

HOME MADE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

When I stepped into the role of senior pastor, one of my first tasks was to identify a primary metaphor to guide our congregation. As I prayed for direction from God, I felt led to Ephesians 2, where the apostle Paul writes about the household (family) of God. And while God is the one who builds that family, we can participate in building a PLACE for that family... a home.

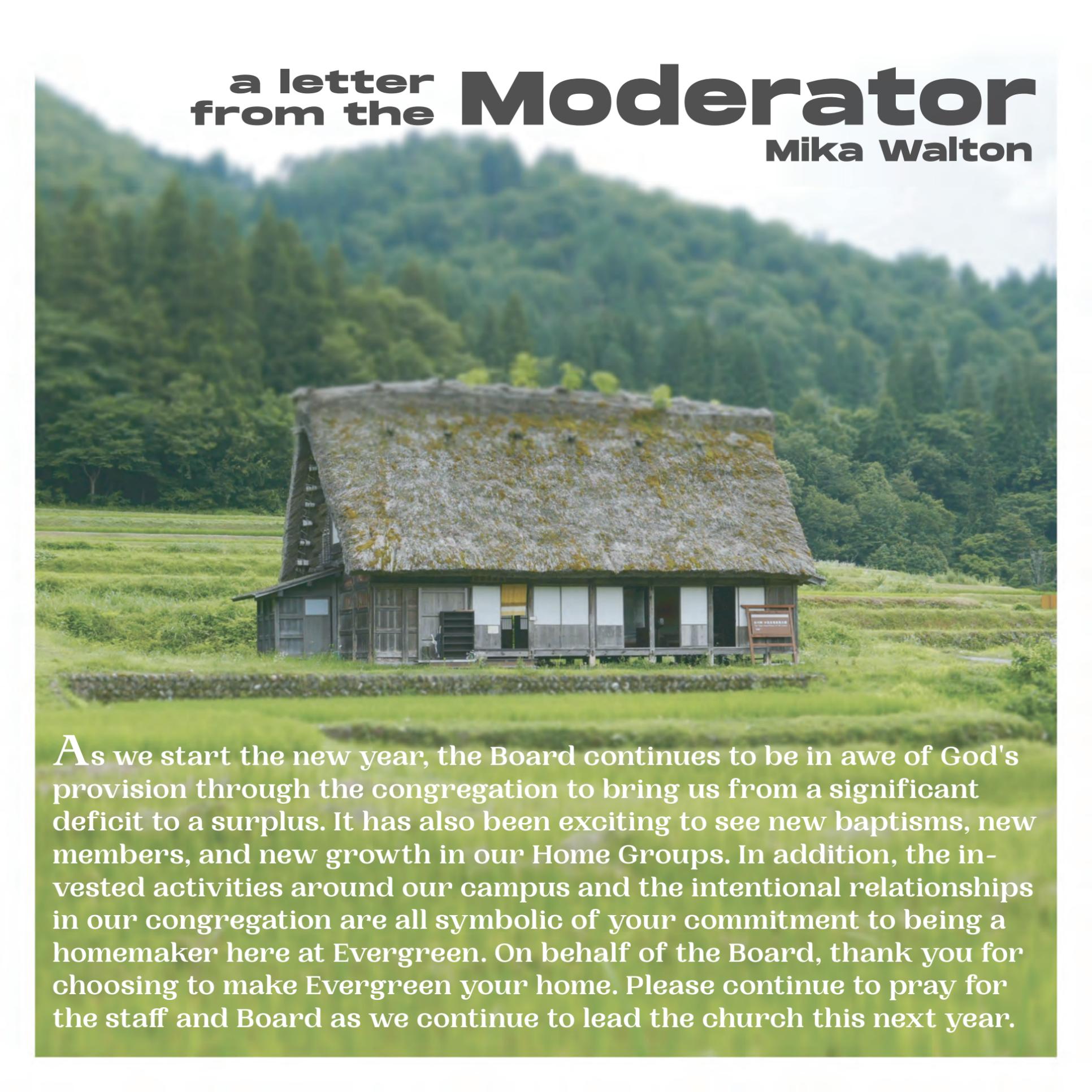
Our world today feels insecure. The recent past has shown us that the societal stability that comforted us can be undone with relative ease. Life starts feeling like a boat on choppy waters – unsteady and uncontrolled. It makes us desperate for a home... a stable place where God can ground us, grow us, and send us to help usher in a better world. I believe that has been our call in 2023 – to start building that home.

