

# VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

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**Valley Bible Church entered into its' 46<sup>th</sup> year of ministry in 2017. This annual report provides an overview of this ministry's operation during the year. Included in the following pages are various financial statements, selected ministry reviews, comments from our Senior Pastor and the 2018 Church Budget as approved by the Church Elders.**

A copy of our Annual Report may be obtained by requesting one from the Church Office or by simply picking up a copy from our Word of Life Bookstore which is located within the Worship Center. This report is made available to meet the church's stated and lawful obligation. Any inquires pertaining to the contents of this Annual Report may be submitted in writing to;

Church Administrator  
Valley Bible Church  
1477 Willow Ave  
Hercules, CA 94547

I am privileged to serve as your Church Administrator another year. May Christ be honored and praised for what He has accomplished through his people here at Valley Bible Church.



**Dear People of Valley Bible Church:**

A good question to ask ourselves, "Are we doing what God commanded us to do in perilous times?"

The Apostle Paul

instructed Timothy to know that the last days had begun over two thousand years ago so that he should preach the Word in every kind of season, reprove, rebuke, and exhort (2 Timothy 3:1-5 with 4:1-5). But know this, many will not want such a ministry rather they want to be entertained.

This past year John Ross has taken all the sermons preached from the 1970's up to now and recorded them. You would be amazed to see how many subjects, bible books, and theology has been presented to this church for the past forty-seven years. The people of Valley Bible have listened and loved God's Word for years and we still long to hear God speak to us from His Word.

Your benevolence and kindness to others in 2017 was shown in your giving of \$38,832 to aid those who had great losses. God enabled the church to send equal aid gifts of \$6,472 to Houston flood victims, Dominica (Clayton Hazel) hurricane victims, Mexico City (Adventures in Life) earthquake victims, Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds (housed first responders) who helped those fighting the Santa Rosa fire, Santa Rosa Bible Church who gave aid to those

who were suffering from the fires, Samaritan's Purse, and Star of Hope Ministry.

Thank you for enabling young people to go to summer youth camp. You gave over \$36,000 to give our youth a chance to hear God's Word and be with other young people. You continue to give to our Agape Fund that gives aid to people in our area.

2017 was a year of saying good-bye to many loved ones in our own family besides those in the congregation. This church was primarily a young church (majority under age 25) when it began. Now we have about four generations who attend. We welcome newborn babies and bury their grandparents. Bill Gaither wrote a song that said,

"Jesus is the first name our children learned and the last word of our dying saints." Jesus Christ is from the cradle to the grave and for all eternity our greatest treasure.

I thank God for the faithful volunteers who are the backbone of this church. Everyone from our deacons, elders, small group leaders, to our men's and women's bible study leaders, to VBC Kids' Church team and VBC Youth leaders team who all faithfully serve every week.

Our big three aims of ministry are: God, Grace, and Gospel. Yes, God is the reason for this church. We want His character, deeds, and desires to be above everything else we do. Grace is what God is offering men in Jesus Christ. He wants to save us that He might lavish upon us all the riches of His mercy and

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grace. Our message is Good News: we know how one can be right with God — through believing the Good News of Jesus death and resurrection to pay for our sins. This is why we exist.

God has blessed this church with faithful staff people who manage our facilities, finances, and oversee our ministries. Without servants the ministry could not be done.

Thank you for your faithful giving throughout the year. We will complete another three year capital stewardship emphasis this May 2018. Our total debt for our facilities is about \$3.5 million. You people have paid off over half of the \$7 million cost of the Worship Center.

Please pray for us that we might continue to pursue Jesus Christ and do His will until we see Him face to face. May God use you and fulfill you as you yield your life to His Spirit.

Yours because His,



PHILLIP  
Jude 24



# VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

## 2017 NOTABLE STATISTICS



Total acreage of church land:

**6.4**  
acres

Total number of church employees:

**42**



Over  
**53**

on-going ministry opportunities to serve within the church.



**953**

different people made monetary contributions



Church occupies two buildings totaling

**88,009** sq. ft.

WORSHIP CENTER  
55,768 sq. ft.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
32,241 sq. ft.



