

EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

THROUGH THE WILD



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR DESERT JOURNEY

We survived another year in pandemic. I can remember the spring of 2020 when I felt pessimistic for thinking this might last until fall 2020! Almost 2 years later, I look back at what has been - and continues to be - a long road for us. This calendar year began with an insurrection at our nation's capital and ended with a surprising surge of COVID's Omicron variant. The months in between oscillated with loss and blessing. In the summer of this year, we began our long journey of re-entry, ready to imagine the transformation of our congregation as we began to congregate in-person after a long season apart.

This year's annual report captures our journey of wandering and re-entry through the backdrop of California's arid Death Valley wilderness - America's hottest, driest, and lowest national park. Analogous to our journey, this seemingly desolate and dangerous wilderness is sprinkled with sanctuaries of life. Overlayed on the images of desert are the things we recognize and remember happening in our congregational life. Some events are things we grieve, other events are things we celebrate. Yet what weaves it all together into our larger Evergreen story is God's faithful presence with us. May that Divine thread help you to see God's caring companionship in your life this year too.

With FAITH, HOPE, and a lot of LOVE.
Pastor Jason

DEATH VALLEY

Burro Spring

NATIONAL

MONUMENT

Goldbell Spring



DIACONATE BOARD

In 2021 the Board continued to meet monthly on zoom. It has been difficult to feel a sense of community and camaraderie through the computer screen and I am hoping that sometime later in 2022 we can finally meet in person. Despite the drudgery of zoom calls, I am grateful to all our Board members who show up faithfully each month to meet and help provide leadership for our church community. I am also grateful that God continues to provide members that are willing to step up and serve on the Board. I am hopeful that this year will bring a new sense of life and calling to the Board as we step into post-pandemic life as a church.

Mika Walton
Church Moderator

2021 DEACONS

ROB CHEN
LINDA CHIN
LESLIE KOH
WIN LAM
MARSHA LEE
ERIC LUI
JESSICA MOY

MARIAN SUNABE
SHIRLEY TATSUNO
KENNY UNG
MIKA WALTON
LINDA YUEN
KRISTIN YOSHIMA
CALVIN YOSHITAKE

EVERGREEN ONLINE

INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS

380

VIMEO
VIEWS

1.4K

YOUTUBE
SUBSCRIBERS

355

NEW
SUBSCRIBERS

130

YOUTUBE
VIEWS

31.8K



2021 SERMON SERIES

HIDDEN: A JOURNEY THROUGH ESTHER
RELEASE (LENT)
EARTHLINGS
CROSSING JORDAN
ANCHORED
AWAKEN THE SENSES
BIRTHPANGS (ADVENT)

EVERGREEN ON CAMPUS

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

PARKING LOT RESURFACING
BIENNIAL TREE TRIMMING
FIRE CURB REPAINTING
SANITIZING STATIONS

6

SHADED
OUTDOOR
FURNITURE
SETS ADDED

2

SHIPMENTS
SANITIZER
& WIPES
DONATIONS

4

RE-ENTRY
TEAMS

+ 1 ADVISORY TEAM
OVERSEEING COVID
SAFETY ON-CAMPUS

INSTALLED
MERV 13
HIGH FILTRATION
AIR FILTERS IN
SANCTUARY &
OFFICES



WORSHIP ARTS

**2021 TECH
IMPROVEMENTS**
4 CAMERAS
1 AUDIO CONSOLE
LIGHTING DESIGN

50+
WORSHIP SERVICES
ACROSS 3 PLATFORMS
ZOOM
PRE-RECORDED
HYBRID/LIVESTREAM

2 SEASONAL
EP ALBUMS
GATHERED SIGHS
& ADVENT WALTZ

2
WORSHIP ARTS
& TECH TEAM
GATHERINGS

I've experienced God's wisdom, grace, and mercy through the trials and errors we've had while trying to provide our congregation the best possible worship experience online and in-person. As we continue to learn and grow, I hope to reach further and wider in this new form of worshipping as a body of Christ.

