

Annual Report 2021

VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH



Church Administrator

RON HUGHES

The year 2021 saw Valley Bible Church reach its 50th Anniversary! From its humble beginnings in 1971 in downtown Pinole, to its move to Garretson School in Rodeo, then the Rio Theater in Rodeo, and finally on Willow Ave (formerly Bayberry Ave) in Hercules in 1989, Valley Bible Church has not changed in its mission, “To know Jesus personally and to share His love passionately!” The 2021 Annual Report not only provides reviews of the various key ministry activities during this past year but will also reveal how God’s provision has been faithfully utilized to further the Gospel of Jesus, shepherd the people, serve others, reach out to our local community through our outreach efforts, and globally benefit others through our missionary organizations. The following pages include reports from the Pastoral Staff and Ministry Leaders as well as a review of our

finances during the calendar year of 2021 and our Church Budget for 2022.



Copies of the Annual Report are made available to the congregation as required by our Church Bylaws and can be obtained by requesting one from the Church Office, downloaded from the church website (valleybible.org), or picking up a copy from the Word of Life Bookstore in the Worship Center.

I wish to thank all those who have supported the ministry here at Valley Bible Church this past year in very difficult circumstances and who continue to be faithful givers, attenders, servants, and friends of the ministry of Valley Bible Church. We give all glory and praise to God for his many blessings!!

Executive Pastor's Perspective on 2021

**Remember
your leaders,
those who
spoke to you
the word
of God.
Consider
the outcome
of their way
of life, and
imitate their
faith.**

HEBREWS 13:7

As we look back on the year 2021, we are reminded of the ever-changing world in which we live. Many changes occurred to our society as the world was once again affected by COVID. But God, in His faithfulness and graciousness, allowed Valley Bible Church to continue to minister in Hercules and the surrounding community. The evidence of the ministries that took place in 2021 are found throughout this report. Please take time to read and discover the multiple ministries that were accomplished by you, the people of Valley Bible Church, all under the leadership and care of our pastors, elders and deacons, partnering with the staff of Valley Bible Church. I thank God for each and every one of you and your faithfulness in the giving of your time and resources during this year. This Annual Report would not be possible without you!

I want to point out a specific milestone that God allowed us to celebrate: our 50th Anniversary

on October 3, 2021—a celebration of God's faithfulness and goodness to Valley. Dr. John Fernandez, Senior Pastor of Grace Church in Napa spoke to us about the faithfulness of God. God has indeed been so very faithful to Valley Bible Church.

As we look forward, we want to stress the importance of the things that we believe have sustained and will continue to sustain Valley for another 50 years or more. Let me point you to our all-important purpose statement, **"To Know Jesus Personally and to Share His Love Passionately."** This purpose statement, along with the five "E's",

- **Exalt** – Worshipping the Lord together
- **Enfold** – Bring believers into membership of Valley
- **Equip** – Equipping believers for ministry to the Body of Christ
- **Enlist** – Mobilizing God's people for service to the Lord and the Body



- **Evangelize** – Our individual responsibility to share the Good News with those in our community, reaching them with the greatest message in the world.

are what God, in His Word, mandates for His church. So, we march on into our 51st year with these as our guide. The world may change, but God and His Word do not.

At the end of this report, you will find our financial information for 2021. It represents the financial resources that were necessary

to accomplish the ministries that we believe God laid on the hearts of the leadership. Included in this is our ongoing support of Missions both locally and globally. Missions has been and will continue to be an integral part of Valley Bible Church's ministries. We pray that as you read and review this report, you will take time to praise Him for His great blessings on this ministry!

**For I am not
ashamed of
the gospel, for
it is the power
of God for
salvation to
everyone who
believes, to the
Jew first and
also to
the Greek.**

ROMANS 1:16



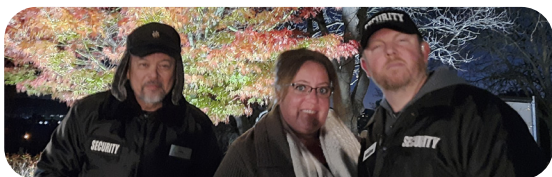
Adult Ministries

SMALL GROUPS

While the past several years have been challenging, we are thrilled to watch God continue to do His work maturing His people at Valley Bible Church. Our Small Groups and Bible Studies continue to complement our Sunday services to provide the “lifeblood” for discipleship in community. With over fifteen groups meeting both in person and online, dozens of men and women of all ages and walks of life experienced the power of discussing the Bible with other believers in nurturing spaces where theology and Christian living were taught, and prayer and encouragement were experienced.

