

Summer 2025 Ministry Reports

<u>Review Period</u>: Spring (April to June 2025)

Aaron Mones - Associate Pastor (First Impressions / Care & Chaplaincy)

First Impressions – From a facilities standpoint, we have seen a few improvements this quarter. Thanks to Anne Sinclair, our mother's room has been renovated and is more comfortable and inviting. A larger TV was installed in the main downstairs meeting room for better facilitation of training, such as Next Steps and leadership training. We also had a fantastic turnout for our annual spring-cleaning day, and all the rooms were cleaned in record time, with everyone who showed up working hard to see the project through. Also, a big shout out to George and Nerissa Ulgasan for making sure our carpets upstairs and down were cleaned over the last few weeks.

Regarding hospitality, things are trucking along nicely. We have added a few new coffee and greeter volunteers, and Hollie Ford has stepped up to take on the role of organizing and arranging the auditorium every week. This is a big job that needs to be done every single week, and it is done behind the scenes, so most people probably don't think too much about it, but it is vital to making our building's interior presentable and comfortable week in and week out.

Another highlight is the consolidation of both our meals team, who provide meals for folks going through difficult situations, and our treats team, who provide homemade goodies on our special events and holiday Sundays.

My prayer request for 1st Impressions would be that the right person shows an interest in learning the facilities role, with an eye to taking it over in the near future.

Care and Chaplaincy Ministry - Having received my chaplain's designation last quarter, I have been able to have a couple of meetings with other fellowship chaplains this quarter and have gleaned some very valuable insight from them in order to do a better job in the role. I have decided to forgo raising financial support donations at this time, as I am not able to spend too many hours a week in this role, but as a few of you did express interest in supporting me financially in this ministry, who knows, maybe one day down the road I will be looking for that support. I continue to serve in the hospital and jail and have been blessed to have some very meaningful conversations about Jesus throughout my time in those places.

My prayer request here would be that the Lord would continue to use me in reaching people who are struggling and suffering, and that I might be able to share my faith well.

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Kim Rendell - Office Administrator

Highlights from this past quarter would have to be more personal level, feeling like I am more back on track and not feeling consumed with health issues. I had a chance to catch up on some items (filing, updating lists) that had been put aside. My goals/plans for July-September still would be to set aside some time to do some Excel courses and get more familiar with that. (This, however, I feel will happen more in the fall.) Also, to complete a couple of time-consuming tasks that I have been putting aside (updating some lists and general contact and member info). I don't feel I have any volunteer needs at this moment.

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Emma McFarland – Digital Media Tech

I've done a lot of updates in my years here, but this quarter by far had the most updates, which is really good and really nice to see. Also, the consistency that Long, Toan, Noah, Jude, and Ewan demonstrate month by month to serve is very encouraging. I want to do a bit of tech cleanup for our online platforms externally and internally, such as checklists and thumbnails done in the past. We need more volunteers in the media ministry, specifically doing slides and whatnot, as well as Wednesday night volunteers. Thanks!!

Emma McFarland (emma@mountainview.church)

Long Nguyen – Live Media Tech

Over the past quarter (April to June), I've been keeping up with all my experiences in media and staying in the groove for worship. Despite experiencing some issues with the projector, I hope to keep everything under control and that everything will go well at each Sunday gathering. I came up with a solution for the wireless mic, and it actually worked! That really boosted my motivation in my ministry.

For goals and plans, I've been thinking about some fun ideas to enhance my ministry in media and the soundboard! I'm really excited to keep them in mind and hopefully bring them to our church. Related to volunteer needs, I think everyone is good for now.

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Hayli Deans - Young Adults

The highlights were Easter egg decorating and ice cream sundae night at the church (April), backyard fire with s'mores and prayer/discussion time (May), tailgate lunch and Hidden Lakes hike (June). The plan is to continue monthly events that are likely all outdoors. Pray for guidance in planning and announcing events that are approachable for new people. Pray for regular attendees to continue showing up, to be encouraged, and to invite others. Filming video announcements. It would be nice to take a few announcements off my plate, but also to show other young adults on the announcements.