- Rebecca Chan

COMMUNITY LIFE

20

AVG. ZOOM
ADULT CLASS
ATTENDANCE

NEW MEMBERS

KENNAH BRYDON	BRIAN NA
RANDI BRYDON	IRMA TADDI
NATHAN CHAN	RAMON TADDI
RYAN CHIN	AMANDA WANG
JENNY FURUTA	ANNIE WANG
JANUARY LIM	

140

AVG. CHURCH
IN THE PARK
ATTENDANCE

9

ACTIVE ADULT
SMALL GROUPS

BIRTHS

NAOMI NG
WILLIAM HIROKI CHEN
ARDEN HOPE WONG
ESTHER LI YOUNG

WEDDINGS

Justin Lefler & Jenny Furuta
Kennah Brydon & Randi Hensley
Annie Wang & Amanda Mandelcorn
Melanie Lew & Brian Morimune

PASSINGS

KAY KAKUMASU
NICHOLAS SONG
VICTOR OKADA*
BRIAN TATSUNO
GAYOOK WONG
GARY HIGA
BETTYE CHO
TOM WONG*
ELIZABETH ITATANI
*EBCLA MEMBER

YOUTH MINISTRIES

2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

LEAH HOM
TIFFANY SUN
JUSTIN WU

35

AVG. FRIDAY
YOUTH GROUP
ATTENDANCE

29

2021 ZOOM
YOUTH RETREAT
ATTENDANCE

JR HIGH GRADS

TOBY CHIN
JUSTIN FOO
MEGUMI ONO
CAMERON PARK
ETHAN RAMIREZ
KAI WETTERAU
KATELYN WU

EVERGREEN YOUTH GROUP

Youth group has been a nice way to decompress at the end of the week, whether it be from online school, in-person school, or the myriad of extracurricular activities that we all have. From Zoom technical difficulties in our house to confronting arctic winds outside during our in-person gatherings, we have persevered and come together in a loving and supportive community of 36ers, junior highers, high schoolers, and advisors.

- BRENTON DUNN
high school senior

FAMILY LIFE



ZOOM
CHILDREN'S
WORSHIP

AVG. **15**
ATTENDANCE

"SHE REALLY
ENJOYS CHILDREN'S
WORSHIP. I DON'T NEED
TO PROMPT HER TO LOG
ON EVERY SUNDAY
MORNING!"

- 3RD GRADE MOTHER

4TH GRADE PROMOTION:

MADISON CHOW
ZOEY HUBBARD
CALEB PANG
MIA SASAKI
TAYLOR SUN
KAZUYA WALTON
MATTY WANG-EA
CALEB WONG

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADERS IN SERVICE:

