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SALTSHAKER

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- 1 Peter 1:3

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES



Jude Allday
Oak Mountain High School



Raegan Campbell
Oak Mountain High School

The powerful play goes on and you may contribute a verse.

What will your verse be?



Rebecca Howard
Indian Springs School



Hannah Snow
Evangel Christian School

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Asa Labreche
(LMU)

Tatum Popwell
(Auburn)

Rachel Whitner
(Anderson)

AVPC NEWS

OUR SYMPATHY

We want to express our deepest sympathies to the following:

- Lee Davis, Cheryl & Dan Linder, and their family for the recent loss of Jim Davis.
- Juan Dunlap for the recent loss of her mother.
- Josh Moore for the recent loss of his mother, Rae Nell Smith Moore.

PRAYER SERVICE - MAY 18

Sunday, May 18, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM, the Prayer Ministry Team will be hosting a time of prayer in the Sanctuary.



CAMP SOLID ROCK



Camp Solid Rock camper registration is open! Children from K4 through 5th grade are invited to join us June 2 – 5. There is no cost, but if you'd like a t-shirt for your child, \$10 is due with your registration form. Grab a pamphlet from the Welcome Center or Parlor or scan the QR code to register.

WILD WACKY WEST

Gather round, and hear the tale of Don Coyote, the seeker of *A New Song*. Travel with us to the small town of Singin' Springs, where folks don't follow common practices of music, where anything goes in a song, and where people settle disputes with kazoos at high noon. Strap on your music chops and join us for a Wild Wacky Western adventure that will help you discover *A New Song*.

WACK WEEK
JULY 7-10, 2025



REGISTER EARLY!

Don't wait! Register by June 1 to receive a \$10 discount per student. Register by June 15 to ensure t-shirt size! Scan the QR code to register online.



SECURITY NEWS

Starting in June we will add a police presence on our grounds during Sunday morning worship. Your deacons and elders worked together the last two years to enhance our security coverage by supporting our Responder Team with a police officer primarily positioned near the crosswalk between the church and the park.

Please extend a warm AVPC welcome to the officers serving our church.

AVPC NEWS

DONATIONS FOR URBAN HOPE

We are having our annual snacks/drinks collection for Urban Hope Success Academy until Sunday May 18. There are tubs in the Parlor and Welcome Center. Please bring 8 oz water bottles, Capri Sun, juice boxes, individually wrapped items like: Little Debbie snacks, goldfish/Cheez-it crackers, cookies, etc., but please NOTHING WITH PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER. For more information, contact Kelly Driggers.

COVENANT FAMILY BRUNCH

MAY 11

Join us Sunday, May 11, in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 during the Sunday School hour for a brunch.

There will be a photo booth available for the church directory.



5/2 Rick Halbrooks
5/2 Jeff Lunceford
5/2 Mardi Penuel
5/2 Deb Warnat
5/3 Jamie Holmes
5/3 Ben McCallum
5/5 Bob Hess
5/5 Cal Martin
5/6 Drew Russell
5/6 Patrick Barker
5/7 Rebecca Barley
5/7 Alice Short
5/10 Austin Amerson
5/10 Mason MacCaughelty
5/10 Jacklyn McGlothlin
5/10 Thomas Peters
5/10 Penny Prettyman
5/11 Grahame Bobo
5/11 Sam Parker
5/13 Ty Campbell

5/14 Amy Barker
5/14 Tricia Dougherty
5/15 Anna Katherine Cohen
5/16 Claude Dorsey
5/16 Kerith-Brook Helms
5/17 Beth Mullins
5/18 Kelly Jackson
5/20 Josh Edmonds
5/22 Bettie De Shazo
5/23 Rebecca Howard
5/24 Owen Ireland
5/24 Luis Orteza
5/26 Laura Allday
5/27 Noah Allday
5/29 Mike Becker
5/29 Tracy Labreche
5/30 Alli Campbell
5/30 Lucas Ireland
5/31 Jackie Boggs

100 ENVELOPE - YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

The youth group is raising support for their mission trip with the 100 Envelopes board in the Welcome Center. To donate, choose an envelope with the amount you'd like to give, place cash or a check with the amount posted on the envelope, and then drop that envelope in the display box or offering plate. Be sure to write "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo line of your check. Additionally, you can scan the QR code on the front of the envelope to give. You can also give to the Youth Mission Trip fund by scanning the QR Code on the right.



Pastor's Pen

"I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can only rest for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not ended."

"As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

"Courage is not the absence of fear — it's inspiring others to move beyond it. May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears."

– Nelson Mandela

I visited Nelson Mandela's cell in Robben Island Prison, walked the dusty road to the quarry where apartheid prisoners toiled in the heat of the day, mindlessly crushing rocks — many lost their sight from the glare off the limestone. I listened to the accounts of lives changed through the prison's university, informally organized by Mandela and others to train a new generation to choose peace over perpetual violence.