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Herber Campos - Children's Pastor

Highlights are having two new families with their kids attending church, and the kids love to be part of BASECAMP. Also, having a group of about 3 junior helpers who are regularly helping with the younger kids. In addition, there were about 3 new volunteers who signed up for Easter and are now regularly volunteering every month. The goal is to keep running both services during the summer season, even if not all the volunteers are available for the summer. Also, to prepare special "Back to School" theme activity boxes for the August Family Sunday. We do need volunteers to keep open all the group ages during the second service.

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Alex Deans - Music Director

We have introduced a couple of new songs into the church, had more volunteers step forward, acquired an acoustic guitar for the church and have ordered acoustic sound-dampening panels for the back wall of the church. The plan is to introduce a couple more volunteers into the worship team and get them comfortable with the process, as well as install the acoustic panels once they arrive. Anyone who has musical talent that they want to share with the church is more than welcome to reach out to me, but more specifically, drummers would be an excellent addition.

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Caitlin Kikkert - Systems Administrator

Highlight is that I have one particular volunteer who is just always willing to do the welcome desk, and it is a huge blessing! I want to make the schedule for the welcome desk volunteers more solidified, with people rotating for ease of scheduling. I think I am doing pretty good for volunteers!

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Byron Binga-An - Filipino Ministry

Praise God for His faithfulness as the Filipino Ministry celebrated our First Year Anniversary with an attendance of more than 80. Even if it is summertime but attendance still ranges from 33 to 83. There are new believers who surrendered their lives to Jesus and are scheduled for Baptism at our outdoor fellowship. Two families had committed to joining the Filipino community with a total of 7 members.

This July to September, we will be planning to reach out to families and communities by conducting outdoor fellowships and inviting unchurched friends and relatives. We will change the way we conduct bible studies starting in July by rotating our venues to whichever member will host it to give opportunity to neighbours, family and friends of the host to attend. We will conduct our First Outdoor Worship Service on August 3, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM at Squanga Campground. Outdoor Baptisms at Squanga Lake

Currently, praise God, many have stepped up in all areas of volunteer needs. We need prayers for the physical and spiritual strength for each member and the equipping of each leader.

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Toan Nguyen - Audio Tech

Highlights are that the wireless mics purchased in June have made setting up the preacher's mic much easier for both recording and live preaching. The next plan is to purchase one additional iPad holder. Volunteer training will be provided for both Sound and Slides. Jared is also interested in learning how to operate the soundboard.

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Katie Beaudoin - Senior Youth Ministry

The highlight is Fusion prep! Before the team stepped away for the summer, we were able to do two car washes, which was the big goal. The kids did awesome with working hard and showing up! Our year-end BBQ was also a success, with lots of the youth showing up and just enjoying the relationships we have spent all year building. It was a very positive experience.

The focus is Fusion! We do not have the leaders to run a youth event every other Sunday, but I think the big goal is to host it when we can (July 27th, August 24th). Get the kids safely to fusion, that's the big picture for now!

We have Kaleigh serving over the summer (Yay Kayleigh!) and that is all. In order to run senior youth, we need a male senior youth leader until the team returns on August 24th. I'm hoping to make it into town on the evening of July 27th, but we still need another male leader.

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Erolyn Benitez - Junior Youth Ministry

Highlights are that we had one adult volunteer who helped out during the time other adult volunteers were away, hence we were able to push through the summer. We also have 2 new sign-ups for the youth. Our goal is to have more volunteers since Maddie is going away before the Fusion trip. Also, we are hoping to spend more time outside while the sun is still out and schedule laser tag when everyone's back from their trips. More adult volunteers are needed for this month since 3 of our volunteers will be joining Fusion Alaska.

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Ministry Leader Opportunity - Outreach Lead

The purpose of this role is to organize quarterly outreach events where the entire church community comes together for a large-scale project. Some of the projects we've done in the past include:

- Boxes of Light (January) Providing a resource kit gift box for agencies serving in mental health.
- Easter Eggstravaganza (March/April) An indoor carnival and Easter Egg Hunt for children.
- Spring Food Drive (April/May) In cooperation with the Whitehorse Christian Ministerial.
- Stuff the Bus (October) Supporting our local Food Bank (Thanksgiving weekend).
- **Backpacks of Joy (December)** Providing essential care items for shelter residents.
- One Starry Night (December) Offering a living Christmas story for our city.
- Christmas Carolling (December) Singing for the residents and staff of our long-term care homes.

We look forward to welcoming a compassionate leader to build on these efforts and further our outreach goals.

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