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The Village Church

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PREFACE

“I’ve got a wild idea.” That’s what came through my phone one early Wednesday morning in September of 2021. In the moments leading up to the wild idea, I could sense the conversation about to turn. Though humbled, I felt uncomfortable with where it was headed. And that is how my family’s journey from Mississippi to Texas began.

We were rooted in Mississippi. Kristen and I spent our entire lives in the Hospitality State with family, friends, and meaningful vocation, nourishing our roots in the fertile soil of the only home we had ever known. So we did not see that call coming. When I hung up the phone, I called Kristen to tell her the wild idea. She said exactly what I expected, “No shot.” Considering the matter closed, I went on about my day. But for some reason, Kristen could not shake it off. At the table that night, she changed her tune almost entirely. She asked, “What if God’s hand is in this? Maybe we should listen.” So we did, and we eventually came for a visit. We hung out with new friends, while our kids played with their kids. They played a game called “protect the Queen” and made our little daughter the queen. When we saw our daughter looking up at one of their kids, God did something in our hearts that neither Kristen nor I can explain.

On the drive back, we were silent for over an hour. I finally asked, “What’s going on?” Kristen said she was angry, and I was frustrated. We both knew that God had done something in our hearts that would force us to prayerfully consider what faithfulness to the Lord would require of us, and what fears blocked the way.

We all want a place to put down roots, to grow a family, a business, a life. We long for a place to call home, for a place to be-long with

some good people. And those of us that find it can hold on too tightly for fear of losing it altogether. Such a fear of losing keeps us from living a life of faith. When fear has its way, it will turn us around when God calls us to go out by faith.

From Abraham to Moses to Mary to Paul, the Scriptures teach us that one’s true home-in-God is found by those who follow him in faith. Indeed, the good news is that, “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14). In Jesus, God left glory behind and made his home with us, so that we might live with him in future glory.

I love how God so often uses the hard things as fertile ground to grow our faith. Our journey here began with us not wanting to come. But as I reflect on this past year, I am struck by the realization that we did not leave our home. Through our up-rooting, God grew our home. You, Church, have been a blessed addition to our life. You welcomed us into your homes, shared your tables, your stories, your hearts, your very lives. You showed us radical hospitality. You did this for us, and you did it for so many others. It is because of the gospel to and through you that a multitude will find their home-in-God.

God was so good to us in 2022, and we are excited about the New Year with you. May the Lord bless 2023, making it a year where the wild ideas help us all find a welcoming home with TVC.



Nick Crawford
Executive Pastor

INTRODUCTION

In Joshua chapter 4, God tells Joshua to have the Israelites gather stones out of the Jordan River and build an altar of remembrance for all God had done for His people. Throughout the Old Testament, God's people set up memorials, altars, and stones of remembrance to tell their children about God and what all He had accomplished. It goes on to say, "so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever."

The purpose of this Annual Report is not to proclaim what we accomplished in 2022. It's not to boast about how many resources were given to certain causes or how specific ministries have grown. It is our desire to bring God glory by remembering what He has done this

past year among and through us here at The Village Church in Flower Mound, Texas. Our hope is that these pages serve us in the same way the stones served those before us. That when our kids flip through these pages and ask us what it all means, we could tell them with confidence that our God still dries up riverbeds for us to walk through; He moves mountains out of His people's way; He is still calling the lost out of the wilderness to come and live with Him forever in paradise.

May these stories lift your spirits. May these testimonies remind you of His kindness and His goodness. May these pages help you remember that the hand of the Lord is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.

MISSION

WE EXIST TO LOVE GOD,
LOVE PEOPLE, AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.

We are a welcoming home to thousands of people seeking Jesus Christ and growing in the grace of the gospel. With all our efforts wholly dependent on God, we make disciples across all ages; every stage of life has a portion in the church. We celebrate 300 baptisms every year. We are a safe place for the broken and suffering to come and receive hope and care. We demonstrate the ministry of presence as we rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. We send disciples into their homes, into neighborhoods, into our city, and into the nations. We have planted and revitalized 30 churches and have 100 goers reaching 10 unreached people groups. We have seen more than 50,000 individuals reached by the gospel through our campuses, church plants, revitalization efforts, and goers. We have generously resourced millions of people across the globe as we share the gifts that God has entrusted to us. Every day, in all spaces, through each season of life, we are building beyond ourselves, living the greater story together, and creating a kingdom legacy for generations to come.