This Annual Report is a snapshot of our church's journey set over the backdrop of various types of homes. My prayer is that our statistics will interact with the images to remind you of the teachings, experiences, and conversations we had throughout the year, but also provoking in you further ideas and God-given dreams for the future God is creating today. That is the hope of our 2023 theme – that we would venture out and build this beautiful new world with God. You're a homemaker now.



Becoming Homemakers

**Pastor
Jason
Ashimoto**



**a letter
from the Moderator**
Mika Walton

As we start the new year, the Board continues to be in awe of God's provision through the congregation to bring us from a significant deficit to a surplus. It has also been exciting to see new baptisms, new members, and new growth in our Home Groups. In addition, the invested activities around our campus and the intentional relationships in our congregation are all symbolic of your commitment to being a homemaker here at Evergreen. On behalf of the Board, thank you for choosing to make Evergreen your home. Please continue to pray for the staff and Board as we continue to lead the church this next year.



“Love
begins at
home.”

- Mother Theresa

evergreen on-campus

131*

avg. on-campus
Sunday service
attendance

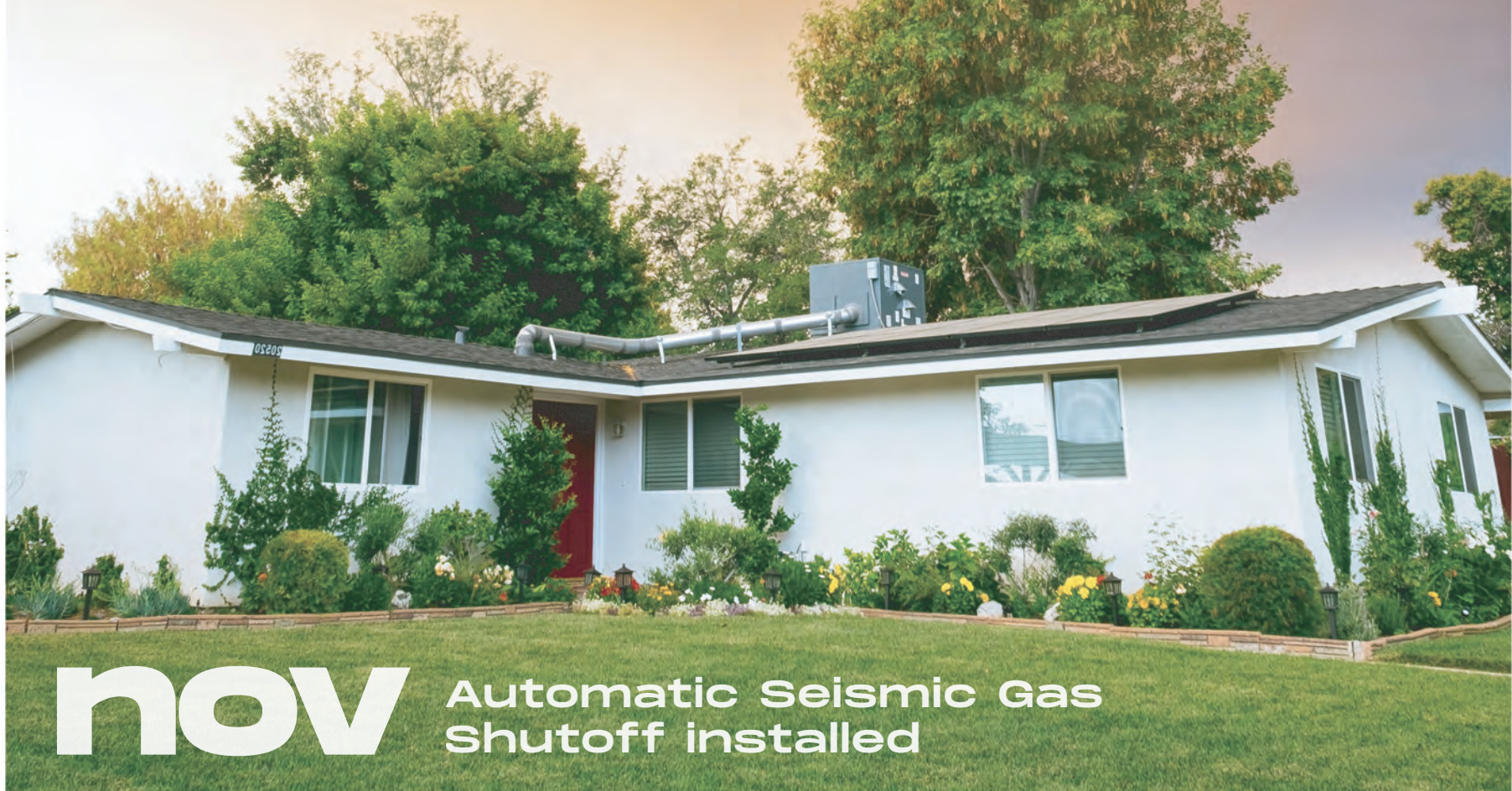
*not incl. holiday services

1

Park in
the Church
Gathering

310

avg. holiday
service
attendance



nov

Automatic Seismic Gas
Shutoff installed

