

A Journey of Grace and Growth

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**If someone asked you
about Village Church,
what would you say?**



If someone asked me about Village Church, what would I say?

- The Word
- The “Family”
- Worship

What do I know and what do I see?

God's grace and growth

- Decades of Devotion
- Legacy of Love
- Milestones of Ministry
- Purpose and a Plan

Is VC blessed?

- I've seen people saved
- I've seen lives changed
- I've seen individuals and families restored

Is VC blessed?

- I've seen Christians maturing and reproducing themselves
- I've witnessed great faith and sacrifice
- I've experienced spirit-filled worship and fellowship

Foundations of Faith

- 1973 – Seven families gathered in home Bible study
- God's leading to plant a church in Bartlett
- First Harvest Dinner raised funds for the building

Foundations of Faith

- 1976 – Multi-purpose room (“Gym”) was completed
- Hiring of teaching pastor - Jim Mooberry
- Expository preaching/teaching
- Growing youth ministry

“Share in the blessing”

- Early 80's – Hearth room addition; kitchen; offices
- 1988 - Sanctuary, offices, classrooms, and remodeling
- In-Home Fellowships
- Growing youth/children ministries
- Choir/Cornerstone
- Preaching/Teaching – Book by book, verse by verse

Equipping the Saints

- Preaching/Teaching – Book by book, verse by verse
- First Haiti Trip ('91)
- Growing staff and leadership
- Season of transition to unify and strengthen our body by His grace.

Equipping the Saints

- Adult Bible Fellowships (Sunday School)
- Growing youth/children ministries
- Stan and Ada Smith Library ('94)
- Two Services ('99)

Shepherding the Flock

- 2001 - Hiring of next teaching pastor, Don Yates
- Growing staff and leadership
- 2006 - VCOB (EFCA) became an Independent Bible Church
- 2008 - Revamping and refocusing of the VC's mission, values, and ministries.

Shepherding the Flock

- Season of transition to unify and strengthen our body by His grace.
- 2010 – Calling of next teaching pastor, Michael Fuelling
- 2017 - Planting of Village Church East
- Countless changes – building renovations and new leadership

Since 1973

- Decades of Devotion
- Legacy of Love
- Milestones of Ministry
- Purpose and a Plan

The essential principles of who we are as
a church have stayed the same
– the Word, “Family”, Worship



Acts 2:42 “And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Acts 2:46-47 “And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

So what can you do?

- Pray for fervent devotion to the Lord and to His church
- Uphold and build on the essential principles
 - The Word
 - The “Family”
 - Worship

**If we want to be a church
that builds churches and
disciples of Jesus who go,
grow, and overcome**

Lord willing, embrace a long-term
perspective in our church

Glorify Him alone!

- Continual devotion to the Lord in Worship
- Lord's supper
- Prayer
- Praise and Joy

Upholding God's Word

- Continual devotion to teaching His Word
- Spiritual growth and maturity
 - Discipleship
 - Teaching Biblical Truth
 - Applying scripture to life
- Everyone engaged – “be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2).

Fellowship of the “Family”

- Continual devotion to the Lord’s people
- Commitment to togetherness
- Sharing in the things of God

His Purpose and Plan

- Proclaim the Gospel
- Be a reproducing church

Practical Suggestions for Leaders

- Trust God to do His work
- Submit to our Godly leaders
- Study the Word to know Him more
- Be ready and flexible for change
- Be thankful and humble
- Encourage and engage active ministry
- Engage our Community

**Pray that God will grant us
a God honoring and
enduring ministry at
Village Church.**



Leadership TRAINING