The Village Church

FALL
FESTIVAL

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday, October 30

Free
Event!

→ Games,
→ Candy,
→ and Fun!

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CHAPTER 1

A Welcoming Home

*Stories of arrival
and belonging*

We intentionally begin our 2030 Vision with the desire to be “a welcoming home.” It is a primary desire of The Village for all who enter our building, join us online, and interact with our content to sense their place in the church. It is our hope that TVC would be ready for those arriving and an integral source of help in their belonging. This chapter covers stories of arrivals and belonging in 2022.

NEW HIRES



Amy Gray
Worship and
Production
Ministry
Assistant



**Brittney
Anderson**
Family Ministry
Coordinator



Carter Galgano
Family Associate
Minister



Gavin Stoner
Camp
Associate



Harmony Lott
Family Associate
Minister



**Jhonattan
Bonilla-Ramirez**
Church Planter



Karla Hickman
TVC Childcare
Associate



Laura Dunnican
Mobilizer



Leah Thomas
Elementary
Ministry
Assistant



**Luis Daniel
Portillo**
Church Planter



Madi Curry
Project
Coordinator



Mark Apel
Copywriter



Mark Gooby
Production
Manager



Matt Zarko
Technology
Generalist



Megan Gray
Care Ministry
Assistant
(Transitioned
to serve in the
medical field)



**Michelle
Holmgren**
Institute Associate
Minister



**Mitchell
Thomson**
Church Planter



Nick Crawford
Executive Pastor



Stuart Sharpe
Church Planter



Tanner Britt
Content Manager



Will Lindsey
Video Producer

Childcare Coordinators not pictured: Angela Northcutt, Chelsea Smith, Jennifer Kubinsky

WORSHIP ACADEMY

Worship Academy is our year-long program designed to disciple and train our middle school and high school students to lead worship.

“My experience in Worship Academy has been extremely fruitful in my walk with the Lord. Growing up in the church, I was able to watch others lead worship, and it always piqued my interest. It was not until I took the Worship Academy course that I truly had a heart understanding of what it means to lead worship from a place of worship, not performance. I have been a part of Worship Academy for six years now, and each time the Lord has been faithful to show up in profound ways.”

LYNLEE AMEN
high school senior

“I have greatly enjoyed being a part of Worship Academy at TVC the last few years. It has helped me grow in my faith, relationships, and musical craft, as well as being an environment to have fellowship with my friends. My biggest takeaway from Worship Academy this year has been learning that worship is not an act or performance; rather I am leading others into intimate connection with the Lord through music.”

LUKE GOLDMEYER
high school sophomore

FRIENDS NEW TO TEXAS

DAVID RAVDIN and his mom moved across the country to North Texas in January. He immediately got plugged into the Young Adult Ministry and other areas within TVC. He also started his Chiropractic Practice in Lewisville.

TOM & LAURA FERGUSON sold everything they had in Minnesota, bought an RV, and arrived at TVC last spring. They dove deep into the life of TVC and currently participate in the Training Program.

