A Journey of Grace and Growth David Torres



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

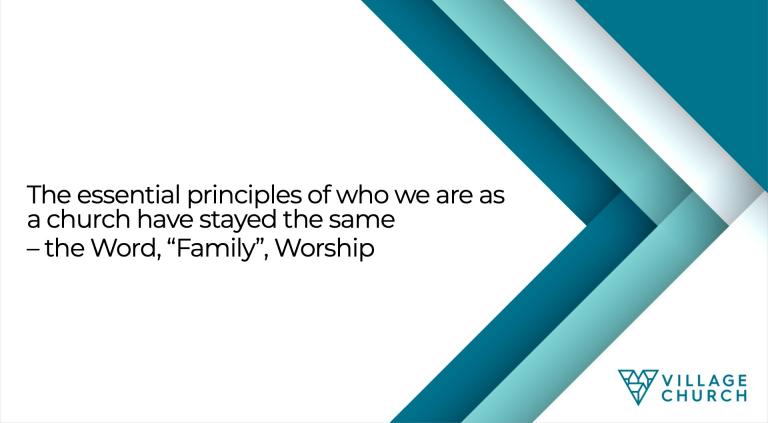
- Season of transition to unify and strengthen our body by His grace.
- 2010 Calling of next teaching pastor, Michael Fuelling
- 2017 Planting of Village Church East
- Countless changes building renovations and new leadership



Since 1973

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





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

