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Report 2023-2024



Catch THE VISION

VISION WEEKEND

Join us September 28-29 to worship together and hear Pastor Quintin's message as we celebrate what God has done and look forward to what's ahead. Vision Weekend focuses on four major actions: prayer, celebration, anticipation, and affirmation.

In addition, we eagerly invite all our members to participate in our brief annual meeting, which will take place Sunday, September 29, at 10:45 am in the Chapel.

We would love to see 100% membership participation during Vision Weekend 2024. This is one of our most important weekends of the year as a church family

and we encourage you to make an extra effort to join us. Please come with a spirit of prayer and vision for what God desires to accomplish in and through us.

Have questions or feedback? Please attend one of the Valley Forums on Thursday, September 19, at 7:00 pm or Saturday, September 21, at 9:00 am. These are held in-person at Valley Church in the Chapel.

As you know, our time is very limited at the annual meeting, so the forum is essential for giving feedback and asking questions. If you are unable to attend a forum or would prefer speaking one-on-one, please contact one of the elders prior to the annual meeting.

NOTE FROM OUR ELDERS

As we end this ministry year, we come to you with deep gratitude for the many ways God has blessed Valley Church. We were led by God's Spirit to "Make Room" for God to move, to be family, and to grow the family. In the following pages, you'll find highlights of how we've seen His grace and faithfulness at work. We invite you to reflect and celebrate with us as we continue making room for even greater things to come.

With love for God and his family,

VALLEY CHURCH ELDERS Brian Prewitt, Gareth Smith, John Glad, Bill Lowe, Jeff Pepping, Frank Accurso, Jeff Sturdivant, Quintin Stieff

Mobilizing Everyone's God-Given Potential to Deeply Love Christ & Their Neighbors





GOD-CENTERED WORSHIP

Valley is made up of worshippers who put God at the center of their lives and aim to bring glory to the name of Jesus. We are grateful to offer worship in a variety of spaces and places throughout the year including:

EARLY WORSHIP 8:15 AM Worship in the Auditorium featuring early church practices and a FREE breakfast at 7:45 am // **AUDITORIUM** 9:30 & 11 AM Spanish interpretation and assistive listening available at 11 am // **TRADITIONS** 9:30 AM Worship in the Chapel featuring hymns // **MAPLENOL CAFE** 9:30 AM Acoustic worship at the Valley Community Center // **OUTDOOR** 10:15 AM Worship at Jamie Hurd Amphitheater

2,616 Average weekly attendance across all venues

520 Average weekly online viewers

5,500+

Easter 2024 attendance!

Valley Church is committed to the faithful, clear, and practical teaching of the Word of God every weekend. We focus always on verse-by-verse, Christ-centered teaching.

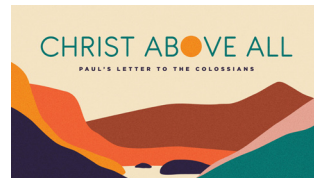
In Colossians, we learned how to be a good news person in a bad news culture by experiencing the power of Christ in us, the hope of glory. Christ Above All was our theme.

In our Spiritual Geographic series, we took a visual and theological tour of 11 epic spaces and places where God meets us.

We then centered on crucial turning points in the life of Jesus in our Make Room series. Through seven important events recorded in the gospels, we were encouraged to make room for God to move, to be family, and to grow the family.

Next, we embarked on a 14-week exploration of the fascinating and powerful Book of Daniel. Through his courageous example and breakthrough visions and prophecies, we experienced Thriving in a Strange New World.

Finally, we took a deep dive into Paul’s letter to the Romans and his emphasis on Everybody, One Body. We were stretched to consider how each of us can have a profound impact by surrendering our whole lives to God, and by using our spiritual gifts.



SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2023
CHRIST ABOVE ALL



JANUARY-MARCH 2024
SPIRITUAL GEOGRAPHIC



MARCH-APRIL 2024
MAKE ROOM



MAY-AUGUST 2024
THRIVING IN A STRANGE NEW WORLD



AUGUST-OCTOBER 2024
EVERYBODY, ONE BODY



LIFE GROUPS

Cultivating friendship by living out God's Word together.

Exciting Growth

Life Groups are adults who gather regularly to build Christ-centered friendships around God's Word. At the close of this summer, we are thrilled to welcome over 346 new people into Life Groups with 204 being for the first time at Valley.

Believer Baptisms

Over the past year, Valley Church celebrated 35 individuals who publicly professed their faith in Jesus through baptism gatherings in February, July, and November! The church body was energized by their testimonies.



Assisted Listening and Spanish Interpretation Launched

Over the past year, Valley Church began discerning how to better serve our church family using an assisted listening software. We began providing support to our Spanish speaking attenders and hearing impaired during our Christmas gatherings. Now, each week we provide live Spanish interpretation during our 11 am auditorium gathering as well as hearing impairment support during our auditorium gatherings.



Christmas Dinner for Internationals

The Christmas Dinner for Internationals continues to be a strong opportunity for Valley Church to provide a cross-cultural experience for those of Valley and the surrounding community. This past year, many relationships were built and strengthened with internationals from all over the world.







MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Children's Ministry team continued its efforts to instill the love of Jesus in kids while also focusing on building up families and reaching out to others.

Weekly Programming: 325+ children took part in nursery and Sunday School each week as we shared the gospel and love of Jesus through games, crafts, activities, prayer, and Bible teaching. Rooms were also filled on Wednesday nights with 367 students registered for Valley Kids Club. These weekly ministry programs couldn't happen without the 230+ volunteers who serve faithfully.

Family Experience: We hosted 2 family nights during the school year to encourage family fun, create a space for spiritual conversation, and think of ways to reach out to others. Over 100 families joined us for these events.

Family Outreach: 80+ families took Easter Egg Hunt Kits and May Day Kits to reach out to their neighbors. Families were also able to make and take Advent kits for Christmas as well as Kindness Kits in February.

Easter with Kids: Over 300 4-year-old through 5th-grade students celebrated the resurrection of Jesus and focused on how we can "Get off the mountain" and share the good news like the disciples did after the Great Commission. Our nursery also celebrated Easter with over 140 0-3-year-olds.

Love You Des Moines Days: Children's Ministry and High School Ministries once again hosted "Splash Bash" at the start of Love You Des Moines Days with over 1,000 individuals from all demographics of our community coming to partake in this fun water-themed event to build momentum for the rest of the week.

Community Bridges: Our relationship with families at Chapel Ridge West continues to grow and thrive through inviting and driving them to and from Valley Kids Club on Wednesdays. This year we also supported the volunteer run Sidewalk Kids as they took the gospel message to the parking lot for six-week sessions in the fall and spring. It's a joy to see some families from Chapel Ridge West come on Sundays to worship and volunteer at Valley Church.

Baptism and Child Dedication: 21 children took their next faith step through baptism at three special services this last year and 51 parents dedicated themselves to raise 31 children to know and love Jesus at our Child Dedication Celebrations.

Great Pumpkin Party: This 3-night community event plus one night for adults and families with special needs brought over 10,000 people to the church and VCC. We appreciate the 1,000+ volunteers who donated candy and/or served one or more nights to welcome our community.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

What a great year in the Middle School Ministry! Our year started with a Fall Retreat at Hidden Acres in September. Numerous middle school students served joyfully at the Great Pumpkin Party in October. Then in November **we hosted 700 total middle school students and adult volunteers from 15 area churches for the epic Blitz All-Nighter!** We partnered with other EFCA Central District churches for the Winter Blast Retreat at Hidden Acres in January. We also had a fun Staff Scavenger Hunt event in March where our volunteers dressed up in disguise and hid at the Jordan Creek Mall. In April our ministry partnered with the Valley Community Center for a wildly successful Community Bridge called Love You Des Moines Family Day. We had two high school students participate in our year-long internship program to develop future church leaders. **10+ middle schoolers were baptized throughout the year.** Throughout the year students learned about who Jesus is, the significance of God becoming human, and how Jesus shows up in the Old Testament. Praise God for spiritual growth in students' lives and new and deeper friendships between students!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

What a remarkable year in High School Ministry! We are beyond grateful and filled with excitement as we reflect on all that God accomplished through our students and leaders this past year. With a heart to try something new, **we launched Kickoff Events**—unique gatherings designed to ignite excitement around each new teaching series and inspire students to invite their friends. And it worked! **These events saw a 25% boost in attendance,** and thanks to the incredible spirit of invitation among our students, **we welcomed 34 new visitors** into our community. We are in awe of how God continues to grow and shape this ministry. To Him be all the glory!

Here are a few other areas of celebration:

- Over 200 students and parents attended Fall Kick-Off.
- Over 100 students attended Fall Retreat.
- 3 new Bible studies were started by some of our students.
- 30 students attended Challenge Conference.
- 30 students served at Hidden Acres over the Summer.

We are truly honored to have been part of the incredible work God has done this year! As we look ahead, we are filled with anticipation and excitement for another year of growth—spiritually, relationally, and as a community. We can't wait to see how God continues to move as we Make Room this year!



HAND *in Hand*



SUNDAY MORNING:

- We have 21 one-on-one buddies.
- There are 50 families who are a part of our Hand in Hand ministry.
- We regularly welcome new families seeking out a church that can support their special needs child.

ADULTS:

- Our Christ-centered adult Sunday class continues to grow.
- Four times a year, Friday night CONNECT events host 100+ adults with special needs.
- Harvest Hoedown was a big hit this year with over 350 in attendance.

FAMILY SUPPORT:

Both the moms' and dads' support groups meet regularly for Bible study, conversation, and fun as we strive to support families experiencing the challenge of raising a child with special needs.

NIGHT TO SHINE:

- Nearly 300 in-person guests at Valley Church and the Valley Community Center were crowned as kings and queens. Spots filled up in less than 14 hours.
- Over 700 volunteers helped to make this a special prom experience and show Jesus' love to guests, parents, and caregivers.