IN
20
22



224 TOTAL BAPTISMS



221 NEW MEMBER AFFIRMATIONS



1,742 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS
ATTENDED CLASSES ACROSS
ALL TVC MINISTRIES



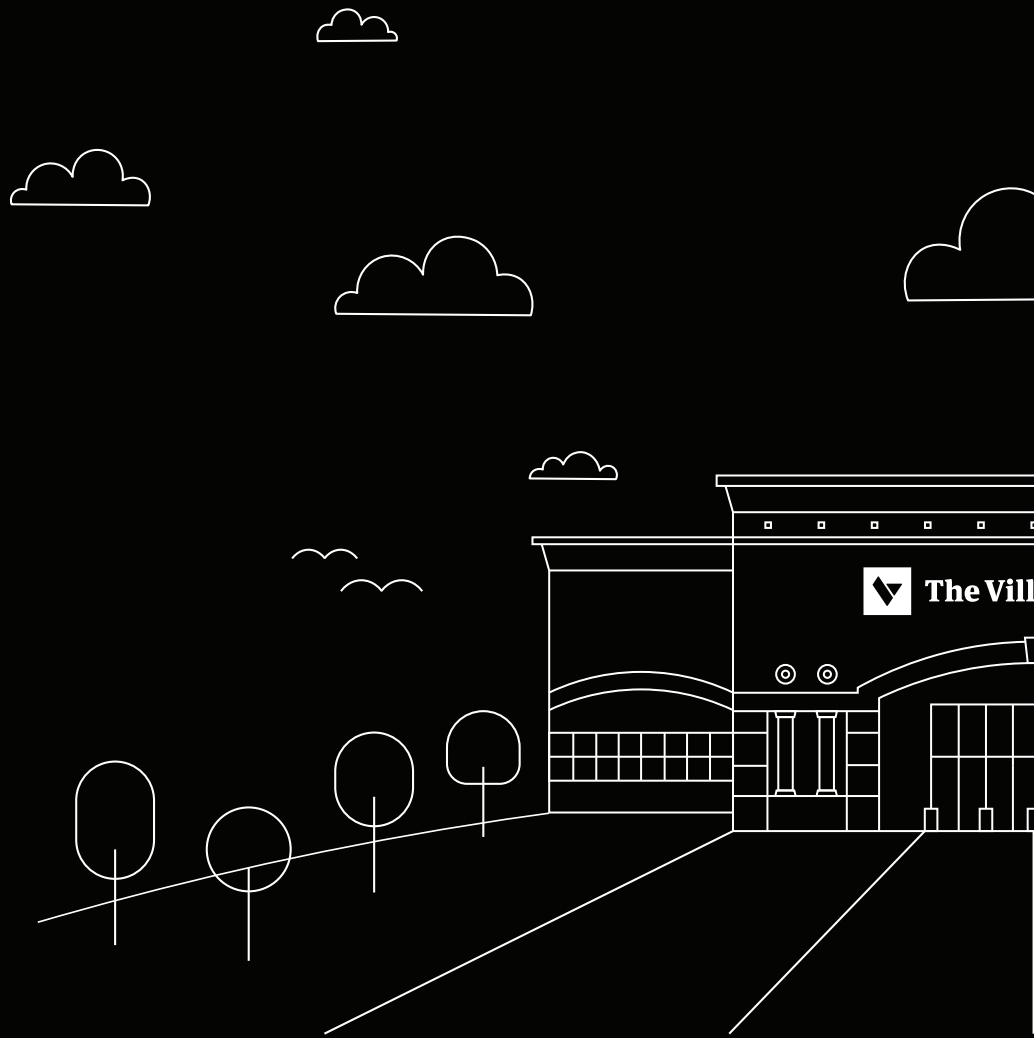


BRIAN MILLER

Faithfully Serving The Village Church for 11 Years

This March, we celebrated the 11 faithful years Brian Miller gave to this church as an Elder and Lead Pastor when he transitioned into retirement. Having been members of The Village since 2009, Brian and his wife Kimberly have devoted their time, energy, and resources to serving this church in many capacities, most of which will never be widely known to the congregation. He plans to continue this devotion and service in his lay position. Brian left an indelible mark on the men and women he led and disciplined while in his staff role, giving us a glimpse of what it looks like to end a career well and leaving a lasting legacy for others to steward in the wake of his influence.

Thank you, Brian and Kimberly.



SHOPPING CENTER PURCHASE

For years, our ministries have felt the effects of our current space constraints, with limited room in our facilities to accommodate all of the discipleship opportunities we'd like to offer our members and guests.



In light of the 2030 Vision, our elders prayerfully considered how we might secure more space for ministry, which resulted in their desire to purchase the shopping center retail buildings to the east and west of our main facility. The elders believed that this acquisition would allow us to remain in our current Flower Mound location, while enabling new options for growth.

