

Here We GROW!

June Edition

Note from Pastor Kim

Dear Church,

I can't believe that we are entering my last month serving as your pastor. What a privilege it has been to partner with you in ministry. So much has happened during the last 5 years. There is no way I can cover it all. But here are a few things that come to my mind...

As a faith community, we have continued to impact Alvarado as we reach, love, and grow together. In fact, the new logo and "Reach, Love, Grow" is part of our success. We journeyed through the conference GROW program so that we could focus our ministry and find a common vision to rally around. This has proven to have impact on our ministry focus and on our community presence. There is still one last piece of GROW to complete. It is my hope that you will consider completing the discipleship piece of GROW in the coming year.

Together, we navigated a pandemic that both challenged us and allowed us to step deeper into our God given creativity. Children and Youth ministries continued to grow and draw young people into a deeper relationship with Christ. Worship remained a cornerstone of the work that God is doing through us. As the pandemic caused us to look at how we do God's work in the world, things like grocery distribution, zoom Bible study, and Alvarado Intermediate School ministry took shape. I am so proud of the resilience of this congregation, the love you have for one another, and the love you have for our community. You are known as a church that wants to be active and involved, that wants to help others with love, and wants to honor God in all you do.

But there is still much work to be done and much ministry to happen so that God's kingdom may come and God's will can be done. Part of the work that must be done so that all of the other work can continue is to, not only continue to give financially, but to increase that giving - both adding new givers, as well as, those who are already giving to consider giving a bit more. Hopefully, you have noticed the "Trend Summary" that now appears in our weekly communications. The purpose of the "Trend Summary" is to keep you informed about how you are doing as a congregation in meeting the financial needs of your ministry and give you a picture of worship attendance. Currently, the expenses are larger than your income. While this is not at a critical point yet, it is something for everyone to pay careful and close attention to. Moreover, it is critical for each person to consider how they can be part of enabling this vital congregation's ministry to grow. If every adult who is currently active in some way at Alvarado

Methodist would give \$10 a month (either additional to what they are giving or begin giving for the first time) that would increase your income by \$15,000 over the course of year. Imagine how that would multiply if each individual chose to give \$15 or \$20!? Friends, that is the amazing gift of the body of Christ. No one person or one family has to carry it all. Each person is a vital part of the entire body. When the entire body does its part, even when one individual part seems small by itself, the sum total of the entire body of Christ is significant.

So as you look forward toward a new season in the life of this congregation, I want to place an earnest request before you. Go to the new website (www.fumcalvarado.org) . Explore what you find there. Share the link with others. Take pride in what you are doing as God's people. Then click the "Give" button. Dare to deepen your walk with Christ by stepping into the vital part of discipleship known as generosity. If each person will do that, God will multiply your faithfulness and will take you to places you have not yet imagined.

Bob and I want to thank you so much for your love and care for us, for allowing us the privilege of being part of the Alvarado Methodist for a season. We will forever be grateful for our time here. We have each learned and grown so much. God has used you to make us stronger, more faithful disciples of Christ. May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God's face turn toward you and give you peace.

In the hope and joy of Christ,

Pastor Kim



TREND SUMMARY...how we are doing

Financial Trends through April

Income - \$93,358.28

Expenses - \$107,165.31

Average Worship Attendance

in person - 69.06

online - 25.99



A New Look for GIVING

Through your generosity, you are directly impacting the future of Alvarado Methodist Church and our community. The practice of generosity - financial giving - grows individual discipleship and deepens relationships with Jesus. We are excited to announce that with our new website, we now have a new giving platform.

There are now four ways to give:

- Give online at fumcalvarado.org

- Manage your giving from your mobile device. Search for the "Tithe.ly" finance app on your phone.
- Mail your giving to P.O. Box 364 Alvarado TX 76009
- Place your giving in the offering plate during Sunday worship.

**If you have previously set up recurring giving, please contact our bookkeeper, Suzanne Schreiber. She will guide you in setting up your giving through our new platform.*

Alvarado Methodist Children's Department **JUNE NEWSLETTER**

We are here for our kids! Let us know how we support and encourage them.

Mark your calendar!

**VBS Registration will
start June 1**

<https://tinyurl.com/22amvbs>

Share this information and invite
all of your friends and neighbors!



Come join us for
Vacation Bible School!

June 26, 27, and 28

5:30-8:00 PM

*Dinner will be provided



Can you help?

We need t shirts of all sizes to
make aprons for each VBS
participant. You can place the
gently used t shirts on the empty
pew next to the choir loft in the
church. Please avoid shirts with
holes and stains. Thank you!

