



The Village Church

Annual Report 2020

Love God • Love people •
Make disciples of Jesus Christ

Driven by hope

In a world riddled with messages of fear and doubt, the people of God sing a different song. When 2020 took an unexpected turn in mid-March, The Village Church trusted the One who ordains all of history. We knew that no matter how dark the season, the light of the gospel still shines. Our team strategized with one another and mobilized the men and women of our body to continue to carry out our sacred mission. At The Village, we love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Hope is what drives us.

We don't need to tell you what a wild year it has been—you've lived it. A deadly pandemic, racial injustice, a contentious election cycle, these things and so much more attempted to take our eyes off of Jesus this year, but our hope in Him remains.

Despite the upheaval in our lives, a few things didn't change in 2020. Eternal truths were put to the test and did not fail us. Let's take a look at how the Church of Jesus Christ refused to be overcome, how His gospel continued to transform lives, and how the God of the universe proved once again to be steadfast in every storm.



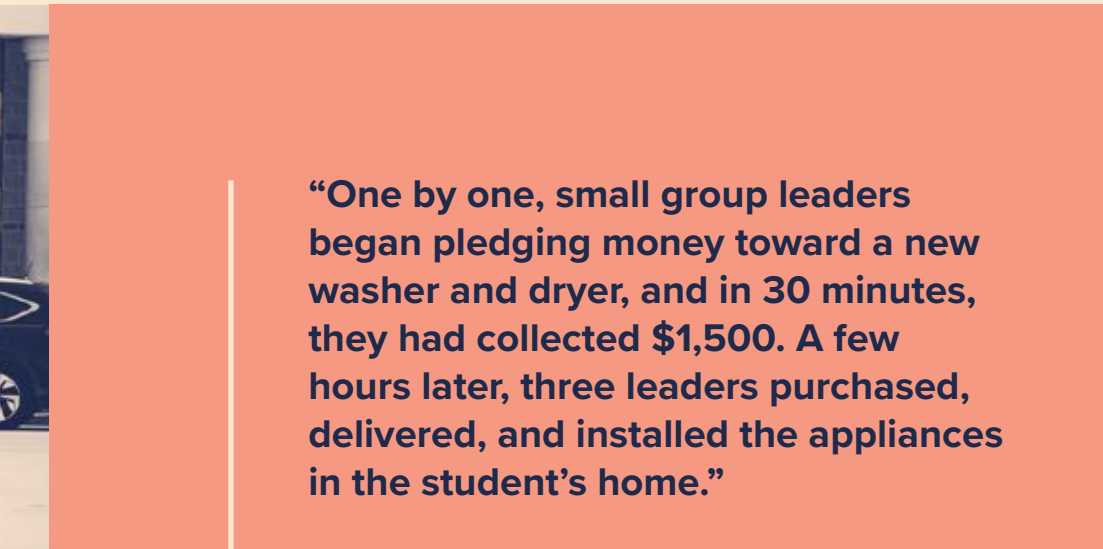
We began sharing a number of stories from our members in *The Village News*, our weekly newsletter, to remind our people to continue trusting in the Lord.



We hosted a number of drive-thru events to bless our people and get resources into their homes. What a joy to see us say "hello" after so long!



We developed tools and strategies for meeting the needs of our community in a time of crisis. We partnered with LIGO to serve struggling families. Our online prayer and help tools allowed us to connect those in need to TVC members who were ready to step in and serve.



"One by one, small group leaders began pledging money toward a new washer and dryer, and in 30 minutes, they had collected \$1,500. A few hours later, three leaders purchased, delivered, and installed the appliances in the student's home."



Our relatively new Young Adults Ministry hosted several virtual and socially-distanced events this year to provide young adults with meaningful connection that was so needed in 2020.



"While searching for a new church, she would pray in her car before attending a service, asking God to provide her with a strong community where she could belong. As soon as she visited The Village, Rachel knew she had found a home."



Outside of our structured ministry events and programs, our people took the initiative to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a difficult season. These community-led efforts included drive-by birthday parties, backyard Bible studies, and much more. The Church is truly more than a building.