Our sermon-based groups continue to take the next steps with our Sunday pulpit messages by discussing how the Scriptures are to be lived out Monday through Saturday. These vital conversations are helping people take new steps toward not being merely “hearers” of the Word, but also “doers” of the Word (James 1:22).

We also continue to watch men and women grow in Jesus through our weekly Bible Studies and can find healing in Care Groups such as GriefShare.



VBC WOMEN

Mom's Group continued to bring their little ones out for outdoor fun and fellowship at the park.



**“Him we proclaim,
warning everyone
and teaching
everyone with
all wisdom, that
we may present
everyone mature in
Christ.”**

COLOSSIANS 1:28



HOSPITALITY

Our First Impressions and Security Teams provide the first encounter of God’s love for all our guests every Sunday morning and at our midweek programs and group meetings. We also brought back one of our church’s favorite ways to connect—donuts!



VBC MEN

After a one-year hiatus, our Father-Son Camping Trip was back! This is always a highlight for our church as new friendships are established and old ones are deepened. God’s Word is shared around the campfire as dads and sons are challenged and encouraged to draw closer to Jesus and to one another.



Worship Ministries

While God enabled us to provide worship every week, 2021 proved to be a year of adapting as we tried to follow ever-changing Covid guidelines. We began the year still recording worship for online services and providing acoustic parking lot worship as weather permitted. Then, services were allowed in the building, but without



live singing, we continued to record worship, including for Good Friday and Easter. As restrictions were lifted, we were able to be fully indoors with a live worship band and team. Hallelujah! What a joyful day that was!

On March 22 2021, I (Bobby Swanson), was hired as the interim Worship Ministry Director



after serving in the Worship Ministry for several years. It's been really enjoyable to be able to devote a lot of hours towards doing something that I already loved to do, which is lead people in worship. Learning to lead a great group of people has been a fun and interesting challenge that I feel blessed and privileged to be able to do! I've enjoyed getting closer to God through this experience this year as well!

We worked as a ministry throughout the year to bring the choir back to learn music and be together Wednesday nights starting in



September. We were able to get the Choir back on the stage in October after an 18 month hiatus.

We sadly said goodbye to Chris Orosco and his family as they moved out of state at the end of the year. He gave leadership to our audio visual department for 10 years.

Thank you to those faithful folks in the band, worship team, audio-visual team, and choir for serving throughout a challenging year!! As a church, we are thankful God allows us to have such faithful and available people to serve the church in such a way. Please be praying for our ministry and the leadership.

We consider it an honor and privilege to serve, and worship our God with you!



So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves..

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

VBC Kids

“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done.” Psalm 78:4, our ministry verse, tells part of what we get to do, but it leaves out much of what we get to see. Seeing the goodness of God, His kindness, His mercy, His creativity, and His love in everything we do leaves us in awe of the amazing God our kids get to experience! God brings little babies all the way up through fifth-graders through our doors, and we get the unbelievable privilege and opportunity to share Christ’s love with them. We don’t just convey information and tell stories, we use any means

necessary to help them hear, feel, touch, and “taste and see that the Lord is good!” As they experience the love of God in the lessons, the spaces, and in those around them, their hearts are open to the ultimate love they get to experience in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We’re so thankful!



My favorite thing about VBC Kids is...the events, the fun spaces, and how Bible centered the classes are.
CHILDCARE TEAM LEADER



There’s no way to tell you all that God accomplished last year through VBC Kids and the incredible, faithful, willing volunteers He provided, but we wanted to at least give you a taste of the amazing things He’s done. Like our ministry verse says, “We will tell the next generation...” (and the previous ones!), “the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done.” Join us in



My favorite thing about VBC Kids is...sharing the love of Jesus with the littles, with joy and a smile, to bring them closer to Him.
VBC KIDS JR. TEAM LEADER

My favorite thing about VBC Kids is...hearing how the kids can relate to Bible verses and seeing the little light bulb effect in their eyes when they realize the love of Jesus for them.

