

PURSUE GOD
BUILD COMMUNITY
IMPACT OTHERS

CORE VALUES!

This is what matters most to us as followers of Jesus!



1. LOST PEOPLE

Lost people matter to God. He wants them found.

In the formative years of The Alliance, the Holy Spirit instilled within the founder, A. B. Simpson, a passion to reach people with no knowledge of Jesus Christ in his “Jerusalem” and around the world. That passion still lives within The Alliance today.

2. PRAYER

Prayer is the primary work of God’s people.

We believe that nothing of lasting value can be done unless it is bathed in prayer. So passionate was his belief that prayer undergirds all ministry, Alliance founder, A. B. Simpson, was compelled to create a prayer league to focus on the world’s evangelization. He believed that the Prayer Alliance would “prove to be the mightiest force in the spread of missions.” That force still drives The Alliance today.

3. STEWARDSHIP

Everything we have belongs to God. We are His stewards.

This core value is intrinsic to the nature and structure of The Alliance—we teach and practice the blessing and effectiveness of the faith principle of giving as Scripture encourages us to remember that it’s not the amount of money we have or how much we give—it’s recognizing that everything we have comes from God (Luke 21:1-4).

4. GOD’S WORD

Knowing and obeying God’s Word is fundamental to all true success.

If The Alliance had a “life application” verse, it would be Matthew 28:19: *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit—AKA The Great Commission!*

5. GREAT COMMISSION

Completing the Great Commission will require the mobilization of every fully devoted disciple.

In The Christian and Missionary Alliance the first priority of every minister, congregation, and believer is to work for the evangelization of the world. Healthy churches producing healthy disciples devoted to reaching lost people—this is what will hasten the completion of the Great Commission and the return of Jesus Christ.

6. EMPOWERED

Without the Holy Spirit’s empowerment, we can accomplish nothing.

The Apostle Paul said, My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power (1 Corinthians 2:4-5). This is the fiber of our being as believers and the sixth of our Alliance core values.

7. FAITH-FILLED RISK

Achieving God’s purposes means taking faith-filled risks. This always involves change.

For more than a century, Alliance workers have braved harsh and dangerous territory—often at great personal risk—to take the good news of Jesus to a lost world. These workers experienced this Alliance Core Value—“Achieving God’s purposes means taking faith-filled risks. This always involves change.” Because of the selfless dedication of Alliance workers who were willing to lay down their lives for the gospel, entire people groups now know Jesus.

Introducing...

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Taiwan

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Thank you for your prayers for us! We arrived in Taiwan in August 2016 and are currently in our two years of full-time language study before we move to Yunlin County to join our team in church planting among the Taiwanese working class.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Eph. 3:20-21).

Reasons to Rejoice

- **Taiwanese friends** – There's nothing like good friends to make a place feel like home. We're so thankful for relationships the Lord has given us and for deepening friendships with Taiwanese families. As these friendships grow, we've had opportunities to share more about our faith and answer questions about what we believe.

Requests to Remember

- **Continued progress in language learning** – Little by little we're communicating and understanding more, but we still have a long way to go! Please pray for us to be diligent in our studies and bold in using our Taiwanese! Pray for good recall of which tone each word is when we speak! The 7 tones definitely add an interesting dynamic to language learning! We're so thankful for great teachers at our language school and their patience as we learn.
- **Believers in Taiwan** – A Christian neighbor friend shared about the spiritual bondage she experiences

and the fear she has whenever she is near a temple. Our nanny shared the challenge of being a Christian in her family as her parents worry that when they die, no one in the family will continue with ancestor worship and care for them in the afterlife. We had the opportunity to speak to a HS Bible club again and these students face pressure at school as they choose to follow Christ. Please pray for our Christian friends and for these students to walk faithfully with Jesus, that His Light will shine brightly through them in the darkness.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers on our behalf. You are one of our many reasons to rejoice! May you have a blessed month as we celebrate that Jesus is alive!

