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WOMEN'S RETREAT

For upcoming Valley Church events, see the list of events to the left under "Mark Your Calendar." For articles on the latest church news, ministry opportunities, and recaps of past events, scroll down. The purpose of this Newsletter is to provide the latest new information and to highlight further details that are not provided in the weekly Bulletin.

AWANA

Valley Church is hosting the AWANA program every Wednesday night from 6:30pm – 8:15pm. The AWANA program started on August 28, 2019 and ends on May 22, 2020. Children in the program learn about God's word through memorization and fun games. Even though the program has started, you can still register online at valleychurch.org under the Children's Ministry Tab.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men, mark your calendars for the next Men's Breakfast on September 14 at 8:00 am in the Campus Center. There is always a great speaker and fantastic meal prepared by Susie Morales and crew. Cost is \$10.

Men, also don't forget to sign up for the Men's Retreat at Mount Hermon on October 4–6. For more details, contact Thomas Sorrentino at thomas@valleychurch.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

It will be the fourth year to hold a Women's Retreat at Redwood Christian Park this fall (October 25–27). Shelly Volkhardt, the featured speaker, has a powerful testimony on how God prompted and prepared her to speak on the theme, "Living Hope", even before she was committed to this engagement. Based on past attendees' personal experiences of God's undeniable presence, the mighty movement of the Holy Spirit, and the warm fellowship with the sisters in Christ at the retreat from the past three years, please earnestly consider to join us for another weekend of being blessed by the love and power of the LORD and receiving the wonderful fellowship and encouragement from one another. The camp is more than 2/3 filled, and space is very limited. Please prayerfully consider signing up! For registration or more information, please go to the link:

<https://valleychurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/96/responses/new>

TENNIS MINISTRY

We had a great summer Tennis Camp for 30 kids this year. Clayton Eddleman shared the great news that Jesus wants to be our Savior and closest friend forever. A few kids responded to this wonderful relationship.

Tennis registration for Session III of the free Tennis Clinic is currently in full swing. For more information about the sports ministries, email Thomas Sorrentino at thomas@valleychurch.org.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD

Earlier this year, I offered a drum class to help train up drummers for worship. We covered topics like keeping a steady tempo, different elements of a drum kit, some basic beats to start off with and drum rudiments. We had students of all ages (as young as 8 years old) to adults attend the class. I think it might have been a bit daunting for some to learn a skill completely new to them, but others took to it right away. After working on some basic skills with the drum sticks, we got into some drum beats to practice. It was fun to see different people work hard at trying to master a certain skill or a drum pattern. All in all, it was a worthwhile time introducing the drums to so many people. Most don't realize how important the drum is to contemporary worship. An illustration of this is...next time you're listening to Christian radio in the car, turn down the volume so that you can barely hear anything from the music.



Most likely, the two things you'll hear at that point is the lead vocal and the drums. In a worship setting, the drummer majorly contributes to the tempo, the rhythm (the groove) of the song, dynamics and even the band being able to play together well. I hope that there will be more people that will learn to play the drums, and all other instruments for that matter, for worship, for His glory and His church.

~by Daniel Kim

We are also looking for more volunteers to be involved in the Knowing Ministries at Valley Church. This includes singers, musicians (orchestra and contemporary), tech crew, decorations, communion, greeters and ushers. If you want to be involved in helping ushering people to worship God, please contact Daniel Kim at daniel@valleychurch.org for more information. We provide training for most areas of service.

BEST BEACH DAY EVER – VBS 2019 SUMMARY

Imagine your best beach day ever. Turquoise seas. Warm sand. Happy children. That's what it looked and sounded like around Valley Church the week of July 15 to 19. The sights and sounds of 338 children and 180 volunteers, from teenagers to golden agers, filled our campus for SonSurf Beach Bash Vacation Bible School. Now the waters have calmed and the air is still, but those who look closely will see God's footprints in the sand, and those who listen carefully will hear God's voice in the wind. SonSurf Beach Bash was more than fun and games and cookies by the dozen. It was a place for boys and girls to meet up with Jesus. For some it was a first encounter; for others it was a closer encounter. A total of 81 children visited our Gospel Station to make a commitment to follow Jesus. These spiritual encounters will continue to ripple through the lives of all who participated in SonSurf Beach Bash.

Those ripples will soon reach across the ocean to the country of Armenia. Child Evangelism Fellowship has purchased some land there and plans to build a Bible camp where Armenian children can learn the good news about Jesus. The camp has not been built yet, so the boys and girls at VBS brought in money to help buy materials and supplies for the camp. Altogether we collected a total of \$4,545. Armenia used to be ruled by a government that didn't believe in God, and boys and girls were sent to camp to be taught there was no God. Now boys and girls in Armenia will get to attend camp and learn about the living God who loves them and wants to have a personal relationship with them.

At SonSurf Beach Bash, we were not building sandcastles to be easily washed away. We were building disciples who will love and follow Jesus all their lives. Please praise God for the great work He began at our SonSurf Beach Bash VBS, and please accept the thanks of the VBS team for your prayers and support.

GLOBAL PARTNERS

We had a great team of 15 people going to Zimbabwe this year (July 24–August 20) with Hands of Hope to do two weeks of VBS for 50 kids each week. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. If you would like to pray for our other Global Partners, pick up a 2019 Global Partner prayer guide in the sanctuary lobby.

MINISTRY FAIR

On Sunday, September 15 (after each service), we will be having a Ministry Fair on our church lawn.

The purpose of this event is multi-fold:

- To expose the members of our church to our various ministries and ministry leaders.
- To help those who attend our church see the wonderful ways God is at work in us and through us, leading them to thank and glorify Him.
- To remind folks that each and every believer is gifted spiritually and called to use their gifts in service to the King.
- To draw more people into participating in and praying for these wonderful ministries.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Please be in prayer for the ways you can support and participate in these wonderful ministries. We believe this will be a great blessing to all those involved and encouragement for the whole Valley Church body. We're excited to see what God will do! If you would like to help with the Ministry Fair or have any questions, please contact andy@valleychurch.org.

NEW STAFF

Valley Church has hired two new staff members this year. Jared Lacy replaces Clayton Eddleman as the interim Middle School Director until a permanent director is found. SiuLin Tay is the new Children's Ministries Administrative Assistant. She replaces Linda Mack, who retired.

Jared grew up in Phoenix, Arizona within a strong Christian family. Jared loves to serve people anywhere and everywhere he goes. This led Jared to serve in his own youth group back home, and he even came here to Valley Church to serve as the High School intern the summer of 2017. Jared loves a good cup of coffee and just about anything sports related. Jared recently graduated from the Moody Bible Institute in May 2019 with a bachelor's degree in pastoral ministry.



SiuLin believes that childhood is the best time to be grounded in God's truth. She has been actively involved in Children's Ministries for over 10 years. Besides serving at Valley, she taught children in Singapore, Zimbabwe, and at Bible Study Fellowship. As an Administrative Assistant, she appreciates the opportunity to support the ministry she is passionate about. She enjoys music and spending time with her husband, David, and their dog, Rocky.