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Be Alert!



Happy New Year to each one of you! We have already celebrated the first Sunday of the year 2020. Pastor, I know many of you have chosen a theme for the year for your church, or maybe just a 'word' that you want to characterize your ministry for this New Year. The worth of setting a theme is that it provides focus for the New Year. It sets the overall atmosphere for everything you are dreaming of doing in 2020 and enforces the vision of your ministry as the months come and go.

For me personally, I have felt the Holy Spirit impressing me with the words 'Be Alert'. These words may not be a good theme for a church, but it is personal with me. I want to be alert and to stay alert because of the times we are living in. We are most assuredly living in tumultuous times. Our nation is reeling with the political upheaval currently, and we watch Biblical prophecy happening on a daily basis in our nation, in Israel and many hot spots in the world.

I want to avoid at all cost becoming complacent and not alert but to 'watch and pray' in this critical time. I believe the coming of the Lord Jesus cannot be far away.

Mark 13:32-33, *"But as for that day or hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **Be on your guard and stay alert!** For you do not know when the appointed time will come.*

Ephesians 6:18, *"Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition. **To this end, stay alert** with all perseverance in your prayers for all the saints.*



Don't force the Holy Spirit to thump you on the head, so to speak, to get your attention! Be alert! We know what God's Word declares concerning humbling ourselves, repenting and seeking God for His healing in our land. It is not enough to 'know it' you've got to actually do it.

Be alert! Stay alert! God bless you with a year crowned by His favor in everything you put your hand to do.

Pastor Harris

2020 Network Sectional Tour

"I'm looking forward to seeing you on network tour. It's a privilege for our leadership to travel the state and touch base with our pastors and leaders! Thanks for making time and planning on joining us!"

- Pastor Harris

Jan. 9		
North Central Section	LifePoint Church, Prescott Valley	10:00 AM
Jan. 13		
East Central Section	Calvary Shadows A/G, Globe	10:00 AM
East Section	Dream City Church White Mtns.	6:00 PM
Jan. 14		
Northeast Section	Faith Assembly, Holbrook	10:00 AM
Canyon North Section	Assembly of God, Cameron	6:00 PM
Jan. 15		
Northwest Section	Hope City Church, Kingman	10:00 AM
Jan. 16		
Phoenix Metro Indian	Salt River Indian Assembly, Scottsdale	10:00 AM
East Valley Section	Desert Springs Church, Chandler	6:00 PM
Jan. 21		
Northwest Valley	Church on the Green, Sun City W.	10:00 AM
Central Valley	City Church, Glendale	6:00 PM
Jan. 23		
West Valley Section	Cornerstone Church, Avondale	10:00 AM
Southwest Section	First Assembly of God, Wellton	6:00 PM
Jan. 24		
Southeast Section	First Assembly, Benson	10:00 AM
South Section	Victory Worship Center, Tucson	6:00 PM



TIME FOR AN UPGRADE

Years ago, my wife Sue (thankfully) convinced me I needed a new phone because my old one was no longer “cool and contemporary.” After having had the same phone for some time, I must say that “cool and contemporary” are overrated.

You see, I could do many things on that phone: check my Twitter feed, browse the Internet, play chess, text others and even listen to the radio. It had a camera, caller identification, voice recorder, calendar, navigation and a host of other applications.

However, despite all these strengths, that particular phone had one problem. It had never been good at the basics of making phone calls. The thing that all phones are made to do and what I needed most, was deficient in this model. Most phone calls were poor in the sound quality.

I tried getting the phone saved through baptism but that didn't help. It was first sprinkled with Diet Coke and later baptized by immersion in the most common of cell phone rites, the toilet. I need a cell phone and will carry one with me for the rest of my life, but the one thing I needed that piece of technology to do was undeniably deficient.

Unfortunately, I think many believers today are just like that old phone. They do all kinds of “cool” things but they have never become good at the basics of personally embracing and fulfilling Christ's call for their lives.