The shopping center purchase was announced to members on January 24, 2022, followed by a virtual member meeting on Sunday, January 30.

Members of The Village voted between February 13 and February 15, with 94.3% of voting members saying YES to the purchase. The purchase was finalized, and we assumed ownership on June 10 without taking on any debt.

By God's good grace and provision, we will have a continued presence on the corner of Morriss Road and FM 407, with room to welcome more of our neighbors into our church home.



CHAPTER 2

Making Disciples

Stories of Life Change and Discipleship

It can be easy to forget all God has done in our community and church over a year's time. In this chapter, you will see baptisms, read testimonies, and interact with other stories of making disciples at TVC. Read the names here and remember their stories. These stories are our stories. They are our collective testimony.

SERVING THE YOUNGEST AMONG US

Little Village and Kids Village have welcomed 49 new volunteers in 2022, bringing our LV/KV volunteer teams to 267. We are so thankful for the men, women, and students who serve with us each week in our kid spaces.

We are especially thankful for our student volunteers, 6th–12th graders, who serve in LV and KV on Sundays alongside adult leaders. They are leading worship, creating memory verse videos, teaching in Little Village, and serving in small groups in Kids Village. Many of them came through LV & KV and have chosen to return to serve by teaching other children all that they have learned about God through our Kids Ministry.



I love that [serving] makes a really big church feel small. Kids Village and the people who serve in it are our family and are community for us.

–BETHANY WOLFE



One thing I love about serving in Kids Village is the atmosphere that just fills this place. It is fun, it is energetic, it's joyful, it's full of laughter, and, the best part is, it is all pointed upward toward Jesus.

–ABIGAIL LOPAS

ID RETREAT OVER 60 PARENTS SPENT A WEEKEND WITH THEIR 5TH GRADERS MAKING MEANINGFUL MEMORIES AND TALKING ABOUT GOD'S GOOD DESIGN FOR IDENTITY, GENDER, AND SEX.



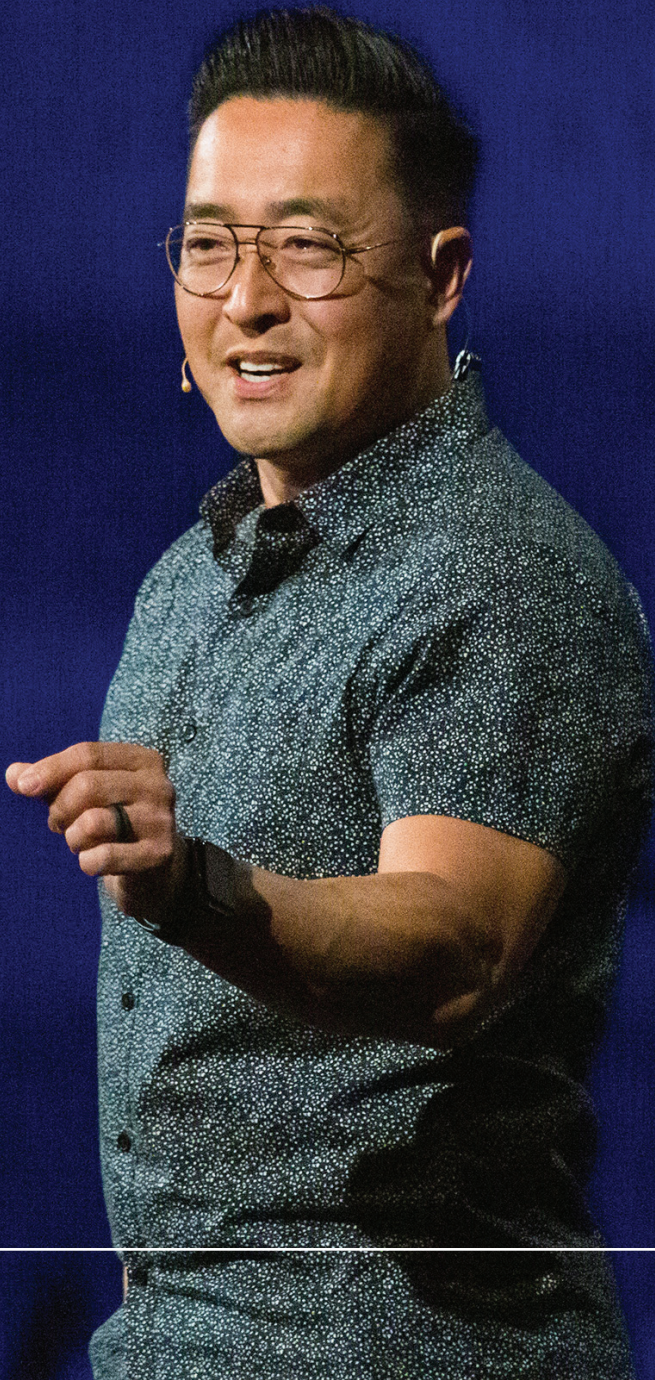
My son asked Jesus into his heart on the drive home. He had a commitment to Jesus but never really said the words. Thank you for making this conversation happen.