AWANA TEAM LEADER

thanking Him for what He accomplished in 2021, and pray with us He'll continue in 2022! "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21



My favorite thing about VBC Kids is...helping little humans and their grownups feel the love of Jesus and getting to hear and experience God's love and His truths in real ways for the first time!

VBC BABIES TEAM LEADER



My favorite thing about VBC Kids is...that it's rooted in love.

VBC KIDS ADMINISTRATIVE LEADER

"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done."

PSALM 78:4



Youth Ministries

In this past year, 2021, VBC Youth saw Christ Exalted, the gospel proclaimed, and the Spirit working. Thanks to the dedication of our awesome volunteers and youth directors, Kingdom work continues forward. We continued to host many youth events and maintained a consistent youth ministry despite the ever-changing time. We had the return of summer leagues, Bungee Soccer and



Volleyball Madness. We had the pleasure of hosting Volleyball in a new central location, Lupine Park in Hercules!



**VBC Youth saw
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Middle School staff does an outstanding job and goes above and beyond in showing the love of Christ to the youth in their small group, teaching, and discipleship methods.

High School staff has done a fantastic job of presenting Christ to all the new faces that keep coming in while still equipping our regular attendees. Midweek and volleyball hangouts are still showing momentum in bringing and keeping

students. The most important aspect of youth ministry is that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is always presented.

Another addition we added was Marquez Quevedo as Youth Worship music leader who along with the youth band helped our students worship the Lord through music and singing. The Youth Staff members keep this ministry well-oiled and moving by being involved, loving the students, and sharing Christ with them. We are continuing to see the fruit of staying connected with students by our focus on small groups and Christ-like relationships each week at VBC Youth Midweeks. Christ continues to move, save, heal, and preserve our youth and youth staff. We have seen professions of faith, baptisms and growing relationships. God is not done with saving and growing the youth at Valley Bible Church. In 2022, God is still on the throne and has great things in store for VBC Youth.



Financial Overview

Total income received in 2021 was \$2,969,936.60, which was 13% or \$443,240.14 below the amount received in the prior calendar year. Tithes/offerings accounted for 68% of the total income received in 2021, which was an increase of 8% when compared to the prior calendar year account difference. The total annual income comes from other sources including ministry operations such as youth events, children’s ministry events, campus

use fees, lease agreement fees, and other operational event transactions. The total expenses incurred during 2021 was \$2,926,733.34, which was 12.4% or \$411,957.88 below the amount spent in the prior calendar year. All individual ministry expense are monitored in order to accurately record them within the total church budget accounting. The result in 2021 was a surplus of income exceeding expenses of \$43,203.26. Praise the Lord!

2021 ALL ACCOUNTS INCOME & EXPENDITURES

income		expenditures	
5,445.81	ADULT MINISTRY	207,781.16	
16,809.32	CONGREGATIONAL CARE	58,464.73	
7,339.19	CHILDREN’S MINISTRY	160,655.74	
2,176,013.01	OPERATIONS SUPPORT	1,759,211.48	
42,013.30	YOUTH MINISTRY	158,898.57	
100.00	OUTREACH MINISTRY	131,484.59	
3,734.17	WORSHIP MINISTRY	347,017.61	
718,481.80	OTHER INCOME		
	OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	333,237.15	
	CAMPUS NEEDS	103,219.46	
TOTAL INCOME		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
2,969,936.60	OVER/UNDER	2,926,733.34	
	43,203.26		

BALANCE SHEET

2021

PAYROLL TAXES 178.93	MINISTRY FUND CHECKING ACCT 86,585.66
MORTGAGE ACCOUNTS	MINISTRY FUND CONTINGENCY ACCT 37,161.84
PAYABLE 3,154,448.75	MINISTRY FUND PETTY CASH 200.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	MINISTRY FUND SWEEP ACCT 339,766.00
3,154,627.68	STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ACCT 208,402.41
OPERATING FUNDS (696,092.44)	OUTREACH/MISSIONS FUND ACCT 20,438.87
DESIGNATED FUNDS 970,526.87	MINISTRY FUND CAPITAL RESERVE ACCT 920.00
EQUITY 20,748,609.81	AGAPE FUND ACCT 52,278.46
TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS
21,023,044.24	745,753.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUNDS	TOTAL ASSETS
24,177,671.92	24,177,671.92
DIFFERENCE = 0	

