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Happy
New Year

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NETWORK TOUR 2021

WE WILL BE MEETING ONLINE ONLY!

The decision that was made on Wednesday of this week to make the Network Tour a virtual session as opposed to an in-person meeting. This decision was based on the risks that could come to bear on the executive team traveling the state, as well as the concerns of those in each section we are asking to attend. The rapid rise in positive Covid cases in Arizona making it the hot spot in our Nation, we just felt it prudent to make it a virtual session.

As a result, a session that will include all sections at one time will be held online, Thursday, **January 21, 2021, at 10:00 AM**. The following resolution was sent to our presbytery board first, and was approved by them. Now we are sending it to you, our entire credentialed body in our network for your approval on **Thursday, January 21, 2021**.

A separate email will be sent with the link for the special meeting to be held, Thursday, January 21, 2021. Be watching for that email. This will give you the ability to participate in this Network Tour group session.

Emergency Resolution

Whereas, the State of Arizona recognizes and authorizes non-profit corporations, provided that they comply with laws and operate according to bylaws; and

Whereas, the State of Arizona has passed 10-3207. Emergency bylaws to allow the non-profit board to adopt emergency bylaws, to allow the non-profit to continue to conduct its business during a declared state of emergency, as defined in section 26-301, when the emergency prevents the organization from conducting its normal business and it is necessary to adopt different rules in order to conduct its business and

Whereas, it is necessary for the Network to conduct a Sectional Conference for the purpose of conducting Section and area elections; and

Whereas, the current state of Arizona rise in reported Covid-19 cases being the highest in the world, preventing our members from safely conducting our Sectional Conference in person Tour; and

Whereas, current Network Bylaws require that “All credentialed ministers and delegates who reside within a Section and are registered at a duly called Sectional Conference shall constitute a quorum” and

Whereas, Network Bylaws have been amended to read Section 2 quorum. B. Sectional Conference. “All credentialed ministers and delegates who reside within a Section and are registered or Login at a duly called Sectional Conference shall constitute a quorum”; and

Whereas, the Arizona Ministry Network Presbytery Board is recommending we re-elect all current sectional officers for an additional two year term. (Any officers who are unable to complete an additional term those positions would be appointed by the board). In addition the board is recommending that the South Area Executive Presbyter term be extended by one year.

Therefore be it resolved that a yes vote for this emergency resolution would elect all sectional officers including: Presbyter, Assistant Presbyter, Secretary/Treasurer for all 14 sections in Arizona, and would extend the South Area Executive Presbyter term for one year.