The Alliance in Taiwan

Since 1963, when The Alliance officially began ministry in Taiwan, our missionaries have faced numerous challenges in this land of 23 million people.

The Alliance mission is currently focusing on the 16 million working class Taiwanese, who have been largely untouched by Christ's message of salvation. Our workers are demonstrating His love by teaching English in the public schools and through a coffeehouse ministry called The Lighthouse. English classes have opened up many opportunities for evangelism, and a number of youth attend an English club hosted by an Alliance worker. Recently, our missionaries have begun youth nights that feature games, snacks, and a devotional. In addition, a Short-Term Missions site and a Praxis site have been established for leadership development and outreach to Taiwanese youth.

SEE WHAT THE ALLIANCE IS DOING AROUND THE WORLD

www.cmalliance.org/region

- Click on a region to learn more about that field
- Click on a missionary to read their latest ministry update

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS

www.cmalliance.org/worker

- Read the latest missionary updates
- Discover praises and prayer requests

Ministry Opportunities

at Balboa

Communion Service • May 7

We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, May 7. Take time to prepare your hearts for this meaningful act of worship.

Seniors Lunch • May 16

This month the seniors will meet at 1:00 pm. Contact Mary Campbell for the restaurant location. Be sure to bring cards for those with May birthdays.

Awana • Wednesdays

Our Awana ministry to children is every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:15 pm. It is for children from preschool through grade 6. If you know children that age, bring them to club.

If you have time, we have lots of delightful children who need an adult to listen to them recite Scripture verses. Contact the Awana Commander, Jo-Ellen Archer.

May Schedule

- 5/3 Store Night—spend your Awana bucks
- 5/10 Wet & Wild Water Night—wear your bathing suit, bring a towel and a change of clothes
- 5/17 Awards Night—bring the entire family

Summer Ministry for Kids • Weekly

During the months of June and July, Balboa Church provides a summer ministry for kids called SURF. SURF stands for *Share Your Faith*. This adventure is for preschool children thru sixth grade on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:15 pm. The evening consists of lots of outdoor games, a snack, and a fantastic Bible lesson. If you want to be a part of this ministry, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Family Welcome Center

Syrian refugees in El Cajon have several needs that Balboa church members can help with. Contact the church office.

Understanding Islam

Southern California Seminary will be offering a 7 week course *Understanding Islam*, taught by a former Muslim. This class is on Tuesdays from May 9 to June 20 from 6-9pm. Registration is \$75 (textbooks and materials are included). Classes will be held at Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon.

Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center for more information. To register, go to www.socalsem.edu/course. There is also a sample syllabus of the course outline available at the Welcome Center.

Walk for Ukraine • May 20

Balboa Church wants to raise money for a special mission project in the Ukraine. The project goal is \$55,000 and we will be partnering with other churches to raise money to reach internally displaced refugees in Ukraine.

There will be a neighborhood walk planned on Saturday morning, May 20. This adventure is for people of all ages and your pets. There will be a fun activity for the children to participate in during the walk. Sign up at the Welcome Center. You may raise support pledges or make a donation.



Prayer and Share • Thursdays

Each Thursday evening at 6:30 pm, there is a session of prayer led by Sam Campbell in the church office.

Sunday School • 9:00 am

Sunday school for adults is in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School for children and youth meets in the far room at the top of the stairs. There is always room for you.

Address Changes

Whenever your address or phone number changes, please mark this information on the Connect Card which is always found in the back of the pew or call/email the church office.

Alliance Life Magazine

If you are not currently receiving our denomination's magazine, *Alliance Life*, you are missing out. Pick up a card at the Welcome Center for you to mail, or subscribe online at www.cmalliance.org/alife/. This magazine is free!

Balboa's Website

Check Balboa's website regularly for current events, sermons, Bible reading plans, bulletin, Prayer Guide, and the monthly newsletter. Also, it would be wonderful if you would invite people to church and refer them to our website for more information. www.balboacc.org