LOVE YOU DES MOINES DAYS:

We had 15 moms painting and 60 adults with special needs attended a kickboxing class that is now a weekly class with a large attendance.

VALLEY GLOBAL

Valley Global extends the Valley Church mission by fulfilling the command of Jesus to go into all the world. Pray for partners and do not overlook opportunities to personally impact those globally.

You can potentially:

- Go on a short-term trip.
- Financially assist someone else serving.
- Encourage someone else who might be considering participation.
- Faithfully pray for partners or those participants on a short-term trip.

We have extended the Kingdom influence through short-term trips to:

- Belgium (twice) with LePhare Church
- Alaska with Echo Ranch Bible Camp
- Medical trips
- Business as Mission into Kenya
- Kenya with Rift Valley Academy staff
- India training
- Reach Global Asia staff

Our total financial support for Valley Global is at an all-time high!

We have 38 ministry partners, agencies, and locations where there is a significant Kingdom influence to our global neighbors.



COMMUNITY BRIDGES

200,000 GUESTS WELCOMED TO THE VCC THIS YEAR

250+ PEOPLE AT WDM CHAMBER EVENTS HOSTED AT THE VCC

100,000+ DIAPERS DISTRIBUTED TO REFUGEE FAMILIES IN NEED THROUGH THE VCC WITH THE START SMALL PROJECT

550 CARS, 4,000+ ATTENDEES, 600 POUNDS OF BBQ PORK AT THE VALLEY CLASSIC CAR SHOW

15,000 PICKLEBALL PLAYERS

5,000 PICK-UP BASKETBALL PLAYERS

300+ SMOOTHIES DISTRIBUTED TO NEIGHBORING SCHOOL STAFF FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

500+ NEW GROUP FITNESS CLASS PARTICIPANTS OF ALL AGES

500+ STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS PARTICIPATING WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS PARTNERSHIP

130 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN ALPHA LAST YEAR





MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WOMEN'S

BIBLE STUDY

This year, 238 women attended numerous studies, including John, Lamb of God, Find Your People, Joshua—a video teaching format written and presented by Valley Women, Isaiah, and In His Image.

MOMCO (FORMERLY MOPS)

Mothers of Preschoolers and Ladies in Faith and Truth Together exist to provide moms a place for connection. The bi-monthly gatherings include speakers, small group discussions, prayer, and more. This year, 100 moms and 120 children participated.

MENTORING

This year, 39 Mentoring pairs of women grew in their faith, relationships, and life responsibilities. One of our mentees wrote, “I’ve felt much more connected spiritually to God. Being able to talk to someone on such a deep level, and having those spiritual concerns outside of family has been wonderful. My mentor has challenged me and has been a wonderful friend.”

CONNECTING

Highlights include the Christmas Bash where 500 women attended and the Holiday Maker’s Market where 4,000 people from our community did their Christmas shopping from 90+ local vendors.

COMPASSION MINISTRY

The Care & Compassion Team contacts women going through illnesses or difficult life experiences. Included in the Compassion Ministry are: Mending the Soul, Rhythms of Renewal, Cancer Support Group, Valley Quilters, and Valley Hooks & Needles.

PRAYER

Each week, prayer requests and needs are sent out to 65+ women. A Moms in Prayer group was added this year.

MEN'S MINISTRY

LIFE GROUPS

Several men's specific Life Groups are meeting, and new groups can be formed as there is interest. Life Groups are launched several times throughout the year, so if you are interested, join these sign-up opportunities.

CROSSTRAINERS (CT)

This is where the men of Valley go every Wednesday morning to be equipped and encouraged to be great in their God-given roles. A legacy of fellowship and faithfulness since 1989. All generations of men find a valuable place to build one another up to live well and finish strong.

REGROUP TUESDAYS AT 10 AM

AT VALLEY CHURCH:

ReGroup is about fun, fellowship, and finishing well. It's for older men, mostly retired, who encourage each other and explore what God's purpose is for them in this phase of their life.

MENTORING

If you are interested in a men's mentoring program, go to valley.church/men to sign up. Some of the service projects offered this year include hundreds of Valley Disaster Relief tree removal projects, along with service trips to Alaska, Brussels, and New Orleans.

BUSINESS AS MISSIONS

Several men from Valley Church have specifically chosen to connect with Business as Missions to work with local churches in Africa and Asia, and to train potential entrepreneurs on how to develop, lead, and maintain a successful business.





BOUNDLESS GENEROSITY

During Christmas season, our Valley Church family demonstrated their boundless generosity once again by funding these impactful projects over and above normal giving. Thank you once again for showing your love in these amazing ways, both in our own community and around the world.

GLOBAL GREENS FARM

On this 6.5-acre farm located at the Valley Community Center, we partner with LSI to reconnect former refugee farmers' with the land as they build their new life in the U.S. Produce from the farm is sold in farmer's markets around Des Moines and at Valley Church.

HAND IN HAND

Valley Church has been blessed to offer one of the premier special needs ministries, Night to Shine. This prom event for adults with special needs welcomes over 250 guests each year at the Valley Community Center!