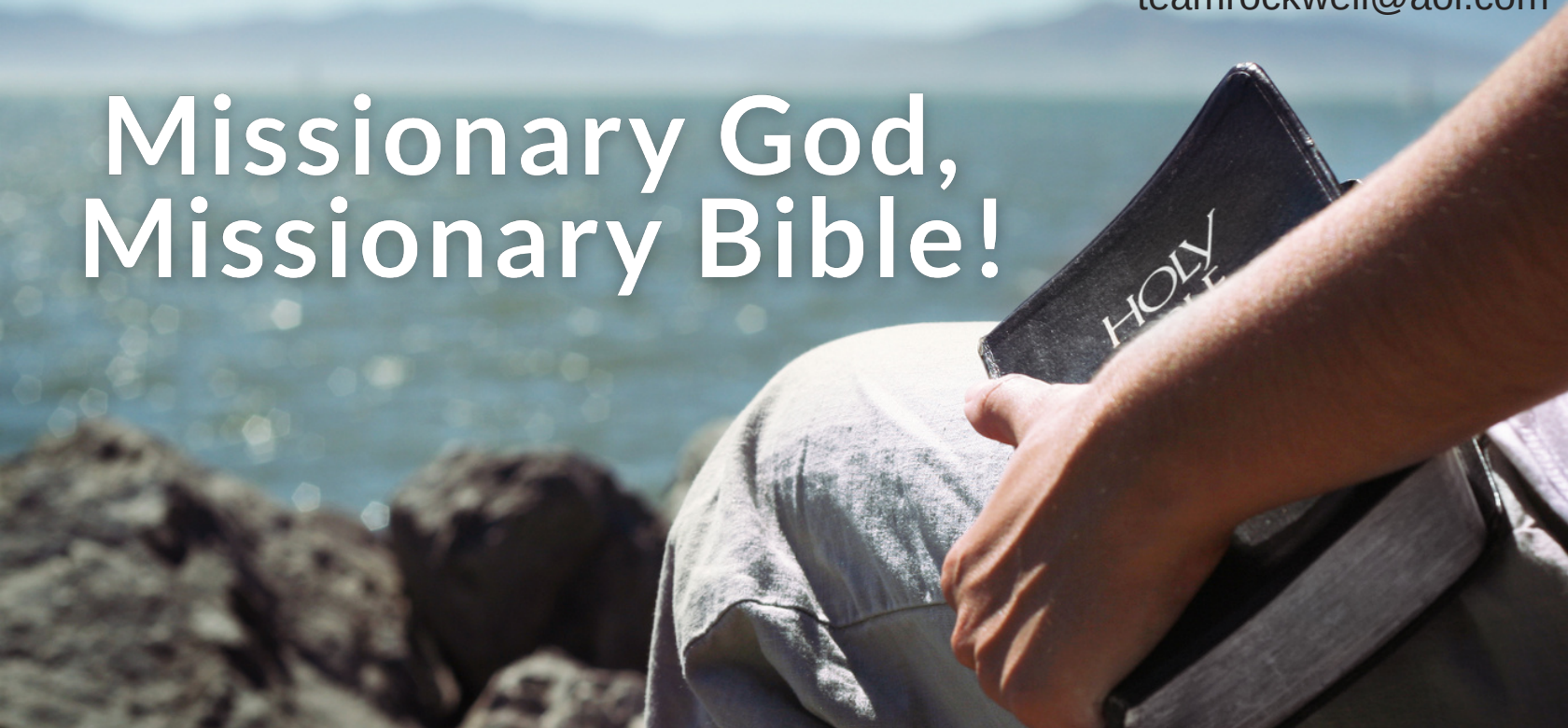


Blessings on each one of you. We are praying over you in these trying times. May you always feel God’s peace and wisdom as you navigate these difficult days in our Nation, as well as with the pandemic.

Pastors Steve Harris and Leigh Metcalf



Missionary God, Missionary Bible!

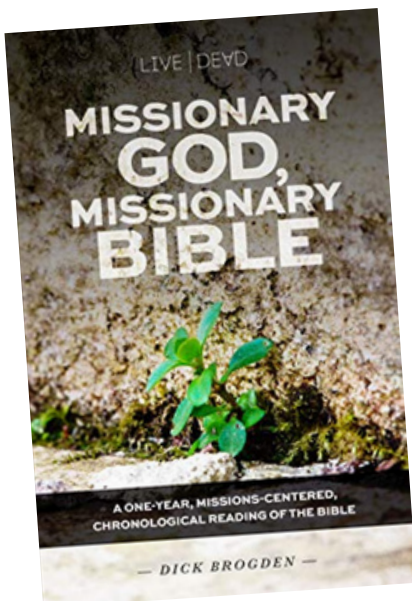


At the end of 2020 I received a copy of Dick Brogden's newest book from the Live/Dead series entitled, **MISSIONARY GOD, MISSIONARY BIBLE**. It allows the reader to study the scripture chronologically with a world-view in mind.

The author begins by saying, "God is a missionary God, and the Bible is a missionary Book." When you read that sentence it brings into perspective the purpose of ministry. Admittedly, there are times when I slumber or become distracted in keeping my passion alive on the "main things." Pastors, if the Bible is the mission's manual and our Commander-in-Chief is a missionary, then everything we do in ministry must revolve around reaching the unsaved.

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman serves as a guide to lead us in this priority. John 4 tells that, "Jesus left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee and he "must needs" go through Samaria." John 4:3-4 It was the "must needs" that compelled Jesus to go to a place others did not want to go, but it was in that place the greatest reward was discovered.

I remember a time early in ministry when I was called to help a single young man who recently had surgery and needed someone to provide lunch for him throughout his rehabilitation. Honestly, I didn't want to do this because of his misaligned gender orientation. You see, he was a transvestite and I didn't want people to get the wrong idea and see me visiting his run-down trailer everyday.



I accepted the assignment and truthfully, was appalled by what I saw. Over the course of our time together, I invited him to church. I also knew his attendance would create quite a stir and I'll never forget the first time he came through the doors of church and yes, was confronted by some religious "saints." But he kept coming!

Long story short, one Sunday, after two years of regular attendance, he got up from his seat and came to the altar to surrender his life to Jesus. Spiritual transformation began to take root. It took time for the tentacles of sin to leave, but one day he brought me a bag of clothing and said, "Pastor Ron, I'm not a woman, I'm a man!"

Not long after his commitment to Jesus, he started going to the streets and sharing God's love. Today, Jeff is an evangelist living in Kremmling, Colorado actively sharing the message of God's transforming love each week.

