WHITTIER AREA COMMUNITY CHURCH



## ANNUAL PENDIT 2025

JESUS TO PEOPLE AND PEOPLE TO JESUS



Dear Church Family,

Author Ann Voskamp once wrote, "Every minute of faithfulness is a seed that God will faithfully grow into profound change."

As I look back at 2025, I am inspired at how God has used the seeds of your faithfulness to bring about profound life-change for so many people. During this past year, we have witnessed **354 people** publicly declare their faith in Jesus through baptism. WACC welcomed an average of **4,300 people** each Sunday to worship God and to hear about the grace of Jesus. There were almost **2,000 people** who were discipled in small groups, **2,414 people** in our church family who stepped out to serve in ministry, in a new way, and **140 kids** who made a first-time decision to follow Jesus at VBS. On top of all this, we have seen our WACC en Español ministry, Access ministry, and Young Adult ministry all grow and expand in exciting ways.

Church, thank you once again for your obedience, intentionality, and sacrifice to join God in His great work! I pray that the contents of this annual report will inspire you and remind you that God is using the investment of your time, talents, and treasure to bring profound change, both in our community and across the globe.

God bless you,

. John Riley

## Gather



AVERAGE ADULT SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

4,300

13,004

EASTER WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

6,814

CHRISTMAS SERVICE ATTENDANCE

69,667

ONLINE CHURCH STREAMS



TOTAL DONATIONS GIVEN TO THE MINISTRY OF WACC IN 2025

\$7,378,436

\$233,534 \$114,729 DISPERSED THROUGH THE BENEVOLENT FUND TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED

GIVEN TOWARDS CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF



600

**NEXT STEPS** 

GUESTS IN GUEST CENTRAL

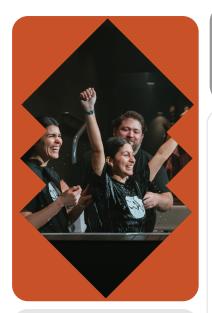
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PEOPLE ATTENDED NEXT STEPS TO GET MORE CONNECTED & CONTINUE GROWING IN THEIR FAITH

TIMES PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO VOLUNTEER IN A NEW WAY



After 15 years away from God, Aaron felt called to return. He took eight Sundays off work to find a church, visiting four before discovering WACC. From his first visit, he felt something different, a genuine warmth and welcome. **Encouraged to attend Next** Steps, he returned each week, growing in faith and connection. Since then, Aaron has begun serving in several ministries, joined a Rooted group, and found his home in the WACC family.



## 354

**BAPTISMS IN 2025** 

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Rose started attending WACC in 2025 after being away from the church for over a decade. When she visited WACC, she experienced the Gospel in a new way and gave her life to Jesus. Rose had also been recently diagnosed with Parkinson's and her newfound relationship with Jesus brought a peace to her body and spirit. Rose then decided to be baptized as the next step in her discipleship journey.

"My relationship with Jesus grew more than ever and my prayers are more heartfelt and He has always blessed me despite trials and tribulations. With Jesus, I've always endured."

### **WACC EN ESPAÑOL**

165 20

**AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE** 

**BAPTISMS** 

#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

80

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT YA SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

50

VOLUNTEERING REGULARLY AT WACC



## BRGrow

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDNCE** 

Every Monday night, 13 different support groups gather on our campus for those pursuing healing, hope, and connection. Each week, around 140 people walk through the doors of WACC seeking more than just community. They come to be known and to be reminded that God sees them, even in the midst of struggle.

#### CODE 4

This year we hosted Code 4, a retreat for first responders and their families. This experience created a safe and supportive space for those serving on the front lines to receive emotional care, physical refreshment, and meaningful encouragement for the whole family.

### 1,952

**PEOPLE IN GROUPS AT WACC** 

536

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** 

210

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140

COUPLES AT MARRIAGE CONNECTION DATE NIGHTS

45

WACC EN ESPAÑOL BIBLE STUDY

\$455,505

DEBT PAID THROUGH FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



#### WOMEN

Women's Ministry Spring Retreat returned after a 5 year pause! **84 women** gathered at Forest Home for a weekend full of worship, laughter, and community. God moved powerfully deepening faith and drawing women closer to Jesus.

#### MEN

Over the past year, Men's Ministry hosted live storytelling events for an average of **150 men**, where personal stories of triumph, struggle, and healing brought men together and reminded them they are not alone.





389

NEW
VOLUNTEERS
AT WACC



#### LOCAL

### \$19,037

IN NEEDS MET FOR KIDS AND FAMLIES
IN CRISIS THROUGH CARE PORTAL

400

STUDENTS RECEIVED BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

714

LESS RESOURCED FAMILIES WHO SHOPPED AT THE RACK AT WACC

**79** 

GO SERVE LOVE PROJECTS SERVED OUR COMMUNITY

100

DONATED EASTER BASKETS FOR FAMILIES SERVED BY THE WHOLE CHILD DURING GO SERVE LOVE

ROO

PEOPLE VOLUNTEERED OR DONATED DURING GO SERVE LOVE

30

NEWLY HOUSED FAMILIES SHOPPED AT WELCOME HOME

65

GRADUATING FOSTOR YOUTH WHO WERE CELEBRATED AND RECEIVED GIFTS

177

KIDS RECEIVED A CHRISTMAS GIFT ON BEHALF OF INCARCERATED PARENTS THROUGH ANGEL TREE

#### GLOBAL

### \$358,050

GIVEN TO GLOBAL MISSIONS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

31

GLOBAL PARTNERS AND MISSIONARIES SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

**53** 5

PEOPLE WENT ON SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

After 25 years of considering a mission trip, Ernie finally joined WACC on a life-changing journey to Malawi. However, just a week before leaving, he and his wife Natalie faced the unexpected loss of a close family member. While in Malawi, God used the people they came to serve to actually minister to Ernie and Natalie, offering them a glimpse of heaven in their time of grief.

#### **ACCESS**

**213** 

**NIGHT TO SHINE GUESTS** 

11 NIGHT TO SHINE VOLUNTEERS



#### VBS

KIDS ATTENDED VBS

**VOLUNTEERS HELPED** WITH VBS

KIDS MADE A FIRST TIME **DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS** 

**CHILDREN FROM BIRTH** TO 5TH GRADE IN WACC KIDS WEEKLY

**NEW FAMILIES HAVE** ATTENDED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS SINCE JANUARY

**NEW VOLUNTEERS HAVE** JOINED THE SUNDAY TEAM

STARTED THIS YEAR CREATING A MID WEEK SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS!





AT FAD

JH AND HS STUDENTS BAPTIZED





STUDENTS SERVING **REGULARLY AT WACC** 

STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED AT LEAST **ONCE IN 2025** 

STUDENTS 4TH-12TH GRADE ATTENDED CAMP

#### **SPORTS**

199 VOLUNTEERS

**375** KIDS IN YOUTH HOOPS

**775** KIDS IN YOUTH KICKS

| KIDS IN VOLLEYBALL

"The growth that I've seen in both of our children who have been involved in WACC Sports, from the scriptures and to the talks the coaches have been amazing in helping to navigate the emotions that come from losing or competition. Sports where God is put first, you don't get that anywhere else. It led to Aria, my daughter, getting baptized and I cherish that."

The Hayes Family