LOVE YOU DES MOINES

We love our neighbors, and we love Des Moines! We welcome over 200,000 visitors at the Valley Community Center throughout the year. During Love You Des Moines Days, we welcome over 12,000 neighbors and provide over 5,000 volunteer hours to serve and love our community.

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Teams from Valley Church have brought funds, skills, and labor to help them draw close to completing renovations on their newly acquired church building.

VALLEY DISASTER RELIEF

Providing assistance for families who cannot afford tree services, whether it is a result of a natural disaster or simply an economic condition, Valley Disaster Relief takes on over 250 projects and over 3,000 volunteer hours to serve our community each year. Highlight of the year is the purchase of a new bucket truck, enabling more efficiency and safer removal of large trees.



**JUNE
7-16**

2024

12,000 NEIGHBORS SERVED AND LOVED!



577
SCAVENGER HUNTS COMPLETED



500
DONUTS GIVEN AWAY

2,000
FAMILY SPLASH BASH ATTENDEES

250
NEW SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS



577
SCAVENGER HUNTS



150
BIKES REPAIRED



797
VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNITY BBQ SOCIAL



650
ATTENDEES/ MEALS SERVED

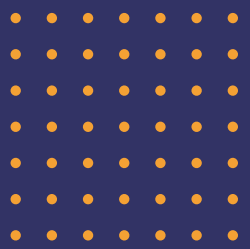
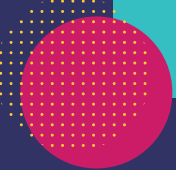
550
NEIGHBORHOOD APPRECIATION NIGHT ATTENDEES



76,100
SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

15,000
WEEKEND MEALS DISTRIBUTED TO AT-RISK KIDS IN WEST DES MOINES

10,000
FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM PAGE VISITS







STATEMENT OF FAITH

GOD

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

THE BIBLE

We believe that God has spoken in the scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

THE HUMAN CONDITION

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled, and renewed.

JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus, Israel's promised Messiah, was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips, and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE WORK OF CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

THE CHURCH

We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor, and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe in the personal, bodily, and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service, and energetic mission.

RESPONSE AND ETERNAL DESTINY

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

Mobilizing Everyone's God-Given Potential to Deeply Love Christ & Their Neighbors



VALUES

As we live out our foundational Statement of Faith...

We major on the majors.

- Believing the essentials.
- Protecting our unity.
- Appreciating different strengths.
- Thinking like cross-cultural missionaries.

We help relationships thrive.

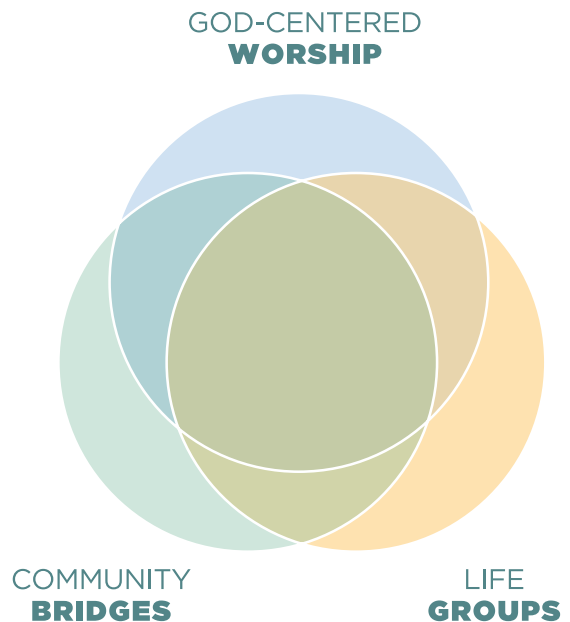
- Being real with each other.
- Walking through life together.
- Making and deepening friendships in Christ.
- Strengthening marriages and families.

We love our community.

- Serving our way into hearts.
- Loving our neighbors where they are.
- Being a presence in the center of the community.
- Offering good works, good will, and good news.

We pursue boundless generosity.

- Cultivating a spirit of grace and humility.
- Focusing on God's Kingdom purposes.
- Seizing opportunities God brings.
- Giving firstfruits and beyond.





GOD-CENTERED WORSHIP

Encountering God together to transform us for His Glory.

- Exalt – Honoring and celebrating the One worthy of all our praise.
- Unite – Gathering to experience God’s dynamic presence through His people.
- Grow – Connecting to God’s grace and truth through His Word.
- Give – Offering our lives and resources generously to advance God’s Kingdom.

IMPACT

Our mission is mobilizing everyone’s God-given potential to deeply love Christ and their neighbors. What does that look like in my life?

- 1 How is my relationship with Christ deepening daily?
- 2 How are my key relationships healthy and honoring to God?
- 3 How am I connecting on a deeper level with my Life Group?
- 4 How am I having a spiritual influence on those who aren’t yet followers of Christ?
- 5 How am I caring for others in my neighborhood, workplace, and community?
- 6 How am I involved and engaging others in our church’s Community Bridges?
- 7 How is God compelling me toward boundless generosity in attitude, serving, and giving?