The "must needs" of ministry compels us to go places and do things we might not want to, but it's also in these moments God shows up and we experience the greatest miracles. As we set course for a new year, it's my earnest prayer that each of us (myself included) reignite the GREAT COMMISSION in our hearts and ministries; that our prayer, passion and provision to reach the world with Christ's love would increase. With God's help we can do this. 2021 is our year of favor and victory!



Love and prayers,
Ron & Sue

Check out this great resource for mission's video content:



 **Media Hub**

Your church's access point for all AGWM video content.

www.agwm.org/hub

NOTE TO SELF...

*SOMETIMES WE
ALL NEED AN EAR!*

"Two are better than one... if either of them falls down,
the other can reach out and help."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

**2020 is in the books...let's pull for one another
like never before as we embrace 2021!**

Just yesterday, a missionary friend outside of our network recommended a leadership book to me. I am hesitant to recommend it without reading it, but I appreciated its premise as he excitedly shared it with me. The author presents a revolutionary concept for pastors in the leading of church boards, elders, and congregations in which the pastor is transparent in his or her own weaknesses, temptations, and sins. This missionary felt this book housed the key to preventing pastors' failures and burnouts—so often embarrassingly highlighted by the Church and world—by allowing pastors to be real with those they serve. Naturally, the caveat is whether the church is ready for such authenticity in leadership!

He went on to underscore the sad reality that “pastors have nowhere to go” in times of personal discouragement, confusion, or loss. Clearly this book sparked a passion in this missionary, one which I heartedly affirmed with him. He was amazed, quite honestly. He felt the next best thing to pastors developing an authentic culture of leadership within their churches would be for pastors to experience this with their fellow ministers. I agree and believe our elders ministry is a vital key to this reality.

Pastors, 2020 was a difficult year. I am so honored and blessed to have walked with many of you through difficult conversations and times of prayer. Yet, I know with certainty that many of you choose to walk alone, no matter the burden. I want to remind you that in our ministry network, you have the opportunity to confidentially meet with someone at any time, with no fear of shame, judgement, or repercussion of any sort. You have a safe place with myself or any of our twelve elders ready to minister to you.

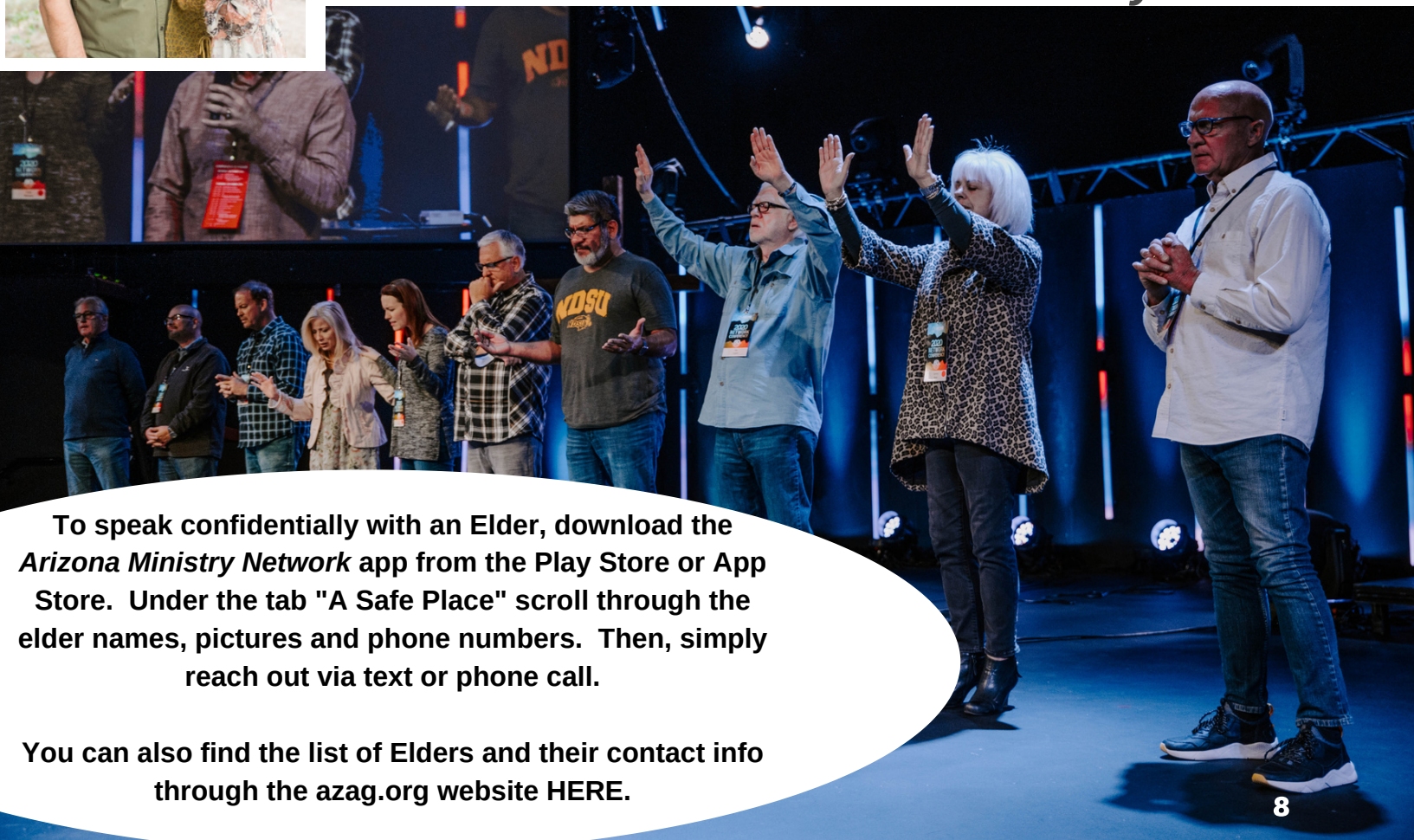
Our elders each share a brief video of introduction on our network's website or phone app. Feel free to browse these and consider who you may choose to have in your corner at any time of need in 2021. And, please know I am always available to you and honored to serve our network in this capacity. You are not alone. We love you and are here for you.

