



**April
May
June
2017**

Dear River Valley Family:

It is with great joy and excitement that I continue my second year as River Valley's lead pastor. It seems each and every day, the Lord shows me a new aspect of what it means to hold this position. I thank you for your support and patience as together we attempt to reach this community and the world with the Gospel.

I feel much was accomplished during the 2nd quarter of 2017 thanks to a wonderful ministry team, staff, and supportive River Valley regulars. Here are just a few of my highlights from April, May and June of 2017.

- We had the great joy of turning Pastor Michael Golemi from a "Youth Intern" into a full "Associate Pastor of Student Ministries. We are continually amazed at Michael's wisdom and energy and look forward to what God will do through him at River Valley.
- I am always thrilled to see people make River Valley their church home. We had a wonderful new group of people in April say "River Valley is my church"!
- Good Friday and Easter were 2 of my favorite days of 2017 so far. We commemorated Jesus' sacrifice for us and then His victory over death in great fashion. Record setting attendance at the 3 services on Easter made for an even more exciting morning with 615 here worshipping Jesus, the risen King.
- You may have noticed a new format on the back of the sermon outline each week called "Dwelling in the Word". Its purpose is to teach us to hear the Spirit's voice through Scripture. If you have tried it yet, please find a friend or two and do it together. Many have experienced growth through this tool.
- It was also with great joy that we sent 11 people off to Thailand to fulfill Jesus command to make disciples to the ends of the earth. Thanks for your prayers and financial support of this team.
- The Ministry Team has been looking at Building the Future. Our facilities are getting close to capacity, so we want to start seeking the Lord's ideas on facility expansion. Pray that we would only seek God's purposes for in this area. A team to study this will be formed in the near future.
- At the end of June, we were sorry to have to say goodbye to the Josh and LuAnne Barnet and daughter Nicki as they moved to Florida for a new job for LuAnne. Josh was an Elder and all three Barnets helped lead worship in such a God honoring manner. They will be missed.
- As we move to the fall, we are considering the move to 3 Sunday services: 8:00 (Traditional), 9:30 and 11:00 (Contemporary). We want to make sure everyone who comes through the doors know that there is room at River Valley for them. Please be praying as we make these plans.

**Joyfully Serving!
Pastor Dave**

(See other side for Governing Board summary.)

2nd Quarter Update June 2017

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 some of the significant activities of the Church in the second quarter of 2017:

- The remodeling of the kitchen is well underway.
- Because the electronic drums are no longer working properly, a good used set of acoustic drums were purchased from Crosspoint Church.
- The Digging Deeper format was changed to make it more personal. It has been well received.
- The Sinking Fund to replace the parking lot currently contains a balance of \$42,497.01.
- River Valley sent eleven people to Thailand for two weeks.
- Policies for lawn mowing and the River Valley Alliance Finance Policy have been submitted and approved by the Governing Board. The Employee Handbook was updated.
- The parking lot was re-stripped.
- Due to moving to Florida, Josh Barnet resigned as Elder.
- Theresa Oestreicher resigned as AWANA commander.
- The electronic piano, which belonged to the Barnets was purchased from them.
- Gold Star Coffee is now being used as our coffee service.

Submitted by,

Charlene Flint, Governing Board Secretary

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