

V3 UPDATE

sharing the life & beauty of the gospel with the world

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Reality, reality,
Lord Jesus Christ Thou art to me!
My glorious king, my Lord my God,
Life is too short for half the laud,
For half the debt of praise I owe,
For this blest knowledge that "I know
the reality of Jesus Christ,"
Unmeasured blessing, gift unpriced!
Will I not praise Thee when I see
in the long noon of Eternity
Unveiled, Thy "bright reality?"

UN-COVER ENCHANTED REALITY



ZACH ELLIOTT FOUNDER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a beautiful conclusion to Frances Ridley Harvergal's poem, Reality. I love the line "I know the reality of Jesus Christ." It reminds me of the confession found at the foundation of V3's ministry: The Vision is Jesus. Over the last few months our team has been thinking a lot about reality and in the coming months you will hear us begin exploring more widely the wonderful "reality of Jesus Christ."

As the "malaise" of our disenchanted age continues to become more acute and widespread, so does the longing for enchanted reality. And this longing, while more acute, is not new. In fact, J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Owen Barfield, and other members of the informal literary group, The Inklings, felt it. In response, they hoped "to restore Western culture to its religious roots, to unleash the powers of the imagination, to reenchant the world...."

While carrying nowhere near the weight of a roster like that, our team is aiming in the same direction. We want people to "know the reality of Jesus Christ." The reality that Paul wrote of in his letter to the Colossians saying, "For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together." Reality is in fact, enchanted and it is just waiting to be uncovered!

Each week we are uncovering a little more enchanted reality through Chapel, our Future Initiative, LAB: The Podcasts, Communities of Practice, and we pray soon through our expanded ministry at the V3 Conservatory in Tampa. Together with you, we are responding to the deep longing for meaning and connection in an increasingly disenchanted culture and church. Nothing but the life and beauty of the gospel can do that and we are so grateful for your prayers and partnership.

IHS, Zach Elliott

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Notes from our Team:

Cammie Elliott Ministry Director

Hello from Tampa! I can hardly believe it's mid-February of 2022!

As V3's Ministry Director, I get to hear and witness the behind-thescenes stories of God's goodness and his incredible faithfulness throughout our team and beyond.

V3 is unique in that there are multiple ways our team shares the life and beauty of the gospel throughout the month. I have to share a few ways I've seen the Lord since we last wrote!

Do you remember Jerome sharing a few months back that he and Erin were expecting? Well, If you didn't hear, Kyrah Milner was born a few days early on January 19th! I hear that she's a good baby and that Selah digs being a big sister!







If you've been to Chapel in Tampa, you've heard little miss Lola who is only 5 years old, volunteer to pray for dinner. The room will be filled with 30-40 adults & children, ready to eat, and Lola will boldly bow her head and pray. God has brought Lola's family to this Chapel community and Lola Is a bright light to all she meets!







And lastly, a few leaders leading the fight against human trafficking In Tampa came to Worship + Prayer in January. One of the needs shared was for some Christ-centered children's books that these women can share as they build relationships with women who work in the strip clubs. Many of them are moms with young children at home. Gifts of books is one way to share God's love for these women and their children. Our friends, Derek & Kristin just happened to release their 2nd book in their Brudders series. A group of us gathered In Tampa to write 35 notes to include with each book given to encourage them and let them know they're loved.

Erin Milner Ministry Support & Logistics



I am so very grateful God blessed us with a healthy baby girl! We have felt everyone's prayers and God's covering over our family.

With having to step back during this season of caring for myself and our baby, I've been most encouraged over these past few months not only by the growth community but the growth in their faith and service. I love seeing people really fall in love with the V3 lifestyle and invest themselves in service and loving people well by utilizing their gifts however possible. I've seen many step up and step into new roles with dedication and a sincere investment to bringing what they have and loving people well. The culture and community I see at V3 is so genuine and life-giving. I feel so blessed to be a part of such an amazing body of people who love God and love their community in such an authentic way.