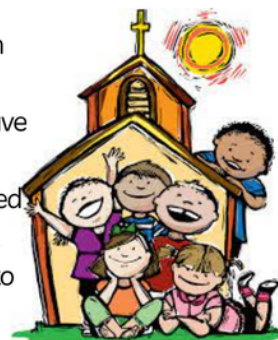


Memory Verse



Summer attendance

Don't take a
vacation from
church this
summer. We have
lots of fun
activities planned
and we don't
want our kids to
miss the
excitement.



Here's what's on our calendar!

Youth

✓ Sunday June 5th- Confirmation Sunday- Otis Armstrong.

✓ Sunday, June 12- (right after worship) we will have a
meeting with all students and parents that are going on

Mission Trip. If anyone is unable to make the meeting, please contact Tanner Smith.

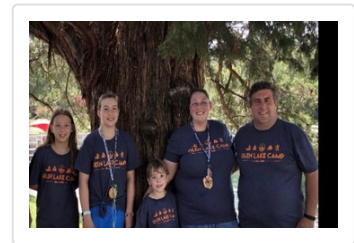
✓ Wednesday June 15th- the youth will be helping with the grocery ministry at the church

✓ No Sunday Night Youth on June 19th (family night/Father's Day) or June 26th – VBS starts.



Youth mission trip to Oklahoma City is on!

July 17th, the youth will be heading to Oklahoma City, OK to work with Next Step Ministries where student teams get the opportunity to work alongside Project 58, and Restore OKC - doing construction and restoration work. Students will also serve alongside community partners like Cross and Crown, where they'll help rebuild neighborhoods and give people access to vital, Christ-centered resources and support. This trip will be an exciting time for our youth group to step out into being the hands and feet of Christ while also developing a stronger relationship with God through service, fellowship, and worship. Learn more about Next Step and the work they do: <https://nextstepministries.com/mission-trips/oklahoma-city-oklahoma/>



Worship in June!

Be sure to join us for these meaningful Sundays of worship. Invite a friend to join you as well.

June 5 - Confirmation & Communion Sunday

June 12 - Trinity Sunday

June 19 - Father's Day Tanner Smith, will preach.

June 26 - Pastor Kim's final Sunday.

EMMAUS

Join the gathering on Tuesday, June 7th starting at 7pm in the sanctuary followed by a potluck dinner in the FLC. There will be music, worship, and fellowship. Bring a friend!

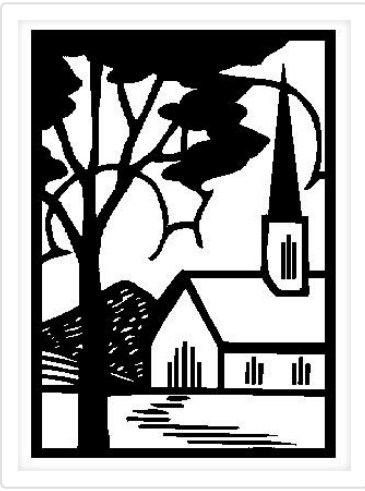
Welcome Pastor Rob Grant and family

Sunday, July 3, Pastor Rob Grant and his family will begin ministry with Alvarado Methodist Church. Be sure to make plans to be in worship on July 3 to give the Grant family a warm Alvarado Methodist welcome.

**2ND ANNUAL
HAUL FOR HUNGER 5K**

**Benefitting
Alvarado
Helping
Hands for
Jesus**

Race date: June 4, 2022
Scan the QR code below for registration:



May Memorial Giving

- In memory of John Frye from M. A. Marchal Shamblin to the Praise Band.
- In memory of Beth Brandon from Mary Rarden to the Alvarado High School Choir.
- In memory of Donna Taylor and Steve Russell from Gary and Suzan Walraven to the Scholarship fund.
- In memory of Barbara Ann Crawford from Gerald and Nancy Owen to the Backpack Food ministry.



Prayer Requests

- Prayers for Carla Peikoff, for healing following her transplant surgery on May 17.
- Prayers of healing from a stroke for Marty Hathcock, Angie Hathcock's husband.
- Brynlee Stoval healing from surgery.
- Comfort and peace for the family of Barbara Ann Crawford.
- Pray for the final days of the school year for Alvarado Intermediate School students, teachers and staff.
- Continue to pray for the people in Ukraine.

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?

Email or call fumcalv@fumcalvarado.org - (817)790-3101

or click the link and complete the form:

<https://form.jotform.com/211015915772048>



Memorial Day

The church office will be closed after 12pm (afternoons) on 5/23-26 and will be closed on Monday, May 30th in honor of Memorial day.



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