The background of the entire graphic is a photograph of a mountainous landscape. In the foreground, there is a gravel lot with several mobile homes. One mobile home is prominently featured in the center, with others visible to its right. The background consists of a steep, green mountain under a cloudy sky. The overall tone is somewhat somber due to the overcast weather.

300

avg. weekly
service views

180

avg. CITP
online devotional
views

18K

YouTube
service
views

519

YouTube
subscribers

450

Instagram
Followers

evergreen online



“The ache
for home lives
in all of us.”

- Maya Angelou



127

Home Group
members

14

Home
Groups

home groups

community life



15

avg. CLASS
attendance

5

baptisms

123

avg. Church
in the Park
attendance

49

avg. Summit
Leadership
attendance

19

new
members

11

Church in
the Park
gatherings

worship arts & tech team

512

Spotify
listeners

1.6K

Apple
music
streams

2

Motif
magazines

4

EP
albums

24

WATT
members



“Since I’m the kind of person that enjoys serving behind the scenes, I feel at home with the tech side of WATT. Everyone is so supportive of one another that I never feel like I’m serving “alone”. It’s a privilege to be a part of something that blesses many people every Sunday.”

- Linda Yuen Hom
worship arts & tech team

family life

28

avg. Children's
Worship attendance

"I love the activities we
play during Children's
worship!"

- Benjamin Lam

20

Children's
Ministry
volunteers

25

avg. Sunday
School attendance

10

Sunday School
teachers

OCT

'It Takes a Village'
Parents Support started



youth

Graduating Class:

Charis Chang
Natalie Higa
Dylan Hsu
Elizabeth Leung
Sofie Lew
Katelyn Tong

4

avg. Sunday
Fellowship
attendance

1

youth
baptism

Youth Advisors:

Kennah Brydon
Chloe Chow
Chris Hohl
Robert Jong
Ryan Loong
Grace Ou
Joseph Pyle
Max Tran

