

VILLAGE STORIES

2018 was a full year of ministry at Village, and wonder at God's active plan in the lives of Villagers. Whether through the stories of new, young people excited to be part of what Village is doing, or our high schoolers teaching the greater church how to worship, or our more seasoned Villagers energizing new ministries; our diverse voices speak testimony of God's blessing on Village.

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After several years feeling like a nomad with fellow believers, I found myself at Village on Saturday nights: a perfect way to start the Sabbath! Worship and rest and prayer before a full day of rest and minimal doing.

Now, with the 5pm Service on Sunday evening there has been a paradigm shift. Now with the end of the day starts the new week with joyful expectation that God is with me in a very determined way. The music is similar, the dress casual, as grandparents we get to see a few children besides our own and the mix of generations is just right. It must be pleasing to the Lord to see the mighty group of High schoolers taking communion and bonding together.

Our pastors and staff are just as warm and welcoming in the evening as I have found them in the earlier services, the Lord has blessed them with energy: they are all half my age and several times stronger especially since we buoy them with prayer.

So brothers and sisters in Christ Welcome to 5pm Services and Shalom for your week. Remember Psalms 100: 'Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! ...Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.'

Pastor Kwang is the breath of fresh air we needed. He's trilingual and actively seeks out the Chinese people at church. He says he's so happy to be here because he gets to do what he loves; talk to people and influence them toward God. He said he loves 5:30am prayer because it's so quiet, his wife comes with him, and he gets to play guitar and lead the group. There has been growth in attendance and he's now leading a worship band practice on Tuesday nights for the Korean Fellowship.



I'm excited about all the cool things stirring. Did you see the high schoolers huddle up to receive communion together at the 5:00 service? That was one of my favorite moments of the weekend! (This is their weekly practice!)



A parent shared that she and her husband are excited by all the energy and momentum happening at Village. They volunteer at AWANA and Sunday mornings and feel wildly encouraged by the changes [at Village]!



We love and are excited about Village. We tell all our friends and family how much we love our church. Just considering what God has done and continues to do at Village excites us. We are very hopeful as we continue looking for ways to develop community and get involved at Village.