"And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

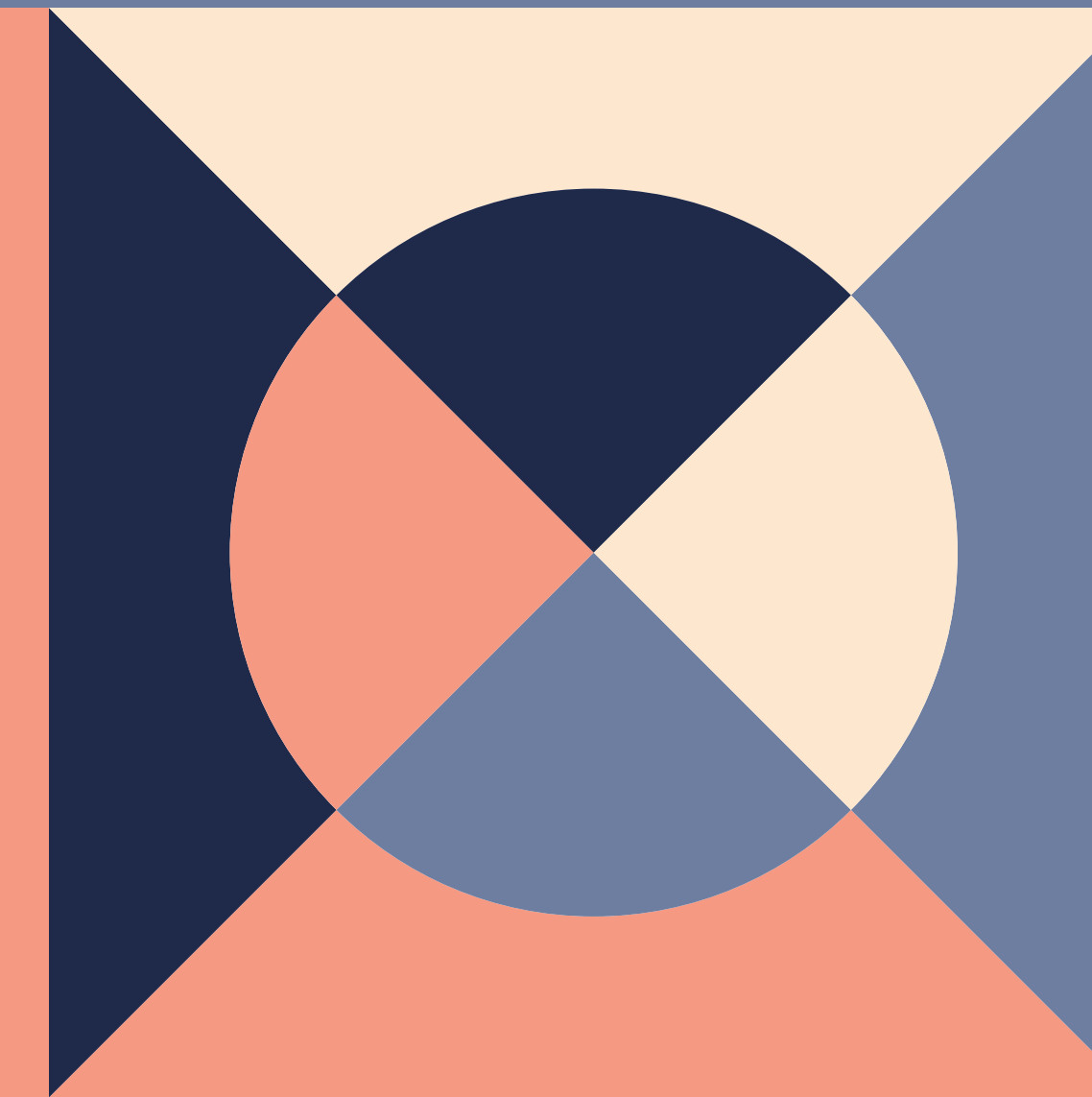
—Acts 2:47b

"...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

—Matthew 16:18b

The Church of Jesus Christ is an eternal reality, and the people of God don't back away from a challenge because we know who's on our side. When we couldn't meet together in person, we got creative and looked for ways to continue to be the body of Christ to our members and our community.

