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HAPPY NEW YEAR & WELCOME 2022!



Stephen Harris, Superintendent
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The challenges of the last couple of years have been monumental and have forced changes/adjustments we did not envision as the months progressed. Our hope and expectation for this New Year are based entirely on our knowledge of the promises of the Word of God, the prophecies that we see fulfilled before our very eyes, and our hunger and thirst for Him. Revival fires are burning, and for the child of God, it is certainly not a time to shrink back or live each day as usual. This is the time to be on the alert, praying the Word of God, and decreeing the Word of God over our nation, our churches, and our lives.

The New Year shouts a question to the child of God, “Will you be found faithful?”

In recent months, Marjorie and I have become acquainted with the Frontline Doctors organization. I like the introductory term ‘Frontline’ and believe it to be pertinent to each one of us. We are ‘Frontline Ministers of the Gospel!’ Pastors, missionaries (both U.S. and World), chaplains, youth, kids, and seniors are called to be on the ‘Frontline Team.’ We are all called to do our part to prepare the church to stand in the gap through prayer.

We are a force to be reckoned with in a world that has no hope outside the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are the frontline defenders of the Gospel! My heart’s exclamation is “Lead on, Lord Jesus! We will follow!”

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to join us for your sections' Network Tour stop. Above all else, your network leadership treasures having this time of fellowship with you. We spend a lot of the month of January in travel, and bringing our leadership to YOU. Thank you for checking on the following page for your section's time and place for the month of January. See you then!

Sincerely,
Pastor Harris and Marjorie



AROUND THE NETWORK



Installing Pastor Richard and Linda Freese, Quartzsite Assembly of God



Pastor Bigege Bizimana and his wife being officially recognized for receiving his Ordination



2022 Network Sectional Tour

Jan. 10

**East Central Section
East Section**

**Calvary Shadows A/G, Globe
Blueridge Christian Center, Lakeside**

**10:00 AM
4:00 PM**

Jan. 11

**Northeast Section
Canyon North Section**

**Faith Assembly, Holbrook
Assembly of God, Cameron**

**10:00 AM
4:00 PM**

Jan. 12

Northwest Section

Hope City Church, Kingman

10:00 AM

Jan. 13

**Southeast Valley Section
East Valley Section**

**Passion Church, Casa Grande
Desert Springs Church, Chandler**

**10:00 AM
6:00 PM**

Jan. 18

**Northwest Valley Section
Central Valley Section**

**Church on the Green, Sun City West
City Church, Phoenix**

**10:00 AM
6:00 PM**

Jan. 19

Phoenix Metro Indian Section

Rock Church, Scottsdale

10:00 AM

Jan. 20

**West Valley Section
Southwest Section**

**Cornerstone Christian Center, Avondale
First Assembly of God, Yuma**

**10:00 AM
4:00 PM**

Jan. 21

**Southeast Section
South Section**

**First Assembly, Benson
Flowing Wells A/G, Tucson**

**10:00 AM
6:00 PM**

Jan. 24

North Central Section

LifePoint Church, Prescott Valley

10:00 AM



PRESS ON!

Ron Rockwell, Assistant Superintendent

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As we enter 2022, I'm reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul, "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12-14

I enjoyed playing basketball in high school and college, and one of the strategies to winning a close game was to engage in what was called a "full-court press." This happened when all the players on the team would actively press the opposition to turn over the ball. It brought great momentum when this play was successful, resulting in a quick score for our team.

I believe what's true in the natural can also be applied in the supernatural. The church might feel as though we're down and out because of the events of the past two years, and yes, things have certainly been difficult and disappointing. It might seem as though we're losing the game, so to speak, but nothing could be further from the truth. Our greatest hour is ahead, not behind. It's not time to throw in the towel or hang our heads. It's time to activate a "FULL-COURT PRESS" against our opponent, the devil.

God needs us in this historic hour to press on in our calling and mission. His calling and election are sure because His word says, "He who has called you is faithful." And "He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." Fellow minister, God has called you, and I want to encourage you to keep pressing forward in your vision and ministry calling.

