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Network Tour Recap



It hardly seems possible that Network Tour 2020 is complete! We made changes for this year's tour that resulted in meeting with two sections in one day. We chose to hold a morning session, and then driving to the next location and do the second session in the evening. This schedule, in the end result, proved a blessing to the team traveling simply because we were able to complete the state tour in two weeks. All of us maintain a heavy schedule and having the option of completing the tour in two weeks is appealing.

It is sincerely a joy to travel the 14 sections in our network, shake hands with pastors and leaders and have even a brief time to fellowship, eat together, and to hear what God is doing.

The voting for officers took place in the North Area of our state this year. The following presbyters were returned to office and will serve the next two years. Jeremy Peters for the North Central Section, Kathryn Pierce, for the Northeast Section, Richard Bush for the Canyon North Section, Bruce Rahlf for the Northwest Section, and our newly elected presbyter of the East Section is Travis Schroeder. I am personally so grateful for the willingness of these men and women to serve our network in this capacity.



Along with our team sharing quite a bit of information, Pastor Leigh Metcalf and Pastor Jeff Peterson inspired us in working to stay emotionally healthy and in turn, helping to make our churches healthy. Their teaching was valuable and my hope is that each one of you will do all you can do to stay emotionally healthy. The demand on pastors all over the nation has only increased in recent times. We must be proactive in taking positive steps to remain healthy physically, emotionally, and certainly spiritually.



I am personally grateful for the opportunity to worship with you and to pray with you and for you. I can say without a doubt that we had some powerful times of prayer and sharing in these four meetings. THANK YOU, Pastor, for making the effort to be with us. These are precious times we share together.

May God's hand of blessing and anointing be upon your life. You are loved and prayed for.

Sincerely,
Pastor Harris



2020 NETWORK CONFERENCE

APRIL 15 & 16

RADIANT CHURCH

Surprise, Arizona

Guest Speakers
Doug Clay • David Hall
Crystal Martin • Ryan Horn
Worship by SEU Worship

Click [HERE](#) to register for Network Conference 2020!

We are anticipating a mighty move of God as we gather April 15 & 16 at Radiant Church in Surprise, Arizona for this conference. General Superintendent Doug Clay, Pastor David Hall, our own Crystal Martin, and Ryan Horn are our special guests for conference. Don't miss a minute of this special time that will culminate in the Ordination of 23 candidates as of this writing.

See you there!

COMPELLED

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor!”

Isaiah 61:1-2

From Isaiah’s bold words comes our AG World Missions’ 2020 theme – COMPELLED! We are compelled by scripture to carry the saving message of Jesus to every corner of the world, with the purpose of reaching of every man, woman and child.

Recently, I was once again reminded of the billions who are still sitting in darkness waiting to see Christ’s light. Please allow me to share those stats from each continent of the world.

Asia Pacific	883,421,000
Northern Asia	1,320,793,000
Eurasia	2,654,733,000
Africa	899,049,000
Europe	514,647,000
Latin America	530,728,000

In total, not including North America, there are **6,803,371,000 UNSAVED PEOPLE**. Almost seven billion people do not know Jesus. Friends, we must be compelled to reach them.

This task is enormous and will require all of us to succeed. Of course Jesus knew this, which is why He spent His entire ministry training His disciples to multiply themselves in order to accomplish the

mission. As you move into the book of Acts you find the names of roughly 60 believers, but often we focus on a few like Peter, Paul and John. But they are not the only the heroes God used to spread the gospel.

What about Matthias? What happened to him and the rest of the apostles? What about Timothy, Aquila, Priscilla, Agabus, Apollos and the daughters of Philip? What about the believers mentioned in Hebrews 11 who perished by the sword, lived in caves or were put in prison? Are they noteworthy to be mentioned by name and have their stories told?