AUNTIE ELZA
LEILANI WETTERAU
KAI WETTERAU
ELIZABETH LEUNG

INTEREST MINISTRIES

CBS
CAREGIVER'S
SUPPORT

AVG. **10**
ATTENDANCE

PRIME
TIMERS'
BREAKFAST

AVG. **40**
ATTENDANCE

WOMEN'S
MINISTRY
GATHERINGS

AVG. **25**
ATTENDANCE

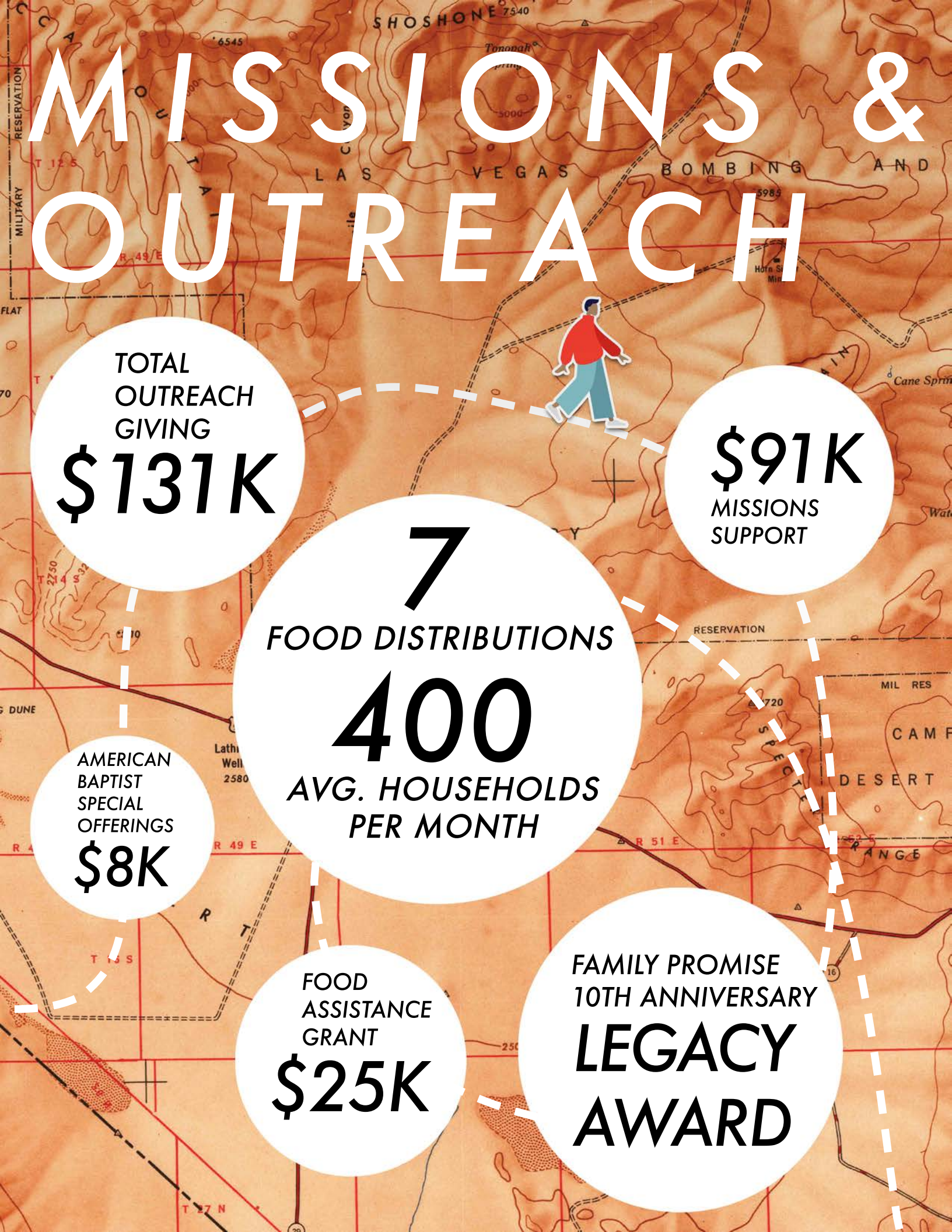
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AVG. TOD
(OPEN DOOR)
ATTENDANCE