**18**

people baptized in 2017



**11**

various missionaries supported monthly



Church membership:

**690**  
individuals

**323**

designated parking spaces



Sunday attendance:

**800-1000**  
people weekly



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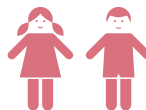
full year  
SOLAR PANELS  
in operation



Valley Preschool/  
Daycare  
current enrollment:

**55**

full time children



**6**

**\$6,472**

DISASTER RELIEF  
DONATIONS:

STAR OF HOPE MINISTRIES  
*(Houston Flood victims)*

DOMINICA  
*(Hurricane victims)*

ADVENTURES IN LIFE  
*(Mexico City earthquake victims)*

ALLIANCE REDWOODS  
CONFERENCE GROUNDS  
*(housed first responders for Santa Rosa fire)*

SANTA ROSA  
BIBLE CHURCH  
*(Nor Cal fire victims)*

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

**299**

"Giving Today,  
Invested in Tomorrow"  
Capital Stewardship  
Campaign  
financial commitments  
totaling

**\$2,257,425**

**36**

NEW MEMBERS  
in 2017



## 5 ELDERS

**PHILLIP HOWARD**, *Chairman*  
**EDWIN CHANDRA**  
**LARRY HOWARD**  
**CHUCK LATIBEAUDIÈRE**  
**TIM VAHLSTROM**



## 18 DEACONS

<b>RON HUGHES</b> , <i>Chairman</i>	<b>RAY MOLINAR</b>	<b>ERNIE SANCHEZ</b>
<b>RICHARD ARMSTRONG</b>	<b>WAYNE MOORE</b>	<b>JOHN SMITH</b>
<b>JEFF JOYA</b>	<b>NICK OROSCO</b>	<b>JASON WEBSTER</b>
<b>ROBERT LENDWAY</b>	<b>RANDY OSTI</b>	<b>TOM WHITE</b>
<b>JULIO LETO</b>	<b>GRANT PINKSTON</b>	<b>OTIS WILEY</b>
<b>TIMOTHY MCNEIL</b>	<b>RENATO SALGADO</b>	<b>STEVEN ZIEM</b>

# VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH STAFF

### PASTORAL STAFF

**DR. PHILLIP A. HOWARD**  
*Senior Pastor/Founder*

**SHAWN GIESE**  
*Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries*

**TIMOTHY VAHLSTROM**  
*Lay Elder & Pastor - Small Groups*

**LARRY HOWARD**  
*Lay Elder & Pastor - Biblical Counseling*

**DAVID HOWARD**  
*Pastor of Congregational Care*

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**MATTHEW NICOSIA**  
*Children's Ministry Director*

**ANDREA HAZEL**  
*Assistant Director of Children's Ministry*

**LAURA NICOSIA**  
*Nursery and Early Childhood Director*

**OMAIRA DIAZ**  
*Early Childhood Coordinator*

**LACY DESOUSA**  
*Childcare Coordinator*

**SANDY ORMEO**  
*Kids Choir Director & Children's Ministry Assistant*

### STUDENT MINISTRIES

**MANNY DESOUSA**  
*Director of Middle School Ministries*

**DANIEL MARTINEZ**  
*Youth Worship Director*

**RACHEL ELUMBA /LEILA ARAGON**  
*Administrative Assistant for Youth Ministries*

### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

**DEBORAH GIESE**  
*Worship Ministries Director*

**CHRIS OROSCO**  
*Audio-Visual Manager*

**CHERYL MILLER**  
*Administrative Assistant for Worship Ministries*

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

**RON HUGHES**  
*Church Administrator*

**JOHN ROSS**  
*IT Director*

**SCOTT KALLANDER**  
*Facility Manager*

**LAURA SNYDER**  
*Financial Assistant*

**MARILYN WOOD**  
*Financial Support*

**MICHAEL GROSENHEIDER**  
*Bookstore Manager*

### CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

**LISA FARIA**  
*Director of Creative Communications*

**ANNA NASON**  
*Graphic Design Assistant*

**WESTON ORMEO**  
*Assistant to Creative Communications*

### SUPPORT STAFF

**DEBBIE MCMILLAN**  
*Executive Assistant to Senior Pastor and Small Groups Ministry*

**MICHELLE FILBERT**  
*Fellowship One Administrator and Administrative Assistant for Reach Out Ministry*

**EDIE GUTIERREZ/ANGELINA OSTI**  
*Administrative Assistant to Membership & Counseling Ministries*

**DELORES WILEY**  
*Assistant to Pastor of Congregational Care*

**SHANNON GROSENHEIDER**  
*Receptionist/Administrative Secretary*

### VALLEY PRESCHOOL/DAY CARE

**CARMEN LACOMBA**  
*Preschool/Daycare Director*

**MISSY QUINN-DILLEY**  
*Preschool/Daycare Assistant Director*



Truth for Today is the radio outreach ministry of Valley Bible Church. The ministry is going strong since its inception in 1997. We continually receive letters and phone calls from all over the Bay Area and beyond, expressing listeners' deep admiration for our Pastor's teaching and how this ministry is strengthening their Christian walk. Shut-ins, caregivers, and commuters all are being blessed by having a changing and deepening relationship with our Lord and Savior, through this broadcast.

