

VILLAGE ONLINE

Announcements — December 27, 2020

Psalm 42:1-5

Interim Lead Pastor Paul Choi - Between Despair and Hope



Because Of You!

Each week we share an encouraging example of the impact we're making together and, this week, we hear directly from a Village family who are loving our community extravagantly. "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." (Romans 12:4-8.)

"Because of you, Village is a community with space for multicultural couples like my wife and I to fully belong. There was a time when we did not know multicultural churches existed, so our first experience singing a multilingual song at church felt more like "home" for us than can be easily explained. Attending a church that is intentionally multicultural has been such a blessing to our maturing faith and understanding of the Kingdom. How much this means to us only became clearer about a month or so into the online services when Village started to include worship from our own team. It wasn't as much about the familiar faces or the familiar voices, it was the familiarity of multilingual worship. For us, this offered an immediate sense of comfort and "normal" in those early days of uncertainty. We appreciate how even in digital format, our worship team has constantly kept us challenged with the Biblical call to give some of ourselves and make space for the sake of others. We're reminded week after week that we are to lament just as we praise, and that we do so as a collective and communal expression rather than as individualistic pleas. In this tension, we find an inexplicable beauty as we glorify God through multicultural expression."

-Jake Ferrier

We, your Village Elders, Advisors and Staff, thank all of you for your participation in the family of Village. Because of you, we together create a mosaic that reflects the extravagant love and body of Christ to one another and to a world desperate for the hope that can only come from good news of Jesus Christ.

Village's Goals and Visions for 2021

Watch the short video below for a glimpse of what is envisioned for ministry in 2021. To make this possible, we invite you to give generously between now and Dec. 31. We have [two goals](#). If we end the year with \$2.7M in giving, we'll be in a position to pursue these opportunities. Any amount helps! And if 400 households participate, we believe our giving goal will be achieved. Looking for updates on giving? Want to give? Please visit our [giving page](#).

Campus Closure for Holidays

We will close our campus on Wednesday, December 23 and reopen on Monday, January 4. All external doors will be locked, including the Worship Center. If you have a previously scheduled event, a ministry leader or custodian will be there to unlock for you. During the closure, postal mail will be held on most days, but delivered on December 29-31. Phone lines will be turned off, but our answering service will be available for emergencies. May you have a blessed, restful holiday!

Year-End Giving

Our online giving is safe, secure, and the best way to give, but if you prefer to mail a check, please ensure it is postmarked by December 31. You can also put checks in the drop-box outside the church office which will be checked on weekdays between now and December 31. If you have questions about giving stock or other transactions, please email our Finance Manager, Patty. Please see our Giving Page for more details, including the regularly updated financial goal which will make our ministry vision possible in 2021.

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Dago Flores Celebration of Life

Please join us in celebrating the life and ministry of Dago Flores on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at 11am. You can watch the livestream of the service from the [Village YouTube channel](#).

Due to Covid safety precautions, the number of people in attendance will be capped. While we know so many would want to honor Dago by attending the service, we ask that we all honor him by keeping everyone safe. *Those to attend in person will be invited separately.

Please consider being part of the service [by submitting a 30 second to one minute message of love](#) by Tuesday, December 29, 2020. Use this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/4JYZQyqPCxGvIxAqlaFc> Some will be compiled into a video for the service, and all will be delivered to the family.

Cards for the Flores Family can be mailed to Village or dropped off in the Front Office locked drop box.

Need Emergency Dental Care?

The December 29 Village Dental Clinic has four available appointments for people who do not have dental insurance and are experiencing dental pain or discomfort. The appointments will be made on a first come first serve basis. [Request an appointment here](#). [Read More](#).

Condolences

We offer our love and prayers for the Graeper family in the passing of Jim Graeper's father, Mike, who resided in Keizer. The family participated in a memorial service on Tuesday, December 22, in Salem.

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Please join us in praying for Brian and Mary Roberts in the homegoing of Brian's mother, Dwayne Howell Roberts, in Houston, TX, Sunday morning, December 20, due to the coronavirus. She will be buried in Corsicana with her parents and sister.

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We offer our condolences and prayer for Doris Hull in the death of her sister, Fran, in Woodburn on Sunday, December 20, from the coronavirus.

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New Women's Groups

We are blessed to be able to highlight a couple life groups! Please contact the leaders for more information.

James Study

The Women's evening Bible study will be moving to Monday nights. Beginning on January 11 at 6:45 the next study will focus on the book of James and will be a self-study approach without a standard teaching curriculum. The study will run for about 12 weeks with short passages to read and discuss each week. We are excited to dive into God's word and to learn together how to read for understanding and application. There will be no cost for this study. The current plan is to meet in person in the Columbia B Room in a group of 10-12 women. We will observe recommended social distance guidelines and wear masks. For questions, or to sign up, email [Betsy Adams](#). We look forward to welcoming new women to the group!

Tapestry

You are invited to a weaving together of English speaking women from various cultures and life stages. Beginning January 12, meeting every other Tuesday evening 7-8:30 pm via Zoom, we discuss Scripture and focus on how God is speaking into our lives through it. Our mission outreach varies as we become aware of opportunities to bless others both locally and overseas.

Leader: [Poppy Smith](#), assisted by various women in the group.

Study: Exodus—Learning to Trust God.

The Village Yule Log: Songs and Stories

If you haven't listened to our Songs and Stories Yule Log, please do so! We're so blessed to be able to present three hours of music and beautiful testimonies. It includes special music pieces from the Li family, Lukas Spotts, Julian Zdrantan, David and Esther Chris, Emma Lindley, and Karen Collier, a special music VIDEO from Jonathan and Asher, 13 testimonies, scripture reading in 4 languages, a story from Kathy Crawford from her experience living in Liberia during the Ebola crisis, Paige Lindley reading a favorite book from her daughters' childhood, Shirley Smith and her grandson reading a story book, and more! Please enjoy! [Click here to listen](#).

Village App

Have you downloaded the Village App? It's a one stop spot for all Village updates, right on your phone! We share weekly prayer requests, announcements, event details, and sermons through our app. Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) users.

PushPay Giving

You can access [PushPay](#) anytime from our church app, the church website, or from your phone by texting VILLAGEGIVE to 779777. Thank you for your generosity towards Village! Questions? Email [Patty](#).

Giving Updates

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Dig Deeper — December 27, 2020

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Sharing and Listening Guide

- Read Psalm 42:1-43:5 aloud as a group. Is there a word or expression that comes to you as specially meaningful today? How do you resonate with the psalmist?
- Please share what you remember from the message (or know from other sources) about the comparative characteristics of the books of Kings and the Chronicles.
- As you reflect on this year, what brought you sorrow, pain or remorse? Are there areas of life with which you'd turn to the Lord in repentance?
- As you reflect on this year, what brought you joy and thanksgiving? Where did you see God moving and working?
- How will you remember 2020?

Connect with Others

We want to help connect you with other members of the church in your walk with the Lord. Click below for more information on any of our fellowships or ministries.

[Asian American Fellowship](#)

[Chinese Fellowship](#)

[Hispanic Fellowship](#)

[Korean Fellowship](#)

[Kids Ministry](#)

[Middle School Ministry](#)

[High School Ministry](#)

[Seniors Ministry](#)