2021 MINISTRY FUND INCOME & EXPENDITURES

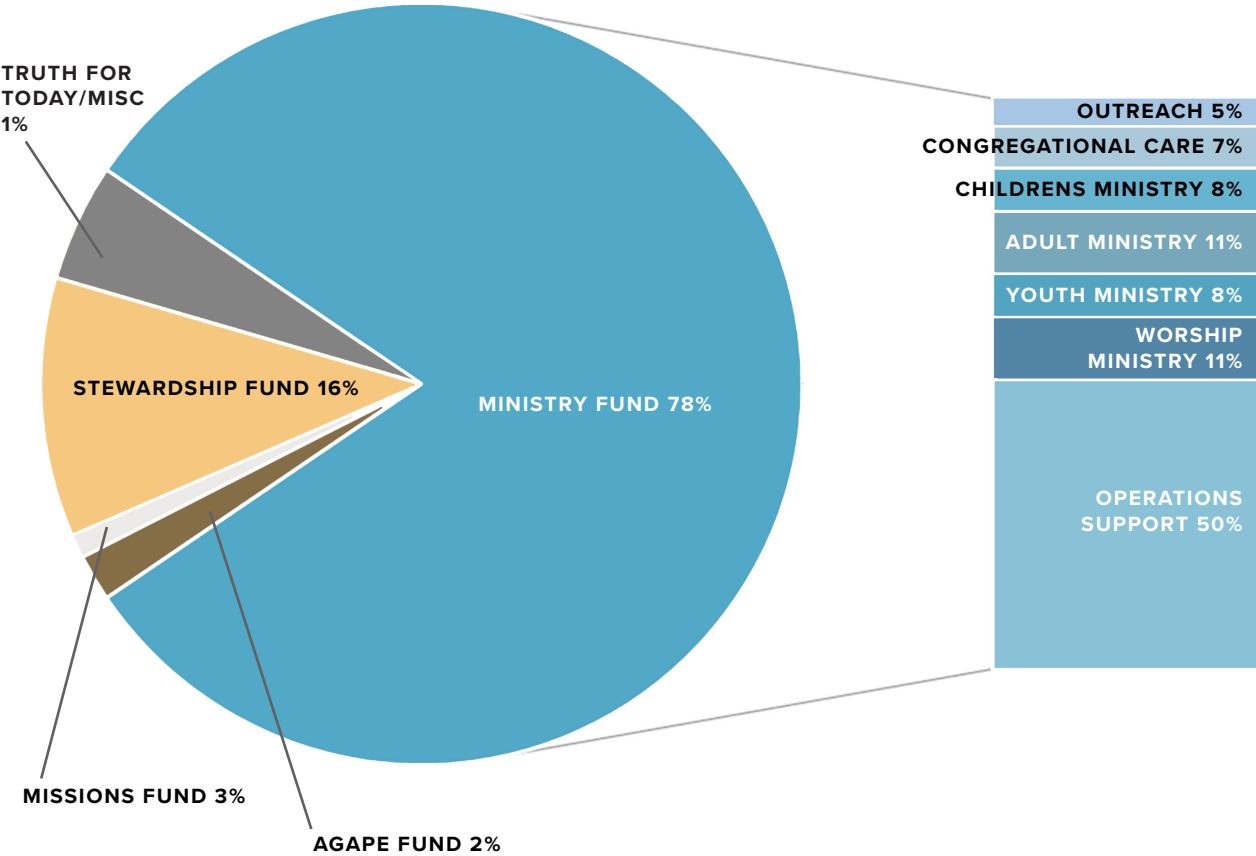
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TOTAL INCOME		TOTAL EXPENDITURES
2,235,867.32	OVER/UNDER (14,989.12)	2,250,856.44

2022 Budget Highlights

Valley Bible Church's 2022 Budget was approved by the Elder Council after careful review. Each leader of a church ministry area met with the Executive Pastor to prayerfully review the proposed budget for their area of responsibility. Once all questions or concerns were addressed, discussed, and/or edited, the proposed budget for that ministry was passed onto the Church Administrator. Once all ministry leaders have gone through this process with the Executive Pastor, the total church budget was then put together by the Church Administrator and turned over to the Chairman of Elders. Once the Chairman of the Elders familiarizes himself with and fully understands the proposed budget, he then is ready to present it to the Elder Council. The Elder Council is given the total proposed budget for their collective review and once all questions & concerns have been discussed and fully addressed, the budget is put to a vote and approved.