As World Missions Director, I want to exhort you to keep alive your passion for missions. When we “press on” in this area we give the devil a black eye and win a major victory for the Lord’s team. I encourage you to ask what the Lord would have you do, personally, locally, and globally. Set goals at the beginning of 2022 and trust the Lord of the harvest to help you achieve them. May I suggest a few things for your prayerful consideration:

- Host a missions convention.
- By faith, raise your missionaries’ monthly support.
- Receive a monthly missions offering separate from your regular offerings.
- Participate in a missions trip.
- Help another church in your section or adopt a Native American work.
- Make photocopies of your missionaries and enlist your church to take a missionary home for the year so they can pray for them.
- Show missionary highlight videos each month. These can be accessed through the AGWM website.

Personally, I’m excited about our Network’s vision to reach Botswana for Jesus! Our goal over the next two years is to see every pastor and church pray for a great harvest of souls, give a sacrificial offering and participate in a missions trip to Botswana, Africa. Someone once said, “Teamwork makes the dream work!” and this is certainly true as it applies to missions.

Each of us doing our part will have an enormous impact on the nation of Botswana. What a time of rejoicing we’ll experience as a Network as we begin to hear the reports of souls saved, well’s dug, land purchased and churches planted. We are putting on a “full court press” in this hour and each of us doing our part will guarantee some amazing victories.

Thank you, Arizona Ministry Network family. It is a joy for Sue and me to serve you in this role! Be assured, we are standing and praying with you as you continue to fulfill your high calling in Christ Jesus. May the Lord bless you and give you a terrific New Year in Him!

Love and prayers,
Ron & Sue



Vida Abundante

NOGALES SONORA MEXICO



THE LORD'S PLAN

In the midst of the ever-changing world, Abundant Life Assembly in Nogales encountered an opportunity for growth and outreach beyond their four-walls and country. The shutdown and closed borders brought separation in the church family living in Nogales, Sonora Mexico. In a moment of helplessness, the Lord confirmed His plan for Pastor David Lopez – a church plant in Nogales Sonora Mexico.



In the early stages of the pandemic, Pastor David and Liz began to cross into Mexico each week to meet the congregants at a local park with devotionals and necessary groceries for the families. These visits quickly ignited the idea to launch a small group in a congregant's garage temporarily until the borders opened. This small group met weekly for a year. During this time, the church participated in outreaches during Christmas and the summer with VBS, reaching more than 150 children and youth. Many of these children gave their lives to Christ and others learned to pray for the first time!



As there were increasing opportunities for outreach, the need for a permanent place was so clear. The church began to pray and search to lease a building or purchase land to build on. As an answered prayer, we are excited to announce that a church building was purchased in the Fall of 2021!



The current state of the building is beyond salvage with water damage, mold, and buckling walls. There is progress being made, but the church is continuing to pray and believe for the provision of rebuilding. They are looking to raise \$50,000 to purchase materials to begin construction this winter.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We want to ask you to consider collaborating with Vida Abundante Nogales Sonora Mexico in three different ways: Prayer, Outreach, or by Giving! It is so evident that this church plant is the product of God's love for this specific community and the lost.

To partner with Vida Abundante Nogales Sonora Mexico or to schedule a visit to the site, email abundantlife520@gmail.com.

To give:

Online: <https://vidanogales.churchcenter.com/giving>

Mail: Abundant Life Assembly
1380 E Patagonia Hwy
Nogales, AZ 85621



NOTE TO SELF...

Pursue Resilience!

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

- James 1:2-3

As 2021 drew to a close, a ministry friend illustrated to me the importance of resiliency. Having suddenly lost his wife mid-year, he shared that in the midst of deep sorrow he has continually maintained a sense of gratitude for his 50+ years of marriage. He referenced his refusal to fall prey to the anger and bitterness he had witnessed at his church's grief ministry. Rather, he said he almost felt a sense of guilt for how content he is in this life-altering season.

Five years ago, I sat with a friend of mine, Al Ells, to talk through some life issues of my own. Midway through our conversation Al brought up the word resilience. He emphasized that God is continually using our circumstances as leaders to produce greater resiliency in our lives. In the book he was then writing on the subject, he states:

Resiliency is the necessary ingredient for overcoming the difficulties of life and leadership—and becoming better for having had those experiences (chapter one, The Resilient Leader, Alfred Ells, 2020).

Images of Moses, David, the O.T. prophets, Peter, and Paul spring to life in light of Oxford Dictionary's definition of resilience: **"The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness."** Certainly the Church's emergence from Covid invites us to this discussion. God wants to use current events to develop greater resiliency in us all and in our churches!

