## 2016 Annual Report



# FOLLOWING **JESUJS** FOR LIFE



To lead & teach all to follow Jesus by:

- Proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God
- Nurturing our community of God
- Worshiping the living God
- Preserving the truth of God
- Lifting up the children of God
- Manifesting the Kingdom of God

## PASTOR'S **Report**

## WHAT IS THE VILLAGE CHURCH?

There are many ways to answer that question.

- We are 1,046 Members strong
- In 2016 we marked our 60th Anniversary
- We are led by 12 Elders, 3
  Pastors, and 7 Program Directors
- We engage in many missions around the world
- We serve God's mission among the residents of Rancho Santa Fe, Solana Beach, Encinitas, Carlsbad, Del Mar, San Diego, and other nearby communities
- We invite you to find your place in the life and ministry of this flourishing congregation!



## \$2,422,334 GIVEN BY OUR CONGREGATION IN 2016

#### HOW THAT WAS USED:

Staff: \$1,239,663

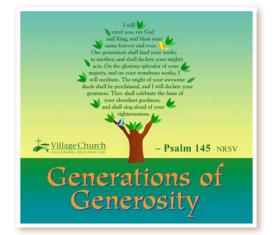
Missions: \$125,612

Ministries: \$557,865

Day-to-Day Expenses: \$180,332

Facilities: **\$218,382** 

**Operating Cash Reserves: \$100,480** 



# \$308,654

#### **GIVEN IN SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR**

Military outreach, Homeless Veterans, Urban Youth, Angel Tree, One Great Hour of Sharing & Christmas Joy Offerings, Alternative Christmas Market, Outreach Foundation and More

#### AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE



#### **2016 CHRISTMAS EVE ATTENDANCE**

## 1,840

#### **2016 EASTER ATTENDANCE**

## 1,371

#### WEBSITE VIEWS

Viewed in

**2182** Cities Viewed in

120 Countries Top 5 cities:

San Diego, Encinitas, Los Angeles, Rancho Santa Fe, Carlsbad

**Top 5 countries:** United States, Canada, India, Brazil, Kenya

## VILLAGE CHURCH **PRESCHOOL**





#### **NEW FEATURES**

- Enjoyed a great enrollment for 2016!
- New Social Media advertising campaign. We hired a social media consultant who trained us to manage our Facebook page in a more businesslike manner.

#### **2016 EVENTS**

- Our, "Village Connection Spring Celebration" brought the farm to school! Pammy's Ponies came with ducks, pony, rabbits, pigs and more!
- Summer Camps featured "Summer Olympics" for our camp and had an Olympian Bronze Medal Winner, Tonie Campbell, share with us when he finished in third place in the 110m Hurdles at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. Mr. Campbell brought an authentic Olympic Torch to share with the children as well.
- The preschool's Parent Group "Village Connection" joined Pastor Neal in hosting the GenX/Millennial Dinner in December.
- The preschool joined Children's Ministries and Drama Ministries for Breakfast in Bethlehem.

#### **2016 A YEAR OF CHANGES**



### CHILDREN'S **MINISTRIES**

**Tracy Miller** Director of Ministries for Children & their Families <u>tracym@villagechurch.org</u>



- Sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Introducing children to the God who cares about them and the world.
- Providing opportunities for fellowship with other children and families.
- Providing loving care and a safe environment that the children of the church can grow and thrive in.
- Planning programs and activities that encourage awareness of the needs of others as well as integrating faith into everyday life.

2,458

Total kids taught in Sunday School 2016

## 243

Total lessons taught in Sunday School 2016 Our Sunday School has 9 teachers & assistants

45

Kids Village welcomed 45 new students last year from 22 new families



Our VBS hosted over 90 students and more than 20 volunteers 200

Eggstravaganza attendees numbered 200 with 75 of them children

### STUDENT **MINISTRIES**

**Tyler Allred** Director of Ministries for Youth, Young Adults & their Families tylera@villagechurch.org



What if we told you...that 70-80% of today's church-going youth will altogether leave the Christian faith by the time they're 23!? We believe God has called us to make sure that our youth don't become one of those statistics.

## OUR VISION:

Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God, and the second is to love our neighbor as ourselves. We want to create communities in our middle school, high school, college and young adult population who are learning to act in love for God, themselves, and others.