My daughter gained a healthy understanding of biblical sexuality, and I'm so grateful for this time with her to make memories together! Thank you, TVC Staff, for providing this event to us!



MOST SHARED POSTS



#1 **OUR** 7.12.2022 **NURTURING** **FATHER** SERMON REEL **RYAN KWON** **6,964 SHARES**

FEATURED COMMENT

“ WOW! What an encouraging and convicting sermon! On such a deep level! This one will stick with me for a long time! @kw4tarheels

#2 **HOPE IN** 3.6.2022 **SUFFERING** SERMON REEL **MATT CHANDLER** **4,590 SHARES**

FEATURED COMMENT

“ Needed this reminder as someone who struggles with chronic illness; it is so refining to continually be learning about suffering. Thank you for speaking truth in this. @annalisajasper

#3 **THE POWERFUL** 5.17.2022 **ILLUSION OF MONEY** **MATT CHANDLER** SERMON REEL **4,032 SHARES**

FEATURED COMMENT

“ Fantastic word... this one speaks to me to my core. I often find myself on the position of striving for financial security in hopes that I can control my family's future. Thank you for sharing, pastor Matt. @antoineavery

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

EMILY WALLACE is a High School teacher in Lewisville who took Outreach Training. Her life was transformed as she learned how to share the gospel. She and a friend have started Bible studies among students and faculty and she is actively engaging her students.

ALAN AND SHELLEY BEAM were hesitant and nervous to do Outreach Training, but through its faithful and consistent modeling done in Outreach Training, they were able to engage a father who then shared the gospel with his family and began to see generational change.

MICHELLE HOLMGREN had spent a considerable amount of time in the church, but when she went through the Training Program, God stirred something new in her. She came back a second year to complete the Seminary Track. Though she never got her college degree, she went on to earn her M.Div. while working and raising her family. All of this is because God gave her a new understanding of what discipleship can look like within the church. He gave her a passion to equip local churches to minister to their people in the same way. Michelle came on TVC Staff as Institute Associate Minister in September.

GREG AND NINA KLINGMAN AND RON AND MARGE WEBER serve as premarital mentors and had amazing experiences with their engaged couples.


"Serving as premarital mentors has not only allowed us to spiritually walk with young couples as they prepare to step into the beautiful gift of marriage, it has also given us the opportunity to reflect and share with them the love and true blessing of the covenant with God through marriage."

—**GREG KLINGMAN**









God brought 224 people to be baptized at The Village in 2022. It is a unique honor to be able to baptize someone God has allowed you to mentor, parent, pray over, and grow with.

LILY BERG was baptized by her grandfather, a visiting pastor from Wisconsin.

MATT AND AMBER CLAY felt a deep call to minister to their oldest son, Sam, and his friends using a unique resource—a big red barn. They fixed it up and brought church to the barn. They called it the “Red Barn Rally.” This year, Matt and Amber’s middle son, Will, gave his life to Jesus after spending time with the RBR guys. This step of faith gave others the courage to step forward and do the same. On September 11, the Clays baptized four boys in their backyard pool with their families in attendance. One of the boys asked Sam, his best friend, if he would be the one to baptize him.

