

Summer 2025

Dear Pastor and Supporting Church,

Greetings from California's Central Valley! While much of the country has been broiling with hot temperatures, we have enjoyed below normal temperatures and a record cool July. It is still hot, just not as hot as normal. Thankfully the spiritual temperature of the work here has remained hot as well. We have seen more salvations, more baptisms, and more additions to the church. Just during July alone, we had baptisms on three out of four Sundays. Please pray for these young Christians and their walk with the Lord.

This summer, like always, has been a busy one. We held our annual Spiritual Retreat in the mountains during the month of June, and the Lord used those few days to really grow our church closer to Christ and closer to each other. The second week of July, we had one of the best Vacation Bible Schools ever and certainly the best one since the pandemic of 2020. Two weeks later we held our youth camp back up in the Sierra Nevada mountains and had a great week, with several young people getting the spiritual help they needed. We rejoice over the spiritual blessings we are seeing here in this valley.

On a personal note, my sister has finished her radiation treatments and is responding well to the overall treatment plan for her cancer. Dawn and I are doing well, and God has blessed us to have the energy and strength to keep serving Him. Our parents are still facing health challenges of their own, please continue to pray for them. Also please continue to pray for our sons who are living and working in Florida.

Sunday evening after a busy and exciting day of ministry, our lives took a dramatic turn. As we had come home and settled in for the evening, we heard what we thought were firecrackers being set off in our front yard. Unfortunately, it wasn't firecrackers, but rapid gunfire as the house next door was being shot at over 20 times. We have tried to talk to our neighbors several times and have invited them often to visit our church, but they have never had any interest. Pray that God could use this incident to help soften hearts and make them more receptive to the gospel. Thankfully neither them or us, or any of our neighbors were injured. But it is a little disconcerting to have the police tape stretched across your front yard and be in the middle of a crime scene.

In a couple of weeks, we will be hosting our annual missions conference. With so many new Christians, we are excited to see how God will use this to stir their hearts. Please keep us and our conference in prayer. Thank you for your continued support.

In Christ,

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