What will you do with your education, your family's love, allied to the abilities God graciously built within you? Seniors, you have faced the onslaught of those inquiring about what is 'next', what school, what job, the military? Rest assured, I am not asking you about those—what you do and where you go is certainly important, but those pale when compared with who you will become in whatever your next is.

The most interesting things you will do and the most fascinating places you will venture are enhanced by investigating your life in Christ. Pursue the Lord, knowing that whatever dynamic adventures you face, you are never beyond Jesus' ability to reach and redeem you. This is the time to discover and stand boldly upon your relationship with Christ, who is ever wise, ever present, and perpetually powerful in knowing you and working his gracious intent through you. I pray that you earnestly and daringly seek Jesus to develop his character and mission in all you do. We look forward to hearing all about it!

– Kyle Parker, *Senior Pastor*

"The search is what anyone would undertake if he were not sunk in the everydayness of his own life. To become aware of the possibility of the search is to be onto something. Not to be onto something is to be in despair."

– Walker Percy

GOD'S HOUSE KINDERGARTEN

April flew by in a whirlwind of exciting events and unforgettable memories! From thrilling field trips to 5K testing, our days were packed with activity. One of the highlights was the GHK Art Show Fundraiser, where every character came to life as students dressed up as their favorite storybook characters. The success of the Art Show was truly a team effort—made possible by our incredible staff, supportive parents, and dedicated volunteers. A heartfelt thank you to Catie Lumpkin, Pastor MacCaughelty, Dee Mayhew, Grahame Bobo, Karen Ketchum, Anna Waldrip, the youth group, and so many more who poured their time and energy into making it all happen. We couldn't have done it without you!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Experiencing God – Tim Chester

the Good Book Guide to Experiencing God



Experiencing God
Finding true passion, joy,
peace and rest in Christ



6 studies by Tim Chester

“Have you had an experience of God?”

It's a question that provokes mixed reactions. The word “experience” may set alarm bells ringing for some Christians, as they imagine the word means supernatural encounters, strange visions, voices or other revelations.

But the Bible, God's final, complete revelation, reveals a different, yet no less marvellous experience of God. The wonderful truths of the Gospel, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit give Christians a unique experience of God, seen and felt in many ways: A love for Christ and for others; peace in place of anxiety and joy in all circumstances; a passion for doing good; and a deep sense of fulfilment and freedom.

This six week study stems from the conviction that a deeper understanding of God's gospel leads us to a genuine, life-transforming experience of the living God in Christ, which leaves us hungry to know Him more, and serve Him more faithfully. Work through them yourself, with a friend, your partner or in a Bible-study group to discover the riches that are yours in Christ.

Study books available in AVPC Parlor at a cost of \$6.00. Scan the above QR Code to purchase a study book.

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

MONDAY

Starting June 9

2:30 - 3:30 PM

AVPC Conference Room

Childcare not provided

WEDNESDAYS

Starting June 11

9:00 -11:00 AM

AVPC Parlor

Childcare provided

WEDNESDAYS

Starting June 11

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Lea Anne Parker
Home: 4725 Old Looney Mill Road

Childcare not provided

FRIDAYS

Starting June 13

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Judy Bates Home:
5349 Meadow Garden Lane

Childcare not provided

Questions? Contact Amy MacCaughelty at 205-706-6016 or the AVPC Church Office at 205-967-0680

MEN'S MINISTRY

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

GAME NIGHT
June - Date TBA

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

MONDAY PRAYER AND BREAKFAST
First Monday of Every Month
June 2, July 7, and August 4
6:30 – 7:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

BIRMINGHAM BARONS GAME
July - Date TBA

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

AVPC MAN MOOT
August - Date TBA

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In January 2022, I stepped into some massive “Betty Carter” sized shoes in my new role as children’s ministries director. As AVPC exited the “Covid fog,” and things regained a look of normalcy, I found myself without an assistant or a nursery director. Anyone in children’s ministry will tell you that this sphere post-Covid looks vastly different than before. In my efforts to adapt and keep all the plates spinning, I found myself more than anything – lonely. I missed Betty, and I missed Diana, our former nursery director.



We approached Alli Campbell several times, requesting she prayerfully consider stepping into the role of Nursery Director. She would say she had prayed about it, but no. I would say I prayed about it, and God told me she was supposed to. She would say we would kill each other, and I would promise I would stay on my best behavior.



She ultimately said, “Yes, but just for a season.”

Three and a half years later, Alli has navigated dark waters with me. She was creatively resilient when we had nearly no workers or volunteers. She was firmly capable when we faced the tensions of child and building safety. The church’s financial transition impacted her department more than anyone else as she supervises, encourages, and disciples nearly 30 employees.

The Lord knew I could not have survived these past three years without Alli by my side, nor did He want me to....and, He knew we wouldn’t kill each other.

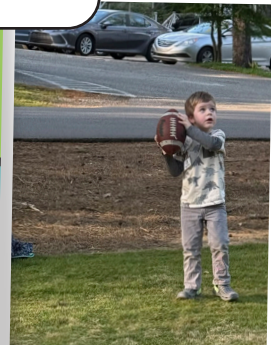
Alli has served our body of believers in this often unseen and unappreciated role faithfully, and now God has made her aware it is the end of a chapter.