The answer is an emphatic YES! **The task will take all of us!**

In order to accomplish the task I’d like to share a couple of highlights from our National AGWM executive director, Greg Mundis. He gives three important strategies to move the mission forward:

1. Start where you are. Let go of where you think you should be.

So often we compare ourselves with others in the area of numbers. I remember when we came to Harvest Church 20 years ago I looked at the missions giving per church and found our church was dead last. Initially, I thought, "We'll never give amounts like other large churches." Fortunately, I also realized that giving to missions is not a competition but a matter of respect and love for the Father's heart. Fellow ministers, it doesn't matter where you are today or where you think you should be, what matters most is opening your heart to do something with a spirit of generosity. Start where you're at and witness God placing His favor on your church.

2. Use what you have. Don't make excuses for what you don't have.

The number #1 killer of missions momentum is the statement, "If only we had..." I often hear pastors say, "If only we had a bigger church we could give more to missions." Or "If only I had someone on staff that would oversee missions." Or, "If only we had a wealthy person in our church, we could do more for missions." Might I remind you that Jesus only had two fish and five loaves when He performed the miracle of feeding the five thousand? And I can almost hear you saying, "That's true, but I'm not Jesus." You're right! You're not Jesus, but I would also remind you that you have miracle-working Holy Spirit power available to you.

If you would release God's creativity, take a risk and climb out of the boat, you'd be amazed at what God would be willing to do through your church, regardless of size. When Sue and I came to Harvest Church one of the first things we did was add five missionaries to our missions' budget. Did we have the finances? No! But we refused to use excuses and took a risk. And now, twenty years later, Harvest supports over 100 missionaries at home and abroad. Miracles are possible if you don't make excuses.

3. Do what you can. Believe God will do what you can't.

When we do our part, using what God has placed in our hands, He can multiply it and work miracles. Only God can change lives; we are merely His conduits. This is why we depend on prayer. J. Sidlow Baxter said people "are helpless against our prayers." Prayers outlive our time on earth, creating a ripple effect into the future. When we pray, God moves. He multiplies the fish and loaves. He heals the blind and lame. He protects and guides our steps. Prayer is our participation in the miracle work of God.

As we enter this new year and decade, let me challenge you with the words of the Apostle Paul, "This one thing I do ..." Philippians 3:13 Make the most of your 24-hour day. Avoid distractions and run your race in such a way as to gain the prize. The Great Commission requires all of us to remain focused on our primary calling: bringing the message of Christ to this hurting world. **The task will take all of us!**



Love and prayers, Ron & Sue



2020

District Affiliated churches Board Meeting

March 5th, 2020



WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT SOME NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR DISTRICT AFFILIATED CHURCHES AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A BOARD MEETING WITH OUR DISTRICT AFFILIATED CHURCH PASTOR'S ON MARCH 5TH AT 6:30 PM AT 2911 CHURCH LOCATED AT 5042 S PRICE RD TEMPE, AZ 85282. IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE OF THIS AREA, YOUR PRESBYTER WILL BE CONTACTING YOU WITH THE LOCATION FOR YOUR SECTION.

WE REQUEST THAT YOU EMAIL US YOUR YEAR END FINANCIALS FOR 2019 IF WE DON'T ALREADY HAVE THOSE, 2019 ACMR REPORT AND YOUR MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 25TH.

WE WILL BE DISCUSSING APLOS A WEB BASED FUND ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE PROGRAM THAT IS DESIGNED FOR CHURCHES. WE WILL ALSO REVIEW UPDATES WITH YOUR OPERATIONS MANUAL, AND SHARE SOME VISION FOR THE FUTURE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU,

-LEIGH



NOTE TO SELF... *MIND THE BODY!*

On our recent network tour, our team shared some thoughts with you on the subject of your health. One way to consider how God designed us is through what is known as the “P.I.E.S.S.”; that we are physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual. As these aspects of our humanness reflect how incredibly complex we each are, they also remind us that God expects us to steward each in a manner glorifying to Him! So, I would like to talk to you a bit about each of these over the next few months...

