RLRI Southwest 2027 Program Summary – Arizona

Friday Evening March 19

CVM Hosts **Midwestern & Arizona CVFs & Nancy Krutzsch/Curtiss Gibbs of CVM**

Welcome & Check-In 6:00pm

Dinner 6:30pm

Roundtable Groups 7:00pm

Evening Message 8:00pm

"What Does the Bible Say About Animals & What Does That Mean For Us?" Curtiss Gibbs
Scripture has much to say about animals – but it's not always straightforward. We'll unpack some of the verses in the Bible that refer to animals, what these may mean, and how they apply to vet med

Worship/Prayer 9:00pm

Saturday March 20

Devotional 9:30am **Devotional**

Session One 9:00am
"Prescription for the Veterinary Mind:
Rewiring How We Think, Serve, and Thrive in Vet Med" Dr. Lauren Griggs
Veterinary medicine challenges more than our clinical skills – it shapes how we think, respond to adversity, and understand our identity and purpose. Drawing on neuroscience, practical strategies for reshaping though patterns, and biblical principles of the renewing the mind, this lecture will explore how future veterinarians can cultivate resilience, strengthen their sense of calling, and build a sustainable, purpose-filled life of service.

Session Two 10:00am

"Overcoming Obstacles and Anxiety" Dr. Jordan Clark
Do you ever feel stuck in the middle of a trial not quite sure what your next step should be? Life in veterinary medicine and ministry can seem daunting alone. The wonderful Good News is we are not

alone and Jesus has given us several tools that He uses to pull us out of those tough spots. Dr. Jordan will cover several different ways God has encouraged her through some of the toughest times in her life the past couple of years through finishing vet school and jumping into life as a new grad vet in a new place.

"Workplace Ministry Field" **Dr. Madison Seamans**
How to be a Christian, a veterinarian, and an evangelist in a fallen world. Hey! You squeezed your four years of college into at least eight, so this really shouldn't be all that hard…maybe…

Lunch 12:00pm

Session Three 1:00pm
"By Whose Standards? Christ or Man?" **Dr. Bill Prevatt**

Table Talks 2:00PM

Kyle Martin, Jordan & Curtis Clark— *Serving Native American Tribes*
Patricia Obeid & Tony Martin—*What Makes a Great Vet Student*
Madison Seamans—*Working with Large Animals*
Bill Prevatt & Lauren Griggs—*Being Successful in Local Practice*

Session Four 4:00pm
Dr. Patricia Obeid

Session Five 5:00pm
"How to Biblically Respond When Trials Arise" **Dr. Kyle Martin**
We will all face trials in work and in life. But how do we respond to these trials when they inevitably arise? Let's unpack some Scripture to see how we may prepare now to respond Bibilcally when trails arise.

Dinner 6:00pm

Cowboy Poetry 7:00pm

Worship 7:20pm

Evening Message 7:45pm

"See To It" **Shane Rootes**
We live surrounded by need, yet somewhere we lost the question of what separates noticing something from being changed by it. In the way Jesus saw people (Matthew 9:36), we discover that Kingdom seeing has never been passive; it moves from "I see" to "I'll see to it," from observation to stewardship. In the clinic, the classroom, and the mission field, the invitation is the same: Onward, to Encourage, Love, and Do. We cannot unsee what we have truly seen; the only question is whether we will let it remake us.

Sunday March 21

Breakfast	9:00AM	At hotel
Church Service w/ host	10:00am	Calvary North Phoenix 14201 N. 32st, Phoenix, AZ

Goodbye until next year!

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