GARRICK BAILEY baptized his 16-year-old daughter.

JOANNE DAVY, 86 years old, was baptized by her daughter and TVC member Jill Hughes. Immediately after Joanne was baptized, a father baptized his young daughter. God’s work within the generations was perfectly shown within the waters on this Sunday.



CHAPTER 3

Every Stage of Life

*Stories of all ages
encountering God
and growing in faith*

No matter what age, people need Jesus. It is our desire that every life stage would find a place here at TVC, and that every person, young and old, would sense the value they bring to the body of Christ.

SUMMER CAMPS

We had more than **200** volunteers serve **600** kids at VBS.

Our kids raised over **\$4,500** for Bible translation and ministry partnerships.

163 4th–5th graders attended an exciting week at Camp in the City at our HV campus. Here are some things our kids learned at CITC:

“God is our shield,
sword, armor and
without Him, we are
vulnerable.”

“God is our light and
He is always with us,
He will not fail us, He
is our friend.”

“Sometimes God
allows suffering so
that we can turn and
rely on Him.”



SENIOR ADULT APPRECIATION DAY & LIVE WELL LUNCH

Once a month, our Senior Adults (60+) enjoy a meal and time together after church. This time is spent connecting and caring for one another. On August 21, Senior Adult Appreciation Day, we celebrated our legacies of faithfulness at our monthly Live Well Lunch.

Larry Bonke, a faithful TVC member, never misses a Live Well Lunch. This monthly commitment has been a meaningful place of connection and ministry for Larry, and He's extremely grateful for the environment. He is quick to celebrate the way the Lord uses it to bless and encourage him.





SPIN

WEEKEND

Spin Weekend is our annual retreat for middle school and high school students that gets them out of their everyday lives to grow deep in faith and friendships. In March, we had Adam Paa, one of TVC's Care Ministers, speak to our students about living in the light of Christ. Many of our students responded well to this gospel charge! As we reflected on the weekend, we heard testimonies of small groups feeling closer to each other and students being more engaged.

4TH & 5TH

GRADE

MISSIONS

DAY

Our 4th & 5th graders spent the day learning about the work of Texas Baptist Men and Christian Community Action. They assembled 400 hygiene kits to be handed out to families across the state in crisis and 400 VBS kits that were handed out in local apartment complexes around Lewisville.

YOUNG

ADULTS

RETREAT

Our Young Adults spent a weekend in May at the YMCA Collin County Adventure Camp. Adam Paa taught on "belonging," and we had around 130 young adults attend—40 of whom were first-time attendees!



CHAPTER 4

A Safe Place

*Stories of people
finding hope and care*

Safety is not only freedom from an imminent threat, but the ability to show up as you are and find a welcoming community of brothers and sisters. We desire for The Village to be a kind harbor for the broken and suffering to come and receive hope and care.

THE ART OF CARE

The Art of Care is a class that explores the beauty and nuance of caring for one another through seasons of loss, suffering, or oppression and equipping you with TVC's trauma-informed philosophy of care.

70 people completed The Art of Care and went back into their spheres of influence or now serve in

the Care Department better equipped to care for one another.

"I've brought a lot of what I've learned in class and also these books into my trainings and meetings with my managers at work and it's been incredible to see how health and care can transform things. It's so cool to see God's work in it all!"

CARE GROUPS

Care Groups provide support and connection by using biblically-based curriculum on specific topics of suffering, loss, or oppression. We ran seven Care Groups in the fall and spring semesters.

Grief Support: loss of a loved one
Prodigal Road Ministry: family & friends of a loved one struggling with addiction
Foster and Adoptive Parent Support
Embrace Grace: unexpected pregnancy support
Re-Engage: marriage growth & healing
Grace Abounds: abortion recovery
LGBTQ+ Parent Support

RECOVERY

Recovery offers a safe place to pursue healing and freedom in Christ due to sin, suffering, or oppression. Recovery is open year-round, and no registration is needed. Come as you are!

