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SUMMER FUN AT AVPC



Summer Seaquest
June 5-8
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Camp Solid Rock Family Cookout
Thursday, June 8
5:45 PM - 7:15 PM
Everyone Welcome

Camp Solid Rock begins this week starting Monday, June 5, going through Thursday, June 8. If you have not already done so, you can register with a pamphlet from the Welcome Center or Parlor or with the QR code on the right. You can also register on site Monday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 AM in the Parlor. Children should be picked up in the sanctuary at 12:00 PM. Join us for our seafaring summer adventure as we embark on a quest to discover God's mercy and faithfulness.



WACK WEEK JULY 10-13, 2023

Worship Arts Camp is an opportunity for your children to see worship as more than just a Sunday morning activity, but as a way of living that honors God above all else. We believe God has created us in his image. Therefore, all of us have the creative gift within us. This camp is an opportunity to show your children how using our creativity in a way that honors God is itself an act of worship. Grab a pamphlet from the Welcome Center or Parlor or you can register on our website or with the QR code below.

AVPC is proud to partner with world REnowned scientist Dr. Baroness Von Glutenfrienheimer for this year's WACK! One of the greatest minds of the 21st and 22nd Century, Glutenfrienheimer is REvolutionizing life with her latest and gREatest invention, the ReWoReMo! This fantastic feat of modern technology is taking churches across the country by storm, and may foREver REshape and REvitalize the way we do worship! Join us and REgister now for a week of REformation and REvamping as you experience this new kind of worship!*

*Dr. Baroness Von Glutenfrienheimer does not assume REsponsibility for any accidents, mishaps, or time warp RElated disasters that might occur during this seminar.



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The Fiftieth General Assembly of our denomination will be held in Memphis on June 13-15. Altadena is sending three delegates: Blake Harris, Karl Poythress and me. The General Assembly is the name we give to the highest court of our denomination, and its delegates consist of pastors and ruling elders of PCA churches throughout our nation. One of the main items of business each year is to make decisions on overtures that come to the assembly. An overture is simply a request from a Session or Presbytery that General Assembly take some action.

There are thirty overtures before us this year. Several are routine and easy issues. For example, a presbytery might ask that its boundary lines be redrawn (if the presbytery is dividing usually). Most overtures are proposed changes to our Book of Church Order, which has constitutional authority for every PCA church and officer. These proposed changes must be approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly, and then be approved by two-thirds of the presbyteries, followed by majority vote of a second General Assembly.

Many of the overtures proposing changes to our Book of Church Order reflect ongoing controversies in our denomination. One of those controversies continues to be over the matter of homosexuality. While all PCA officers agree that homosexual behavior and desires are sinful, there are many who would like us to incorporate more explicit language in our BCO clarifying this. Others see this as redundant and unnecessary. These changes have been proposed in the past, approved at a General Assembly, and then failed to receive the required two-thirds approval from the presbyteries. Five more overtures on this topic will be before us again this year.

Another group of overtures have emerged from the report of a study committee on handling cases of abuse in the church. For example, a couple of them want to be more broad in who is allowed to be a witness in a church discipline trial. Another requires a more prompt response from Sessions and presbyteries when there is an allegation of abuse.

And then there are overtures that seek to clarify the role of women in the church, as well as another overture that wants the denomination to reject secular social justice and critical theory ideology. Please be in prayer for us. This GA will also have a celebratory feel to it, since it marks the golden anniversary of the PCA.

-Brad Allison

minutes

SESSION MEETING • APRIL 18, 2023

- ZOOM Meeting with representatives of McGowan Global. The services described included but are not limited to:
 - Assisting the church in the creation of a written profile of our church
 - Assistance in the creation of a senior pastor profile
 - Assistance in training and organizing the pastoral search committee
 - Assistance with communications throughout the process
 - Assistance with the development of pastoral candidate evaluation criteria
 - Assistance with the interview process
 - Assistance in identifying the top candidates for our church
- Missions team approved Stephanie Whitner serving with Serge for the full-time monthly support of \$500 per month effective 4/1/2023.

DIACONATE MEETING • MAY 9, 2023

- At 6:30 PM, there was a responder meeting in the Fellowship Hall to inform ushers, deacons, and elders of changes in procedures, as well as help guide proper responses to various safety and security situations.
- Motion was made for the formation of Safety and Security Committee as a part of the Diaconate and for Josh Putman to chair, and was unanimously approved, and team was prayed for.

MISSIONS NEWS

MEET OUR NEW MISSIONARY

Brad Owens / RUF Campus Minister

1. How did you choose/ feel called to your ministry?

College is such a formative season of life, so the opportunities for the gospel are massive during these years. There are countless challenges involved in college life, but I am so excited to be able to shepherd students through those challenges, and to engage relationally with non-Christians on UAB's campus. It has been a joy to see God at work among our students at UAB, and I look forward to seeing even more of what God will do in and through them as we seek "to reach college students for Christ and equip them to serve" Jesus and his church for a lifetime!



