



# *Here We GROW!*

October Edition

## *Note from Pastor Rob*

My favorite season of the year has come to be the fall season! One of these days it is going to feel like Autumn. Right? It is coming.

Last Thursday, September 22 was the official first day of Fall. The seasons of the year always remind me of the theater! I used to do a lot of community theater and would participate in all aspects of it; from acting on the stage, to stage managing, and everything else. One thing I will always treasure is embracing the beauty and magic of the chaos between scenes. The people in the audience do not know just how much work is going on to make this art come alive. They are not supposed to know. If, while they are watching the show they get distracted by the ins and outs and are not able to follow the story then the artists on stage and off, have failed. To the untrained eye, the rush of it might seem chaotic, at times. Good directors and stage managers know how to pull it all together. Some productions have even built those transitions into the stories themselves. If we take our theatrical metaphor further; the Fall season has been called to the stage, but it is still in the green room making the last-minute costume and makeup changes. It is on its way to us. The leaves have started to fall in some yards and there have been attempts at cool breezes from time to time. Summertime may be hogging the spotlight (and it has been a hot one!) but soon it will be forced to exit, and Fall will fully emerge (I hope). There are many reasons why I love the Fall. I love light jacket weather (I feel like football is more fun when the spectators are not sweating up in the stands)! I love pumpkins, apple cider, and hot chocolate! I love the holidays! Halloween and Thanksgiving are coming. I love Christmas; technically, a winter holiday, but let's be real. All the hype and preparation for Advent and Christmas happens during the Fall. Winter gets to claim Christmas only on a technicality (the first day of Winter is December 21st.) One of my favorite things about Fall is the color. Fall colors serve as a reminder that God is truly the best set designer of all time. Fall is a time of beautiful chaos. It is the transition time between scenes. Summer leads into Winter through the Fall. And once Winter sets in then we are on our way to Spring. Then Spring is a time of renewal and resurrection. Those things only occur because they have passed through the chaos of Autumn. God, like a good director, pulls it all together and it is glorious. Embrace the season as a devotional visual aid. Let the glory of the chaos around you serve as inspiration to spend time with the Almighty. He truly is worthy of worship and adoration.

Happy Fall everyone!

Pastor Rob



*Sunday October 2  
Join us as Pastor Rob  
teaches from  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Sermon Titled:  
Fanning Faith's  
Fire!*



### *Remember Your Missional Responsibilities*

Through the fall Thanksgiving and Advent seasons, please remember to give to missions that Alvarado Methodist has pledged to support. Our own Good Samaritan, Back Pack Food, Alvarado Intermediate School and Grocery ministries all need your help to continue.



Please give generously and dare to deepen your walk with Christ by stepping into the vital part of discipleship known as generosity.



### *Alvarado Methodist's Mid-Week Prayer*

Inspired by Psalm 10

Lord, you are King forevermore! Hear, O King, the desire of the meek. Strengthen our hearts and give us focus. Allow us to see, through your eyes, any trouble from far off. And, having seen it; let us offer your comfort and help to the otherwise helpless! In your name we pray. Amen!



### *Welcome New Music Director, Remington Hill!*

Remington Hill is a Music Education Major at Southwestern Adventist University. Originally from Colorado, Remington loves everything Texas has to offer, including the heat! Her favorite hobby is singing but she also enjoys traveling, trying new restaurants, spending time with friends, anything in the sunshine and taking care of her cattle on the ranch. Remington's desire is to inspire and lead others to Jesus through the ministry of music. She looks forward to meeting everyone and recruiting all to the choir and bell ensembles! Remington's first official Sunday with us will be October 2nd.



### *Welcome New Pianist, Josie Reeves!*

Josie Reeves is 21 years old and in her senior year at Southwestern Adventist University. Josie is originally from Wimberley, Texas, and often spends time there visiting her parents and two younger siblings. Josie will be graduating this May with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Minor in Music. She is excited to become a nurse and hopefully pursue a career in Women's Health. Josie has played the piano for 14 years and enjoys accompanying and participating in worship services. In her free time she enjoys cooking and eating (the best part!), watching a reality TV show, or doing a puzzle. Josie looks forward to being a part of our worship experience and getting to meet everyone!



*Saturday, October 29 7-9pm*

Once again, Alvarado Methodist will have a trunk at the annual Trunk or Treat held at the Alvarado Intermediate School.

Here's how you can join in on this fun outreach ministry:

- Dress up and help distribute candy at the event
- Bring wrapped candy to the church office (a collection tub is in the Ed. building)
- Donate funds to help with the purchase of candy.

Questions? Contact Cindy Harmon 817-228-9390

To enter a trunk at this event, contact APEC at:

[apec.alvaradotx@gmail.com](mailto:apec.alvaradotx@gmail.com)

## Children's Dept October Newsletter

Children's Directors: Erica Pulaski and Lisa Thorley



### Sunday School Theme: Animals of the Bible



### AUTUMN SCAVENGER HUNT



### OCTOBER'S MEMORY VERSE

**Job 12:10**

**10 In his hand is the life of  
every creature  
and the breath of all  
mankind.**

We can't wait to see our friends on Sunday!





## GOT PLASTIC BAGS?

We are continuing to gather plastic bags for Helping Hands for Jesus. If you have some you would like to offer, drop them by the church office and we'll deliver them into grateful hands! Thank you!



## Thursday Choir Rehearsals

*Come make a joyful noise!*

Thursdays @7:00PM



## Prayer Requests

- Healing after surgery for George Tehas
- Healing from Covid for Judith, Frank, and Dusty Walters.
- Pray for all the teachers, staff and students in our Alvarado schools.





**Prayer for others is at the heart of what we do as a congregation. When you contact us with a prayer request, it is prayed over by the Prayer Chain and in worship for 30 days.**

**How can we pray for you today? Email or call with your requests [fumcalv@fumcalvarado.org](mailto:fumcalv@fumcalvarado.org) (817)790-3101**



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