GOD MADE YOU PHYSICAL. Think of all the verses of Scripture that emphasize the place, usefulness, and responsibility our bodies play in relationship to God. God made us to be “body people”—made of the dust of the earth and inspiration of his breath—who would carry His Holy Spirit everywhere we go. Paul countered the Gnostic’s view of the body by reminding the Corinthians that their bodies were the temple of the Holy Spirit. He also called the Romans to present their bodies as living sacrifices to the Lord. As well, spouses were to recognize their bodies belonged to one another in the bounds of holy marriage.

WE NEED A BETTER THEOLOGY OF THE BODY. I was struck when I heard Dr. Donald Lichi of Emerge Ministries make this statement years ago. It’s true. We focus much teaching on the minds and hearts of our congregants, but seldom address their physical bodies. Do we believe God cares about our bodies? Do we believe He cares about what we do with our bodies? What does stewarding our bodies look like? Why does it even matter what we do with our bodies? How do the Old and New Testaments approach God’s people in relation to their physical bodies? Theology is nothing unless it reaches the ears and hearts of our listeners. They need to hear from you on this subject.

THE PHYSICAL PART OF YOU IS NOT SOME PIECE BELONGING TO THE SPIRITUAL PART OF YOU. GOD OWNS THE WHOLE WORKS. SO LET PEOPLE SEE GOD IN AND THROUGH YOUR BODY. - 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19, THE MESSAGE

WE NEED TO STEWARD OUR BODIES AS PASTORS/LEADERS. Think of the last time a leader you admired either grew sick or died in ministry. I recall when John Maxwell had heart problems years ago. I was saddened, concerned, and hoped he would not only receive great medical treatment, but also take steps to do all he could do to steward his heart well in the future! Pastor, your spirit will only take you as far as your body takes you. Paul did say that bodily exercise profits “some” or “little” (1 Tim 4:8). That small amount just might be what adds years of health and vitality to your life, your marriage, and yes, your ministry!

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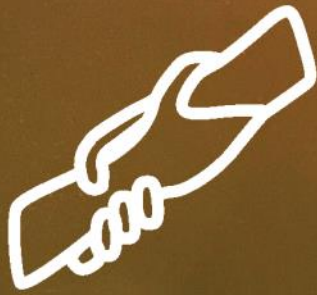
- **How are your eating habits?**
- **Do you exercise, workout, take walks, etc.?**
- **Have you considered the benefits of fasting occasionally?**
- **Do you have regular physical check-ups?**
- **Do you pay attention to ‘warning signs’ from your body?**
- **What kind of example are you to your flock in this area?**



We want you healthy in ministry...and that includes your physical body!

Sincerely,
Jeff





ELDER MINISTRY

**ARE YOU EVER IN NEED OF
"A SAFE PLACE" TO SHARE
YOUR HEART?**

Times of personal crisis

Seasons of ministry strain

Just needing someone to talk to

Looking for ministry advice

Seeking confidential prayer and counsel

Our Elders are here for you!

- Over 50 AZ Pastors met confidentially with an elder in 2018
- Easily accessible through our AZMN website or smartphone app
- Thoroughly confidential and discreet in connecting with you
- Ladies! - 3 female elders are available to you

You are not alone!

CRISIS + COACHING

Launch & Lead



Join us for a training seminar to help **launch** or **revitalize** your men's ministry!

Date: Feb. 22, 2020

Time: 9 am - 3 pm

Location: Rock Church,
Scottsdale

Cost: \$10 per man
(includes materials and lunch)

For more info,
please contact Dale Gray
at dgray@rockag.com.

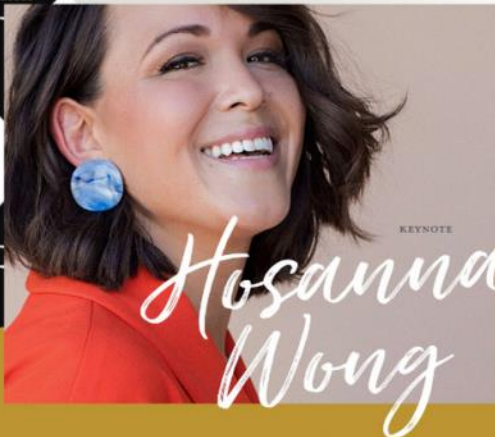


Dale Gray,
Men's Director

IMAGINE 2020

Powerful speakers
Inspiring testimonies
Amazing worship
Opportunities to serve
Shopping, dessert, coffee
So much more!