They are saved and baptized but are not fulfilling the mission that God has for them. They do not live out a Spirit-empowered witness or share about the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

Sadly, many Christians are in need of an upgrade of spiritual passion and purpose.

We have the message, power and giftings to do all the things needed to impact the world with the message of Christ's love, but often we're stuck in a rut of using methods that no longer are relevant to current cultural needs. An upgrade is required if we're going to reach the lost in this generation.

Jesus made the strong command in Mark 16:15 to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." This mandate was not optional but imperative to the success of the church.

Unlike my old phone, we must be strong and loud in the main thing we are called to accomplish in this life. And the main thing is to fulfill the mission of Christ. Everything else might be "cool and contemporary," but not the sole purpose of the Christian life and of the mission of the Church.

As we enter into 2020, my prayer is that our focus would on the priorities of the Kingdom of God; that we would use every means possible to speak clearly and loudly the message of hope to a hurting world and that we would make a renewed commitment to pray and win the lost like never before.



Love and prayers, Ron & Sue



AZMN FEATURED CHURCH

GENERATION CHURCH



20 YEAR CELEBRATION



"20 YEARS AGO, RANDY VISCONTI HAD HIS 1ST SUNDAY AS SENIOR PASTOR OF WHAT BECAME GENERATION CHURCH TODAY. MY DAD AND MOM MOVED FROM KANSAS TO ARIZONA WITH THEIR FOUR KIDS AND BEGAN PASTORING A CHURCH WITH AROUND 100 PEOPLE WHO WERE EXCITED FOR THE FUTURE (THEN KNOWN AS EVANGEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD).

THE CRAZY THING IS THAT OUR FAMILY CAME TO AZ AFTER A VERY DIFFICULT SEASON. BUT WHAT THE ENEMY MEANT FOR EVIL, GOD TURNED FOR GOOD! GOD BLESSED MY PARENT'S MINISTRY: MANY PEOPLE ACCEPTED JESUS, THE CHURCH GREW, EXPANDED, AND THE REST IS AN INDISPUTABLE MONUMENT TO GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND GOODNESS. DON'T QUIT WHEN THINGS GET TOUGH; YOUR NEXT SEASON OF BREAKTHROUGH IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. DON'T GIVE UP WHEN GOD HAS PLANTED YOU IN GOOD SOIL, THE HARVEST SEASON IS COMING!"

PASTOR RYAN VISCONTI



The Acts 2 Journey Cohort is a transformative process led by an experienced team to help you fulfill the vision you have to strengthen your church spiritually, numerically and relationally. Join with a team of leaders from your church for a series of four retreats over the course of 8 months to pray, dream, and strategize about the future of your church.



January 10th-11th
 Fountain of Life Church
 Phoenix, AZ

March 6th-7th
 Radiant Church
 Surprise, AZ

May 15th - 16th
 Harvest Church
 Glendale, AZ

August 14th-15th
 The Rock Church
 Scottsdale, AZ



RETREAT 1

"Why do we exist?" and "Where are we going?"

The team focuses on congregational realities; embraces its mission; and develops the unique, motivating, and guiding vision statement.

RETREAT 2

"How should we behave?"

The team discovers the church's individual DNA and the values that will determine how the church utilizes its resources.

RETREAT 3

"How do we achieve our goals?"

The team constructs a strategic plan based on the Acts 2 template: (Connect, Grow, Serve, Go, and Worship).

RETREAT 4

"Launching the vision"

Each team presents its three-year strategic plan and receives instruction on practical ways to communicate vision.



NOTE TO SELF...

MY HEALTH MATTERS!

For several years now the A/G's Influence and Enrichment magazines have placed an emphasis on the mental and emotional health of pastors. Now, our movement has established the AG Mental Health Committee. What a need! Robert Crosby provided an excellent article in last month's Influence magazine, "Soul Care for Servant Leaders." Please click [HERE](#) to read it if you have not, and read it again if you have!