In 2013 a volunteer board of directors, consisting of Pastor David Howard-President, Chuck Latibeaudiere, Gene Schnabel, John Anderson, and Gus Petsas, was formed to create a nonprofit organization. Pastor Phil Howard expressed that he wanted the ministry to be separate from Valley Bible Church and not become a burden to the congregation for financial support.

The new board has successfully hosted two annual listener celebrations. These "Friend Raisers" have resulted in over 500 guests visiting our Valley Bible Church campus and in several listeners becoming members, regular attendees and supporters of our radio ministry.

Our opening phrase says it best: "Truth for Today--where the Word of God is applied at the speed of life." Our mission is to fill the air waves with His Truth, embracing our listeners with His grace and inviting our audience to come worship with us at Valley Bible Church. Truth for Today can be heard (16) times a week on:

KFAX - AM 1100 Monday through Friday at 5:30am, Sundays at 8:30am

KDIA - AM 1640 Monday through Friday at 5:30am and 4:00pm

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### MATTHEW NICOSIA

*Director of Children's Ministry*

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Our mission is to guide kids to KNOW Jesus, GROW in Him, and SHOW His love to their world. What an awesome and exciting vision! While all the glory belongs to Jesus, many of you deserve recognition for your labor of love in ministry to our kids and families. The VBC Kids Staff cannot adequately express our gratitude for your partnership to help make disciples of an emerging generation.

Here are some of the amazing things that you accomplished last year through the generous and sacrificial giving of your time and money:

- Our kids, preschool through fifth grade, under the direction of our faithful volunteer leaders continued our journey through the Bible each Sunday morning using "The Gospel Project for Kids" curriculum at VBC Kids Jr. (preschool) led by Omaira Diaz and Kids Church (elementary). Through fun activities and engaging small groups, each child was shown how the whole Bible points to Jesus and was encouraged to know Him more deeply or for the first time through trusting in Him.



- You may have asked yourself on a Sunday morning when arriving to our campus, “Where is that delicious smell of bacon coming from?” Our Breakfast Club Team, led by Monica Collard, arrived to the Family Life Center kitchen early each Sunday morning to serve dozens of free, hot breakfasts to our elementary kids. They sure do love to connect over their favorite breakfast foods!
- Our Awana Club hosted nearly 90 kids (K - 6th grade) each Wednesday evening in the Family Life Center during the school year. Our kids were encouraged to grow in their walk with Jesus through biblical teaching, memorization, games and encouragement from loving leaders. Our Awana Commander of fifteen years, Anna Marie Entz, retired from her position and we couldn't be more thankful for her service to Jesus in this ministry. Because of her faithful leadership in the past, Awana can continue for another generation.
- Our Kids Choir under the direction of Sandy Ormeo helped kids discover the true meaning of living a life of worship in their small “worship” groups. They were encouraged to use their creativity through drama, art, craftsmanship, praise team, hospitality, band, dance, and audio/visual. Sandy was also passionate about equipping a new generation of youth leaders who did a fantastic job. The entire group was challenged last year to find new ways to show the love of Jesus to our community...and boy, did they ever rise to the challenge! In their spring musical, “Unselfie”, they taught us that following Jesus is “not about thinking less of yourself, it's all about thinking of yourself less.” At Christmas time, they brought their nativity performance to the City of Hercules tree lighting, to two local nursing homes, and delivered gifts and sang carols to multiple families in our community. Thanks, Kids Choir Team, for helping our kids see that following Jesus is all about showing His love to others!
- Our VBC Kids Childcare Team, led by Lacy deSouza, did a great job providing loving care for our young kids in a safe environment each Tuesday and Wednesday evening so that many of you could serve in Worship Ministry, VBC Youth, Awana, and attend various Small Groups. Our Childcare ministry, funded by your generous gifts, made service and fellowship possible for a greater number of adults at VBC.
- The VBC Babies Team, led by Laura Nicosia in the Worship Center nursery, cared for our little ones each Sunday morning. Because of your generosity, our nursery has been updated and upgraded to include a Mother's Room where nursing moms can sit in a comfortable living room setting while not missing out on fellowship and worship through live streaming of our weekly services. The rest of the nursery also got some beautiful new paint and is well on its way toward a fresh and fun look for our most precious little ones and the wonderful VBC Babies Team who serve them each week.
- Easter had a brand new feel to it in the Family Life Center as we hosted our first Family Experience: Road to Resurrection. Our Kids Church and Kids Jr. Teams blessed our families and dozens of first-time guests with an immersive experience walking with Jesus during His final days with His disciples, His crucifixion, and resurrection. Families got to experience the Bible together as they were impacted by creative scenes and dramatic reenactments of the story of redemption and were called to believe the good news about Jesus. We believe it was an Easter they will never forget!
- One of the annual highlights at Valley Bible Church happens each June at our free, week-long Summer Night Camp led by our Assistant Kids Director, Andrea Hazel. In 2017 nearly 200 staff and volunteers spread out beyond the Family Life Center and turned our entire campus, including the Worship Center, into the brightest campsite around as they shined the light of Jesus! Camp Out Summer Night Camp saw over 300 kids experience the light of the love of Jesus. And on Friday night of camp, their families got in on the fun as parents and kids (over 500 people!) experienced the love of Jesus. Praise the Lord for his goodness!
- Our annual Fall Fest known as “Candy Kingdom” had become so popular that we had to reinvent it and take it outdoors. So, on Halloween we filled our lower campus parking lot with many of your candy-filled vehicles and lit up our little section of Hercules with the light of Jesus! Over 1,700 people from our community walked through our Light the Night