LIFE GROUPS

Cultivating authentic Christian relationships by living out God’s Word together.

- Share – Connecting through conversations about everyday life.
- Study – Learning to apply God’s Word from the weekly message.
- Support – Meeting each other’s needs through prayer, care, and encouragement.
- Serve – Impacting the church and community through good works.



COMMUNITY BRIDGES

Doing good for the community... with the community.

- Service – Promoting volunteerism as a way of life.
- Relationships – Building healthy families and friendships.
- Compassion – Meeting needs of the unserved and underserved.
- Wellness – Equipping people to grow strong in body, mind, and spirit.



make room

MAKE ROOM FOR God to move

Making room begins with surrender. We give God all we are and ask him to work in us and through us. The Make Room initiative, first and foremost, is a multi-year spiritual journey during which we'll invite God to stretch us and shape us—showing us how we can make room for him to move in our midst individually and together.

MAKE ROOM TO be family

Through the gospel, God made us family. We want spaces that draw people together and allow for connection and deep conversation. When others see us being family, they want what binds us together: Jesus. Our neighbors are aching for this kind of belonging—and we yearn for our campus to reflect that we're the kind of family ready to welcome them with open arms.

MAKE ROOM TO grow the family

God is growing our church family by adding people of all ages and backgrounds, especially in the next generation. As the people of Valley live out Love You Des Moines and OneLife, neighbors are becoming friends and these friends are becoming family. God's unstoppable kingdom has always been a grassroots movement—one person sharing good news with another, one generation passing the torch to the next. This is how his family grows, and a growing family is cause for celebration. Let's prepare by creating spaces that shout, "Come join us! We've been waiting for you!"



We joyously celebrate and praise God for the current Make Room commitments of \$13.5 million to support our expansion initiative. We praise God for the amazing outpouring he's bringing through the people of Valley Church.

WHAT PROJECTS ARE PART OF THE EXPANSION?

- Additional parking and auditorium seating
- A variety of new mid-size gathering spaces for adults, students, and children
- Expanded front entrance and atrium with new connecting and meeting spaces
- Relocation of children's ministries to one level and new secure entrance for young families
- Auditorium-style space (for 250+) at the Valley Community Center for student ministries, worship venues, and countless community events
- Family worship viewing area and fully accessible play spaces
- New and fully accessible north entrance
- New and relocated office areas
- Local compassion initiatives for vulnerable and hurting people in our community

We are people who...



KEEP SCROLLING

because Jesus is on the move Jesus begins his ministry by reading the scroll



BURY THE GOOD STUFF

because God's got future plans for it



GET OFF THE MOUNTAIN

because Jesus is risen and we've got work to do



SEE THE CROWD

because God calls us to compassion



RIP HOLES IN THE ROOF

because we'll do whatever it takes to get one more to Jesus



TRADE THE BREAD

because God does big things with our sacrifice

We have a God who...



SINKS THE BOATS

because obedience leads to overflowing impact

2023 MINUTES

VALLEY CHURCH - SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 10:50 am.

Prayer

Chairman Frank Accurso led in prayer and thanksgiving.

Leadership Report

- A. Ministry highlights from the last year were shared.
- B. He walked through a review of finances from within the Leadership Report.
- C. New budget was presented and approved by ballot.

Introductions and Election of Officers

- A. If new members to Valley Church were present, they were recognized.
- B. New Elders and Servant Board members were also recognized and affirmed via ballot.
- B. Recognized Brian Prewitt as the new Elder chair.

Frank closed in prayer.

The meeting concluded at 10:56 am.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AS OF AUGUST 31, 2024

We give thanks to God for the unwavering support and generosity of everyone in our church community this past year. Let's take a moment to celebrate the incredible milestones we've reached together.

This past ministry year, contributions to our Church Ministry Fund totaled \$6,448,520. We are also overjoyed by the remarkable support from our members, who sponsor nearly 924 children through Compassion International. While these contributions are not included in the Ministry Fund, they amount to approximately \$500,000 over the past year, demonstrating the sacrificial generosity of our church family.

Total cash expenditures for the year amounted to \$6,613,624, which includes \$6,190,440 in budgeted Ministry Fund expenses, \$88,604 in capital asset purchases, and \$334,581 in principal payments on loans. With Ministry Fund income at \$6,448,520, we had a surplus of \$258,080. The modest capital asset purchases were funded from our reserves, and we are deeply grateful for God's provision through your generosity.

Our commitment to sharing the Good News worldwide was further supported by \$644,287 with \$509,239 allocated from our ministry support plan and \$135,048 from designated giving to missions.

Looking ahead, the 2024-25 ministry support plan includes a proposed 4.7% increase over last year's budget. We are committed to being faithful stewards of your contributions, ensuring that every dollar is used wisely to reflect our mission: loving our community and mobilizing everyone to fully live out their calling to love Christ and their neighbors.

The Facilities Planning Team will use the commitments to carefully sequence, steward, plan, and lead in the renovation and new construction in the months ahead. The Make Room ministry expansion is entirely funded through your generous commitments and gifts to Make Room, through our ongoing Ministries Fund, and through continued growth in generosity as more gifts are being received. No long-term borrowing is anticipated.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we trust God will lead us to make an even greater impact as we share the Good News in our community and around the world!