Sure, I have an unusual propensity among most pastors; I have absolutely loved pastoral counseling since my early days as a youth pastor at Phoenix First Assembly. Ten years ago, in my opening months at Central Assembly, my admin asked me one day, "Do you always meet with this many people in a given week?" I smiled and answered simply, "Yes." For me, pastoral counseling is a form of discipleship. Crosby references it as a form of sanctification. I have celebrated it as helping people move from where they are to where God wants them to be, and often the struggles are in their minds and emotions and relationships. I have found one-on-one meetings to greatly add to the other ministries our church offers.

I realize this isn't for all pastors. My father loathed counseling in his ministry, something we often laugh together about. Yet, as Crosby states, "Counseling is not some option for the weak, but a strong resource for the wise." He is reaching out to pastors on two counts: for their church members and for themselves. I want to do the same as we enter into 2020 in our great ministry network...

DEAR FRIEND, I PRAY THAT YOU MAY ENJOY GOOD HEALTH AND THAT ALL MAY GO WELL WITH YOU, EVEN AS YOUR SOUL IS GETTING ALONG WELL. 3 JOHN 2

CONSIDER

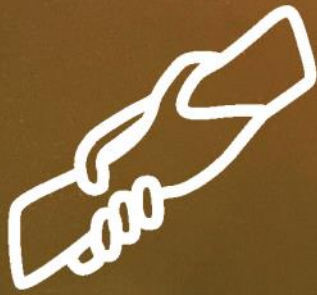
1. **Please consider your own emotional and mental well-being.**
If you are struggling, please do not walk alone. Your health will impact the health of your church (and more importantly your marriage and family.)
2. **Please consider those same needs in the congregation you serve.**
Studies reveal 1/3 of all Americans are suffering with anxiety. Depression is rampant in our churches. People love Jesus, yet suffer in these areas.
3. **Please consider giving a sermon series on related topics.**
I am three classes away from completing my course work at GCU for a Masters in Professional Counseling. Over these past 2 ½ years of classes, my personal reading time has exploded in awareness of such topics in God's Word! If you are mindful, God will lead you with biblical answers for your flock.
4. **Please know our network leadership has prioritized your health** by providing for you: elders (for confidential meetings on any topic), myself (for the same), and a list of counselors we refer pastors to on a regular basis (for the same). You are not alone in life and ministry! Every Wednesday morning in our network staff's prayer/devotional time, we pray over a small segment of our pastors and churches. By December, every ordained pastor and every network church has been interceded for. Our prayer is that in 2020 you will be healthy and blessed in every way!



Stay healthy in ministry!

Jeff Peterson





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.

Lindsay Petri, Women's Director
lindsay@azag.org



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
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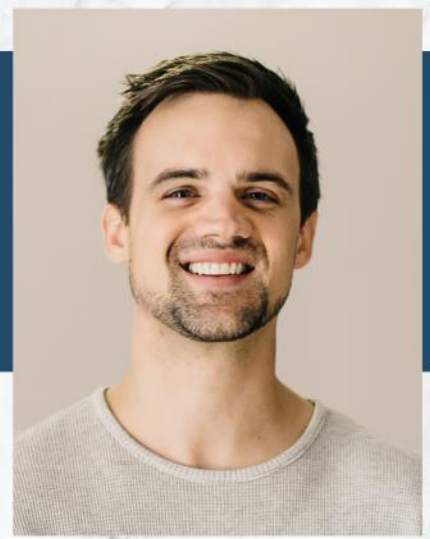




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AZYM REGIONAL TOUR

PRESCOTT VALLEY
LIFEPOINTE CHURCH



CHANDLER
DESERT SPRINGS CHURCH

KINGMAN
HOPE CITY CHURCH



GLENDALE
HARVEST CHURCH



POP/UP

Join us from 6pm - 8:30pm in one of our four locations in 2020 to serve students ages 12-18 with a message of hope. This generation carries a worldview that is increasingly pragmatic and cautious, delaying their self-confidence and maturity into adulthood.

