



Annual Business Meeting

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Annual Report to
the Membership
for 2020

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Pastor Timothy Satryan’s Report

Navigating a Pandemic

Last year at this time, pastors across the land saw the correlation of having “20-20 vision” and casting “Vision” for the year 2020. And, I was no exception. However, amid all the “vision” that was being cast, no one’s “vision” included responding to COVID-19, and how the church would deal with what was labeled a pandemic before the end of March 2020.

Without belaboring the point, nearly all of what we “cast vision” for and nearly all the unique plans we had for 2020 never materialized. They couldn’t. We didn’t see the pandemic coming – but God surely did!

I was away for a week at my annual “Pastor Life Group” while the reality of the pandemic began to materialize. I cut the trip short, returned home. We had church services in our facility that Sunday – for the final time until mid-September.

Although we followed protocol and maintained proper social-distancing, the church never stopped! We moved everything we could to a virtual experience, giving thanks to God for the ability and knowledge to be able to do so!

As your pastor, so much of what I “normally do” had to be transitioned into something different. Although I consider myself fairly “tech-savvy,” I learned MUCH about online streaming, acquired new software and hardware to be able to share the Word online with excellence. We established the ability to send text messages simultaneously to everyone in our church. We created a weekly email, transitioning the church’s newsletter into a Weekly Encourager, sent to the entire church, as well as hundreds of others, including many other pastors.

Frankly, my workload, as well as the time I put into these things probably doubled in 2020. I took no vacation time at all, and rarely took a complete day off. I’m not pleased with myself about that, but sometimes you just do what you have to do.

As this year’s Annual Business Meeting was approaching, honestly, I questioned what I would say. But, the Lord clearly spoke to my heart – ***MY vision is not nearly as important as HIS vision for us.*** While our plans may have drastically changed due to events unforeseen by us, God has known about COVID-19 and this pandemic since the beginning of what we call time. And, as a matter of fact, God’s call and design for His church has not changed, and it has not diminished because of any events on this planet.

Since my arrival here as your pastor nearly five years ago, you have heard me say countless hundreds of times that “It’s All About RELATIONSHIPS!” I believe that is just as true today as it was before the “pandemic.”

But, unfortunately, this “pandemic” has had an affect on building relationships. We do so many things “virtually” now. Even though we have been meeting for Celebration Worship in our building since mid-September, we must be socially distanced, masked, and not stand around inside to fellowship. It is, honestly, very difficult to create and build relationships under these conditions.

Another unfortunate thing is that nearly half of our congregation has yet to return to worshipping together in our building. This is not unique to Valley Chapel – churches across the nation report the same situation.

As pastor, I am not only aware of these facts, but I am deeply burdened by them. And, with that burden, God has given me a special vision for us at Valley Chapel – not only for this current time, but as we move forward through this pandemic, and into the future.

In Hebrews 10:24-25 (MSG) we read what I believe is a dynamic cry to US today – *“Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.”*

Let’s be INVENTIVE! Let’s be ENCOUAGING in LOVE! Let’s HELP OUT others! Let’s not avoid WORSHIPPING together! Let’s SPUR EACH OTHER on! Why? Because Christ’s return is closer today than ever before!!

Today, I want to share with you a brand new ministry for Valley Chapel – I call it Valley Chapel’s CARE CORPS.

Here’s the Vision for CARE CORPS:

C onnect –

- Connect people to each other
- Reaching out to those we have missed
- Connecting those new to Valley Chapel to others in church

A ssess –

- Getting to know people on more than a casual level
- Recognizing people’s personal, family, or spiritual, physical or fiscal needs
- Seeking to learn of people’s giftings, desires and abilities

R espond –

- Personally praying for and with others
- Organizing and facilitating the meeting of needs
- Informing the pastor of important information and plans

E ncourage –

- Speaking words of encouragement and hope to others
- Encouraging deeper levels of participation and service
- Personal welcome and greeting at church

The first thing we need to do to kick off Valley Chapel's CARE CORPS is to recruit and enlist a special group of people – the CARE CORPS COORDINATORS.