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

\$1,115,686
LOCAL OUTREACH
& COMPASSION

\$6,448,520
TOTAL GIVING

\$644,287
GLOBAL OUTREACH

VALLEY CHURCH AUGUST 31, 2024

Statement of financial position - modified cash basis

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

	Total
Cash	699,163
Cash - petty	500
Total operating funds	699,663
Cash - capital projects reserve	157,031
Cash - payroll contingency reserve	300,986
Cash - Raymond James Money Market	400,000
Total reserve funds	858,018
Total current assets	1,557,680

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Land - Valley Church	459,846
Land - Valley Community Center	1,950,690
Land improvements - Valley Church	30,390
Land improvements - Valley Community Center	222,853
Building - Valley Church	8,563,378
Building - Valley Community Center	5,691,472
Building - Pavilion at Valley Community Center	111,509
Furniture and fixtures - Valley Church	414,288
Furniture and fixtures - Valley Community Center	69,076
Equipment - Valley Church	1,364,953
Equipment - Valley Community Center	498,524
Accumulated depreciation	(8,378,609)
Total property and equipment	10,998,370
Total assets	12,556,050

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Other Liabilities	346
Current maturities of long-term debt	334,581
Total current liabilities	334,926

LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities

Total liabilities	4,245,229
	4,580,155

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	6,624,754
Temporarily restricted	1,351,141
Total net assets	7,975,895
Total liabilities and net assets	12,556,050

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Statement of activities - modified cash basis

	(Unrestricted) Ministry Fund	(Temporarily Restricted) Make Room Fund	(Temporarily Restricted) Other Restricted Funds	Total
REVENUES				
Contributions	6,343,585	2,116,848	-	8,460,433
Rental income	43,555	-	-	43,555
Maplenol cafe	31,426	-	-	31,426
Other income	29,954	-	1,083,670*	1,113,623
Released from restrictions	1,246,642	-	(1,246,642)	-
Total revenues	<u>7,695,162</u>	<u>2,116,848</u>	<u>(162,973)</u>	<u>9,649,037</u>
EXPENSES				
Ministry services		-	-	
Staff payroll	1,200,073			1,200,073
Benefits - insurance & retirement	261,121			261,121
Payroll taxes	91,806			91,806
Payroll administrative fees	26,042			26,042
Adult Men & Women's ministries	69,400			69,400
Children's & Student Education	168,301			168,301
Missions and outreach	684,231			684,231
Worship	194,108			194,108
Communications	480,959			480,959
Guest Experience	139,742			139,742
Servant board	22,624			22,624
Strategic Initiatives	865			865
Capital expenses (Make Room)	-	802,186		802,186
Released from restrictions	1,246,642	-	-	1,246,642
Total program services	<u>4,585,913</u>	<u>802,186</u>		<u>5,388,099</u>
Supporting services				
Staff payroll	1,490,393			1,490,393
Benefits - insurance & retirement	198,356			198,356
Payroll taxes	17,709			17,709
Payroll administrative fees	30,372			30,372
Staff search & hiring	-			-
Facilities	646,038			646,038
Interest expense	157,139			157,139
Office	88,638			88,638
Business expenses	103,929			103,929
Independent events	550			550
Misc.	112,821			112,821
Opportunities Fund	5,225			5,225
Vision Fund	-			-
Total supporting services	<u>2,851,169</u>			<u>2,851,169</u>
Total expenses	<u>7,437,082</u>	<u>802,186</u>		<u>8,239,268</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	258,080	1,314,662	(162,973)	1,409,769
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING	6,922,314	-	199,452	7,121,766
Depreciation adjustments for FY 23-24	(555,639)			(555,639)
NET ASSETS - ENDING	<u><u>6,624,755</u></u>	<u><u>1,314,662</u></u>	<u><u>36,479</u></u>	<u><u>7,975,896</u></u>

*Total contributions to the ministry fund include actual amounts spent according to the ministry support plan (MSP) for missions, as well as designated gifts specifically toward missions.

MSP (actual)	509,239
Designated gifts	135,048
Total missions	<u>644,287</u>

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Schedule of activities - actual compared to MSP - modified cash basis