This year, we launched TVC at Home, our livestreamed worship service, a week after our campus shut down. Blessed by God with incredible technology, we've been able to open our virtual doors to those who may never have stepped foot in our building. We were also able to leverage virtual platforms for things like Recovery Groups, GroupConnect, and weekly Next Gen programming and videos.



Through it all, the creativity and perseverance of our men and women sent a clear message to a watching world: the Church isn't going anywhere.

500,000+ total TVC at Home views	861 prayer requests submitted online
104 countries watching TVC at Home	1600+ comments and responses
2,700+ total drive-thru participants	97 people served via online tool

The gospel of Jesus Christ continues to transform lives. As the people of God, we have the incredible privilege of sharing a message that the world desperately needs to hear in this season of suffering. Amid the chaos and confusion of a rattled world, we can anchor our hope in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, and that kind of hope draws attention. That kind of hope invites people in.

This year, God did what God does. He sought out those who were far from Him, and He taught those who knew Him how to love Him even more. As a church, we had the opportunity to witness firsthand the steady work of the Lord, the kind of work that continues regardless of our circumstances. What a joy it was to see Him move!



Samuel (Upper Right), our Director of Care, began blessing our members in a room called The Art of Care. Participants are equipped to advocate for those dealing with various traumatic events.



"But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."

—Psalm 86:15



God anchors us to reality. We can always rely on the steadfastness of the Lord, but in times of trouble, when things appear to be spinning out of control, it is especially important to remember that He doesn't change. God loves, God shepherds, and God provides—without fail.

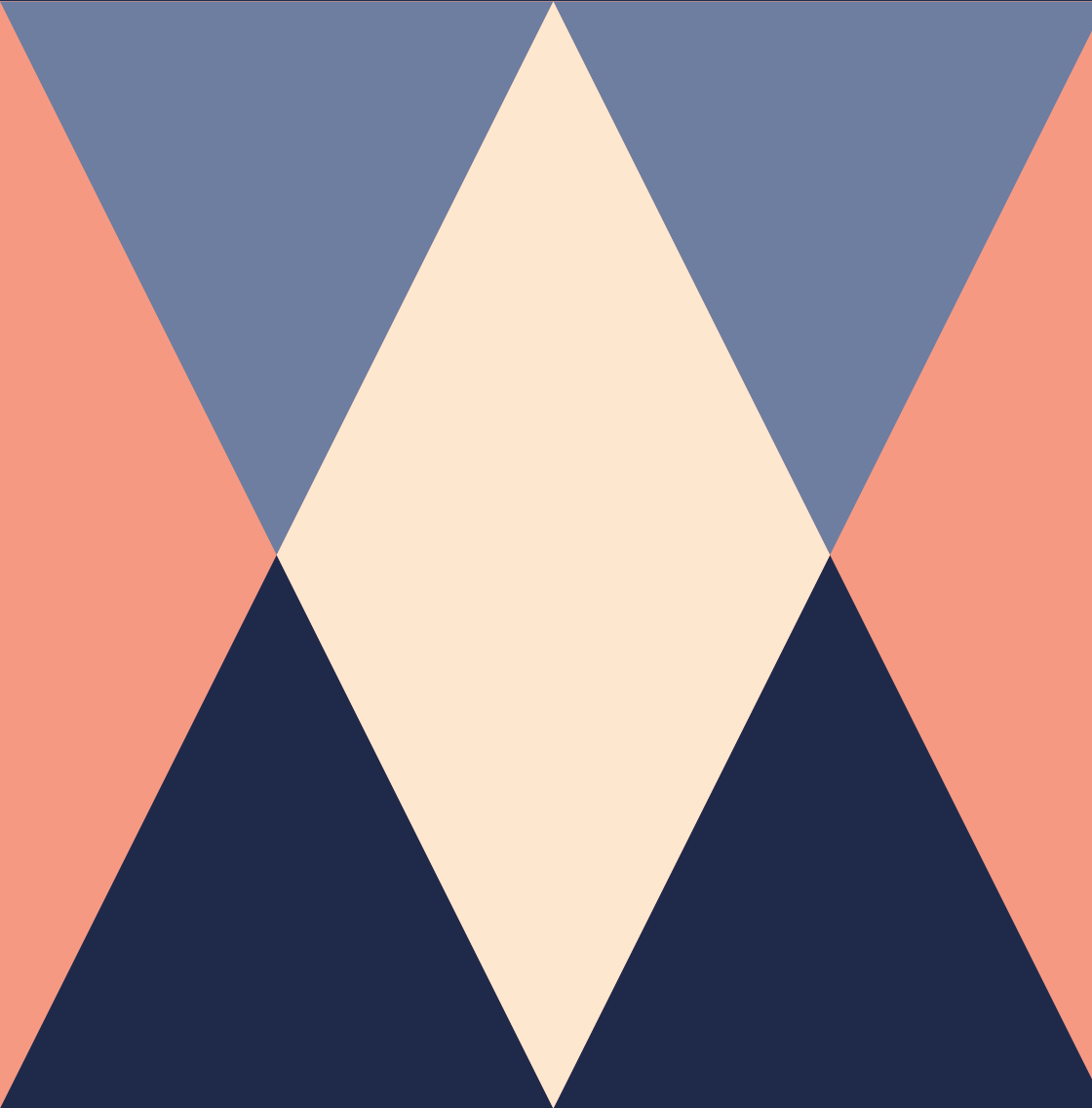
God proved His faithfulness toward us once again in the area of finances. While He has consistently poured out His generosity on our church, this year felt different. It was a difficult season for many as we dealt with a precarious economic climate. Despite this, giving at The Village actually increased. The people of God stepped up in a very real way and proved to be committed to the only thing of any lasting worth: the gospel of Jesus Christ.