Trunk-or-Treat event. Our church body handed out over 70,000 pieces of candy from decorated cars, gave free Bibles and gospel tracts, prayed with those in need, and shined the light of the love of Jesus in a fun new way to our community!

Whew!

I'm exhausted just writing all the Lord accomplished last year through your generous giving and the sacrificial offering of your time. Jesus deserves everything we can give Him because He gave up everything for us. Thank you so much from all the VBC Kids Staff for allowing us to partner with you in worshiping our great Savior through service to Him. I cannot help but think of many of you when I read this verse: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship. - Romans 12:1 (NIV)

Indeed, He is worth every penny you gave and every second you spent! To God be the glory!

## HR & CAMPUS FACILITIES

**RON HUGHES**  
*Church Administrator*



### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

There are several fund accounts that our church administers for its operational needs.

1. Our Ministry Fund is the key operating fund where we record our income from tithes/offerings, ministry events, and where we also pay all of our operational & ministry event expenses. It represents the majority of our budget and includes Children, Youth, Men's, Women's ministry activity and other items such as staff compensation, utilities, maintenance, security, insurance and other church ministry expenses.
2. Our Agape Fund is the church's version of a "benevolence" fund. It exists for the purpose of providing emergency financial assistance. The fund is not established to make disbursements in the form of a loan to any individual church member or requestor. The monetary assets of the fund are derived solely from contributions made by the Valley Bible Church congregation.
3. Our Contingency Fund is established to address those unforeseen situations that could occur and present an untimely expenditure to the church. The monetary assets of this account are derived from transfers of monies from the Ministry Fund. Transfers are done at the direction of the Church Elders when appropriate to do so.
4. Our Outreach/Missions Fund is the holding fund for supporting of our current individual missionaries and missionary organization. Contributions are made directly to this fund by those who support our missionary efforts. Special fund raising usually occurs during Valley's annual "mission's conference" and assists in providing additional monies to dispense for outreach efforts besides our monthly commitments to our existing missionaries/organizations.
5. Our Capital Reserve Fund is established to address the inevitable expense for replacing certain items that will either wear out or require total replacement. This would include things such as replacing carpets throughout our buildings, or re-surfacing our parking lot, etc. Monies in this fund also come from transfers from the Ministry Fund at the direction of the Church Elders.
6. Our Capital Stewardship Fund consists of contributions to our church's stewardship campaigns. Most of the money received for this fund comes from those who made pledges to give toward the stewardship effort of the campaign. The campaigns are usually 3 year commitments and money is consistently received as determined by those that pledged to give. Of course, we

also receive money for this fund from those who did not make a pledge during the campaign but wish to support its purpose anyway. Funds in this account are used to make our monthly mortgage loan payments but also used to support church ministry as determined by Valley's Elders.

Providing the above information is intended to help explain how the church uses its' various assets in addressing the operational & ministry needs of the church.

## **OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW OF 2017**

Some highlights of operational realities for 2017 are warranted. Our church's Ministry Fund tithes/offerings for 2017 totaled \$2,274,779, which exceeded the budget plan by \$72,539 and prior year's total received by \$87,412. The church's total Ministry Fund income from all ministry generated sources was \$2,561,349, which exceeded budget plan by \$158,407. This amount also exceeded prior year 2016 Ministry Fund total income by \$156,280. Total Ministry Fund income less expenses ended with a positive balance of \$27,906 for 2017. This figure compared to a negative balance of (\$64,913) for the prior year of 2016. That is a turnaround of over \$92,819!!

Our current stewardship campaign "Giving Today, Invested in Tomorrow" has received a total of \$1,659,235 at the end of 2017. This total represents 73.5% of the pledged amount. The amount received in 2017 was \$550,727 compared to \$646,331 received in 2016. The campaign ends June 1, 2018. Plans for the next stewardship campaign are currently in the works.

