

FAQ's

What has led up to considering our offering for *Pave the Way*?

As you know our vision is to reach the world for Jesus one person at a time. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus gave his disciples these instructions, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you." We, as Elders and staff, are asking the question and seeking through prayer, "What does this mean for us as a church in the coming months and years?"

As we explored where God was leading us to make disciples, we realized something important: During covid we have seen unstoppable relational momentum for disciple making disciples in our next generation (0-12th grade) ministries! Our desire is to build on that momentum by creating a space for the next generation and beyond to connect as they grow deeper in their relationship with God and others.

While there has been no place for kids to be real and find relationships in the world, they have been finding a home here at Valley Real Life!

What is the offering for *Pave the Way* all about?

Every year we take two special offerings. The first is our Christmas Eve offering, which focuses on local and international outreach with 100% of the gifts going to designated ministries outside the walls of VRL. Our second special offering goes 100% toward expanding the Kingdom of God through VRL in a specific, strategic and God-led way.

This year's our Mother's Day offering, called "*Pave the Way*," will ensure that VRL can build a strong foundation to support our investment in the next generation and beyond.

Some of the items in the plan include changes in the Kids' area, expanding the lobby to provide space for people to build relationships before and after services, and literally "*paving the way*" for the next phase in what God is doing here at VRL with an access road. This road will allow for future connection to the neighboring communities we serve in Liberty Lake and beyond.

Why is my participation important?

With more and more people moving to our area and the surrounding region, we want to be prepared for the growth and ministry opportunities God continues to provide. This Mother's Day, we are aiming to raise \$500,000. This is a goal we can only reach together.

How did VRL decide on the target of \$500k?

VRL has been disciplined in saving money each month to go towards this project and the succeeding stages of expansion. We want to be good stewards of God's money and feel confident that this is our next step. We are excited to say that due to this discipline and your generosity we have currently saved over one million dollars that will be put toward this project, but additional contributions of \$500,000 are needed to reduce the amount of financing required and enable us to accomplish the vision as planned.

How can I participate in the special offering?

Take some time to engage in thoughtful prayer regarding how God is leading you to financially support this endeavor above and beyond your normal tithes. Though we cannot give you a specific amount, we encourage you to choose an amount of which you can be proud, is sacrificial, and one that you know will help accomplish the vision of *Paving the Way*.

The apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 9:19, 22-23, "Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible...I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings." We want to follow Paul's model.

How can I give or where should I send my contribution?

There are 4 ways to give to **Pave the Way**.

1. **ONLINE** at www.vrl.church/pavetheway.
2. **TEXT** to 509.620.6880. In the body of the message type: **give \$ (amount) PavetheWay**
3. **IN PERSON** using the envelope with check or cash in services and designating "pave the way."
4. **BANK BILL PAY** using your online banking system. Use VRL's PO box and write "**Pave the Way**" as a memo.

Are there additional ways besides cash that I can give more towards this initiative?

Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give towards this initiative. You might have some stocks, property, or other items of that nature. Or you may have some stored resources that God has blessed you with in the past that he just might be calling you to give out of during this time.

What if I have never given to Valley Real Life before?

Pave the Way was crafted specifically with you in mind! *Pave the Way* is a "special offering" generosity opportunity. If you have never given before, this is your chance to get in the game with a stretch sacrifice. We really hope you will take this first step toward generosity.

To what extent are gifts tax deductible?

Gifts to "Pave the Way" are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. An acknowledgement of your gift will be provided to you for income tax purposes. For specific questions regarding tax deductibility, we encourage contact with an attorney, accountant, or tax preparer.

Will funds be used for designated purposes?

Yes. All contributions to Pave the Way will be maintained in a designated fund called *Pave the Way* and used exclusively for the purposes outlined here.

Where can I find additional information?

Check out our website at www.vrl.church/pavetheway for the most up-to-date information.