

# THE SALTSHAKER

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## SMALL GROUPS AT AVPC

You can't be at Altadena long without hearing someone refer to the church as a covenant family. What does that mean? It means that in Christ, we have been adopted into God's family. Because of that, we get to experience life in a spiritual family of believers. One of the best ways to lean into this family is through small groups, and September is a great time to jump into one!

**What is a small group?** It's what it sounds like – a small group of people (roughly 8-14) coming together weekly to apply God's word and pray for one another in the context of a small "family" of believers.

**Who can join a small group?** Any adult, member or non-member, single or married is welcome to join a small group.

**When do small groups meet?** Most groups meet on Sunday (5:00 to 6:30 PM) or Wednesday (6:15–8:00 PM). However, some groups gather on other days or nights. So, there are many meeting opportunities.

**Where do small groups meet?** Groups meet in homes or on the church campus.

**How can I join a small group?** Scan the QR code below to let us know your interest and availability or contact the small group coordinator, Jack Morris, to learn more about available groups.



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# WACK 2024



Thank you to all of our teachers and volunteers for a great WACK week! The campers had an exciting time learning how to worship God through their artistic gifts. Thank you for helping make that possible.



# MISSIONS NEWS

## SUMMER MISSIONS REPORT DINNER

August 18, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

*Dinner Provided*

*Childcare through age 4*



The Summer Mission Report Dinner is here! On August 18, 2024, from 5:00 – 6:30 PM, there will be a dinner, and dessert will be provided by the Missions team. We will recognize the children and adults who have read Missionary Biographies during the last six months! I thank all of you for participating in this reading challenge; it has blessed my heart to see how many of you checked out multiple books. I know the real blessing has been yours as you learned about missions across continents and time. Next, we will hear from several who participated in the CMMMA and Dental Mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Then, we will be blessed by the reports from Ethan MacCaughelty and Everett Alley who were summer interns at the Yakama reservation in Washington state. Last, but not least, our Youth will share about the mission work they did in July at the Yakama reservation. This is the fourth time our youth and adults have gone there to serve! Look for our poster coming soon and don't miss this event! It will be a huge blessing for all!

Mardi Penuel for the Missions Team

# GOD'S HOUSE KINDERGARTEN



Soaking up the last days  
of summer at GHK!



# AVPC NEWS

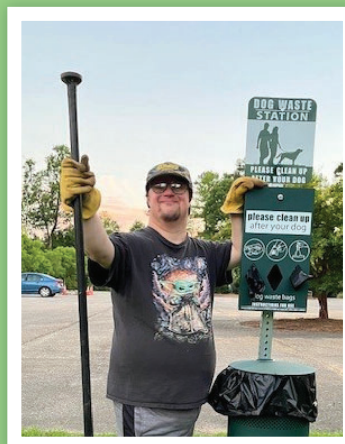
## Congratulations!



Charlotte Rose Whitner was born on July 16, 2024. Parents are Michael and Kathy Whitner.



Riley Jane Smith was born on June 27, 2024. Parents are Tre and Jayla Smith.



Thank you to Mark McCallum for helping install a new dog waste station in Altadena Park!

## Evangelism Workshop October 4

Mark your calendars! The AVPC Outreach Ministry Team will be hosting an Evangelism Workshop on Friday, October 4, in the Fellowship Hall. The workshop will be led by the RUF International Director at UAB, Stephen Merwin. More information about the workshop and how to sign up will be coming soon.

## minutes

### SESSION MEETING • JUNE 18, 2024

- There was a joint Session/Diaconate dinner to honor retiring Senior Pastor, Brad Allison.
- Report from members of the Pulpit Committee regarding how quarterly Presbytery Stated Meetings will impact the timeline once a senior pastor candidate is first identified.
- Further discussion regarding Church bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