26

Students at

Summer camp

16 Campuses

Campuses Engaged



6 visits to Ladle Fellowship 92 Volunteers

- Bishops
- California Coast Academy
- Canyon Crest
- Cathedral
- Digueno
- Earl Warren
- Grauer
- La Costa Canyon

- La Jolla Country Day
- Oakcrest
- Pacific Ridge
- Rhodes
- Roger Roe
- San Elijo Middle
- Santa Fe Christian
- Torrey Pines

### DRAMA **MINISTRIES**

**Twyla Arant** Coordinator of Drama Ministries <u>twylaa@villagechurch.org</u>

- Fourteen Year History at Village Church
- Wholesome Theatrical Productions
- Building Lasting Relationships
- Performing to the Glory of God
- Sharing Our Gifts











- 1. You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown
- 2. Harvey
- 3. Double Your Christmas Joy: The Gift of the Magi and The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
- 35 Adult Actors
- 23 Youth Actors
- 37 Crew Members
- 48 Volunteers
- 1,234 Audience
  Members



- Youth: 26 Participants (Grades 3-8)
- Teens: 31 Participants (Grades 9-12)
- 15 Staff / 21 Volunteers
- 1 Teen Intern
- 274 Audience Members in attendance at performance



• Growing Dance Ministry (3 Worship Presentations)

## VILLAGE CHURCH CAMPUS



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**615** Average Weekly Sunday Worship and Education Attendance

## 400

Average Weekly Participants for Church and Community Events

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# WORSHIP & **Arts**

Juan Carlos Acosta Director of Music jacosta@villagechurch.org

#### **YOUTH CHOIR**

The Youth Choir has demonstrated strong musicianship and is able to sing in three parts. This February the Youth Choir will be singing alongside our choral scholars and section leaders, and will also be participating in the Choristers Guild Festival in March, alongside 60 other youth from all over the county.

#### **COMMUNITY CHORALE**

The Village Community Chorale is perhaps the biggest area of growth. It was essentially not utilized in 2015, but in 2016 we had almost 20 singers join members of the Chancel Choir for presentations of the Lord Nelson Mass in February and the Christmas Oratorio in December.

2017 is off to a strong start with a combined choir of about 70 presenting the Brahms *Requiem* in March.

#### **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Members of the Chancel Choir will be joined by Pastor Jan, Pastor Jack, and members of the congregation on a 10 day Presbyterian Heritage Concert Tour. This will be the first time that this group has engaged in an overseas mission of music, evangelism and fellowship.



- Growth in choir attendance (average of 48 each week) has increased
  30% in last 18 months and 20% increase since last year.
- We currently have 74 on our official roster which has increased

### **25% in last 18 months** and 13% increase in the last year.

 We have had to increase the volume of music we order, and have were able to order

#### 10 additional robes

thanks to an anonymous donor.

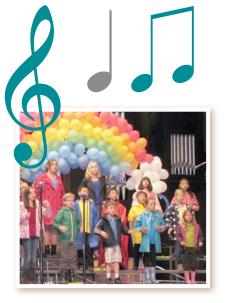
- Our Traditional worship has
  Two choral scholars
  and One choral intern
  from the University of San Diego.
- Bells has increased from

#### 11 to 14

more than a 20% increase. The quality of our bells continues to soar.

### CHILDREN'S **Choir**

**Myra Cullum** Children's Choir Director myra\_thrower@yahoo.com





**DO** you know that the Village Church Children's choirs learn not only musicianship, choral technique, and music theory, but also key elements of the faith so that our music is more than a performance – we are actually offering our songs as worship to the One True God?



On May 12 and 22, the Children's and Youth Choirs presented **RE**scue in the Night, a lively musical about Daniel in the Lion's den. This collaborative effort with the Children's Choirs from Solana Beach Presbyterian Church. The Village Church performance was followed by an ice cream social that was enjoyed by all.





In September 2016, our choir **MI**nistry started a new season and added 9 new families to our members.



Throughout the **FA**II, our Jubilate Singers and Cherub Choir, prepared songs for a Thanksgiving program at the Glen Brook Nursing Center.



The residents appreciated us coming **SO** much that we returned in December and presented a Christmas program and finished with caroling from room-to-room in the skilled nursing center.



LAter that month, both choirs sang in the Christmas Eve Pageant at 2:00 PM, ending 2016 joyously sharing news of our Savior's birth.



**TI**ny hearts, touched by God, tuned in praise! The Children's Choirs look forward to another Spring Musical in the May, as well as singing in worship throughout 2017.



**DO** you know a child that needs to be part of this wonderful music ministry? Contact Myra Cullum at *myra\_thrower@yahoo.com*.