	Ministry Fund Actual	2023/2024 Ministry Support Plan (MSP)	2024/2025 Ministry Support Plan (MSP)
REVENUE			
Ministry			
Contributions	\$6,343,585	\$6,327,000	\$6,646,699
Rental income	\$43,555	\$32,000	\$43,555
Maplenol café	\$31,426	\$31,000	\$31,426
VCC Programming	\$29,954	\$18,000	\$29,954
Total revenue	<u>\$6,448,520</u>	<u>\$6,408,000</u>	<u>\$6,751,634</u>
EXPENSES			
Ministry			
Staff			
Wages - ministry pastors, leaders, directors	\$1,200,073	\$1,238,450	\$1,533,317
Wages - ministry associates, support, facilities	\$1,490,393	\$1,590,590	\$1,621,420
Benefits - insurance & retirement	\$459,477	\$495,252	\$507,979
Payroll taxes	\$109,515	\$112,456	\$125,677
Payroll administrative fees	\$56,413	\$49,120	\$54,347
Business expenses	\$103,929	\$54,110	\$60,990
Total staff	<u>\$3,419,799</u>	<u>\$3,539,977</u>	<u>\$3,903,730</u>
Misc - business ins, financial admin. fees, & consulting	\$112,821	\$143,675	\$116,075
Facilities & Office			
Facilities - building	\$646,038	\$573,015	\$564,566
Office	\$88,638	\$107,829	\$88,445
Independent events	\$550	\$2,000	-
Total facilities	<u>\$735,225</u>	<u>\$682,845</u>	<u>\$653,011</u>
Disciple-making			
Adult Men & Women's ministries	\$69,400	\$57,060	\$100,002
Children's ministries	\$108,061	\$116,900	\$109,969
Student ministries	\$42,048	\$40,550	\$38,952
Continuing education	\$18,192	\$25,150	\$23,588
Total education	<u>\$237,700</u>	<u>\$239,660</u>	<u>\$272,510</u>
Missions and outreach			
Valley Global	\$509,239	\$504,392	\$515,000
Des Moines Metro	\$174,992	\$179,200	\$180,000
Total missions and outreach	<u>\$684,231</u>	<u>\$683,592</u>	<u>\$695,000</u>
Worship	\$194,108	\$133,800	\$140,200
Communications	\$480,959	\$296,100	\$295,075
Environments/Guest Experience	\$139,742	\$107,309	\$161,434
Servant Board	\$22,624	\$15,250	\$14,183
Strategic Initiatives	\$865	\$2,100	\$5,088
Subtotal - ministry expenses	<u>\$6,028,075</u>	<u>\$5,844,308</u>	<u>\$6,256,305</u>
Other			
Interest expense - Ministry Fund	\$157,139	\$157,874	\$150,645
Vision Fund	-	-	-
Opportunities Fund	\$5,225	\$76,800	-
Ministry expansion initiative	-	-	-
Capital expenses	-	-	-
Subtotal - Other	<u>\$162,364</u>	<u>\$234,674</u>	<u>\$150,645</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$6,190,440</u>	<u>\$6,078,981</u>	<u>\$6,406,950</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$258,080</u>	<u>\$329,019</u>	<u>\$344,684</u>
CASH FLOW			
Purchases of capital assets	\$88,604	incl. in ministry budgets	incl. in ministry budgets
Principal payments on debt	\$334,581	\$329,019	\$344,684
Total	<u>\$423,184</u>	<u>\$329,019</u>	<u>\$344,684</u>
NET (MSP IS BALANCED)	<u><u>\$(165,104)</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

VALLEY CHURCH FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

Statement of cash flows - modified cash basis

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	1,409,769	
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(370)	
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		1,409,399
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of fixed assets (budget accounts)	(88,604)	(280,745)
Purchase of fixed assets (restricted accounts)	(192,141)	
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of long-term debt	<u>(334,581)</u>	
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities		<u>(334,581)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash		794,073
Beginning cash balance		<u>763,607</u>
Ending cash balance		<u><u>1,557,680</u></u>



ELDER NOMINEE



BRIAN PREWITT

I was very fortunate to grow up in a Christian home where my father was a pastor. I accepted Jesus as my Savior as a young boy, so my initial life change was limited. My life has been a constant pruning process (some not very fun), but through it all I've learned to rely more and more on my Savior. At this point in my life, I do understand that really the only thing that matters is following and serving Jesus to the best of my ability. I need God's grace every day and I want to do my best to be a part of furthering the Kingdom.

Involvement at Valley Church Life Group teacher and leader, Bible Studies, & Current Elder Family

Family My wife, Nikki, and I have four children: Ebby (married to Jake Dodge), Isaac, Moriah, & Chloe

SERVANT TEAM NOMINEES



JERED VASKE

Credit Risk Manager

I grew up in a Catholic home going to Catholic school through 3rd grade. We went to church, but I didn't really know that I could open the Bible outside of church and read on my own as I thought that was reserved for church and CCD classes. While in college I accepted Jesus Christ into my life as my Savior.

Involvement at Valley Church I have been a part of Valley Church for 22 years. I have been involved with multiple ministries including the servant team and children's ministry.

Family Wife: Brooke | Children: Jane (10th grade), Miles (8th grade), Amelia (6th grade), and Elise (4th grade).



TRAVIS PARTON

Self-Employed

I grew up in a home where church was not practiced. I didn't have a real understanding of what faith in Christ was or what it meant to be a Christian. My parents provided a great moral example despite the lack of biblical teaching. At 18, I met my wife and through her and her family's example, I came into the saving relationship with Christ and was baptized shortly after. My first real significant growth in my faith came a couple of years later when I enlisted in the Air Force. Alone and under the tremendous stress and hardship that is boot camp, my faith really came to life and helped me through. The lessons learned during that time certainly carried through other difficult times in my life since then.