\$11.2M in revenue this year	\$500,000+ given to missions, ministry partners, and organizations
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While life moved a little slower at times this year, it still moved on. We said goodbye to several staff members in 2020 who had faithfully served The Village Church for years. In many ways, these transitions were harder than normal as certain restrictions kept us from saying goodbye in all the ways we would have liked. In the end, we trust the Lord with transition and know that our farewells are not final.

In addition to individual staff members, we also experienced the transition of one of our ministry partners—Campus Outreach. For many years, Campus Outreach has partnered with TVC to reach college students with the gospel. While their work will continue, they have transitioned to partner with The Village Church Denton, one of our former campuses. We are excited to see how The Lords use Campus Outreach and TVCD together in the years to come to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Though changes came for our staff this year, one of the ways God reminded us of His faithfulness was all of the new faces we got to welcome in. You've probably already met some of our new staff members, but 2020 has most likely kept you from getting to know all of them. We hope that changes in the very near future as these faithful men and women minister to you and your household.



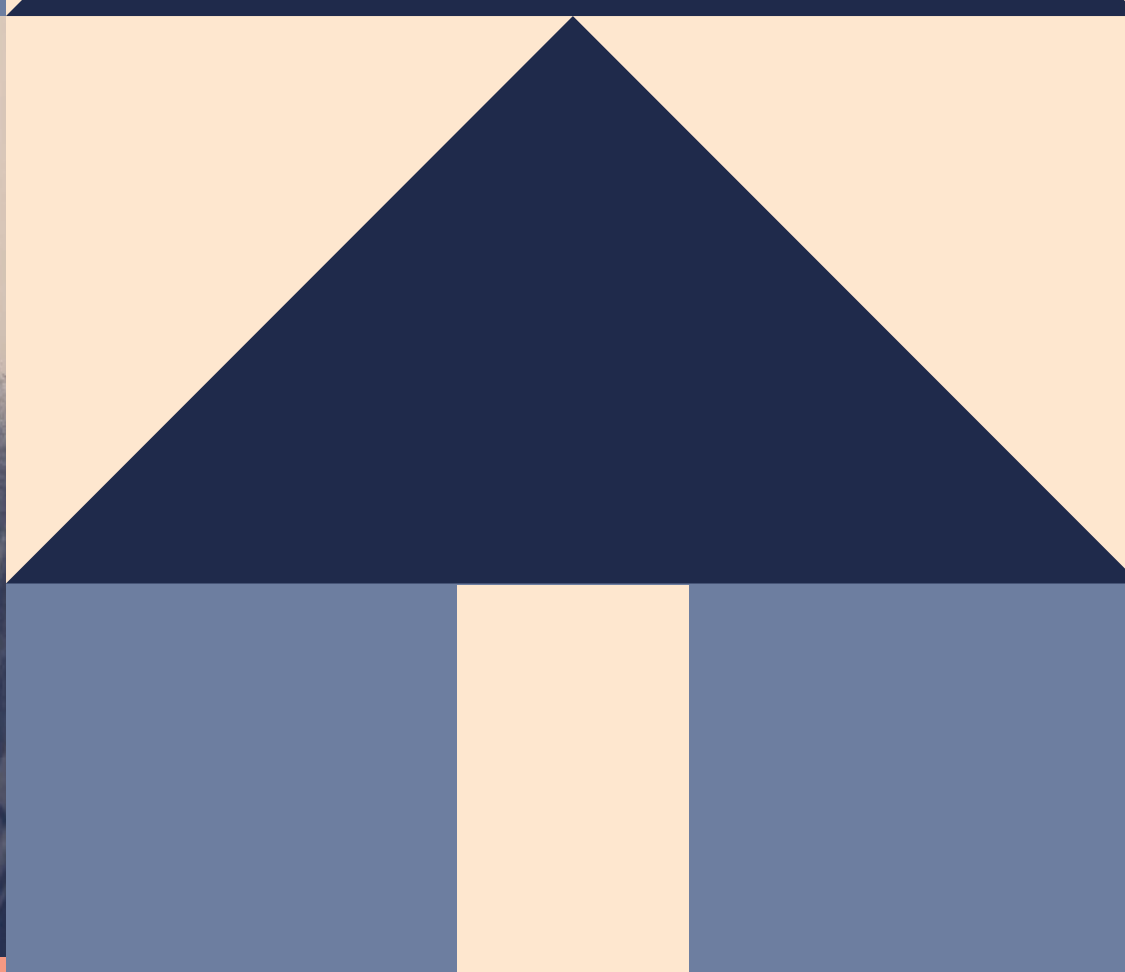
Though we couldn't baptize in our building, we were able to organize a time for believers to profess their faith at a local lake. In addition, many others were baptized in homes and backyards across our area. Praise God for new life!



Our Bible studies and Core Classes are an integral part of discipleship at The Village. We were unable to meet in person this fall, but technology once again enabled us to stay connected. We were even able to offer our Psalms study to participants from around the world!



Our Connections Ministry launched First Steps, a class offered once a month designed to provide newcomers with a first door to all things TVC.