Giving to our Outreach/Missions Fund during 2017 equaled \$134,463. This is \$14,510 more than was given for missions support in 2016. The church distributed \$124,315 to our outreach/missions efforts from what was given. Special offering for various disaster relief efforts came to \$38,820 of which all was given to provide financial help to six different entities as directed by the church Elders.

The Agape Fund received an amount of \$55,702 during 2017 of which a total of 109 distributions were made to those found to be in need of financial assistance. This totaled to an amount of \$40,506 provided in financial aid to those whom the church were made aware.

Some church campus accomplishments that were realized during 2017 were;

- The slurry seal & re-stripping of the parking areas
- Install of an additional light pole at our main parking lot entrance.
- Conversion to LED light fixtures in all Worship Center office spaces and classrooms.
- Installation of new stage props and lighting of the Worship Center sanctuary.
- Remodel & furnishings of the new Student Ministries room in the Family Life Center.
- Painting and remodel of the Worship Center nursery and creation of a "fellowship room" inside.
- Light pole banners throughout the church parking lot.
- Installation of video surveillance system on both Worship Center and Family Life Center.
- Installation of new security door system for Valley Preschool/daycare.
- Acquisition of a pick-up truck for VBC Youth Ministry.

Our Valley Preschool/Daycare realized an increase of 11% in income from 2016. Their total income was \$471,951 vs. \$423,678. This ministry continues to provide a great environment for the children who are enrolled in the program. Our teachers & staff model Christian attitudes before the children and are the reason that Valley Preschool enjoys a great reputation in the surrounding community.

Our Word of Life Bookstore, under the management of Michael Grosenheider, continues to provide a place for our congregation to be able to obtain Bibles, Bible study material, Christian reading & lifestyle aids, and supports the ministry activities of Valley Bible Church.

I would like to acknowledge the work of so many volunteers who serve this church in various capacities that range from landscaping to teaching, from caring for children to serving coffee & donuts, from setting up classrooms to providing hospitality & security. These actions reflect the entire body of Christ working together to achieve great things. To God be the Glory, great things He has done!

## HIGH SCHOOL

### SHAWN GIESE

*Pastor of Youth Ministry*



“ALL OUT for CHRIST JESUS!!!” I would say that 2017 VBC Youth Ministry was characterized by the loving hallmark of a generous and supportive congregation. You as a congregation proved to these young men and women that you are fully behind them and want to be “INVESTED” in them knowing Christ, growing in Christ, and going for Christ. Because of your loving support of these youth they are being motivated by the Word of God to go “ALL OUT” and live the Christian life.

Band Slam, Freak Out Fridays, Winter Camp, Summer Camp, Kickoff, Volleyball Madness, Bungee Soccer, Small Group Outings, Ninja Warrior Courses, Options For Women EmpowerEd, Prayer Walks throughout the city, Gospel presentations at Shawn’s Free Birthday BBQ, Joining the Choir, Joining Worship Band, Students Teaching on Sunday mornings in March, Helping in AWANA, Helping in Kids Church, students professing Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior, students getting baptized is all possible because “YOU” are “INVESTED” in Valley Bible Church and VBC Youth. You have “INVESTED” your financial support in the future leaders of the Church and we are seeing your investment bear fruit in the lives of VBC Youth and staff. THANK YOU!

This year’s team was well over 50 adults who “INVESTED” their precious time in the lives of VBC Youth. Emphica Acosta, Bri Alleyne, Lionel Alleyne, Leila Aragon, Dotty Casio, Rachel Elumba, Val Bartolomucci, Lori Bosworth, Denise Boyer, Steven Bull, Mitchell Collard, Cavan Collins, Michelle Collins, Brandon dela Cruz, Manny deSouza, Lacy deSouza, Rachel Elumba, Josh Ewing, Jeff Faria, Jon Faria, Lisa Faria, Val Faria, Hannah Herzfeld, Kyle Flores, Leonardo Galvan, Deborah Giese, Adam Howard, Gatimo Kariithi, Twan Kirton, Pete Knight, Lennette LaRiza, Lynne Lee, Danny Martinez, Jim McMillan, Mia Miranda, Renee Murray, Kayla Nason, Aaliyah Nappi, Matt Nicosia, Hunter Ormeo, Sandy Ormeo, Weston Ormeo, Randy Osti, Vanessa Osti, James Prosser, Corrine Robinson, Natalie Rodas, Mark Quevedo, Danielle Sanchez, Paul Santen, Matt Silveria, Andrea Smith, Greg Smith, Kalise Smith, Christina Swanson, Jennifer Thompson, Heidi Wing, and countless others who have invested time in our students lives - Thank you all for the prayers, Bible preparations, and love that you have poured into the precious lives of VBC Youth.