The approved church budget reflects the targets of each ministry in all areas of the church operation. The 2022 Church Budget reflects both the total income and total expense of all church funds accounts expected to occur to accomplish the goals for this current year. The 2022 Church Budget represents the most accurate estimation of potential income and anticipated expenses to occur during the calendar year. Valley Bible Church's traditional operation motto has been, "if the funds are not available, the expenditure will not occur". As a congregation, please join in praying for God's provision to His ministry of Valley Bible Church and for wisdom to be good stewards of what He has already provided and will provide in the future obligations, provide financial aid to those in need.

Annual Budget 2022



TOTAL 2022 BUDGET: \$2,920,745.00

78% Ministry Fund **\$2,277,954.00**

2% Agape Fund **\$64,332.00**

3% Missions Fund **\$97,072.00**

16% Stewardship Fund **\$470,373.00**

1% < Truth For Today **\$7,825.00**

Miscellaneous **\$3,189.00**

Elders

TIM VAHLSTROM, *Chairman*
EDWIN CHANDRA
LARRY HOWARD
JEFF JOYA
CHUCK LATIBEAUDIERE
RANDY OSTI

Deacons

RON HUGHES, <i>Chairman</i>	WAYNE MOORE	TOM WHITE
RICHARD ARMSTRONG	NICK OROSCO	OTIS WILEY
ROBERT LENDWAY	GRANT PINKSTON	STEVE ZIEM
JULIO LETO	ERNIE SANCHEZ	
TIMOTHY MCNEIL	JOHN SMITH	
RAY MOLINAR	JASON WEBSTER	

Valley Bible Church Pastors & Staff

Pastors

LARRY HOWARD
Executive Pastor
MATTHEW NICOSIA
Associate Pastor
TIMOTHY VAHLSTROM
Lay Pastor/Chairman of Elders
DR. PHILLIP A. HOWARD
Founder/Pastor Emeritus

Children's Ministry

ANDREA HAZEL
VBC Kids Director
SANDY ORMEO
Administrative Assistant for VBC Kids
LAURA NICOSIA
Nursery Coordinator
OMAIRA DIAZ
Early Childhood Coordinator
LACY DESOUZA
Childcare Coordinator

Student Ministries

MANNY DESOUZA
Director of Youth Ministries

Worship Ministries

BOBBY SWANSON
Interim Director of Worship Ministries
CHERYL MILLER
Associate Director of Worship Ministries

Creative Communications

LISA FARIA
Director of Creative Communications
ANNA NASON
Creative Communications Assistant

Support Staff

DELORES WILEY
Assistant to Pastor of Congregational Care
SHANNON GROSENHEIDER
Receptionist/Administrative Secretary

Administrative Staff

RON HUGHES
Church Administrator (retires March 31, 2022)
BILL SMITH
Church Administrator/AV Manager
JOHN ROSS
IT Director
SCOTT KALLANDER
Facility Manager
MICHELLE FILBERT
Financial Asst & Fellowship One Administrator
MARILYN WOOD
Part-time Financial Support
MICHAEL GROSENHEIDER
Bookstore Manager

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CHURCH'S MISSION:

**To know Jesus
personally and
to share His love
passionately!**

Exalt

THE LORD IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE Psalm 34:3

Enfold

DON'T DO LIFE ALONE 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

Equip

GOD'S WORD GROWS PEOPLE Ephesians 4:11-13

Enlist

SAVED PEOPLE SERVE PEOPLE 1 Peter 4:10-11

Evangelize

FOUND PEOPLE FIND PEOPLE Matthew 28:18-20





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