I challenge you to take this to the Lord in prayer as you enter another year of ministry. Resilience will be our focus in this month's annual Sectional Tour. As well, the new book offered in our upcoming lead pastor's zoom call groups will be on this much-needed topic. I believe God is speaking a fresh word to us in reminder that He will always continue this work in our lives.

Tips for personal/ministry growth:

- Ponder the resilience God built in the lives of key characters in Scripture.
- Consider a sermon series on Resilience in 2022.
- Meditate upon key verses that reflect this truth (James 1, Romans 5).
- Reflect on one way God used your trials in 2021 to develop your resiliency.
- I am always available to share with you about these and other needs you may have. My cell is 480-579-9998.



**Stay healthy in ministry,
Pastor Jeff**

Reach Out to an Elder Today!

To speak confidentially with an Elder, find their contact info on the *Arizona Ministry Network* app or at www.azag.org.



Visit men.ag.org for men's ministry resources and discipleship material!

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Celebrate the Light

FREEDOM AND FIRE

CELEBRATE THE

Light

**360
IMAN**

JOURNEY
THROUGH

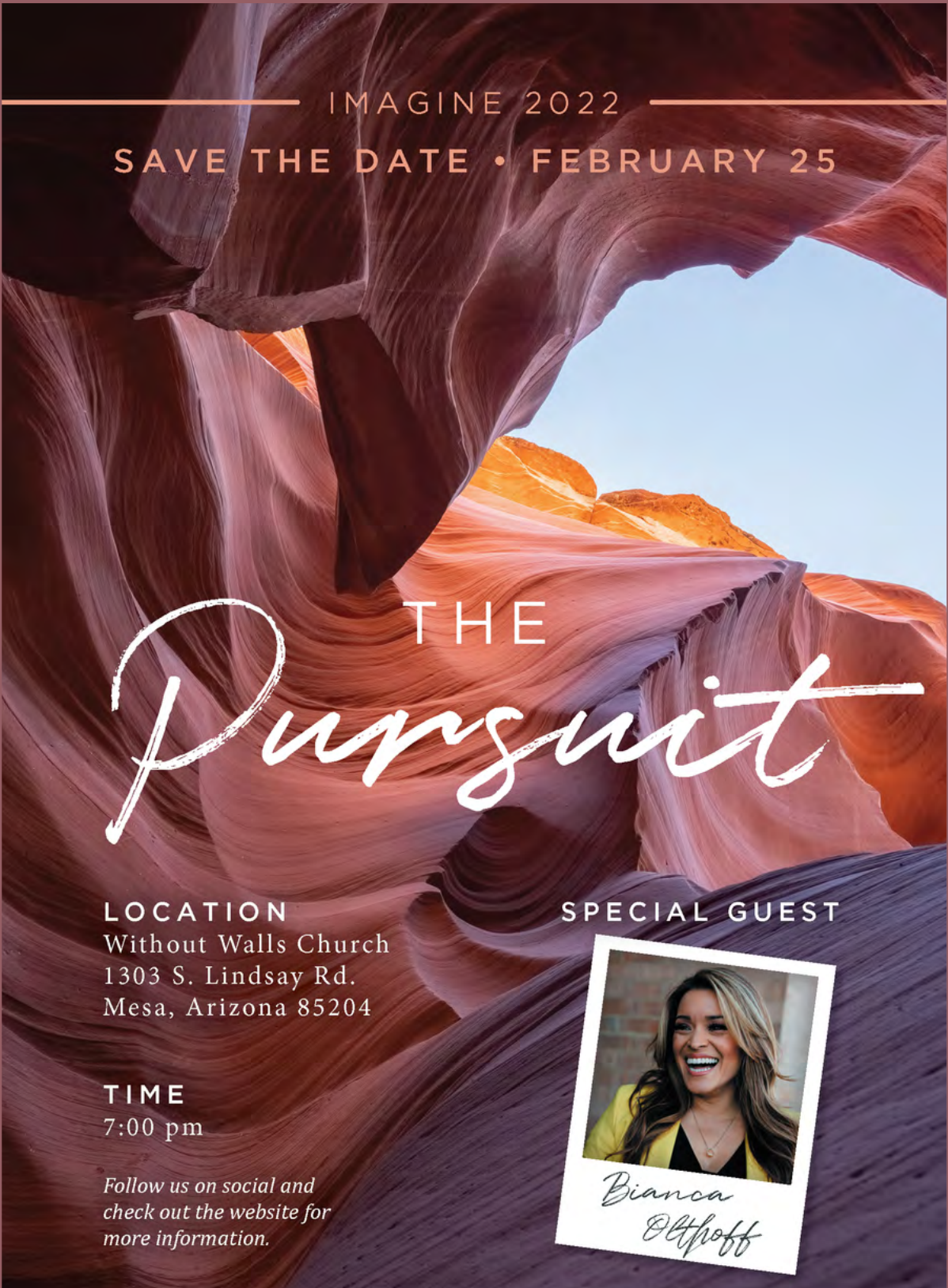
SERIES

Daily Devotions
FOR MEN

SIGN UP NOW

Dale Gray, Men's Director
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— IMAGINE 2022 —

