

This is what's up

Sunday School Update

Join us on Sunday, August 9th, for our Rally Sunday! We will dedicate our Sunday school teachers and have our first Sunday school for the school year. Also, pick up some school supplies for the new school year (*while supplies last).



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Upcoming events this month:

- Pastor Mitchell's Retirement Celebration
- Rally Sunday/School Supplies Drive
 - H.S./College Fellowship

Summer Exploration 2026

"In the Right Place at the Right Time"

I got a glimpse of heaven last week at Summer Ex—several times actually.

They weren't big moments with angelic hosts singing a perfect note in harmony while a light beam illuminated the scene. Rather, they just seemed like natural, everyday moments...until you realized that, in this day and age, they really weren't. In this day, in this world, these moments are golden.

Some of these moments involved three of our staff who I began referring to as "the Triplets." For the most part, our staff this year (and last year) got along well... but Mr. Kai, Mr. Sho, and Mr. Zach didn't just "get along." They revel in each other's company as if they are long-lost brothers reunited at last and loving every minute of it! Mr. Sho was a last-minute



addition to our staff, persuaded to join by his big sister, Miss Yuuka. He had missed all of staff training and the first day so, understandably, he was a bit nervous about fitting in. Well, from the get-go, it was apparent that he needn't have been. Every day I got to witness a beautiful testimony to male friendship at its finest: three young men who not only appreciated and supported each other but also unabashedly loved and cared for the women in their lives. Yay for the Triplets! May their bond never be broken!

Another glimpse of heaven occurred when I was watching the Friday practice performance of "Kingdom of God." It literally starts out with the lyrics, "You are my brother. You are my sister. Take me by the hand...." Prior to Summer Ex starting, Mr. Kevin heard a recording of Ms. Eileen singing this and decided that it would be a great song to teach but we couldn't find music for it anywhere online and (at that time) in person. That didn't deter him. Instead he listened to it repeatedly in his free time, transcribing what he heard into written music that could be taught and shared. Then staff and campers worked together to create hand motions to go with the words. Did you catch what I wrote? That staff and campers worked together to create the hand motions? This song was a creative labor of love and it showed. I got chill (the good kind!) from watching them perform this both Friday and Sunday. If you were there on Sunday, did you get them too?

Those definitely weren't the only glimpses of heaven that I got over these past three weeks and that is why I do what I do for Summer Ex. It's not just a fun and games program to entertain kids. It's not just a Vacation Bible School program to spread the word of God and try to get more kids in our church. It's not just something to offer to keep young people from spending most of their day gaming or scrolling. It's more. It's a safe place, a refuge, a different perspective on life. In my opinion, it's where the staff can feel safe, supported, and validated and then, based upon that, can offer the same to the campers. It's where little glimpses of heaven can be seen and experienced.

Ms. Sandra Low

2026 Summer Ex Director



Upcoming Events

August

- 2** Pastor Mitchell's Retirement Celebration
- 9** Rally Sunday/School Supplies Drive
- 30** H.S./College Fellowship

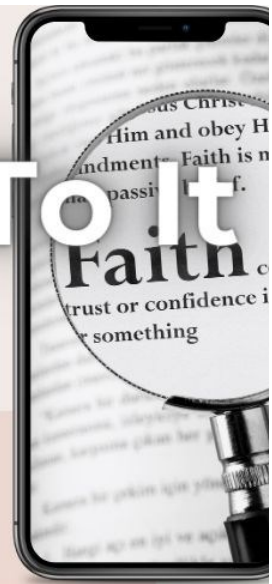
Aug Birthdays

- 4** Keila Davies
- 13** Trent Hata
- 18** Troy Kawaharada
- 27** Kaito Katsura
- 31** Raquelrae Moreno
- 31** Miki Stevens

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throughout the years!