

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases

His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is His faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23



At the beginning of this pandemic, **we prayed that God would allow us to thrive** rather than just survive, and it's incredible to look back and see how He has done just that. Last week I promised to share some of **God's ways of providing the financial resources needed** even though 2020 has been a challenging year.



Last December, our church family came together and made two-year financial commitments to address facility needs across our campuses. 319 commitments—big steps of faith—were made. Those households represent 52% of the church family and are fulfilling their commitments at an astonishing rate of 98%!

COVID has hit our finances pretty hard. Specifically giving from those who didn't make commitments has dropped 50% (\$420,000).

GENERAL
GIVING
DOWN
50%

But here's the amazing thing. **God stitched the blessings and the challenges together in such a way that we had enough.** We had enough to meet our everyday ministry and staff expenses, enough to support all of our missionary partners fully, and enough to do some big new things in 2020, too—but you'll have to wait for next week's letter for that!

All-In Sunday | Dec 13



This Sunday is All-In Sunday. It's a day when we come together as a church—a day when we bring our best gifts to Jesus. It only comes once a year, and personally, it's one of my favorite days because we visibly come together—united as the church—to do something bigger than we could do on our own, to make God a priority today and in the year to come.

COULD I ASK YOU TO TAKE SOME ACTION STEPS?

- ❶ Find the All-In card and envelope I sent you last week!
- ❷ Prayerfully consider:
 - What will you give back to God this month? How will you make Jesus a priority in your gift-giving?
 - If you have not made an All-In commitment, now is a great time to jump on board and turn one in for 2021. What is your next step on the generosity journey? Is it to start giving regularly, proportionally, or to increase your giving to the biblical example of 10% - or even more?
- ❸ Act:
 - Give your gift online (www.villagebible.church/allin) or prepare your check.
 - If making a 2021 commitment, you can do that online or add it to your All-In card.
- ❹ Prepare for Sunday
 - If you'll be worshipping on-site at one of our campuses, set your All-In envelope out and remember to bring it!
 - If you'll be worshipping with us online, be ready to join in by texting "I'm All-In" when it's time. Take a picture of your All-In card and email it to us (giving@villagebible.org) or mail it to 847 N IL RT 47, Sugar Grove, 60554.



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THANK YOU!

God is at work in our midst. Thanks for being a part of it. I look forward to joining with you and can't wait to see what God does through our collective church family!

\$500,000

December Budget + COVID Replenishment

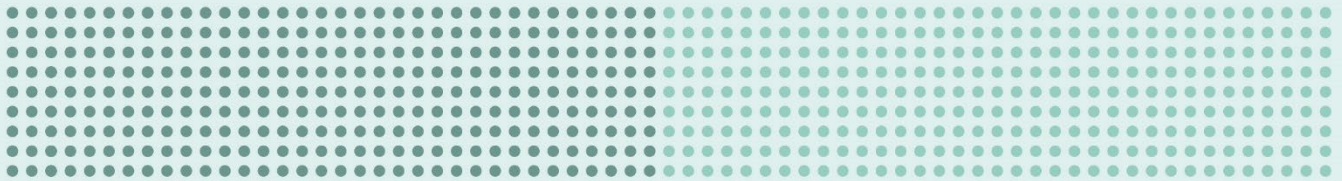


Would you make God's work here at Village a high priority in your Christmas gift giving this season?

We recognize that out of the 636 households who call Village home, everyone has experienced 2020 differently. Some of you have the ability to make a large contribution while others' ability may be small—and likely many in the middle. Please know that all gifts are significant!

www.villagebible.church/give

100% Commitment 2021



Half of our Village family turned in a 2-year financial commitment last December. If you were one, thank you!

If you find yourself in the other half of the Village family, would you prayerfully consider what God would call you to give in 2021 and share that commitment with us? You will find this to be a fruitful spiritual exercise to go through and it helps us a ton in our planning.

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On this Sunday you will have the opportunity to join your church family in bringing forth your December All-In gift – onsite if you're worshipping in person or online if that's your preference.

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