We want to serve with our network of 200+ churches, inspiring students and leaders to discover the purpose God has for their lives and to fan into flame the gift He has placed in each one of them.

This regional tour is a series of FREE youth rallies, centered on the theme of service. Each Pop-Up service will be from 6pm – 8:30pm.

We are believing that every student will walk away with practical ways to serve God with their unique gift to the body of Christ.

ARIZONA YOUTH LEADERS' SUMMIT

GRANITE HILLS | JAN 17-18, 2020



\$35

ARIZONA YOUTH MINISTRIES / AZAGYOUTH.ORG



JEFF PETERSON
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MISSIONARY TO PANAMA



TARA KENYON
PHD STUDIES AT OXFORD



MATT FIGUEROA
DESERT SPRINGS CHURCH

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.

2020 EVENT DATES

YOUTH LEADERS' SUMMIT

January 17-18

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

April 4

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

ARIZONA

School of Ministry

There are several options when it comes to Bible training.
Why does ASOM work for so many people?

- Provides a unique combination of self-study and group class time
- Sets a pace for your classes that keeps you on track but is also sustainable
- Encourages relationships within our network of ministers
- Inexpensive option to fulfilling educational requirements for credentialing

February Classes:

Sermon Preparation, Old Testament Survey, Corinthian Correspondance

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
Director

20/20

MULTIPLYING BY 20 CHURCHES IN 2020

He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

Matthew 14:19

One of the most powerful principles is divine multiplication. We ask God for multiplication in 2020. Please join us in consecrated prayer. God wants to multiply our Network. He wants you to experience multiplication in your life and church!

God is bringing growth to Arizona through our International Churches.

We believe there several ways to reach our 2020 goal:

- ✿ Encourage and coach established intercultural churches for growth and expansion by adding English services and planting daughter churches that do the same.
- ✿ Encourage and coach established English-only churches for growth and expansion by adding language or ethnic specific services and plant daughter churches that do the same.
- ✿ Encourage ethnic or language specific pentecostal churches to join our Assemblies of God Network.

For more information, call Rick Ryan at 417-849-0539

FILIPINO CHURCH TRIPLES IN SIX MONTHS

Psalm of Christ Church in Gilbert, Arizona has celebrated their first year anniversary. Pastor Nomar Valdez says, "God has been moving in amazing ways through our church." On Father's Day in 2019, they moved to a new location that allowed them to transition from an afternoon service to a morning service. They have now tripled in attendance, and weekly new people are coming!



HISPANIC CHURCH DOUBLES IN FOUR MONTHS

Roca de Salvación in Tucson, Arizona was planted by the Ballesteros' Family. They took a building that had been deserted for several years and with the help of the Arizona Ministry Network, they remodeled and updated the building. On August 1, 2019 they started services with just their family and a "fill in" pastor. Since then they have doubled their attendance and are praying for a permanent pastor!



A R I Z O N A



NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS



Denise Ryan
FACILITATOR

NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS RETREAT

BETTER TOGETHER

S I S T E R S T R O N G

We've created a time and place to come together with God and other women. BETTER TOGETHER is designed for you to grow, connect, and reflect. Let's come together and start conversations so we can get to know one another, build friendships and pray for each other. We believe this retreat will encourage and inspire you to become a better leader.

DATE

February 7-8, 2020

LOCATION

Banner Church in the heart of Scottsdale, Arizona.
A beautiful church in close proximity to great restaurants and shops.