# FAMILY & CONNECTING

Rev. Dr. Neal Presa Associate Pastor <u>nealp@villagechurch.org</u>



Family and Connecting Ministries are about engendering a community of belonging and meaning – welcoming all people of all ages and backgrounds to let them know they belong to the Lord, and our coming together in the name of Jesus Christ is for the purpose of worship and witnessing to what God is doing in the world. It's following the inward-outwardupward pattern of Jesus' own ministry.

#### **BY THE NUMBERS**

45 People received as new members (including 1 affiliate member)	100 First-Time Visitors	<b>1,450</b> Attendees of various events (The Villagers, Bunco, GenX, Rancho Days).
365 Connecting Cart visits (to purchase tickets, CDs or inquire about ministries)	100 Cub Scouts in Pack 766	35 Boy Scouts in Troop 766

## DISCIPLESHIP **MINISTRIES**

Rev. Dr. Jack Baca Senior Pastor jackb@villagechurch.org

Seven Groups meet weekly for study, fellowship, and prayer.

200 An average of 200 adults attend each week











## TOPICS

2016 Study Topics Included:

Philemon, Philippians, Colossians, I & II Thessalonians, Jeremiah.

## EVENTS

**Special Events:** 

Women's Retreat, Syria & Lebanon Report, Viewpoints

## MISSIONS **Commission**



#### MISSION SUPPORTS **15** CORE MISSIONS

We continue to engage in local ministries in evangelism and outreach, specifically San Diego Rescue Mission, Young Life, Urban Youth Collaborative and Presbyterian Urban Ministry.

#### 2016 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



**29** activities with nearly 1300 participants (up 300% from 2015), including 5 out-of-country events

- \$102K Alternative Christmas Market raised \$102,000 which is \$25,000 more than last year, thank you Village Church!
- \$54K
  Homeless Veteran Initiative, through your generous giving raised
  \$54,000. We will be able to supply household goods through 2017, including 100 beds for our newly housed veterans.
  - Village Church heard from **12 of our core missions** during our worship services, either through Moment for Mission or preaching schedule as well as sponsoring luncheons with our partners.

100%

Our Kenya Elma Barnett Children's Centre now has **100%** *sponsorship* for the children due to so many of our church members sponsoring a child.

### DEACONS



#### CORRESPONDENCE

Our deacons sent over 1200 letters for Easter and Thanksgiving/Christmas

Each month the deacons pray for 75 families/individuals in our church and send cards to encourage them.

#### COMMUNITY SUPPORT



**300 care bags** were created and distributed in 2016. In addition, approximately 75 empty ziplocs with a list of suggested items for those that want to make their own care bags were given out.



**9** grocery bags were compiled for those in need that drop in at the church for a handout.



**Christmas in July** successfully collected a moving truck full of gently used items for the SD Rescue Mission utilizing a multitude of church and boy scout volunteers.

**Veterans Homeless Initiative** with Deacon leadership working with Mission Commission \$54,000 was raised, with over 100 folks from the church either trained to meet with Veterans moving in or contributed goods or funds for housing the homeless. We

are providing 100 beds and have funds and kits to help supply full kits to approximately **75 Veterans**.

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Memorial Services were ushered, setup, prepared reception, guestbook, etc.



Blue Christmas Service ministers to over 40 participants.



Meals fixed and served to those unable to cook and home-bound.



served through the preparation and set up of Communion.

## FINISHING **The race**



#### TOTAL PLEDGES

### \$4,341,039

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#### PLEDGES RECEIVED

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\*REMAINING TO BE RECEIVED BY 5/31/17

## \$260,493

\*Please continue to complete any outstanding pledges. Those funds will be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund to be used for major Church repairs.

#### BUILDING LOAN WAS PAID OFF ON JUNE 1, 2016

## STRATEGIC **Planning**

## VILLAGE Foundation



#### STRATEGIC INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN & PLANNED IN 2016

- Culture of Generosity
- Visitor Engagement
- New Member Nurture
- Homeless Veterans
- Leadership Program (Management by Objective)
- Workplace Ministry
- Culture of Service
- Communications
- Program & Structure Review



## \$3,000

Grant to Elma Barnett Foundation (Kenya)



## \$20,000

Grant to The Outreach Foundation for Sudanese Church Building



\$25,000 Grant to Plant With Purpose for African Ministry This 2016 Annual Report presents a variety of snapshots that, taken together, provide a view of how God is working in and through The Village Church. There are statistics, photos, titles, and descriptions of ministries. But remember that all of them are about lives being touched with the love of God and the Kingdom being expanded to include all who would welcome Jesus into their lives.



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