"God provided me with so much comfort in this place—through Christian men who never judged me. One leader was the first guy to treat me like a human and actually move closer and encourage me after hearing my story. God really works in this place."

HOME GROUPS

In 2022, we launched 18 new groups and connected over 300 people to homes across multiple zip codes in our area. That is 300 new people committing themselves to gather, fellowship, and bless those inside and outside our walls. These Home Groups practice what is preached

on Sundays as they study the word, pray together, and live on mission within their neighborhoods.

It's
okay to
not be
okay.

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CHAPTER 5

Homes, Neighborhoods, Cities, and Nations

*Stories of living out the gospel
together and reaching others*

Jesus commissioned His disciples to go and make disciples near and far. His good news spread into the local villages, crossed borders, and invaded the future so that we might know the great love with which He has loved us.

Now as His church, alive in Christ Jesus, we get to participate in the continued commission to reach our neighborhoods and the nations.

GIVING TO MAKE DISCIPLES

GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

\$14K given to Sparrow Restorative Dignity Program in partnership with YoungLives

\$50K given to Launch Global to expand our 100 UPG Co-Op program and partnership.

\$20K Restorative blessing toward all of our goers on the field.

Established a \$225K fund with Reliant for supporting minority church planters. \$83K has been distributed to date.

\$100K to secure land for long-term ministry in an unreached part of the world.

A generous donor donated their vehicle to TVC. One of our international church planting residents will use the vehicle while he participates in our 18-month church planting residency. After that, we plan to allow our missionaries who are home on furlough to use the car while back in the States.

\$220K Reserved from FY2021–2022 surplus to be used for rent assistance, benevolence, and other local missions projects.

Over 36,000 YTD in benevolence and donations to our community partners.

We donated 3,200 pounds of turkeys and over 500 pounds of canned goods for our CCA Food Drive this November. We provided Christmas gifts and food for over 760 children through the CISNT Giving Tree.

We received \$881K in contributions to the Missions and Church Planting fund in 2022, exceeding our budget by 71%, or \$367K, which allows us to continue the work of sending, planting, revitalizing, and reaching people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



GO TRIP STORIES

“We met a woman in the village who had experienced great loss, and we could see the burden in how she interacted with others. As we sought to spend time with her and hear her story, we found ways to connect her story to some of my own experiences. The Lord opened the door to share my testimony. While she did not seem receptive to discipleship on the spot, I pray that just like “Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart” (Luke 2:19) that seeds were planted and this woman is pondering in her heart what we shared.”

—Anonymous
Southeast Asia Go Trip

“Having never been on a TVC Go Trip, I was trying to be open-minded to see how the Holy Spirit would work during the trip. How amazing it was to not only see the depth of the gospel-centeredness of the missionaries that we worked with, but also to be able to utilize the things I have learned as a business professional to work with them on their ideas and to see how God could use the missionaries gifts to help sustain the expansion of the gospel in the areas that they were working. All of this was a testament to how God was blessing the missionaries in their calling to share the gospel with the unreached people groups in Kenya.”

—Anonymous
Kenya Business Go Trip

CHURCH PLANTER COMMISSIONING

Every year, our staff is joined by prospective church planters who receive training and development before they are sent out to establish gospel outposts and advance the kingdom of God. We are committed to seeing 30 churches planted or revitalized by 2030. On November 13, we commissioned two church planters and their families to go forth and pursue the calling God has placed on their lives.

Josh Yen

Josh and Mallery Yen are planting King’s Church in Lewisville, Texas. King’s Church exists to invite people to do life together with Jesus in the now-present, fully coming kingdom of God. Josh and Mallery have four kids: Caleb, Norah Mei, George, and Peter.

Justin Broady

Justin Broady is planting Coal Creek Church in Superior, Colorado. Coal Creek’s vision is to make every person in Superior feel known and loved because of the gospel, to bring restoration to the community, and to make disciples who plant churches all over the world. Justin and his wife, Cherish, have four kids: Lacey, Brayleigh, Beckham, and Lincoln.





