



First Quarter at River Valley:

January
February
March
2021

Dear River Valley Family:

Light at the end of the tunnel... a new normal... God really took care of us... Really glad it's nearing an end... This has not been fun... These are all phrases I've heard regarding 2020. I too echo those statements, but have felt great joy in the past couple months that we are moving in the right direction. With the lifting of the statewide mask mandate, we are encouraging everyone to follow the Lord's leading in their decisions on this matter.

Here are a few things we've been up to:

- In January, we conducted the annual meeting both "in person" and virtually. Quite the feat for the tech team!
- With the departure of Pastor Michael, Robin Walker and Pastor Caleb have done a fantastic job of leading the Youth Groups. Please thank them for their willingness to take on this huge task.
- Nancy and I have had 22 conversations with people who have had issues with how the pandemic has been handled. If you still share these concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. All of the conversations have been cordial and ended with a new level of understanding for all.
- Following the annual meeting, we said thank you to some departing board members and welcomed several new leaders. River Valley continues to be blessed with excellent lay leadership.
- February saw the reengagement of Sunday School for all ages.
- Nursery has resumed at the 9:30 service. We will offer it again for 8 and 11 services when we have enough volunteers.
- Have you been missing coffee on Sunday mornings? Stay tuned for exciting news!
- The Joy Task Force has been doing a wonderful job doing what their name implies. A Cookie Stroll, bingo night and a future Spring Fling have all had the intended effect.
- Throughout all the turmoil of the last year, the finances of River Valley have been blessed. Thanks for your obedience to bringing the "first fruit" to the Lord even during tough times.
- God has led us to extend a call to Logan Esposito to be our next Pastor of Student Ministries. Logan will be graduating from Trinity University near Chicago in May and beginning his duties on May 31. We are impressed with his love of Jesus and his experience with youth ministries.
- The library has been repurposed to serve as the offices for Pastor Logan and Robin Walker. A new resource library for adults and children is being set up in the All Purpose Room.
- We are looking forward to the formation of growth groups for college and career people and another for parents.
- In case you're interested, I've attached an attendance graph. The uptick is encouraging, but feel no pressure if you still feel better worshipping online. However, a day is coming when I will have to invoke Hebrews 10:25, "Let us not neglect meeting together..."

Joyfully Serving!
David Zimmermann, Senior Pastor

River Valley Alliance Church

Governing Board Quarterly Update

First Quarter, 2021

The Governing Board meets on the third Thursday of each month to fulfill its duties as the governance authority of River Valley Alliance Church. The following were actions taken by the board in the first quarter of 2021:

- Approved pre-annual meeting voting for those only able to attend the meeting via Zoom
- Approved the transfer of designated gifts totaling \$1,736.61 to Cornerstone of Grace. The Board encouraged future donors to give directly to Cornerstone of Grace
- Approved the transfer of \$80,000 emergency fund principal to the Bank of Ixonia in a new certificate of deposit
- Approved the application for donor crowd funding by Collin Nemeth to fund his mission trip
- Approved the transfer of \$20,000 from River Valley's primary checking account to the Build the Future Fund
- Approved the establishment of a committee to review the River Valley Employee Handbook
- Approved Rick & Jean Tortomasi, John Flint, Joel Edwards, and Matt Von Rueden as alternate cash counters for 2021
- Approved a building use request for a funeral on March 6, 2021 and to waive the \$500.00 deposit
- Approved the motion to extend a call to Logan Esposito to serve at River Valley's Pastor of Student Ministries and accepted the recommendation of the River Valley Compensation Committee for an annual income package
- Appointed Greg Schroeder as the Vice Chairman of the Governing Board
- Approved the repurposing of the library for offices and meeting space for the new Student Ministries Pastor and the Director of Children's Ministries

Submitted by,

David Zimmermann – Senior Pastor

Colleen Kluber – Secretary

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