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Imagine if you had one evening to yourself. A girls night out where you could connect with women just like you who are excited to be refreshed, find joy in the chaos, and STAND together. Register TODAY!

February 21 @ 7 pm

Location: Château Luxe, 1175 E. Lone Cactus Dr., Phoenix

Get more details and register by clicking [HERE](#).

If you want to join the Dream Team and serve at the Imagine Conference please e-mail women@azag.org.

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VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

WWW.AZAGYOUTH.ORG

- CLEANER LOOK
- EASIER NAVIGATION
- ALL YOUR RESOURCES IN ONE PLACE!

FOLLOW OUR YOUTH LEADERS' ACCOUNT ON INSTAGRAM



REGISTER FOR AZ YOUTH CAMP 2020



ALLEN GRIFFIN

EVANGELIST, DAYTONA BEACH
MAY 27- MAY 30



RYAN ALLEN

DESTINY CHURCH, ROCKLIN
MAY 31 - JUNE 3



LUKE CHAFIN

HILLSONG CHURCH, NYC
JUNE 3 - 6



MEESH FOMENKO

THE CITY CHURCH, VENTURA
JUNE 7 - 10



ALEXA PINEDA

VIDA CHURCH, AMARILLO
JUNE 10 - 13



SHADDYE MELU

CHURCHHOME, KIRKLAND
JUNE 14 - 17

2020 EVENT DATES

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

April 4

NETWORK CONFERENCE

April 15-16

YOUTH CAMPS W/ SEU WORSHIP

Camp #1: May 27 - 30 (Allen Griffin)

Camp #2: May 31 - June 3 (Ryan Allen)

Camp #3: June 3 - 6 (Luke Chafin)

Camp #4: June 7 - 10 (Meesh Fomenko)

Camp #5: June 10 - 13 (Alexa Pineda)

Camp #6: June 14 - 17 (Shaddy Melu)

YOUTH ALIVE ONE DAY

August 22

NATIONAL STL DAY

October 18

YOUTH CONVENTION

October 23-24

GAME CHANGER

MARCH 6th & 7th

Location

Without Walls Church

Early Bird Rate

\$35

per child

KIDCON20

KidCon is a weekend created just for kids! From kindergarten to 6th grade, kids come from all over the state to participate in an outrageously fun, life-changing weekend! For kids, KidCon is all about experiencing powerful worship and encountering God on their level. For parents and pastors, KidCon is an opportunity to invest in the spiritual development of their child.

Early bird rate ends after Feb. 14.

Register at azagkids.org or by clicking [HERE](#).

Amy Visconti, Kid's Director
avisconti@azag.org



ARIZONA

School of Ministry

We hope you'll take classes with ASOM!

Here are some things you may not know about us:

- There are classes offered one Saturday a month at the Network Office, but classes are also offered on a Monday night at Radiant Church in Surprise.
- Spanish classes are currently being offered in two separate locations in Phoenix.
- High school juniors and seniors are able to qualify for free tuition.
- Students outside of Maricopa County are able to join classes remotely.

March Classes:

Prison Epistles, Systematic Theology, Poetic Books

Register at azasom.com or by clicking **HERE**.

Jeremy Naranjo, ASOM Director
www.azasom.org



TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA



Featuring our
Teen Challenge Choir
and many stories of how,
with grateful hearts, we
are giving back!

