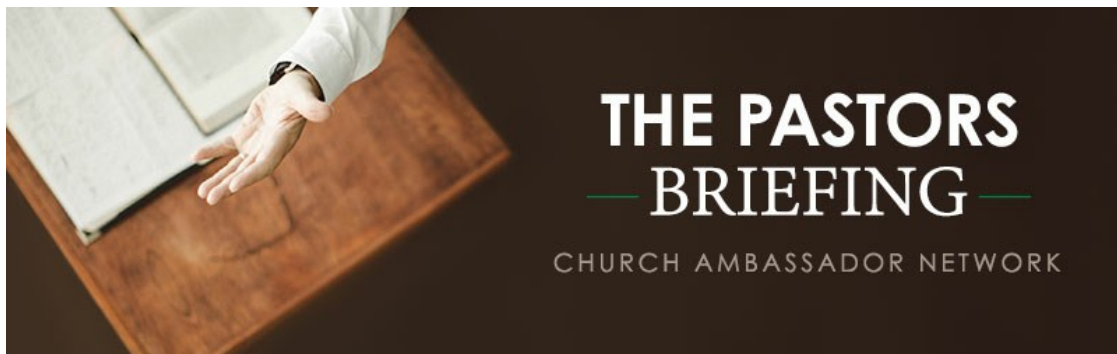




What if the Church had the solution to many of the social problems facing our communities? Spoiler alert: it does! **The Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel transforms lives, restores relationships, and brings hope to individuals, marriages, families, and communities. By strengthening marriages and families, the Church has an opportunity to address many social challenges **upstream**, before they become larger problems downstream.

The Church Ambassador Network has teamed up with [Communio](#), a ministry that helps churches strengthen marriages and families through Gospel-centered outreach. Communio works alongside local churches to identify relationship needs in their communities and develop effective ways to reach people who may not otherwise connect with a church.

[Communio](#) is more than a marriage curriculum. It helps churches use community research, digital outreach, and relationship-focused events, and it also helps ministry partnerships meet one of the greatest felt needs in our culture: **healthy relationships**. This creates meaningful opportunities to connect people with the local church, build authentic community, and share the hope of Jesus Christ.

Strengthening marriages can also help address many challenges downstream, including:

- Lower divorce rates
- Fewer children entering foster care
- The fatherlessness crisis
- Abortion and unplanned pregnancies
- Economic instability
- Declining birth rates

Marriage is also an important part of the Success Sequence:

1. Graduate from high school
2. Get married
3. Have children

While every person's circumstances are different, this sequence has been associated with greater family stability and opportunity. This conversation is especially important because young adults are marrying at lower rates and often waiting until their thirties to do so. Many are navigating relationships without strong examples of healthy, lifelong commitment.

The Church must address these challenges not only by responding to brokenness downstream, but by bringing the hope and truth of the Gospel upstream. Healthy marriages strengthen families. Strong families strengthen communities. **And the Gospel changes everything.**

I welcome the opportunity to meet with you for an hour for a Zoom or in-person meeting so we can introduce you to Communio and share how this ministry could help your church strengthen marriages and families in your community. If your goal is to see your church make a greater impact in your community, this conversation will be time well spent.

Please contact me at kweaver@pafamily.org to learn more or schedule a conversation.

In Christ,



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P.S. Join us in Harrisburg on Monday, September 21st for the PA March for Life! [Click here for more information and to RSVP or volunteer!](#)



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