Stay healthy in ministry!

Pastor Jeff



Reach Out to an Elder Today!



To speak confidentially with an Elder, download the *Arizona Ministry Network* app from the Play Store or App Store. Under the tab "A Safe Place" scroll through the elder names, pictures and phone numbers. Then, simply reach out via text or phone call.

You can also find the list of Elders and their contact info through the azag.org website [HERE](#).



Free Online Discipleship for Men



Visit azmensministries.org for small group studies created to help men grow in four dimensions of manhood: Identity, Relationships, Vision and Purpose.

There are three spiritual growth levels for each of these elements:

Courage – This level focuses on men who are discovering Christ or taking their first steps in Christ. The courage level will give application and implementation exercises for spiritual growth.

Strength – This level assists men who have a relationship with Christ and are in the local church. The strength level will focus on discipleship growth applications and implementation resources to strengthen their relationships and encourage men as they serve Christ in their church and daily life.

Endurance – This level gives encouragement and engagement of Kingdom principles so those who are currently serving in key leadership assignments will find a deeper sense of their spiritual purpose in ministry.



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EQUIPPING SPIRIT-EMPOWERED LEADERS EVERY DAY

VIEW 2021 THEME

CHASING TRUTH READING PLAN

Free Online Resources!

Did you know that the National Women's Ministry Department has online resources, a blog and creative ways to help you reach out to women in your church and community?

www.Women.ag.org

Visit their website to find out more about the yearly Bible reading plan "Chasing Truth", a list of ministry resources and to shop for themed books and merchandise!

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YOUTH LEADERS' SUMMIT



WITH NATIONAL SPEED THE LIGHT DIRECTOR **ERIC HOFFMAN**



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The Arizona Youth Leaders' Summit is the best environment for spiritual formation and leadership development among a like-minded community of youth leaders around the state. We encourage Youth Pastors to bring their spouse (if married), leadership team, and candidates for youth leadership for a weekend of celebration, ministry, prayer, vision casting, and practical team building. **Register at www.azagyouth.org/yls.**

AZYM REGIONAL TOUR

- 1.27 TUCSON**
FLOWING WELLS ASSEMBLY
- 2.25 KINGMAN**
HOPE CITY CHURCH
- 2.26 TEMPE**
29:11 CHURCH
- 3.24 FLAGSTAFF**
NORTHLAND CHRISTIAN
- 3.25 PRESCOTT VALLEY**
LIFEPOINTE CHURCH
- 3.26 GLENDALE**
HARVEST CHURCH

Join us for one of our regional youth services around the state. Our leadership team is traveling to six strategic locations to serve students ages 12-18 for our annual tour.

This regional tour is a series of FREE youth rallies, centered on the theme of prayer. Each service will be from 6pm – 8:30pm. We are asking every church to help us promote the tour stop closest to you, and rally the youth of your church to attend this life-giving event!

Each night, we will give students an opportunity to make a difference in missions globally through Speed the Light and locally on their school campus through Youth Alive. At the close of each service, we will have intentional time for students to grow closer to Jesus and pray together in groups.

