

# This is what's up

## Love Your Neighbor

Starting our new year this year seems to be a challenging one already. Our neighboring cities affected by the Palisades and Eaton fire have been a devastating occurrence in our L.A. County. We keep our neighbors in our prayers.

Last month, we were able to share our worship space with our sister church, Altadena Community Church, since their church building burned down from the Eaton fire. It is heartbreaking to imagine to start our new year this way with a lot of families affected by multiple fires in our state. It was comforting though that through this hard times we have communities coming together and helping however they can.

I found a donation center in Santa Anita Park through social media, TikTok, ran by volunteers. It all started by Jimmy Medina Jr. owner of Tacos Los Huicholes providing hotdogs and breakfast burritos at the Rose Bowl for evacuees. Afterwards, other vendors also wanted to help out and others started dropping off goods for everyone. Eventually, this donation center was moved to the Santa Anita Park for a larger space.

We had our church member Vance Sakado volunteer some of his time at the Santa Anita Park center. This center relied heavily on volunteers to help sort donated items, distribute to the needy, and direct traffic.



It is very inspiring to hear one good deed inspired a community to come together. Let's keep those who were affected by the fires in our prayer and support their rebuilding in the long run.

## Winter Ex 2024

We had our 4-day Winter Exploration program at the end of December. Unfortunately, I contracted Covid and had to isolate at home. I'm thankful for Steven and Pastor Mitchell for helping oversee the program while the staff followed our plan for activities and lessons. Our lessons focuses on "Loving your Neighbor".

They had an outing to the Long Beach Aquarium.

Thank you to everyone that supported our program by feeding our staff, providing carpool, and even just praying for us.



*Ms. BJ*  
*Winter Ex Director*

## Youth Outing to Mammoth

Inviting our High School and College Youth to our Mammoth trip in March (March 29-31). In this retreat, we will spend some time playing in the snow snowboarding or skiing and fellowship. Everyone that joins in the retreat will help cook all the meals and clean-up. Let me know if you are interested by the end of this month and we will schedule a fundraiser to help cover the cost for lodging, food, and gears.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **February**

**23 Guest Speaker Phifer Nicholson**

## **February Birthdays**

**10 Harper Ng**

**12 Anakin Ferrer-Jenkins**

**13 Andie Cardenas**

**24 Janelle Tapia**

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