



**October  
November  
December  
2017**

**Dear River Valley Family:**

**WOW! The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2017 has come and gone in a flash. Winter finally arrived as the balmy fall weather kept us all hoping that maybe we would not have to endure cold temperatures this year. Well, the below zero temps we've encountered in the last few months tell us we hoped in vain. It's a good thing that hope placed in Jesus will NEVER be in vain!**

**Again, much was accomplished during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2017 thanks to a wonderful ministry team, staff, and supportive River Valley members and attenders. Here are just a few of my highlights for October, November, and December of 2017.**

- **The Governing Board appointed a Build the Future Committee to examine facility needs for the present time and the near future. While space is at a premium on Wednesdays and Sundays, we do not have an immediate need for expansion. The committee will reconvene every 6 months to examine facility needs and check the clarity of our community outreach vision.**
- **The transition to three services has gone quite smoothly from my perspective. Attendance at all three services has been good. The first two services are generally around 100 people and the third service is usually around 120 or so.**
- **It was an exciting time to be around River Valley for the last two Sundays in December. December 17<sup>th</sup> was the cantata and December 24<sup>th</sup> was Christmas Eve. Over 1000 people walked through the doors over the course of these two Sundays. Both the cantata and Christmas Eve services have become significant outreach events to the community. We need to look at this carefully as we plan for next year.**
- **The Nominating Committee has finished their work. Results are posted on the bulletin boards outside the office and in the Connection Center.**
- **On December 10<sup>th</sup> we received 13 new members into River Valley's fold. We praise God when people want to call River Valley their "church home"!**
- **The mayor has appointed me to serve on the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Watertown. I had been praying that the Lord would lead me to some sort of civic involvement which would increase the community's awareness of River Valley and, of course, God's Kingdom through my increased visibility.**

**Joyfully Serving!**

**Pastor Dave**

**(See other side for Governing Board summary.)**

## **Governing Board Quarterly Update Winter 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 fourth quarter of 2017:

- The Build the Future Committee met during the fourth quarter. The ministry team presented their dreams and vision for the future in their respective areas. Build the Future findings: There are not any urgent facility “needs” at this point. The congregation has a general/broad vision for community outreach focus, but lack of clarity.
- On October 8 River Valley began holding three worship services on Sunday mornings.
- A video projector in the west multipurpose was purchased and installed to be used for Sunday School and other events.
- CAMA services International Workers, Chris and Sarah, serving in a creative access country visited in November.
- The River Valley Alliance Emergency Procedure Guidelines, Lock-Up Procedure, FOB/Key Policy, and Usher Policy were all submitted and approved.
- Upon recommendation by the Trustees, the Governing Board voted to purchase a Security System to be installed in three phases during 2018.
- Thirteen new members were received into membership in December.
- The Christmas Cantata was outstanding. Over 60 musicians were involved with nearly 550 in attendance.
- The remodeling of the kitchen is nearly completed, with only the kitchen countertops and the kitchen sink yet to be installed.

Submitted by,

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