

How has Village Green blessed you during this time?

I have been attending Village Green Community Church for about three years now. Before transferring here to Village Green, I attended Westview Baptist Church, just a short distance South of here, for about 23 years.

I have found a home here at Village Green Community Church. I find it to be an inviting and accepting environment with God fearing Christians looking to serve in this part of His Vineyard.

I was specifically impressed with the Lead Pastor, and the fact that his natural language was Greek and that he taught Biblical Studies at Heritage College and Seminary in Cambridge.

For the last number of years, the Holy Spirit has been opening up “pictures” for me in the Old Testament with New Testament “pictures” completing their full understanding.

I was approached by Jason Snelgrove – Chaplain, to start teaching a Bible Study Group in one of the new Classrooms in the new addition. As Jason picked up additional responsibilities here in Village Green, the Bible Study Group was increasingly my responsibility.

Jason asked me if I might consider conducting a church service at Riverside Senior Home. I agreed to do a trial run and have been involved up to this COVID-19 shutdown. Here is how God works. In one of my discussions with Jason, I found that the former Pastor at Westview Baptist Church – David Stead – had started this ministry. On his transfer to Smith Falls, Westview elected to pass this responsibility over to Village Green. I had the delight to share with Pastor David Stead that his work in initializing this ministry at Riverside was continuing by a fellow who grew and learned ministry while we worshiped together at Westview Baptist.

And then COVID-19 Contagion struck.

I was again impressed by the foresight of the Lead Pastor and the Board to have already established a streaming capability for those unable to attend the regular church services. As a church we were able to pivot immediately into virtual church services.

Instead of losing membership during this crisis, we have, on the contrary, observed attendance increase. Embarking on an Audio/Visual Technical Centre will open new ways to grow our congregation and open new ways to share our faith. It is a delight to be part of something that is alive!

God is present in His people here at Village Green and He is doing in this part of His vineyard what it is that He intends to do. It is exciting to be a small part of it.

We are a tree, planted by rivers of living water, bearing its fruit in its season, for His Glory!

In his continuing service... Don Brooks