2. How did you meet your spouse? What was special to you about your spouse?

Anna and I met in a local church just outside of Knoxville. The more I got to know her, the more I appreciated her focus and faithfulness with the responsibilities and relationships the Lord had put on her plate. She wasn't distracted by the things that so easily distract young people, and I grew to love that quiet contentment and faithfulness.

3. What do you enjoy when you have free time?

When the weather is nice, I love a fun family hike or playing in the backyard with the kids. I also love reading, swimming, working out, playing Settlers of Catan, and food/coffee!

4. What is your favorite thing about the location of your ministry?

I really do love that I get to do ministry on a secular university campus. I went to UT-Knoxville as a young believer and faced so many challenges. There are temptations to indulge in immorality on every side, and there are often objections raised against the Christian faith. I had a history professor who once said, "It doesn't take long to figure out the resurrection was just a big hoax." This planted a lot of doubt in my mind and heart about the integrity of the Christian faith. Thankfully I had a youth pastor who talked me through it and recommended several good books to dig into. By God's grace, after months of digging into some good resources and wrestling with significant doubts, I came out the other side of those fears with a trust and confidence in God's word that was stronger than ever. Because of that experience, I am so thankful to be in a position to shepherd students through similar challenges.

5. What is one way we can pray for your ministry this year?

Charles Spurgeon has said, "No man can do me a truer kindness than to pray for me." So, thank you so much for your prayers! Please pray that RUF at UAB would grow deeper and wider. We want to grow deeper in our love for Jesus and in our understanding of his word, and we want to grow wider in our reach. We want to see the gospel's influence spreading and its reach getting wider as more and more people come to faith in Jesus!

6. What is one hope you have for your ministry?

I hope that our relationships in RUF at UAB are a beautiful display of the gospel's goodness and power. I hope our Christian students grow in their love and desire for Jesus and his church because of their time in RUF. I also hope that RUF can be a place where non-Christian students find a sense of belonging and a community that they know loves them, and our hope is that God will use our friendships with non-Christians to bring them to saving faith in Jesus!

AVPC PEOPLE NEWS

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere condolences to the following:

- Randy and Janet Friday for the recent death of Randy's brother, Dan Friday.
- Mary Jane McAskile upon the recent death of her husband, Pete McAskile.

You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Thank You

To my church family,

I want to say a heartfelt "thank you" to all my AVPC friends! I appreciate all the beautiful cards, flowers, phone calls, and your generosity. It has been my honor and privilege to be of service to you.

I do not know what the future will hold for me, but I know who will hold my hand on my journey. I will continue to pray for AVPC and my wonderful friends.

May God bless you all and keep you safe.

Gratefully,

Jimmie Campbell

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Just a reminder if you have moved, gotten married, changed your email or phone number or made any other changes to your contact information, please contact the church office to update. We want our directory as current as possible.

Camp Solid Rock
Family Cookout
Thursday, June 8
5:45 PM - 7:15 PM
Everyone Welcome



Join us for a community cookout on Thursday evening at 5:45 PM in Altadena Park for a sweet time of food, fellowship, and to celebration of God's goodness!

Congratulations



Congratulations to AVPC members
Paden Franklin
and
Claire Russell
who were united in marriage here at
AVPC on May 27, 2023.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

At our recent Mother's Day brunch, we celebrated and honored those who have served as covenant mothers and fathers to the children of our church. I shared that our children's ministry team is praying and working towards rooting the children of our body for future flourishing. Our goal is not to have children attend and ensure they are entertained. We are in the process of building future adults who will be the outposts of God's kingdom to a watching world. During the month of June, I invite you to partner with me as we pray for those who will serve as leaders, teachers and discipleship mentors to our children throughout the upcoming ministry year. Will you join me in praying for God to stir in covenant members, and that He will lead those He is calling to "tell the next generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders He has done (Psalm 78:4)? Additionally, will you be praying about what role God has you to play in the lives of our covenant children? Consider the following:

Is God leading you to make an investment as discipleship leader for nine months to a small group of children?

Is God calling you to explore the foundational elements of covenant worship with our preschoolers for one month?

Is God leading you to serve the children of our church and community during our Sunday Night Bridge Nights?

Is God leading you to pray daily for the children of one family in our church and to encourage these parents regularly for nine months?

If any of these prompts produce a stirring in your heart, come and see what the Lord is doing in the corner of AVPC Kids' Ministry and reach out to me at catie@avpc.org.

- *Catie Lumpkin*

GOD'S HOUSE KINDERGARTEN



God's House Kindergarten had 12 Kindergarten graduates this year and did a fabulous job with their Spring program/Graduation! We are thankful for the families that have entrusted their children to us, some of them since they were 2 years old. Please pray with us for all those who leave God's House and go onto other schools that they will remember the seeds planted in their hearts as young children and that their lives will bear much fruit!