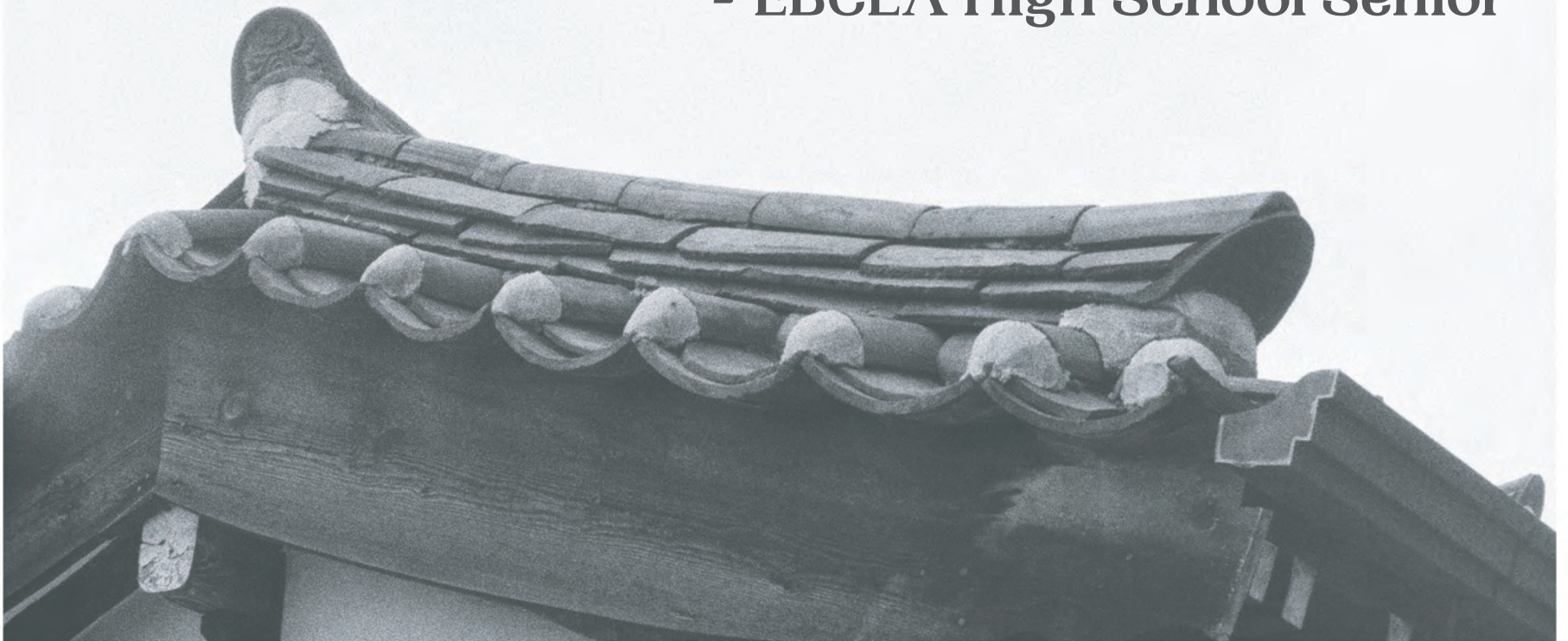
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avg. Friday
Youth Group
attendance



“Youth Group will always hold a special place in my heart and I was sad that last year was my last year with the Youth Group. However, it was full of not just fun and games (and memes and trips) but fruitful fellowship in which I could explore my faith without being judged or criticized.”