What does it take to be a Care Corps Coordinator? A love for people, a desire to help them, and a belief that God has called you to be a strategic part of making this happen!

And, here's the plan for implementation:

- January 31 - Announce CareCorps at 2021 Annual Business Meeting
- February 1-27 - Seek out initial team of "Care Corps Coordinators"
- March 13 - CareCorps Coordinator's Meeting
- April 2021 - CareCorps begins to operate

If YOU would be interested in being one of the first **CareCorps Coordinators**, let me know! Talk to me, call me, text me or email me!

You will hear more about all of this in the weeks to come. Will you please join with me in prayer as we implement this ministry, and will you likewise be willing to be a personal, dynamic participant in what can mobilize us as a church to do God's will here in this area!

Yours for **HIM**,
Pastor Tim Satryan

Secretary's Report

José Guzman, Secretary

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2020

The 2020 Valley Chapel Annual Business Meeting was called to order, following the Celebration Worship Service on Sunday, January 26, 2020, at 12:30 pm. Rafael Delgado, Wally Rivera, Hector Perez and André Sanchez were appointed as tellers.

Devotional and Opening Prayer were presented by Pastor Tim

Secretary's Report: José Guzman, church secretary, read the minutes from the previous year's business meeting. There were no questions, and the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Rukshan Perera, church treasurer, presented the financial report for 2019. Rukshan praised the Lord for all of the blessings that he provided in order to bring Valley Chapel into the "black". He also shared the future need of repairs to the parking lot and church roof. Following a time of questions, the report was approved as presented.

Elections: Pastor Tim reviewed the process followed by the nominating committee for the selection of nominees to the deacon board, as well as the qualification to serve as a deacon. Ballots were cast, and José Guzman and Bayron Rios were elected as deacons, and will serve a three-year term on the board.

Pastor's report: Pastor Tim delivered the Pastor's report to the congregation. The report was accepted as presented.

Departmental Reports: Pastor Tim entertained a motion to accept all Ministry Reports as contained in the Business Meeting booklet. The motion was approved, and all reports were accepted as presented.

Motion to adjourn: Following a motion to adjourn the 2020 Annual Business Meeting, the meeting was closed in prayer with the laying of hands for the newly elected board members, José Guzman and Bayron Rios.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jose Guzman, Church Secretary

Financial Report for 2020

Beginning Balance in all accounts	\$ 33,779.64.20
Income	
Tithes & Offerings	186,254.39
Missions Income	15,956.00
Departmental Income	
Women's Ministries	-0-
Youth Ministries	-0-
MPact Girls Ministries	-0-
Royal Rangers Boys Minsitries	-0-
Sunday School	219.00
PNCBank PPP	25,830.00
Benevolence Income	870.00
Refunds & Reimbursements	255.00
Building Fund	15.00
Quick Books	290.80
Miscellaneous Income	57.74
Total Income	\$ 229,747.93
Expenses	
Departmental Ministries	
Children's Church	-0-
Sunday School	1,796.51
Youth Ministries	-0-
Royal Rangers Boys Ministries	-0-
MPact Girls Ministries	-0-
Women's Ministries	290.48
Men's Ministries	-0-
Total Department Ministries	2,086.99
Missions & Benevolences	
Missions	25,799.03
Benevolences	1,974.25
Total Missions & Benevolence	27,773.28
Operational Expenses	
Church Vehicles	1,649.37
Ministry Supplies	7,222.22
Fellowship Functions	595.08
Office Supplies	4,043.31
Multi-Media	776.57
Guest Speakers	650.00
Total Operational Expenses	14,936.55
Administrative Expenses	
Banking fees	412.58
Online Giving Fees	3,429.61
Equipment Lease (photocopier)	3,297.74
Payroll & Taxes	135,208.01
Conferences & Seminars	1,133.14
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	273.37
Misc. Administrative Costs	1,081.21
Total Administrative Expenses	144,835.66
Facilities Expenses	
Utilities	27,988.11
Maintenance & Repairs	7,083.84
Insurance	8,565.38
Total Facilities Expenses	43,637.33
Total Expenses	\$ 233,269.81
Closing Balance in all accounts	\$ 30,257.76