SAVE THE DATE • FEBRUARY 25

THE Pursuit

LOCATION
Without Walls Church
1303 S. Lindsay Rd.
Mesa, Arizona 85204

SPECIAL GUEST



TIME
7:00 pm

*Follow us on social and
check out the website for
more information.*

*Register by clicking **HERE***



HAPPY NEW YEAR! 


Arizona Youth Ministries

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are so excited to gather with youth pastors and leaders from all over the state for our annual Youth Leaders' Summit!



January 14-15, 2022
Prescott AZ
Special Guest:
Radiant NextGen Worship,
Jacob Jester, and more!



Arizona Youth Ministries is going on tour!
With special guest:

29:11 WORSHIP
MICAH MAC &
MATT HARDER

- 2/15 Desert Springs Church, Chandler
- 2/16 Hope City Church, Kingman
- 2/17 Northland Christian Assembly, Flagstaff
- 2/18 Journey Church, Cottonwood
- 2/19 Radiant Church, Surprise
- 2/20 The River, Tucson



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Visit azagyouth.org for more information as well as all of our events and resources!



KIDCON

22

MARCH 4-5

AT

2911

CHURCH

TEMPE, AZ



Register by clicking [HERE](#)

Kirstyn Rempel
Kid's Ministry Director



THE ARIZONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

WHAT A YEAR!

Thank you for helping make this the strongest numeric year for ASOM in our 8-year ministry. We have enjoyed the privilege of helping a new class of ministers grow in their callings. We have also seen a notable increase in young people joining the program.

My prayer for this next year is to continue to see a healthy and thriving program in our Network marked by numerical and spiritual growth.

Lastly, we would like to formally introduce Claire Willhite our new ASOM Coordinator. Claire brings an amazing set of gifts and is also on the Desert Springs: Gilbert campus planting team.

I would also like to thank Jeanna Willis for her incredible service as she steps into a new role on the Treasury team!



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Yisrael Vincent
Director



Claire Willhite
Coordinator

JANUARY CLASSES

New Testament Survey (certified and licensed)

Pentateuch



AMPLIFICATION

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God is operating in incredible ways. In 2021, God gave Intercultural Ministries the promise of acceleration. *“Everything will be happening at once—and everywhere you look, blessings” Amos 9:13-15 MSG.*

Indeed, God has fulfilled his promise. In 2022, God has given us a fresh word, amplification, with the promise from Isaiah 54:2-3 NIV:

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.”

We thank God for the acceleration that is occurring in the Arizona Ministry Network. Our prayer is that God will prepare us for His amplification in our lives and ministries. God is desiring to enlarge your capacity to embrace this last day harvest.

God has given us a vision for 2023. We have a target to add 30 intercultural churches this year. This can only be accomplished with God’s help. This will only be accomplished with His amplification!

PLEASE HELP US WELCOME THREE NEW INTERCULTURAL CHURCHES TO OUR NETWORK!



Haven Springs Assembly of God in Tucson

Pastors Benny and Lydia Vergara are making the transition from the Philippines to Arizona. They are ready to see God do amazing things in the Asian American community in Tucson.



First Assembly of God in Apache Junction

This church is finishing a brand new sanctuary and adding two parent affiliated churches (PAC). Both will be pastored by Pastors David and Belen Gonzalez. They are *Iglesia Primera Asambleas de Dios* in Apache Junction and *Iglesia Cristiana Manantial* in Queen Creek.



Sincerely,
Rick Ryan

Denise Ryan, Network of Women Ministers

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PENTECOSTAL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

24 Hour Experience with Dr. Carolyn Tennant

TOGETHER IN HIS PRESENCE

Join your leadership sisters and get away with God - alone and together. We will explore aspects of being in His presence through prayer, stillness, worship, sharing, and expressing creatively. Expect a flow instead of an agenda. "Leading Pentecostally" is the core of the teaching scattered throughout.