2017 has been outstanding. I have heard it said, that middle-schoolers are hard to deal with. I love this age group more than any other. We have an awesome volunteer staff that loves the students and are excited about serving them. We have been pushing small groups, and God has been showing us fruit in these small groups. With all of our Bible lessons and repetition, I have been hearing and seeing the fruit of God's word sticking with the students. We have been growing and there is an excitement and "buzz" in the ministry. All praise and glory goes to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you church for the love Christ has shown through you by being so generous to our students. Everyone who has wanted to go to camps have been able to go. I still remember as a youth important Milestones I had experienced at youth camps. We are excited to see God continue to work and growing our Youth Department in 2018.

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## VALLEY PRESCHOOL/DAYCARE

### CARMEN LACOMBA

*Director*

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In 2017 we celebrated our 23rd year in ministry. We consider it a privilege and honor to be able to serve God through this ministry, by providing quality child care, a kindergarten readiness program but most importantly bring the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to not just the children enrolled in our program but to the families as well. This past year we were blessed with an increase in our enrollment and our school is once again full and has a waiting list. Praise God for that!!

This past year we had a few changes in our staff as some of them left to pursue their education and/or a career change. In the Pre-K Class we have Annie Tolentino (16 years) as head teacher along with Annie Hazzard (21 years) and our new team member Temeka Clark. In the 3's & 4's Class Kay deSouza (20 years) as head teacher along with two new team members Jet Pinkston & Jenna Feiling. Jenna attended Valley Preschool as a child from 1998 to 2001. A former student is now one of our teachers - how awesome is that?!! And in the 2's & 3's Class we still have the same staff: Jeannettee Inkabi (17 years) as head teacher with Janis Bryson (5 years) and Diane Barton (22 years). Cindy Looper continues as our sub and Missy Dilley (6 years) as our assistant director. I thank God for blessing me with this group of godly women that are committed to Him, and to the children and the families we serve.

In addition to our regular curriculum, our Graduation Program in June and our Christmas Program in December Valley Preschool hosts a variety of fun, exciting and educational "In House Field Trips".

- Mike McCown, a Medical Technician at the VA Clinic in Martinez, comes to speak about staying healthy and not spreading germs. Mike is also one of our preschool dads.
- Patty Warner, RDA at Dr. Oliver's Office in Pinole speaks about dental health and healthy food for your teeth. Mrs. Warner is a former preschool mom and now a preschool grandma!
- Karen Pfister, AKA "The Puppet Lady", brings a fun puppet show to our school

- Kelly Romero, Face Painter, paints rainbows, shamrocks and pots of gold on the children on St. Patrick's Day
- The Rodeo-Hercules Fire Dept. visits us with their big fire engine during Fire Prevention Week
- Little Explorers Petting Zoo comes in October and brings 25 animals ranging from sizes as small as a tiny bunny and as big as an alpaca! Fun filled morning!
- Manny deSouza visits the preschool once a month for "Bible Time with Pastor Manny" The children look forward to his Bible lessons.
- The children, staff and some parents enjoy 3 "Special Lunch" events every year, Valentine's Day, Easter along with an Easter Egg Hunt and a Harvest Party featuring a pumpkin patch and costume parade.
- Valley Preschool also has 2 different "Elective Programs" available throughout the year. These programs are available at an additional cost:
- Little Hoopers - for the 4th year in a row - offers a program that teaches the basics of Basketball to preschoolers and it runs from February to May
- Soccer Shots - for the 11th year in a row - teaches the basics of soccer and it runs from June to August, then again from September to December

Cindy Lane has been our photographer for our spring photos since 2013

Our needs are: This year we will replenish the wood chips for our playground and eventually we will need new playground equipment.

I am so blessed to be have been a part of this ministry since it's inception in 1994. I consider it a huge privilege and honor to be the director of Valley Preschool.

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES

### DEBORAH GIESE

*Director of Worship Ministries*



*"Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous, it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Sing to him a new song, play skillfully and shout for joy." - Psalm 33:1 & 3*

In 2017, the Worship Ministry created, rehearsed and implemented 109 Worship Services which included worship, prayer, music, giving offerings and preaching the Word. Sound, lighting, cameras, Proclaim, guitars, drums, piano, keyboards, bass, vocalists, and orchestra all worked together to set a feast for his people week in and week out. The Lord was faithful to enable this wonderful team of "servants not stars" (Phil 2:1-11). Our hearts were blessed as Christ was exalted in lives of people off the stage as well as on the stage. To keep our hearts knitted together we used Wednesday rehearsals to bear one another's burdens, communicate, intercede for one another and others, to go through the small group Bible Study materials, and to rehearse music. Our prayer is that the Lord would help us be united in making the worship of our Savior our main goal, not just making music.