MEN'S
MINISTRY
GATHERINGS

AVG. **10**
ATTENDANCE





MISSIONS & OUTREACH

TOTAL
OUTREACH
GIVING

\$131K

\$91K
MISSIONS
SUPPORT

7
FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

400
AVG. HOUSEHOLDS
PER MONTH

AMERICAN
BAPTIST
SPECIAL
OFFERINGS

\$8K

FOOD
ASSISTANCE
GRANT

\$25K

FAMILY PROMISE
10TH ANNIVERSARY

**LEGACY
AWARD**

GENERAL
FUND INCOME
\$1.2M

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\$1.2M

**GENERAL
FUND SURPLUS
\$146K**

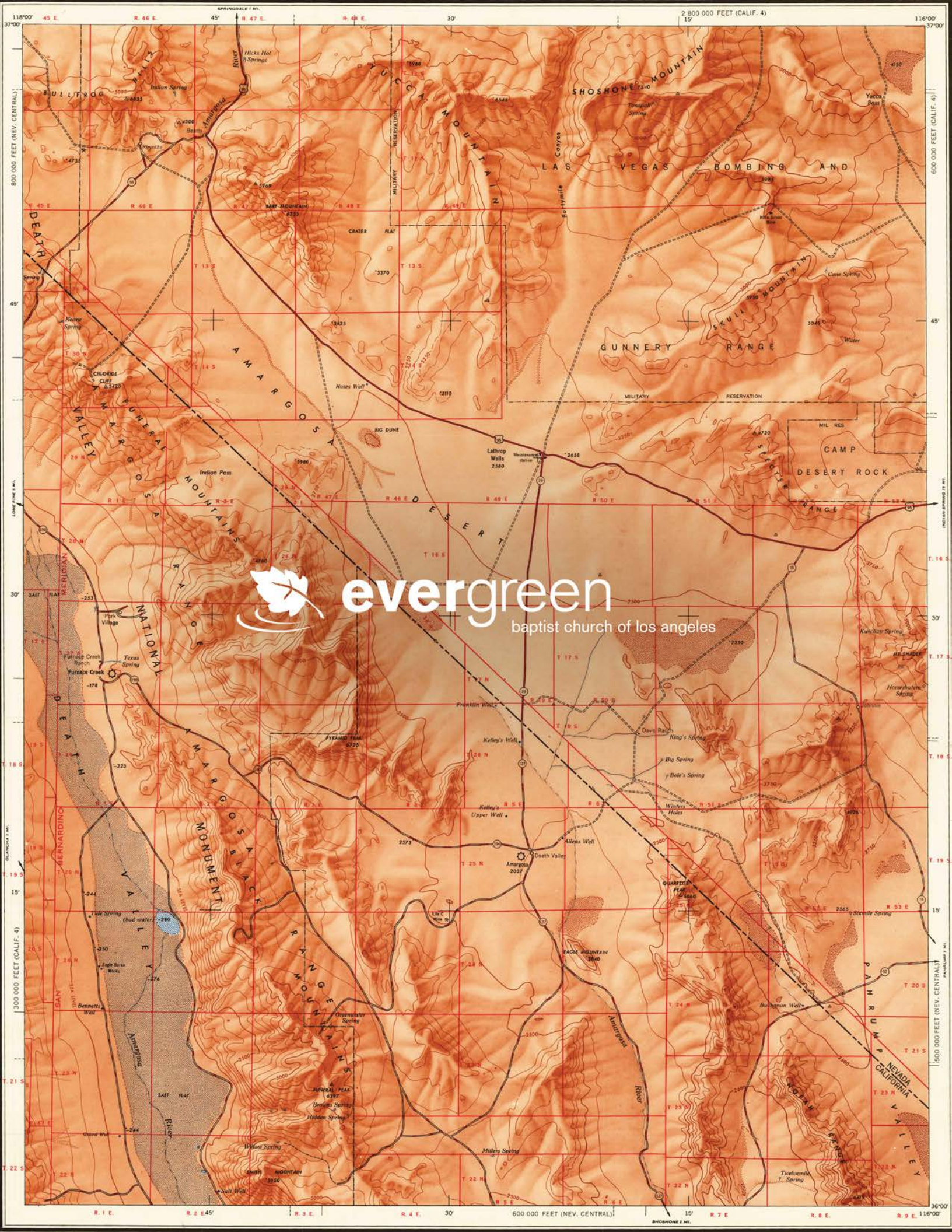
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS

\$146K

MISSIONS
GIVING
\$32K

MISSIONS GIVING

\$32K



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