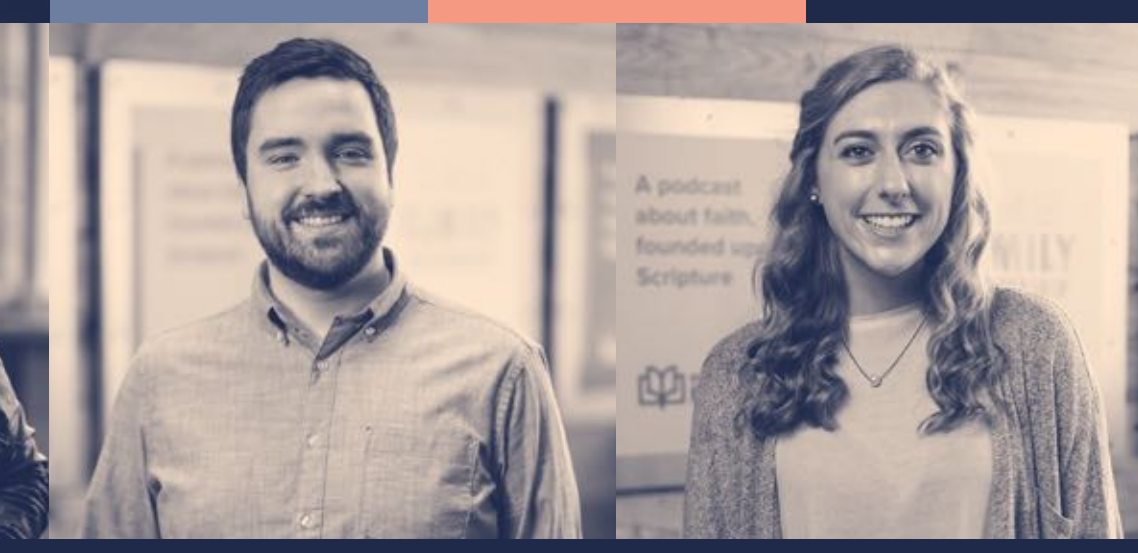
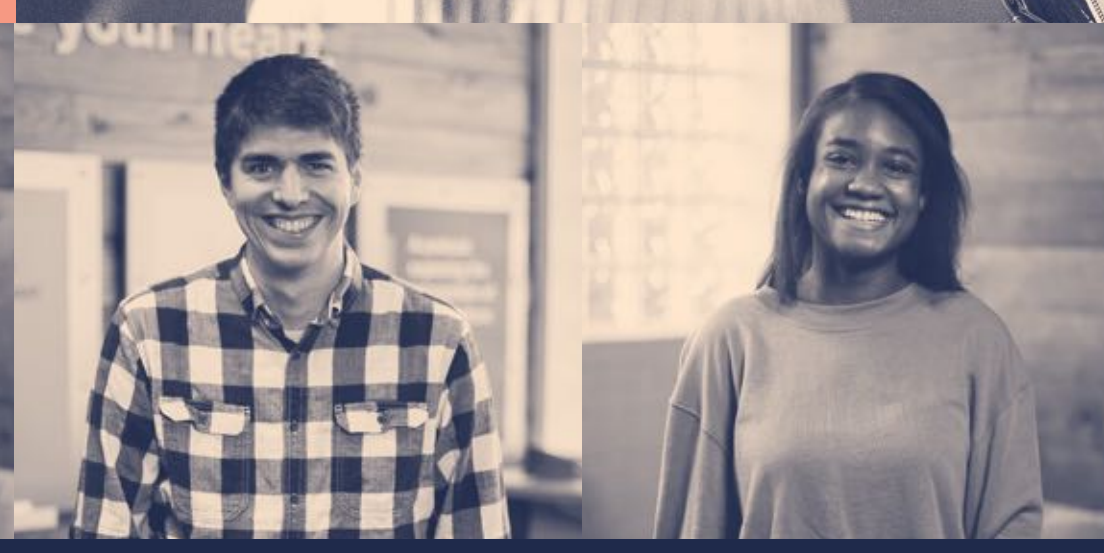
