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Welcome

We're glad you're here

We want to hear from you! Fill out a Communication and/or Prayer Request form. We would love to pray for you and get you more information.

EVENTS AND INFO

Join us for Sunday services in person or online (live stream at 9:30am).

Sunday service times: 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am

(Christmas Eve service times: 9:00am, 11:00am, 2:00pm and 4:00pm)

We have programs for kids and students on Sunday mornings as well!

Alderwood Community Church is a group of people who are committed to following Jesus together. Visit <u>alderwood.cc/connect</u> and see where you can get connected in a group, serving with a team, or through a Bible study.

The Alderwood church staff and elders are praying for you regularly! Please let us know how we can be praying for you! Submit your prayer requests at alderwood.cc/prayer

The Alderwood Compassion Center is open to receive donations on Tuesdays (9am to noon)...a list of items needed and the address can be found at alderwood.cc/compassion

Struggling with life? Need someone to come alongside and support? Stephen Ministry can help. alderwood.cc/stephen

Visit our website or use the ACC app to find out about upcoming events. Visit our calendar at alderwood.cc/events-page

COMING UP

- Christmas at Alderwood December 24 9am • 11am • 2pm • 4pm
 - Come join us on Christmas Eve! We have children's programming from birth thru pre-kindergrten during all four service times. We'll also have fun Christmas activities from 10am-4pm. More details available at alderwood.cc/christmas.
- Experience Alpha begins January 14 Sundays at 5pm

Come explore what it means to follow Jesus. No questions are off limits — questions like what is the meaning of life, who Jesus is and why he died for us, the importance of the Bible/prayer/church, etc. More details available at alderwood.cc/alpha.

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MISSIONARY UPDATE

JON & AMIE CROSS SIM, EAST AFRICA



Hi Alderwood, In October of this year, a surprising letter was delivered to one of our missionaries in the evening which was alarming for us all. Most of the information in this letter was not correct regarding agreements made but the concerning matter

were fivefold. One, this was being brought up after a missionary had returned to their sending country. Two, normal channels of communication were not used, which we use quite frequently. Three, the letter had two strange threats in it. Four, the letter was delivered at night under the cover of darkness. And five, the elder who signed it was a guard who watches over us at night while we sleep.

I contacted the lead pastor of the denomination and began to talk through what to do with this and how serious it we should be taking it because it was very much out of character for the Church. We decided to meet in the capital Juba, discuss a game plan moving forward and fly together to show unity between SIM and the SIC Church (a local Christian denomination). It was clear that if this could not be resolved, it would greatly impact our ability to minister and for our missionaries to feel safe in the community. We made arrangements for meetings with executive pastors and regional pastors. On the day of the meeting with the local church it became very clear that there were outside voices from people who were not part of the church that were pushing these ungodly agendas. It was also clear that church leaders need additional encouragement on what it means to be a leader of the flock. When the letter was read to the church, which was signed by the head elder, the people were appalled by its content and threats. I am so thankful for Reverand Thomas for coming and working with the SIC leadership to correct this issue.

Satan wanted to use this do divide us, but instead God is using it to refine and train the leadership in the SIC. Not today Satan!

Jon, Amie, Providence, Rosemary, William, Daniel & Eleanor