CHAPTER 6

Generously Resourcing

*Stories of people sharing
the gifts that God has
entrusted to them*

Often the word “resource” is associated with money or a tangible good. This is true, but TVC believes our greatest resource is people, all around the globe, using the gifts that God has entrusted to them, for His glory and His name. Sometimes this is funds. Sometimes this is art or storytelling. Here are some gifts that were shared this year.

GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

We received \$13.9M in contributions in 2022, which was consistent with what we received in 2021.

NEW WEBSITE

This year we launched a new website with the goals of highlighting the Sunday experience, thinking like a guest, creating a seamless and delightful digital user experience, with a unified, ministry-centric design.

Generosity is not only about giving financially. As a disciple of Christ, generosity encompasses all of the ways we steward and share our resources (time, money, our attention) as a response to all that we've been given by God. Finances only tell part of the story. We have been richly blessed, and this report highlights many of the ways that God is at work at TVC. These metrics remind us that we are dependent on God's provision through your financial generosity, and we invite you to consider how you will support TVC in 2023.

We received \$13.9M in contributions in 2022, which was consistent with what we received in 2021.

For July through December of FY 2022–2023, we are projecting that: We will have a contributions budget deficit of \$240K, and an overall revenue budget deficit of \$30K.

We will have an expense budget surplus of \$640K.

The overall FY 2022–2023 budget surplus through December will be \$610K.

GOD'S BIG STORY

Our podcast for kids, God's Big Story, is one of the most fun resources we get to make! It is designed so kids and parents can learn the Bible, sing the Bible, and talk about what it means. Some of our listeners said:

@jenngohery "Have listened to every episode at least once!! So grateful for this podcast!"

"God's Big Story is broken down so that my 5 & 7 year old can understand it, but honestly it has been speaking to me in great ways as a child of God."

"My 4-year-old has been obsessed with this podcast and gets so excited about the stories from the Bible now! She's learned so much and can tell me or her newest stuffed animal all the important details of so many true stories from God's Word!"





CHAPTER 7

Matt's 20-Year Anniversary

In December of 2002, Highland Village Baptist church hired Matt Chandler to be Lead Pastor. In our services on December 4, we had the privilege of celebrating Matt's 20 years on staff here at TVC.

Throughout his years of leadership—his cancer diagnosis in 2009, the establishing of five additional campuses from 2007–2016 and their subsequent rollofs into autonomous churches, and many seasons of inevitable change and

spirit-led growth—Matt has served faithfully and humbly.

We are beyond thankful for Matt, Lauren, Audrey, Reid, and Norah—for who they are and the joy they bring to our church family.

Matt, thank you for two decades of bold teaching, faithful leadership, and authentic pastoring. We are grateful and excited for the next 20.



EPILOGUE

Creating a Kingdom Legacy

*Building beyond ourselves,
living the greater story together,
and creating a kingdom legacy
for generations to come*

It is an early morning in the first week of January and I'm prayerfully asking our Creator God to bless, renew, and strengthen each of you, along with our staff, our pastors, and our volunteers in 2023. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all that He has orchestrated in the last 365 days and how we are being forged into a gospel community that Paul pressed so passionately for in the first verse of Ephesians 4. It takes commitment and fortitude to "live as people worthy of the call you received from God." We are seven years away from 2030, and our vision for the future of The Village Church is being lived out and operationalized through tested doctrine, missional endurance, and humble submission to our Heavenly Father. There have been hundreds of testimonies to this end from last year. Healing, restoration, and trust have been central themes of these testimonies. It is easy to get excited for what's ahead when we enjoy Christ's gift of Himself to each of us. All of the benchmarks layered within the 2030 Vision are enabled through this generosity. I am encouraged by the generous response of TVC in the giving of finances, sending of people, and investment of service toward the common goal of creating a kingdom legacy for generations to come. This kingdom legacy is worth it. We need no reminders that all have fallen short of the glory of God, but what God is building within His Church, and through all of us, is an everlasting joy. I'm thankful to be a part of it with each of you.



Jasien Swords
Elder, Chairman

“What God is building within His Church, and through all of us, is an everlasting joy.”

