

HE IS ALWAYS GOOD

Even when we can't see it, the Lord is at work. As we navigate a fall season that looks quite a bit different from anything we've experienced, we must remember that God is not surprised by any of it. He has ordained the past six months as He ordains every moment of history, and we can trust His plans for us.

While some of us have been able to gather for worship, many others are still worshipping from home or with a group. This is a frustrating reality, but it provides us with an opportunity for intimate worship settings where Acts 2 discipleship can really take place. Through it all, we will continue to **love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ** because that's what we were made to do.

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CREATED TO BE CREATIVE

How do we carry out our mission when not all of us can meet face-to-face? We flex our creativity. We've held numerous drive-thru events to bless our church family and get resources into the hands of our people. We've developed tools and strategies for responding to the physical and spiritual needs of our community. We've utilized the incredible technology God has blessed us with to open our virtual doors to those who might never have set foot in our building. All of our ministries have adapted to the challenges we face and remain committed to seeing the gospel transform lives. Here's a closer look at what each of them is doing this fall:

Connections – As relevant a ministry now as it ever was, Connections has launched First Steps, a class we'll be offering every month that introduces newcomers to TVC. Participants learn about our church's story, mission, and vision and find out where they can get involved.

Next Gen – To assist parents as they disciple their kids during a unique school year, our Next Gen ministries have rolled out age-specific video programming. Our Elementary and Preschool videos are keeping kids connected to the music and teaching they know and love, while our Student Ministry is engaging with middle school and high school students through livestreams and virtual small groups.

Young Adults – Last month, our Young Adults Ministry held their first YA Talk, part of a series of online discussions taking place this fall that cover a wide range of topics with special guest speakers. In addition, Practice Groups are providing young adults with a safe space to explore the historic Christian practice of lament.

Groups – Home Groups have never been more accessible at The Village. GroupConnect is now available to start at any time; pre-work videos are sent directly to participants to prepare them for group life. For those already in a group, weekly sermon guides help them practice what is preached on Sunday as they seek to live out the "one another" commands of Scripture.

Sending – Earlier this year, our Sending team introduced us to Alpha Groups, a safe and open place for anyone to have conversations about life's biggest questions. In addition, they've begun an 11-week virtual class called The Mission of God, exploring God's heart for the world and the role we can play in His work.

Care – Summer Vinson Berger, our Director of Care, began teaching a new virtual course called The Art of Care. The course explores the beauty and nuance of caring for others through seasons of loss, suffering, and oppression. Using trauma-informed philosophy, participants will become equipped to advocate for those dealing with mental health issues, marriage issues, cycles of abuse, and more.

TVCI – Our study on Psalms and Core Classes on Christian Story and Belief are in full swing online. For the first time ever, some of our classes and studies were offered to non-local participants, and the response was extraordinary. We saw more than 5,000 people register to learn more about God and His Word.

To find out more about how you can get involved with any of our ministries, visit thevillagechurch.net.

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Thank you for giving to support our ministry at The Village. Without the partnerships we have with people like you, we would not have had the flexibility required to adapt to such a season. We have been amazed at how the Lord has blessed us through your generosity.

\$8.7M in contributions this year across all campuses

Contributions up 7% over last year

Contributions exceed budgeted contributions over 16%

While the past six months have been unique, this will not be the last trial we face as a church. With your continued support, we will be well-positioned to respond to the needs of our people and to carry on with our gospel work—no matter what we face next. If you would like to set up a recurring gift or adjust your giving schedule, you can do so at thevillagechurch.net/giving. You can also give by mailing a check to:

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