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Taylor Zeisloft

V3 Ministry Partner

As we enter 2022, I find myself praising God for many things that were a direct result of prayer for newness in 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic warped my daily existence to working, eating and exercising all in my room. Isolated and apathetic toward my career, I felt very little meaning in my daily existence throughout most of 2021. My first 7 months of the year were largely marked by crying out to God as my earthly joys were continually stripped. I felt the tender comfort of Jesus reminding me to remain hopeful and to continue to trust in His perfect plan. Even as I prayed for the changes I so desperately wanted, the Lord was so kind to show me that He is all we are guaranteed in this life. Any other thought is simply a delusion. However, I remained steadfast in prayer for breakthrough changes and the Lord provided - exceedingly abundantly above all that I could ask or think. As 2021 unfolded, the Lord took me out of my room and into His world. To make a long-story short, God led me out of my accounting career and to the best job I've ever had (teaching at a local high school). I was naïve to the greater picture then, but I am now a high school leader with Young Life and have gotten to invite my students to join the ministry! Not to be stopped, the Lord opened another opportunity to learn, grow and invest in others this year when he intersected my life with Zach's. I am so encouraged by his walk, humility and how he listens with the intent of being influenced. One of my greatest joys of the past year has been the activation of the V3 Future Initiative. We meet at Armature Works, an industrial food hall at the center of culture in Tampa, on the first Friday of every month. Still in the midst of a pandemic that continues to affect the 18-30 year-old generation in profound ways, I have seen the V3 Future Initiative inject purpose, reason and deeper-thinking, as well as provoke curiosity in individuals who have been malnourished in these areas. I have watched skeptics' brows raise and then come back the next month. I have been encouraged by others' stories of discovering transcendence in ways that are wholly unique to their experiences. I am so grateful and excited for what's to come as we continue to shape the next generation through the Future Initiative. Please pray for the hearts of the individuals who have and will come to V3's Future Initiatives in 2022 as well as the high school students who will join Young Life!

Shanna Thompson

Conservatory Artist

Officially joining the V3 team this year has been one of the most exciting and rewarding things I have experienced in 2022! As I look forward to what God has in store for the future of V3 through music and the arts, I am both excited and humbled that I get to play even a small part in this ministry that turns the vision of the world UP to the majesty and deep love of Jesus. As I continue to minister with the worship team at our chapel service each week, I have personally heard countless testimonies from people who have attended and come away from the worship time refreshed and uplifted. How exciting to be a part of a group that is bringing hope to the Tampa community in such a tangible way! I can't wait to see what else God has in store for V3!

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February

Jesse Elliott

Lead Conservatory Artist

The V3 worship arts team is excited for what's ahead in 2022. The first worship night of the year opened with the declaration, "because He lives, I can face tomorrow." Out of His life we live and engage whatever comes our way with that courageous spirit. Many of us are going through transitions in school, work, family responsibilities and a multitude of other challenges and it is our prayer this year that Chapel can be a place of deep rest and renewal. We truly believe that there is an animating quality about



spending time worshipping the Lord. An amazing definition of worship is- we become that which we behold. Our goal in Chapel is setting apart a time to behold God in singing together, listening to His word and activating our faith by interceding in prayer. You are warmly and wholeheartedly invited to join us each week and for an extended time of worship the fourth Sunday of each month.

Things to pray for: Financial partnership to grow our team in the worship arts department of V3. We are looking for instrumentalists and singers to lean in and help us grow the expression of worship in Tampa. We would love to find some string players especially (cello, violin, viola). Thank you for your love and support and we cannot wait to worship with you through this year. Look up the song "Highlands" by Hillsong and learn to sing the chorus:

"I will praise You on the mountain

I will praise You when the mountain's in my way You're the summit where my feet are So I will praise you in the valley all the same No less God within the shadows And no less faithful when the night leads me astray 'Cause You're the heaven where my heart is In the highlands and the heartache all the same"

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