February 18-19, 2022

\$60 - Early Bird
\$75 - after Jan 21

**Registration includes a copy of "Keys to the Apostolic and Prophetic" By Dr. Tennant.*

Banner Church Scottsdale

3625 N Marshall Way,
Scottsdale, AZ 85251



Messages By:
Dr. Carolyn Tennant



Worship by:
Passion Church

<https://aznwm.regfox.com/azplr>



TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA



SING

a virtual tour of songs & stories

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing to the Lord all the earth.*

Psalm 96:1

My name is Nick, and I am from the small town of Cleveland, TN. I came to Teen Challenge lost and broken, out of options and without hope.

I had struggled with addiction for many years. I tried everything, and nothing seemed to work. There were numerous rehabs, jail time, and no matter what, I could not shake the enemy's hold on my life.

Before coming into the program, I had found myself in serious trouble with the law. I was facing 16-24 years in prison for a high-level drug charge. I found myself alone and frustrated. I remember getting on my knees in my jail cell and crying out to God. I had known for a long time that God had a calling on my life.

I had grown up in a Christian household and had known God from a young age, or so I thought. I wanted to see the impossible, yet I couldn't see a way out of my situation. It wasn't until I found myself in such despair that I actually gained my faith.

Psalm 120:1 says, "I called to Jehovah in my distress, and He answered me." Still, to this day, I get goosebumps whenever I say or read that scripture. He rescued me!

I was able to come to Teen Challenge and get the healing that I needed, spiritual healing. I haven't looked back since. I still can't believe how far out of darkness God has brought me and, better yet, the intense amount of light that He has brought me into!



NICK'S STORY

I am now the Public Relations Representative here at the Tucson Men's Center. I have a wonderful relationship with my family and friends. I've been accepted back into school, where I will continue my education to become a psychologist.

Isaiah 55:1,2

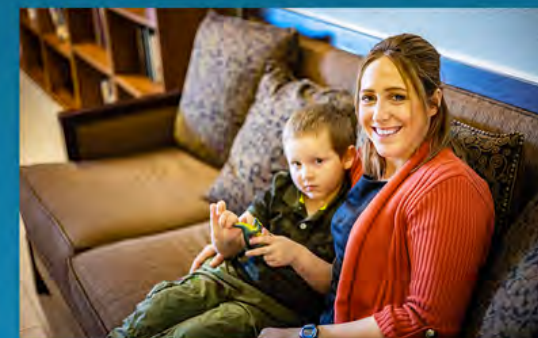


THE STORY OF SHEALEN

My name is Shealen Goodman. I am 29 years old and recently graduated from Teen Challenge of Arizona's Home of Hope. I also live there with my son Thomas who is five years old.

Before the Home of Hope, I was desperate, broken, lost, and hopeless. I felt trapped in my circumstances and in my head. The Home of Hope loved me back to life by showing me tough love; giving me guidance and structure. They surrounded me with the word of God, showing me how to have a relationship with Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

This program has given me a support system; a hope that I can overcome obstacles plus, the tools I needed to be a good mom for my son and to secure our future. I am so thankful for this ministry. They have literally given me a hope & a future.



I am not trapped, I am not alone, The Lord will never leave me nor forsake me. I plan to be an intern here. I trust my leaders for guidance. My prayer is that my internship brings hope for other women & children and provide guidance just as my leaders have done for me.

Proverbs 3:5,6

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

Recent Network Statistics

OPEN CHURCHES

Cedar Creek, Assembly of God
Dennehotso, Trinity Assembly of God
Page, First Assembly of God
Payson, Restoration Church
Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.
San Manuel, Assembly of God
Shonto, Victory Assembly of God
Wilcox, Assembly of God

TRANSFERRED IN

Michelle Thomsen from the Minnesota District

TRANSFERRED OUT

Clarence Horn – Southern Missouri
William Wilks – North Carolina
Giselle Ryan – Northwest
Lynette Roggero – N. California/Nevada
Ivan Atole – Ohio
Timothy Turnipseed – North Texas District
Liberty Turnipseed – North Texas District
Jeffery Schultz to North Carolina District
Jason Pence to Southern Missouri District
Crea Copeland to North Texas District

DECEASED

Lois V Nelson – Sept 2021
Willie Watch Jr – Oct 2021