Alli, we here at Altadena Valley rise to bless you. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to our youngest covenant members.

I am forever grateful.

Catie Lumpkin

KID'S BRIDGE NIGHT





YOUTH HAPPENINGS



**“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!”
Psalm 133:1**

Indeed, fellowship together is sweet and something that we are called to. It is easy to think of this as some kind of lesser part of ministry, but the reality is that Jesus is calling us into relationship with our heavenly Father and the tangible expression of that is the joy we get to experience when doing life with our brothers and sisters in Christ. You may know that this is a huge part of student ministry as our younger members are in the throes of navigating the realities of relationships and are seeing the good and the bad. We have an amazing opportunity to walk with them and, Lord willing, engage in the good. In a world where they feel under a microscope and face scorn and judgement, we (those who are not in their teens) get the chance to offer grace and love. We get to remind them of who they are, who they really are, as we (those who are not in their teens, but remember being in their teens) live out who we really are by entering into life with others.

This is an exciting time of year for many of our students. We have a group of awesome seniors who are leaving high school behind and will experience the life changing experience of entering college next year. We have a group of 8th graders who will be leaving junior high behind and heading to the hallways of high schools where they will be walking with dudes that already have to shave. We have fifth graders who are leaving elementary school behind and will be entering the halls of junior high next year. (Enough said.) We also have college students who have finished years of study and are now facing the reality of entering the workforce. Take the time to congratulate these students. Take time to pray for these students. On May 4, you will have the chance to go visit with and pray for our young ladies who are graduating high school at the Senior Girls’ Tea and you will have the chance to engage with our young man who is graduating high school at The Fellowship. Maybe this summer would be a great time to volunteer to help with Camp Solid Rock or with WACK. In children’s ministry and youth ministry we have the privilege and joy of walking alongside our youngest members, who also tend to be our “funnest” members. May this summer be one that sees Psalm 133:1 lived out at AVPC.

Peace,
Clint Cvacho



LOOKING AHEAD...

MAY 27 | Summer Kickoff at Blue Water Park

JUNE 16-20 | The Edge (Junior High)

JULY 12-19 | Senior High Mission Trip (White Swan, WA)



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

**THURSDAY
NIGHTS,
STARTING
JUNE 5TH**

6:30-8:00 PM



**SUMMER
COLLEGE
NIGHTS**

**WHO IS THIS
FOR?**

**ANYONE AGES
18-22**



**DINNER
PROVIDED**

**BIBLE STUDY
AND
FELLOWSHIP**



MISSIONS NEWS

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE



111 PLEDGES

totaling

\$440,012



towards a

GOAL OF \$340,000

We have reason to praise the Lord! Our Faith Promise goal for 2025, was 110 cards and \$340,000. We have received 111 cards and \$440,012 pledged! We thank God for his loving care and the gracious hearts of you, his servants. This will enable us to keep supporting our 58 missionaries and agencies and to give us the funds to help out when an urgent need arises that a missionary has that cannot be covered by their regular support. This is a wonderful blessing for all of us! Thank you for being open to the Spirit's leading and your generosity to our missionaries.

A VISION TRIP

The Missions Team is investigating a mission trip to the Albania/Kosovo region in Spring of 2026. In preparation for that trip, 3-4 AVPC members are planning to make a research trip to this region in the fall. From October 8-13, 2025, they will visit four missionary families there. They plan to visit Doni and Albina Mehmeti and the Sopaj's in Kosovo and Hysen and Esmerelda Kanani and Besiana Rajta in Albania. The purpose of this trip is to see first-hand the mission work that is being done there and to encourage our missionary partners.

We will share more information as plans develop for a spring 2026 trip.

SESSION/ DIACONATE MINUTES

SESSION MEETING • MARCH 18, 2025

- The Finance Team recommended that the church enlist on a contractual basis, the services of a "Fractional Chief Financial Officer (CFO), to be in place by August 1, 2025. Aligning within pre-established budgetary parameters, the CFO will begin work following the tenure of the Independent Contractor, Emily Shepherd. The fractional CFO is to oversee the financial operations of the Church, supporting and executing the directives of the Finance Team. The Fractional CFO will report to the Finance Team Chair and the Finance Team Pastoral Representative. The Session approved this proposal.

DIACONATE MEETING • APRIL 8, 2025

- The Diaconate made a request to the Session to replace the security camera system with a new camera system. This requested stated that the budget for this camera system will not exceed budget of \$5,000 from Capital Reserve fund. The Diaconate recommended that the Church cover all costs of this camera System and to not ask to split the cost with GHK. This was approved with unanimous consent.

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSES	TRANSFER	ENDING BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$222,549	\$129,097	(\$7,537)	\$56,357
MISSIONS	\$0	\$117,926	\$34,015	\$7,537	\$94,976
TOTAL	\$0	\$340,475	\$163,112	\$0	\$151,333