Swing Back

Matt 10:8



SRPING BANQUETS 2020

please join us

Lake Havasu

Friday, February 28
Reception 6PM | Banquet 7PM
London Bridge Resort
1477 Queens Bay
Tickets \$34 | Table \$272
Contact: 602-271-4084

Sierra Vista

Friday, March 6
Reception 6PM | Banquet 7PM
Windemere Hotel
2047 State Highway 92
Tickets \$34 | Table \$272
Contact: 520-792-1790

Casa Grande 2 nights

Friday & Saturday March 13 & 14
Reception 6PM | Banquet 7PM
The Property
1251 W Gila Bend Highway
Tickets \$34 | Table \$272
Contact: 520-836-5030

Yuma

Saturday, March 21
Reception 6PM | Banquet 7PM
Harvest Prep Academy
350 East 18th Street
Tickets \$34 | Table \$272
Contact: 520-792-1790

Flagstaff

Friday, April 24
Reception 6PM | Banquet 7PM
High Country Conference Center
201 W Butler Avenue
Tickets \$34 | Table \$272
Contact: 623-465-7810

Prescott Valley

Friday, May 15
Reception 6PM | Banquet 7PM
Lifepointe Church
10100 E State Route 69
Tickets \$34 | Table \$272
Contact: 623-465-7810

RICK RYAN

Intercultural Ministries
Arizona Ministry Network



We believe God has great plans for the Intercultural Ministries Churches of the Arizona Network in 2020! Jesus said in Matthew 17:20, *Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.*

Mustard seed faith is initially small and messy, just like the seed. Even though it starts small, it can grow to impact power that moves mountains. A small faith-filled idea can birth change. Our prayer is for that impact to change neighborhoods and cities, which infers the lives of people and families are being transformed.



Tyrone and Amy Rinta, lead pastors at Bell Road Church in North Phoenix, felt God was planting that small mustard seed faith early in 2019 by intentionally focusing on a neighborhood near their church. After prayer and discussion with leaders, they took the giant step by adding a Spanish church service called Iglesia Bell Road Church. They now have two Sunday services, one in English and one in Spanish.

At the same time, God was speaking to church board member, Miguel Saenz, to get his ministerial credentials through Arizona School of Ministry. Miguel had forgotten much of the Spanish language, but God started to prepare him. After

strategizing and a major outreach to the Palomino Park Neighborhood, Pastor Miguel and his wife, Patricia, started a Spanish speaking service during the Easter season. Today, a vibrant and healthy Spanish congregation is impacting the neighborhood of Palomino. They are heading into other parts of the city declaring that mountains move in Jesus' name. Hispanic people are the largest demographic in the north Phoenix area of the Bell Road Church. Because of their mustard seed faith, both Spanish and English services have grown, seeing wonderful growth in youth and children's ministry as both churches come together on Sunday morning.



Will you take the 2020 challenge to do something you have never done before for God?
"Nothing will be impossible for you."

If you would like to discuss starting a service in another language, please contact Rick Ryan.
Cell phone: 417-849-0539
Email: rryan@azag.org

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NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS



Denise Ryan
FACILITATOR

NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS LUNCHEON

**RADIANT CHURCH
APRIL 15, 2020
12 NOON
\$15**

National Director
Network of Women Ministers
CRYSTAL MARTIN

Crystal is a fourth-generation minister in the Assemblies of God. Ordained in 2013 from the Arizona Ministry Network, she serves as the National Director to the Network of Women Ministers. Throughout her ministry career, Crystal has worked to create big footprints for the next generation of women and to advocate for women at all levels of church leadership.



General Superintendent
Assemblies of God
DOUG CLAY

Doug Clay is the chief executive officer of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. As general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, he is part of the largest Pentecostal denomination in the world.



DEADLINE to PreRegister March 30th

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NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

