

Friday June 2, 2023

Dear Church Family,

One of my favourite Neil Diamond songs was first a world-wide hit in 1969 for a group called the Hollies. The song begins with the following lyrics- ***"The road is long with many a winding turn that leads us to who knows where? But I am strong; strong enough to carry him. He ain't heavy. He's my brother."*** That song is a wonderful illustration of one of the most important aspects of our journey of faith; that helping someone else on their journey is an important part of my journey. Join us this Sunday as we explore Genesis 14:1-16 and learn what it means to be a spiritual lifeguard.

Pastor David

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY IN OUR REFRESHED AUDITORIUM FOR **IN-PERSON SERVICE AND KIDS CHURCH**

>**Sunday** service 10:25 at this link <https://youtube.com/live/EXy8QjFnXnA>

>**Sunday** service available on our website <https://altavistabaptist.org/2023/06/01/join-the-journey-always-holding-somebody-up/>

>Sermon notes are **attached**.

>Dial a sermon - listen to any of our sermons by simply calling **613-701-1209** and follow the voice prompts.

>You can give to the ministry at Alta Vista, just [Click here](#) or by mailing to 887 Canterbury Ave Ottawa, ON K1G 3A3

COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY

We will be returning to passing the communion plate with juice and gluten free rice crackers. Pre packaged communion cups will also be available. We will also return to collecting benevolent offering using collection plates.

elevate YOUTH

Tonight elevate Youth is taking an opportunity to invite our friends to LaserMaxx! Meet at the church at 7:00PM (and please don't be late!), pick up back at the church at 9:00 PM. The cost per player is \$20 for two games. Please make sure to fill out a waiver form for each player here: <https://pos.lasermxxcanada.com/lasermxx/waiverlogin>

FATHER'S DAY TESTIMONIES...WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are blessed and blown away with the Mother's Day testimonial emails we received a few weeks ago. It was such a joy to share them with the church family. So, we thought we'd do the same for our upcoming Father's Day service on Sunday, June 18th. **Please complete the following statement: I THANK GOD FOR MY DAD BECAUSE...** Then, submit your dad testimony via email or hand-written note to the church office by Wednesday, June 14th. These testimonies will be read during our June 18th service.

NURSERY MINISTRY START UP

As we near the end of our building project we are aiming to ramp up our Nursery and begin to make a call for people to serve our families and youngest in attendance on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in serving in our Nursery Ministry beginning in late June/early July, please speak to P. Greg for more information.

KAMP AGAPAE 2023

Mark your calendars for July 17-21 for KAMP AGAPAE 2023!! This year we are doing something COMPLETELY DIFFERENT than we have ever done before! #KA23 will be an EVENING camp, 6-8 PM, Monday-Friday. Parents, do you need a week of date nights? Then this is for you! #KA23 will be for kids in grades JK-8 and the cost will be \$40 per child. Registration is now OPEN, pick up a form at the Connect Centre. If you want to volunteer your time, please speak to P. Greg.

COMMUNION PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For many years a faithful team of volunteers has prepared the bread and grape juice trays for our monthly communion service. We are in need of several new volunteers in this area. Perhaps you might even be willing and able to take on this responsibility every month? If this something you are interested in helping with, please contact Debbie in the church office. office@altavistabaptist.org

PRAISE THE LORD! ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

We were blessed at our Annual Meeting of Members this past Tuesday. Here are some of the highlights!

- >We ended 2022 with a significant surplus. Thank you for your faithful and sacrificial giving!
- >Tonia Hearst was voted into membership
- >Serge Demers, Andy Pridham and Sylvain Renaud were elected as Elders
- >Catherine Clarke, Bruce Dunlop, Jacqui Griggs, Samuel Kitazume, Chantalle Renaud and Patrizia Wand-Mayville were elected as Deacons
- >Emy Perera was elected as Church Clerk
- >Catherine Clarke, Samuel Kitazume, Terry Pridham and Brenda Webber were elected to the Nominating Committee
- >Russ Trigg and Andy Pridham shared an encouraging update regarding our soon-to-be-completed building program
- >Corey Mayville, Chair of Elders Board, shared about two priorities the Elders are focusing on; leadership development and a re-visioning process

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE THIS WEEK



> the final coat of paint will be put on this next week > the carpet is being installed > the portable will be donated > please be in prayer for some delayed items

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and for the many volunteers who helped move pews and furniture. For more information and current photos, go to our website

<https://altavistabaptist.org/building-project/>

CEILING BEFORE



CEILING AFTER



FREE PERENNIALS & HERBS

Potted and ready to go. Grace Dunlop has perennials/herbs to give away to her AVBC family. If you are interested, please contact Grace Dunlop (613-841-0668) or dunlops4God@live.ca before June 3rd.

PRAYER & PRAISE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

PRAYER

- for **Pastor Greg's Mom**, she will have surgery on June 6th to remove kidney stones.
- for **Maria Thompson**, she will be receiving daily radiation treatments on her foot until July 12th
- for **Ruby Williams**, will have an ultrasound on her foot in July, please pray for the pain to lessen.
- for **Samuel & Raquel Kitazume**, as they grieve the loss of baby Sophia
- for **Tyler & Shayla MacGillvrary** as they share during our WWAV segment on June 11th.
- for the prepping of the **Father's Day** service on June 18th
- for **Mission Sunday** with the **Taylor's** on July 2nd.
- for the **inspection certification** of the lift and that it will happen within **6 weeks** instead of **16 weeks** we've been told

- for Canterbury H.S. Christian Club, as they discuss "church "in **YOUTH ALPHA**, during their **lunchtime**
- for ministry this summer at **Camp Cherith**.
- for **Western & Eastern Provinces**, as the fires continue to be out of control, and for the families that have been displaced.

PRAISE

- for the 9 ladies from AVBC, that were incredibly blessed at the **OVA Ladies Retreat** the past weekend.
- for the **Annual Meeting of Members** on **Tuesday May 30th**
- for **Sylvain Renaud's** dad, the cancerous mass is gone. Surgery and monthly treatments will follow.
- for **Maria Thompson** treatments with chemotherapy was successful.
- for the in-person and intimate service on **Sunday May 28th**
- for the many volunteers that have helped out this past week to get our auditorium and lobby ready to go
- for **OCDSB Christian Club "Unitus"** forum that met this past Wednesday, also for the many students that attended.

MISSIONS

If you would like more personalized information on a particular missionary, you can find it on our website.
<https://altavistabaptist.org/missions/>



<https://www.facebook.com/avbchurch>



<https://www.instagram.com/altavistabaptistchurch>

If you have a specific need that you would like the church to pray for, please contact
Debbie Smith @ 613-733-7207 or by email office@altavistabaptist.org