### DIACONATE MEETING • JULY 9, 2024

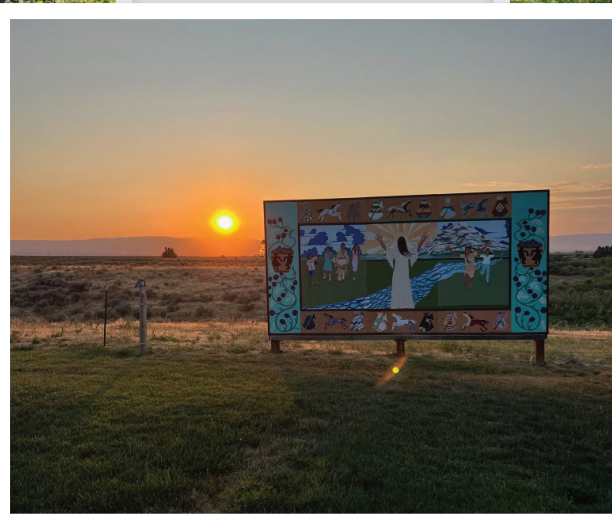
- Discussion regarding Facilities repairs and improvements.
- Discussion regarding land sale for tracts on either side of the Caldwell Mill Road bridge.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This July, I had the gift of returning to serve with our youth missions team at Sacred Road Ministries for the fourth summer on the Yakama Tribe Reservation in White Swan, Washington. Over the course of the past four years, our family has developed friendships with people there, individuals we support in prayer and partner with in ministry. Likewise, they pray for us in the callings God has for us here in Alabama. It was an honor to witness our AVPC seniors leading in ministry – as interns, in worship, on the work sites. I kept thinking that the character and qualities they were demonstrating by God's grace were first nurtured in their home and Altadena's children's ministry under Mrs. Betty. That is where their exposure to missions and God's Word began. What a beautiful joy to see the budding fruits of God's faithfulness and the diligence of those who steadfastly showed up and loved. One of the phrases you will hear regarding our children's ministry is that we are "rooting our covenant children for future flourishing." We pray our intentional efforts will yield our covenant children to be like the tree in Psalm 1, "that yields fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither." We are praying for them to be plantings of the Lord's, oaks of righteousness for the display of His splendor as it says in Isaiah 61:3. Results like this do not simply happen. They demand God's abundant grace, favor and mercy, but they also require a commitment to our covenant vows as members of Altadena Valley – that we will partner with families in prayer, nurture, and discipleship for the children God has planted within our church body. This endeavor is futile with a lone Children's Ministry; it demands an army of believers who seek to serve, disciple and intercede for the families and covenant children of our church. As our ministry initiatives kick off in September, we have endless opportunities for you to partner with us. Please contact me at [catie@avpc.org](mailto:catie@avpc.org) if you are interested in supporting this ministry.

Catie Lumpkin



# YOUTH HAPPENINGS

*"For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them."  
1 Corinthians 9:19*

This is exactly the posture our group of students and leaders took when we headed out to White Swan, Washington on the Yakama Reservation. We became instruments in the ongoing ministry of Sacred Road Ministries and Hope Fellowship (PCA) as we painted homes and led Kids' Club in the afternoon for a week. God was gracious to allow us to see the reality of the dividing wall of hostility coming down (between God and man, and between men) as well as a glimpse of the manifold worship to be found in the heavenly throne room one day as a result of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who came to turn enemies into friends.

Peace,  
Clint Cvacho  
Youth Director





# YOUTH HAPPENINGS





# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1	Adrienne Lunceford	8/11	John Lewis Tate	8/20	Melanie Rogers
8/1	Joshua Putman	8/12	Brooke DeRieux	8/21	Anna Jackson
8/2	Caroline Cwynar	8/12	Marland Thurston	8/22	Mary Jane Allen
8/4	Colson Cwynar	8/13	Joseph Savoie	8/22	Brendan Barker
8/4	Jeffery Jones	8/13	Lynn Wheeler	8/22	Renee Chase
8/5	Diana Lloyd	8/14	Lyn Franklin	8/23	Connor Bingham
8/5	Molly MacCaughelty	8/14	Ricky Klose	8/23	Jason Foster
8/6	Zeke Prettyman	8/17	Laren Barker	8/24	Oliver Holmes
8/7	Kirby Windsor	8/18	Jennaffer Bunce	8/26	Caroline Poythress
8/8	Blake Harris	8/19	Hillary Gamble	8/27	Christina Thomas
8/9	Dan Brogan	8/19	Asa Labreche	8/29	Will Wimberly
8/10	Marion Bryant	8/19	Benjamin Lumpkin	8/31	Brannan Jones
8/10	Martha Darden	8/19	Rachel Whitner	8/31	Sandra Martin
8/10	Janet Friday	8/19	Marianne Wofford		

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### MEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 11-12



LOCATION:

SHOCCO SPRINGS RETREAT CENTER

QUESTIONS? CONTACT

BLAKE HARRIS AT [BLAKE@AVPC.ORG](mailto:BLAKE@AVPC.ORG)

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### WOMEN'S FALL LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 22  
immediately following  
the late service.

All ladies of AVPC are invited  
and encouraged to attend.  
No cost and no reservations  
necessary.

Come enjoy a delicious lunch and  
fellowship!

Childcare is not provided.

## JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSES	TRANSFER	ENDING BALANCE
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$103,948	\$143,411	\$135,466	(\$6,669)	\$105,224
<b>MISSIONS</b>	\$5,809	\$38,972	\$34,031	\$6,669	\$17,419
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$109,757	\$182,383	\$169,497	\$0	\$122,643