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

Why is this so difficult? I don't know about you, but I don't like being still. Silena accuses me of being a struggler and I know a secret: I'm not the only one. Being still seems like irresponsibility, doesn't it? I mean, aren't we supposed to "grab the bull by the horns?" Carpe diem? Isn't it the early bird that gets the worm? Praise God that He is not calling me to wrangle bulls, eat worms, or speak Latin. He is calling me to rest in Him, even when I am active. It was God who instituted the Sabbath for us to rest. "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." (Mark 2:27) While we are not called to laziness, rest can be a way of letting go of control and allowing God to work. To the degree that we can do that, we can see the power and mercy of God on full display. My prayer for all of us this summer is that we can be still. That we can know that the Lord is who He says He is. Whether you are floating in a peaceful sea, camping out beneath the stars (hopefully out west or up north, not in the furnace of an Alabama summer), or you are reading in an air conditioned room, turn your heart to the Lord and be filled with the reality of His goodness. Let your heart be filled with peace this summer as you let go and receive the stillness of the Holy Spirit dwelling within you.

Peace,

Clint

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNIOR HIGH @ THE EDGE

JUNE 19 - 23

JUNE

\$100 WEDNESDAYS

June 2

June 14

June 28

JUNE

F.A.T. NIGHT

June 4

June 11

June 25

SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP

JULY 15 - 22

JULY

F.A.T. NIGHT

July 2

July 9

July 30

JULY

\$100 WEDNESDAYS

July 5

July 12

July 26

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Summer College Nights:

Summer college Bible study has begun! We will be meeting on Thursday evenings, 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the home of Blake and Danielle Harris. This is for anyone ages 18-22 and dinner will be provided. Come enjoy a great time of food, Bible study, and fellowship!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Save the Date: July 23 Women's Summer Small Group Luncheon

Our quarterly luncheons are a great way for the women of the church to spend time with one another over a meal, getting to know each other while experiencing thoughtful discussion and warm fellowship. Please consider joining in for our next date on July 23, 2023.



MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Senior Guys Cookout:

It was a joy and privilege to honor and pray for Alex Foster and Elijah Putman as they move from high school to the next places God is calling them.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1	Ann Wilson	6/17	Wendy Allison	6/23	Sarah Mather
6/1	Hannah Short	6/17	Alan Blankley	6/24	Elizabeth Chick
6/5	Beth Meadows	6/17	Billy Jackson	6/24	James Michael Sheetz
6/6	Mary Frances Snyder	6/17	Susan Larson	6/24	Andrew McCallister
6/7	Brian Beckett	6/19	Lisa Bodkin	6/24	Chris Frank
6/7	Nora Snyder	6/19	Andrew Drace	6/27	Virginia Acton
6/9	Scott Goodhew	6/19	Isla Drace	6/27	Paul Brown
6/11	Caleb Lumpkin	6/19	Phillip Drace	6/27	Ezekiel Murphy
6/11	Donna Rogers	6/19	John J Labreche	6/28	June Price
6/11	Danielle Harris	6/19	Daniel Whitaker	6/30	Tucker Alley
6/12	Vivien Cvacho	6/21	Holt Gray	6/30	Zac Campbell
6/12	Gracie Lloyd	6/21	Marcy Stephens	6/30	Bill Sommer
6/14	Callen Moyer	6/22	Deborah Halbrooks		
6/14	Jaybeth Popwell	6/22	Aretha Jackson		
6/15	Trey Holmes	6/22	Naomi Jackson		

MISSIONS NEWS

The Power of Missions is Worship

Excerpt from "Let the Nations Be Glad" by John Piper

"What we have been showing is that God's supremacy in his own heart is not unloving. It is, in fact, the fountain of love. God's full delight in his own perfections overflows in his merciful will to share that delight with the nations. We may reaffirm then the earlier truth that worship is the fuel and goal that drives us in missions, because it is the fuel and goal that drives God in missions. Missions flows from the fullness of God's passion for God and it aims at the participation of the nations in the very passion that he has for himself (cf. John 15:11; 17:13, 26; Matthew 25:21, 23). The power of the missionary enterprise is to be caught up into God's fuel and God's goal. And that means being caught up in worship."

Are you interested in becoming more involved in missions and partnering with our missionaries who are being sent out around the world to reach the lost, the broken, and the hurting? Why not start by connecting with a missionary to receive their updates, pray for them, and engage with them? This is a vitally important ministry that missionaries in this city and around the world truly need. You will not only be a part of God working around the world, but you will experience God working in your own heart as well! For more information and to get connected, please contact the church office for more details.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSES	TRANSFER	ENDING BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	\$-9,292	\$119,039	\$121,214	\$-7,406	\$-18,873
MISSIONS	\$-745	\$30,253	\$31,562	\$7,406	\$5,352
TOTAL	\$-10,037	\$149,292	\$152,776	\$0	\$-13,521