HOTEL

The Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport (\$129 plus tax) include 2 full breakfasts in The Post.
You must use our Discount Booking Link: AZ Women Ministers Network by January 8, 2020

REGISTRATION

Click [HERE](#) or

Register at www.AZAG.org/network-women-ministers



MICHELE THOMPSON
Guest Speaker



DENISE RYAN
Host



RACHEL PETERS
Worship Leader

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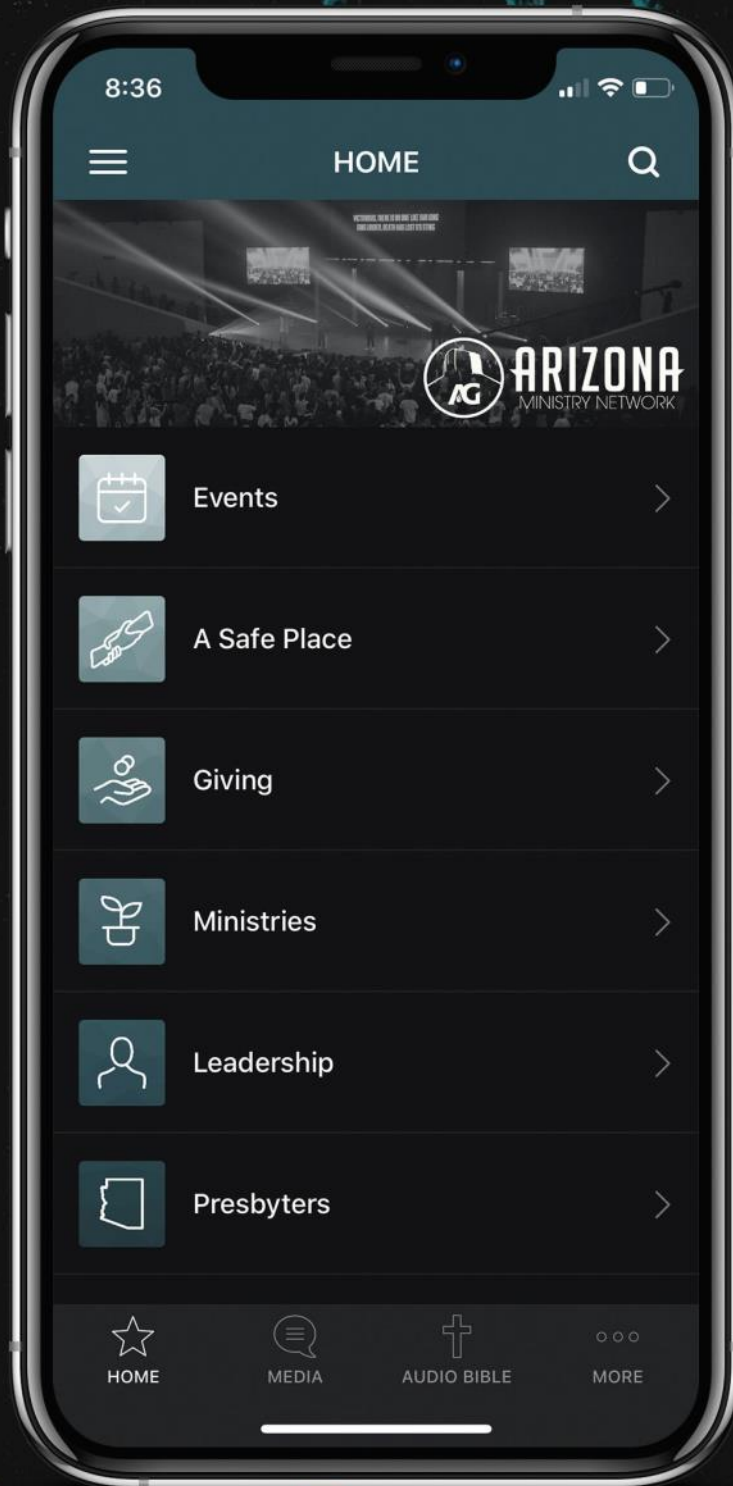


smartphone app!

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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Ministry Stats for Nov/Dec 2019

OPEN CHURCHES

Golden Valley Assembly of God
Holbrook Faith A/G
Houck-Bethel Navajo A/G
New River A/G
Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.

TRANSFERRED OUT

Henry Lewis – Tennessee
Joseph Saggio – Southern California
Louanne Doody – Potomac