In March we brought attention to our missionaries around the world with a two week missions conference. We wore costumes from around the world. We heard from Options for Women, the Bay Area Rescue Mission and John Vatron from Romania. It was wonderful to hear what the Lord is doing around the world and learning about how we can support our missionaries both financially and through prayer. We concluded the conference with an International Potluck following morning services.

In April, we celebrated Good Friday and Easter. Our 7pm Good Friday service included narrations by Matt Nicosia, and Pastor Phillip Howard, the Sounds of the Cross and placing cards representing sins at the foot of the cross. We took communion together and worshipped with the BTW choir. We had two services Easter morning while the "Road to Resurrection" was going on in the FLC. Services included a video of Mary Magdalene's impressions of Jesus, the Shout of Easter and the traditional "That's My King" video. We marveled at a Savior who thought we were worth saving and proclaimed that we are not ashamed of the gospel.

We had the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Worship Ministry Retreat at Embassy Suites in Walnut Creek from September 1-3. We had a sports theme with Philippians 4:13 as our theme verse. We were exhorted and grew in our knowledge of the Lord as we watched videos of Dr. Tony Evans with his series, "The Power of the Names of God". What special times of adoration followed after studying more about our Savior. We learned new songs like "The Lion and the Lamb", "What a Beautiful Name" and "Your Name" which caused our hearts to soar in the presence of the Lord.

In October, a group of Worship Ministry members, along with Pastor Phil and Caroline, went to the Brooklyn Tabernacle Worship Conference. This was a time of exhortation, education and team building. It was water to our souls.

We planned a Worship Night for October 13<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our 46<sup>th</sup> church anniversary. October 8, fires began to burn and we saw devastation we never thought we would see in the Napa/Santa Rosa areas. There had already been much devastation in Houston, Dominica, and Puerto Rico. We used this event to praise the Lord in the middle of the devastation and we received offerings that we gave to those in great need. We introduced new songs like "Chain Breaker" and "Holy Spirit". What a night of sweet fellowship and encouragement that the Lord was still in charge and we would trust Him. We needed to be together and praise Him in the midst of the trials.

In December, we celebrated the season of Jesus' birth by joyfully singing beautiful Christmas music during every Sunday service. Christmas Eve, we met in one 10am service and then we came back at 7pm for a candlelight service. What a great turnout of people and a precious time singing with the Born to Worship Choir, Worship Choir, Band and Orchestra. The sanctuary was filled with praises as we went back to the manger and then to the cross.

New Year's Eve we met Sunday morning for a combined service and then we came back at 8 PM for a New Year's Eve concert, again with the BTW choir and orchestra. We saw Harley Mandicino and J.T. Burrough get baptized and we wept and rejoiced that God is saving teenagers. Following the concert, we headed over to the FLC and had an elegant New Year's Eve party with great food and dessert stations and a hot chocolate bar. Chris Orosco was DJ and MC, Jasper Ormeo oversaw games for the kids, Sandy coordinated the party in the FLC, Lisa, Andrea and Adrian decorated and Shannon coordinated the food. There was live music by members of our worship band. We celebrated the New Year with sparkling cider, noise makers and tuned in to see the ball drop in NYC. We prayed, ate, laughed and even danced a little. What sweet fellowship and a wonderful way to ring in 2018.

Once again, we thank the Lord for sustaining the VBC Worship Ministry to serve Him and his people week in and week out. He is worthy!



# 2017 MINISTRY FUND INCOME & EXPENDITURES

## INCOME

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	13,987.56
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	2,475.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	142,903.11
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS	78,588.74
WORSHIP MINISTRIES	12,277.97
OFFERINGS	2,274,779.02
REACH OUT & EVANGELISM	6,471.65
CHURCH MINISTRIES	29,866.57

TOTAL INCOME  
**2,561,349.62**

## EXPENDITURES

62,696.11	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
12,009.36	CONGREGATIONAL CARE
34,626.54	PERSONNEL
2,120,957.63	ADMINISTRATIVE & SALARIES
93,559.12	YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS
46,860.04	WORSHIP MINISTRIES
64,692.43	TEACHING & SENIOR PASTOR
12,497.27	REACH OUT & EVANGELISM
85,355.57	CHURCH MINISTRIES

