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Valerie Stanglin Richardson spent several of her growing up years at Legacy while her father Alan Stanglin was our pulpit minister. After graduation and getting married in May, 2020, Valerie and David moved to Tulsa, where Valerie is serving as the Youth Minister at Contact Mission Church of Christ, while David takes a year off to work and study for the LSAT test before starting Law School in the fall.

I was welcomed by Contact as their first Youth Minister, and given the position with the goal of building a Youth Group from the ground up.

David and I were so excited at the idea of starting from scratch, and after getting married, made the move to Tulsa so we could roll up our sleeves and get things moving!

Of course, Covid hit pretty hard during the summer, and things were slow. Camps were cancelled, our church wasn't meeting in person, and finding teenagers seemed almost impossible. We tried our best to put on a socially distanced VBS for neighborhood kids, visited families in need while wearing masks, and helped out with food deliveries. Overall, it was not the summer we had imagined, but it was a blessing we were able to do all

that we did.

This fall we put on an after school program for the kids in the apartments near the church, to get them out of their houses and give them time out from behind a computer screen! We had character lessons, silly songs, games and snacks!

During that time, and continuing to where we are now, we started meeting in person and doing kids class and teen class. I now have a steady group of four teens, and we are making plans to grow more and more as we get closer to summer 2021!

David and I appreciate your support so much, and I personally feel honored to have my former church family by my side through this journey. Thank you!