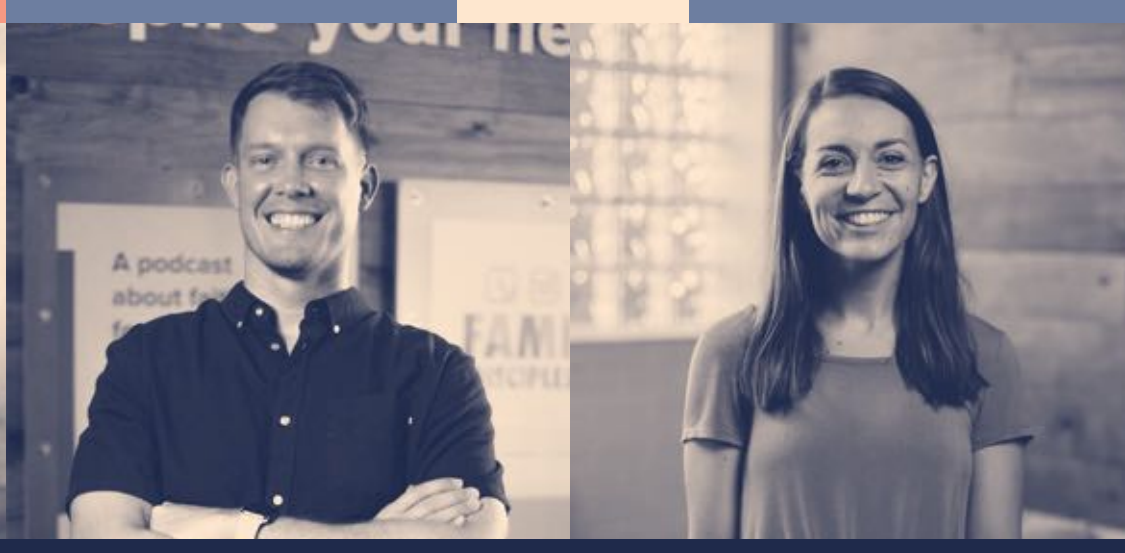
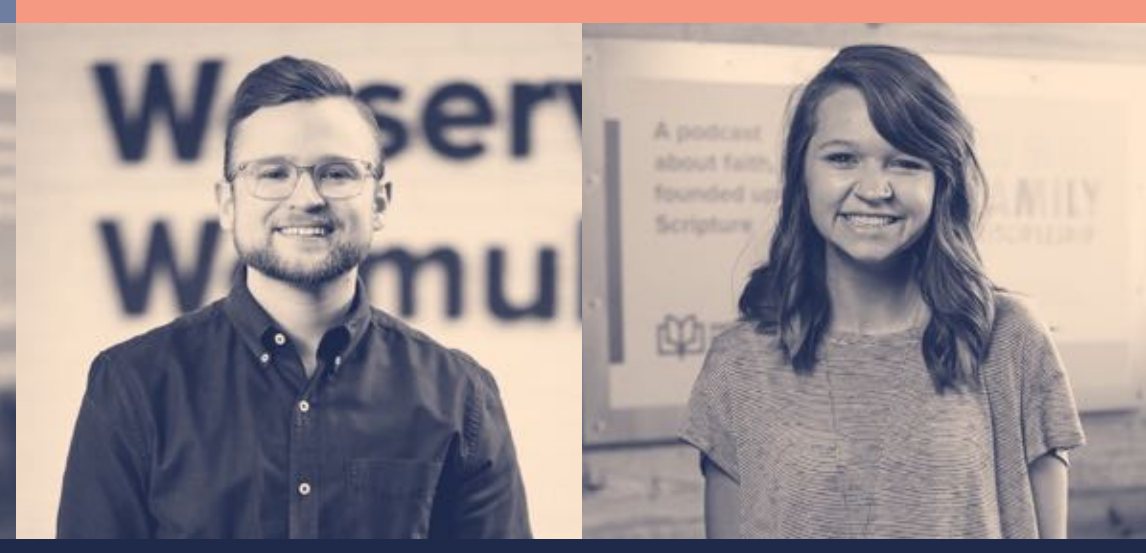