TOTAL EXPENDITURES  
**2,533,254.07**

OVER/UNDER  
**+28,095.55**





# BALANCE SHEET 2017

## ASSETS

MINISTRY FUND CHECKING ACCT **137,970.98**  
MINISTRY FUND CONTINGENCY ACCT **45,103.68**  
MINISTRY FUND PETTY CASH **200.00**  
MINISTRY FUND EQUIPMENT ACCT **2,020.17**  
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ACCT **312,097.40**  
OUTREACH/MISSIONS FUND ACCT **32,509.63**  
MINISTRY FUND CAPITAL RESERVE ACCT **101,000.00**  
AGAPE FUND ACCT **30,284.73**  
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS  
**661,186.59**  
LAND & BUILDINGS APPRAISAL (4/11/2014)  
**15,300,000.00**  
EQUIPMENT/FURNISHINGS **1,131,918.62**  
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS  
**16,431,918.62**  
TOTAL ASSETS  
**17,093,105.21**

DIFFERENCE

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## LIABILITIES & FUNDS

PAYROLL TAXES **598.59**  
OTHER LIABILITIES **3,535,759.88**  
TOTAL LIABILITIES  
**3,536,358.47**  
OPERATING FUNDS **(765,100.87)**  
DESIGNATED FUNDS **950,481.61**  
EQUITY **13,371,366.00**  
TOTAL FUNDS  
**13,556,746.74**  
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUNDS  
**17,093,105.21**



# 2018

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Valley Bible Church's 2018 Budget was approved by the Elder Council after careful review. Each ministry area of the church operation was prayerfully considered as the Elders reviewed the various ministry leaders' plans proposed for 2018. Once all questions or concerns were addressed, discussed, and/or edited, the budget was put to a vote and approved in December 2017. I would like to highlight some of the 2018 budget.

Valley Bible Church presents its Ministry Fund budget with an overall total increase from 2017 of 5.01%. It is balanced and with our Sunday tithes/ offering representing an increase of \$107,602 or 5.14% above 2017. This projected figure is still \$72,539 dollars less than actually received in 2017.

Some key ministry areas made proposals for their 2018 budgets compared to 2017 as follows;

- VBC Youth Senior High ministry proposed a net cost of (\$29,825) vs. (\$32,200) in 2017 which is a decrease of 7.96%.
- VBC Youth Middle School ministry proposed a net cost of (\$17,155) vs. (\$20,540) in 2017 which is a difference of 16.48% down.
- Worship/AV ministry proposed a net cost of (\$61,113) vs. (\$66,363) in 2017 which is a decrease of 7.91%.
- Total Children's ministry proposed a net cost of (\$66,482) vs. (\$50,027) in 2017 which is an increase of 32.89%
- Other Church Ministry accounts represent a net cost of (\$67,125) vs. (\$37,845) in 2017 which is an increase of 77.36%. This increase is largely due to the planned expenditures for expanding Women's and Men's ministries events.

The total church budget is balanced and represents a total increase from 2017 of 1.96%. That equals to an overall dollar increase of \$69,452 from the 2017 budget. God is faithful. This budget reflects what God has done in the past and the hope for the future. *"Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope. May he be given glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages, Amen!"* - Ephesians 4:20-21

**Ron Hughes**  
Church Administrator

# ANNUAL BUDGET 2018

## INCOME BUDGET

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	10,373.00
OTHER MINISTRIES/PRESCHOOL	507,680.00
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	800.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	100,702.00
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS	35,050.00
WORSHIP MINISTRIES	14,782.00
OFFERINGS	2,907,519.00
OTHER INCOME	89.00
TEACHING & SENIOR PASTOR	500.00
REACH OUT & EVANGELISM	5,000.00
CHURCH MINISTRIES	36,495.00

TOTAL BUDGET FOR INCOME  
**3,549,538.00**

## EXPENSES BUDGET

76,855.00	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
5,350.00	CONGREGATIONAL CARE
447,140.00	DAYCARE SALARIES & BENEFITS
321,635.00	OCCUPANCY EXPENSES
268,273.00	OPERATIONAL EXPENSES
34,627.00	PERSONNEL
1,979,056.00	ADMINISTRATIVE & SALARIES
77,530.00	YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS
179,000.00	PROPERTY
56,735.00	WORSHIP MINISTRIES
64,200.00	TEACHING & SENIOR PASTOR
5,000.00	REACH OUT & EVANGELISM
103,589.00	CHURCH MINISTRIES
0.00	OPERATING FUNDS

TOTAL BUDGET FOR EXPENSES  
**3,549,538.00**

VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH'S  
**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Share the Gospel of God's Grace and Grow in Christ*

**EVANGELIZE**

FOUND PEOPLE FIND PEOPLE

Matthew 28:18-20

**ENFOLD**

DON'T DO LIFE ALONE

1 Corinthians 12:25-26

**EXALT**

THE LORD IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE

Psalms 34:3

**EQUIP**

GOD'S WORD GROWS PEOPLE

Ephesians 4:11-13

**ENLIST**

SAVED PEOPLE SERVE PEOPLE

1 Peter 4:10-11