- EBCLA High School Senior



the open door

15

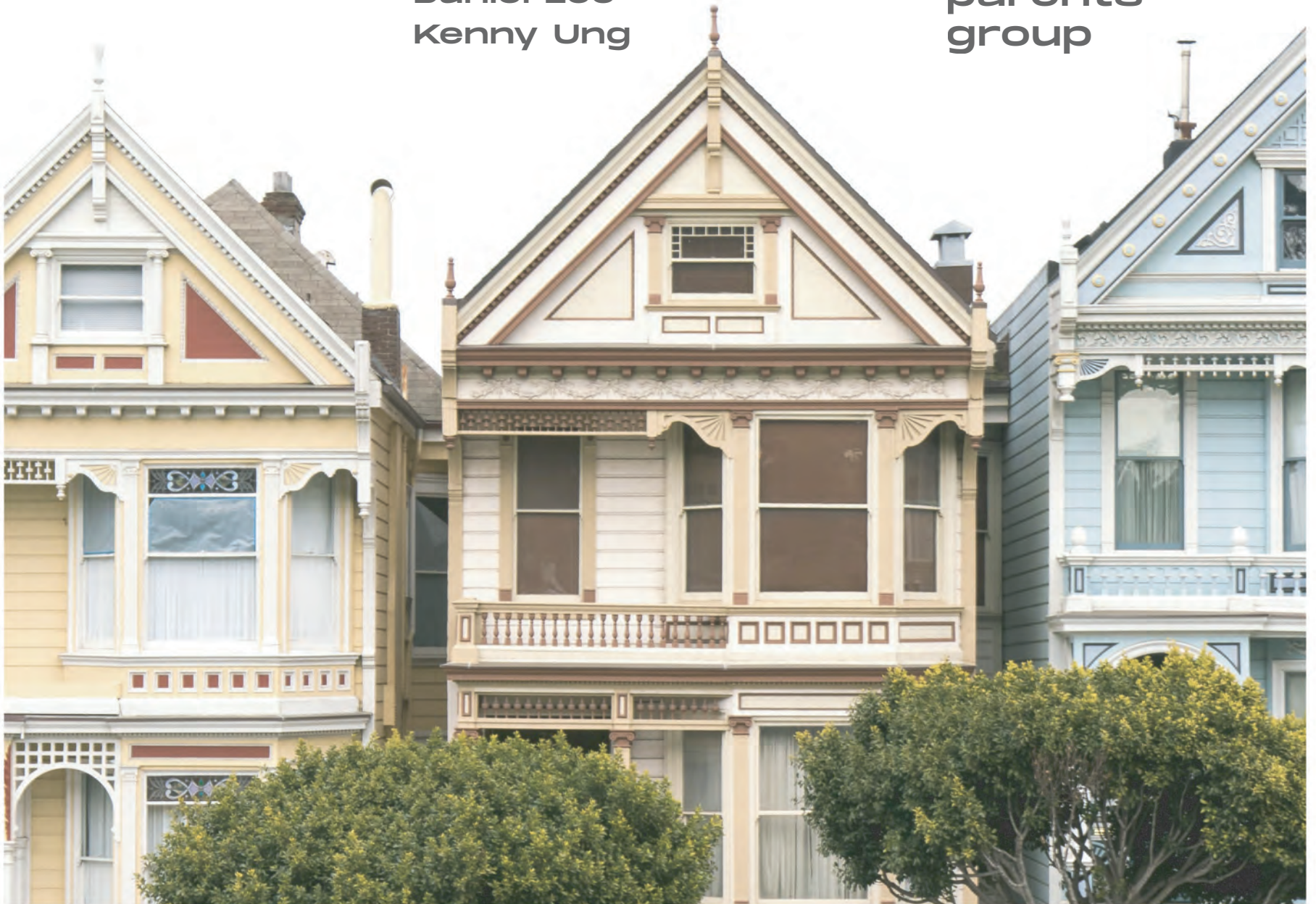
avg. TOD
attendance

TOD Leadership:

Arthur Au
Randi Brydon
Nathan Chan
Daniel Lee
Kenny Ung

6

avg. TOD
parents
group



special interest

nov

became a
creation
justice
congregation

6

avg. Monday
Prayer Mtg
attendance

8

avg. Men's
breakfast
attendance

jul

Centennial
Planning
Committee
Formed

A narrowboat is moored on a canal, with its reflection visible in the water. The scene is set during a soft sunrise or sunset, with a hazy, golden light over the water and distant trees. The boat has a dark hull with a red and yellow stripe and a logo on the cabin. A rope is tied to the boat, and a tree is visible on the left bank.

"Our Prime Timers' monthly meeting is a place
where we can stay connected and fellowship
over a good meal."

- Sue Muramatsu

perennial ministry

A modern, white, multi-level house with a blue sky and greenery in the background. The house has a minimalist design with flat roofs and large windows. A paved walkway leads to the front door, and there is a small garden area with a white fence in the foreground.

13

avg. CBS
attendance

7

Prime Timer
Bible Study
attendance

33

avg. Prime Timer
breakfast
attendance

37

avg. JOY50+
attendance

outreach

\$9.8K

2023 general
missions giving

65

Family Promise
hosting week
volunteers

7

team members
sent to Rainbow
Acres in Arizona

9

team members
sent to Deborah's
House in Mexico





"The CBS group is a wonderful ministry of support and resources for the caregiving journey."

- Stuart Kobata

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financials

\$352K

2023 December
income

\$99K

2023 general fund
surplus

\$4K

American Baptist
Special Offerings

267

total giving
units

21

new giving
units

\$1.26M

2023 general fund income



New Members:

Arthur Au
Steven Choi
Andrew Cobb
Jenna Cobb
Don Liv
Judy Park
Janice Ashimoto
Thomas Ashimoto
Gary Fukushima
Susan Fukushima
Eddie Ko
Jessica Ko
Alan Martin
Grace Ou
Peter Ou
Pam Sakai
Minu Thomas
Robin Thomas
Ruth Wong

Baptisms:

Janice Ashimoto
Thomas Ashimoto
Dylan Hsu
Daniel Lee
Justin Wu

Passings:

Margie Ginoza
Mitsie Nishikawa
Nobie Ujita
Sharon "Snoopy" Fong
Florence Nagano

Births:

Ezra Chan

records

A vibrant tropical landscape. In the foreground, a small hut with a thick, layered thatched roof stands on a grassy patch. A tall palm tree with green fronds rises behind the hut. The background is dominated by a steep, rocky mountain with patches of green vegetation under a blue sky with light clouds.

“There’s
no place
like home.”

-L. Frank Baum

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