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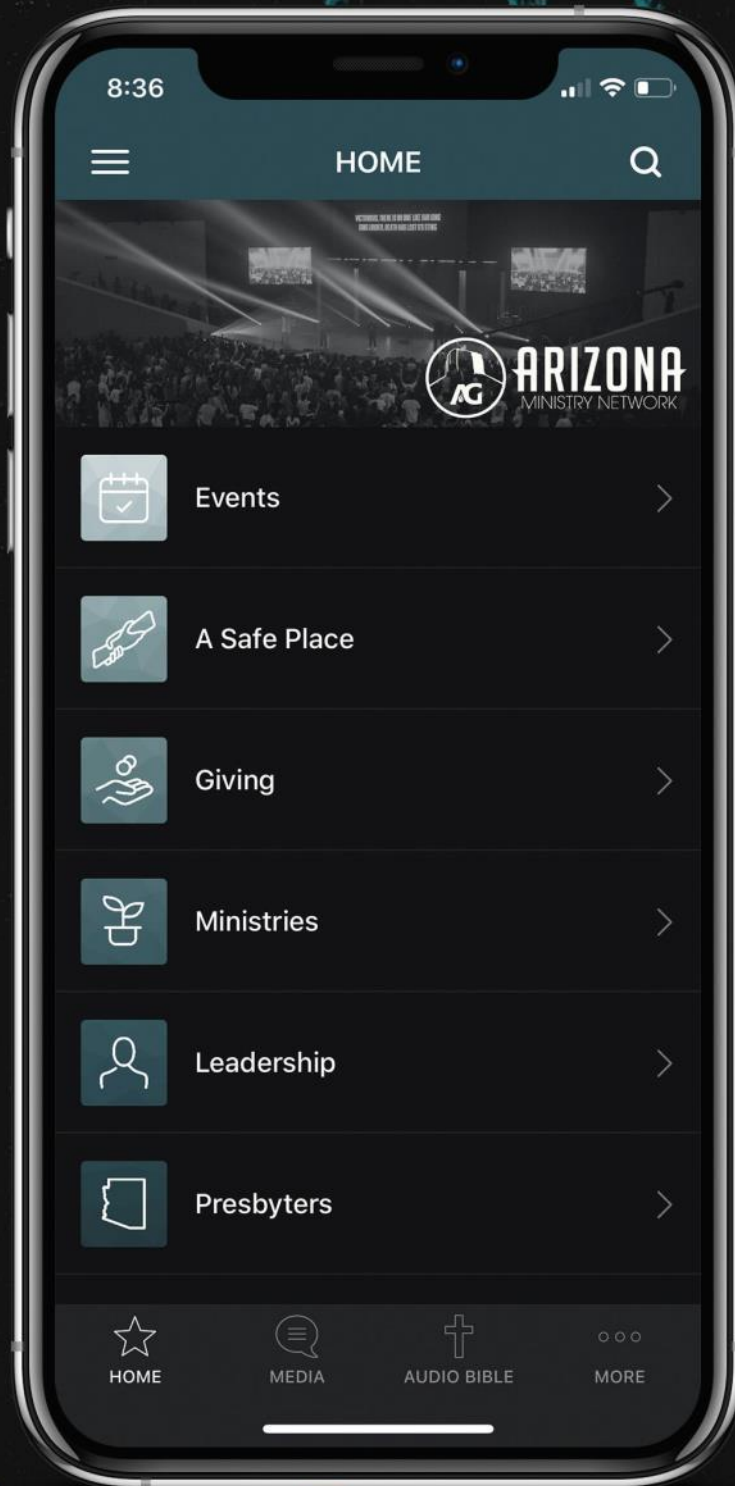


smartphone app!

Get easy access to:

- **A Safe Place** - List of elder contacts for times of crisis + coaching
- **Events** - detailed information/ easy registration
- **Ministries** - links to all network ministry websites
- **Leadership** - network leadership/presbytery contacts
- **Inspiration** - daily scripture + network pastors' blogs
- **Giving** - easy giving link
- **Media** - of network events

Download the App today!



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Statistics for January 2020

OPEN CHURCHES

Fountain Hills Christian Center
Golden Valley Assembly of God
Holbrook Faith A/G
Houck-Bethel Navajo A/G
New River A/G
Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.
Quartzsite First Assembly

FILLED CHURCHES

Praise Center A/G, Tucson - Greg Ramey

TRANSFERRED OUT

Grady Pence to Southern Missouri
Amy Pence to Southern Missouri

TRANSFERRED IN

Randy Wren from New Mexico

DECEASED:

Vernice Cheryl Sampson on Jan. 20, 2020

**Thank you for
being a part of the
Arizona Ministry
Network!**