



## **Jeff Schadt Biography**

Jeff Schadt was born in Evanston, IL and raised in Arizona and Connecticut. He has a B.S.B.C. degree in Marketing from Northern Arizona University and a Masters degree in Biblical Leadership from Phoenix Seminary. For 4 years he served as campus staff with his wife, Deedee, for Campus Crusade for Christ at Oregon State University and Northern Arizona University.

Jeff gained extensive corporate experience from working in Sales & Marketing for TimeSystems, Franklin Covey, Management Development, Inc and later served as President and CEO of AppointmentZone, Inc. for 7 years. With the events of 9/11 affecting the national business markets, the company failed, leading Jeff to work at Phoenix Seminary while completing his degree.

During this time Jeff and Deedee had discovered the alarmingly high numbers of “lost sheep” (Christians who had left the church) on the college campuses and knew that something needed to be done to help youth transition into their post-high school years with their faith intact. He leveraged his experience in college ministry with his start-up company experience in the Spring of 2004 vision and assembling of Youth Transition Network (YTN), a national bridge between youth ministries and college, career and military ministries. YTN has grown from simply a vision to a reality of a more than 50 member coalition of national ministry leaders across the nation that offer some solutions to curb the loss: LiveAbove.com for students to find ministries, YouthTransitionNetwork.org for parents, leaders and supporters to find out how to help students, and Be Prepared training sessions (utilizing our DVD of current college student’s stories of their transition) to prepare and motivate youth to stay connected to their faith for life.

Jeff also serves as a licensed adjunct associate pastor at First Baptist Church of Tempe and lives with his wife and 3 children in Phoenix, AZ.