YOUTH CAMP SPEAKERS

ON-TIME REGISTRATION DUE FEBRUARY 1



PETER REEVES
Camp 1: May 30 - June 2



NATE SCHATZLINE
Camp 2: June 2 - June 5



MEESH FOMENKO
Camp 3: June 6 - June 9



SHADDY MELU
Camp 4: June 9 - 12



CHRIS ESTRADA
Camp 5: June 13 -16



NOAH HERRIN
Camp 6: June 16 -19

2021 EVENT DATES

YOUTH LEADERS' SUMMIT
January 8-9

REGIONAL TOUR
Visit www.azagyouth.org/tour

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL
April 10

YOUTH CAMPS W/ SEU WORSHIP
Camp #1: May 30- June 2 (Peter Reeves)
Camp #2: June 2 - June 5 (Nate Schatzline)
Camp #3: June 6 - 9 (Meesh Fomenko)
Camp #4: June 9- 12 (Shaddy Melu)
Camp #5: June 13 - 16 (Chris Estrada)
Camp #6: June 16 - 19 (Noah Herrin)

YOUTH ALIVE ONE DAY
August 21

NATIONAL STL DAY
October 17

YOUTH CONVENTION
October 22-23



KidCon is a one-of-a-kind experience where kids will encounter God in an unforgettable way!

KidCon is a weekend created just for kids! From kindergarten - 6th grade, kids come from all over the state of Arizona 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, KidCon is an opportunity to invest in the spiritual development of their child. For pastors, KidCon is a weekend focused on ministering to kids in a special and distraction-free environment. All KidCon sessions are high energy and filled with dynamic worship and challenging, yet age-appropriate, messages!



For more info and to register click [HERE](#).

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THE ARIZONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

#GOALS

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

2021 is the start of a new season for all of us. I challenge you to set a goal this year to enrich your calling through further study. If you are certified or licensed a great goal to set is to pursue your next level of credential. This journey will only strengthen your effectiveness for ministry. We have several options for classes. Sign up for your next class today.

FEBRUARY CLASSES

Sermon Preparation
Old Testament Survey
Corinthian Correspondance



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Coordinator

Time to Dream Again

SISTERSTRONG LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

One-Day Event | Three Locations

As seasons change, God has a plan! During times and days of transition, we want to keep our minds and hearts focused on His Truth. God has a purpose when things shift around us. We believe, He will faithfully reveal how He needs us to respond!

This One-Day Sisterstrong Leadership Summit is structured so you can hear from God and understand how He needs you to react. There will be teaching, time for group interaction, and moments for personal reflection.

He has created you for this moment in history. It is Time to Dream Again, and step with assurance into all He has purposed for you! Together, let us hear from God and move forward to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



Lavon has been called to awaken and inspire women leaders into their mission destiny for Christ! She travels globally, inviting women to wholeness and to intentionally access their Holy Spirit giftings. She serves as an Elder for the Arizona Ministry Network.

Lavon Reep
Guest Speaker

Arizona South | January 16 | 10am - 2pm
Tucson | Discovery Church

Arizona North | January 23 | 10am - 2pm
Flagstaff | Northland Christian Assembly

Arizona Central | January 30 | 10am - 2pm
Avondale | Cornerstone Christian Center

Register On-line for \$20
Includes your meal & Dream Again Notebook
Deadlines for registration is one-week prior to your summit



DENISE RYAN
*Network of Women Ministers
Arizona Ministry Network*

TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA



Trusting GOD

VIRTUAL SPRING BANQUETS 2021

LAKE HAVASU CITY FEBRUARY 26 - 7PM
To benefit the Phoenix Men's Center

SIERRA VISTA MARCH 5 - 7PM
To benefit the Tucson Men's Center

CASA GRANDE MARCH 12 - 7PM
To benefit the Home of Hope

YUMA MARCH 19 - 7PM
To benefit the Tucson Men's Center



For more information go to: tcaz.org
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Doug & Lynda Young Retired Ministers

Snow Peabody AZ Teen Challenge

Stephen & Jill Valentine Deaf Ministries

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

Recent Network Statistics

OPEN CHURCHES

Glendale, Hope City Church
Holbrook, Faith A/G
Houck, Bethel Navajo A/G
Sierra Vista, Mt.View A/G
Page, First A/G
Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.
Shonto, Victory A/G
Winslow, First A/G

TRANSFERRED OUT

Chp. Robert Steven.
Timothy Twigg
Daniel Titus

TRANSFERRED IN

Kent Boyum
Sydney Porter

DECEASED

Charles Burns
Mitch King
William Kirkpatrick
Virgil Jones