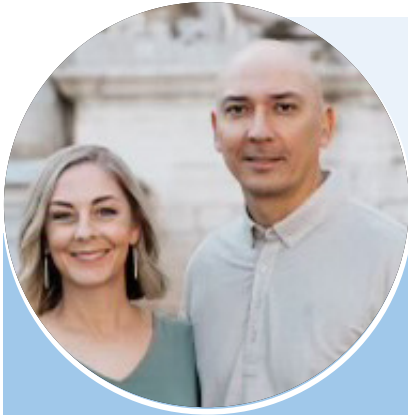
Involvement at Valley Church

I've been involved in various student ministries over the years including CREW, AWANA, and multiple study groups and small groups. I have been attending since 1995, baby! Seen and done a lot!

Family

Wife of 23 years: Missy. Children: Hailey (19), Lexi and Leah (17), Elissa (15).

SERVANT TEAM NOMINEES



CARLOS PELAEZ

Physician

God brought an amazing woman into my life who showed me the love of Jesus in a way I hadn't experienced before. Through her, I deepened my faith, opened my heart to God, and found a renewed sense of purpose.

Involvement at Valley Church I have been part of Valley Church for 8 years and am involved in the Journey Life Group.

Family Angie, Gabe and Sam



TYLER KUBIK

Broker

I grew up in a non-Christian home. In high school I met my future wife who showed me the love of Jesus and eventually through inviting me on a mission trip I was compelled afterwards to give my life to Jesus. We have been coming to Valley since we graduated college in 2012.

Involvement at Valley Church I have been involved in student ministries, special needs ministries and served 3 years on the servant team.

Family I have been married to Michelle Kubik for 12 years and we have 3 children ages 9, 7 and 6. We live in Van Meter.

SERVANT TEAM NOMINEES



JASON AHERNS

AVP Underwriting at
Chubb Agribusiness

Matt Waring was the first person to get me involved with Valley Church through the Upward Sports program. That's really what brought me to a relationship with Christ as I was not a Christian when starting in that program. Pastor Linton had a big influence on me as well through having marriage classes with him. Brad McClure and Aaron Brinks got me involved with the Alaska Mission trip and have been great influences on my faith journey.

Involvement at Valley Church

We have been full-time members of Valley Church for around 12-13 years and attending for around 14 years, I believe. I previously served on the servant team for a 3-year period. My wife has previously served on the servant team as well. I have served on the Alaska Mission team for the last 10 years as well. Our family has been greeters in the past, but have not recently.

Family

My wife, Sandy, and I have been married for 12 years. We were married by Pastor Linton. We have a blended family. We have 3 children, Emma Thornburg - 22, Braeden Aherns - 21, and Ainsley Aherns - 19.



BRAD CHASE

Managing Consultant,
Mastercard

Grew up in a Christian home. From a young age was taught that a personal relationship with Jesus is necessary to receiving eternal life in heaven. Accepted Jesus as my lord and savior as a young boy, knowing I'm a sinner, believing he died on the cross and rose again. Definitely felt the challenges in my faith through late teen/early adulthood/college years, trying to maintain friendships that weren't feeding into my relationship with God.

Started to feel that area of my life (relationship with Jesus) was struggling and course corrected through prayer and with the help of my wife as we were settling back into Valley as our home church and getting connected with life groups after college years.

I know with 100% certainty Jesus is lord, he is alive, and the only way to heaven. I've seen what he has done in my life and so many others like me.

Involvement at Valley Church

I volunteer, attend weekend worship, and am part of a Life Group.

Family

Married, 3 kids (two girls, one boy), expecting our 4th this fall. From Des Moines, born and raised.

SERVANT TEAM NOMINEES



CESIA SMITH
Teacher

About 13 years ago Tony Muse mentioned Valley Church to my husband. I visited Valley with our girls and we loved it. The girls were little and loved the children's ministry. The worship and Pastor Quintin's preaching was what I needed in my spiritual life.

Involvement at Valley Church

I have been a member of Valley for the past 10 years. Our family has been involved in different ways such as volunteering in the children's ministry, coffee, Hand in Hand, The Great Pumpkin Party, Dinner for Internationals, Decorating the church for Christmas, Night to Shine, and many other opportunities.

Family

There are four of us in our family. My husband loves, guides, and takes care of our family. Our oldest daughter is in her second year of college and our youngest is a freshman in high school. I am an educator in the WDM school district. We like to go for walks and bake.



JANE ENGELHARDT
Self-Employed Bookkeeper

I did not grow up in a Christian home, but would have said I was a Christian because it was the right thing to say. Not until my marriage was failing in 1999 did I reach out for help, and the Lord saved me at a church service that I reluctantly attended. I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Since that time, I have a craving to study his word, pray, and share with others.

Involvement at Valley Church

Worked in children's ministry; Alpha host; greeting team; in Precept Bible Study; in grandparent Life Group.

Family

Husband, John, daughter, son-in-law, and one grandson local; son, daughter-in-law, one grandson, and one granddaughter in Idaho.

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