A year of quarantine allowed our Worship team to dedicate extended time to writing new music. This year, we released *Majesty / Gravity*, an EP of songs written specifically for the people of TVC, as well as a new kids EP called *God's Big Book*.



New faces on staff

Flower Mound



Southlake



Fort Worth

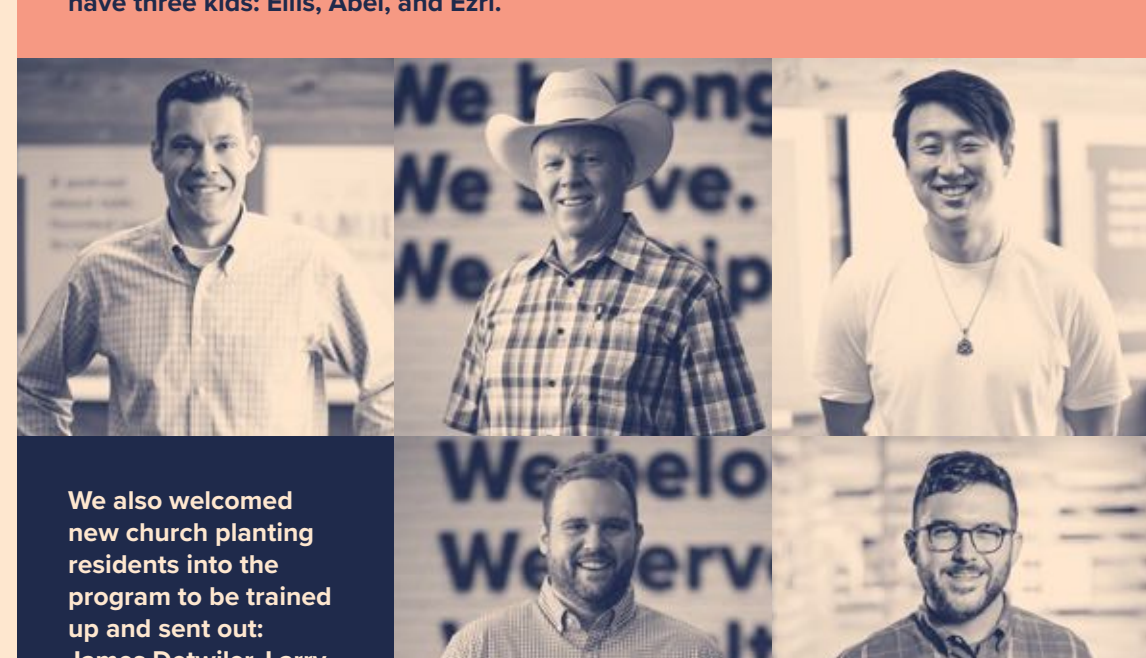
Planting a church is never an easy task, and that's especially true in a year like this one. Nevertheless, the power of the good news we carry demands that the work continue. Our staff had the joy of spending 2020 with Randle Bishop and Ethan Ezikian, our two resident church planters, while they trained and prepared to answer God's call on their lives.



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Ethan Ezikian is planting Union Church in Brighton, Michigan. He and his wife, Dana, have three kids: Eric, David, and Eli.



We also welcomed new church planting residents into the program to be trained up and sent out. James Carpenter, Larry Thompson, Daniel Lee, Matt Calkley, and Spencer Jacobson.

While our Sending Program continues to train church planters, one of the other ways we have planted churches is through campus transition. Our Southlake campus hired their Lead Teaching Pastor, Ryan Welsh, this year and is looking toward rollout in 2021, while our Fort Worth campus will soon join Denton, Dallas Northway, and Plano as the next campus to transition to autonomy. In January 2021, the Fort Worth campus will become Redemption Story Church with Neal Bateman serving as Lead Pastor. We couldn't be more excited for Neal and the people of Fort Worth!



11,026 in Core Classes & Bible Studies

329 in the Training Program & Residency Program

120 Home Groups

92 Steps participants

There's no denying that 2020 left us with a lot of disappointment, but there was also a lot to celebrate. One of the most exciting things that happened this year was the introduction of our new mission and vision. The Village Church exists to love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ, and we pray that by doing that, this might be said of us in 10 years:

We are a welcoming home to over 8,000 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 missionary units on the field among 10 unreached people groups. We have seen more than 50,000 disciples rise from our campuses, church plants, revitalization efforts, and missionaries. 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.



A Prayer for 2021

Father God, in a world of division, would You bring us together? In a world of chaos, would You bring stability? In a world that is hurting, would You bring healing? We confess that this year was difficult, and we give it over to You. Prepare our hearts for the year to come.

Lord, would you use this next year to bring revival? Bless the work that we do and use our church to spread the beautiful gospel of Your Beloved Son. May we see in 2021 an outpouring of Your Spirit on our community, on our state, on our nation, and on our world—for Your glory and your joy.

We love You and we thank You for all that You have so richly blessed us with. It is in the wonderful name of Jesus that we pray these things.

Amen.

