

BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION

PASTOR LEVAN HUBBARD



April 2017

"I saw a dead man come back to life today and that makes all these other things seem so small." This was a quote at the end of a TV show where a man who had flatlined then revived to say goodbye to his daughter and new grandson.

Those words were moving to me and they were just lines that were written for a TV show and recited by actors. The story of the resurrection of Jesus is a true story that happened with real people. I wonder if the disciples had a similar thought of "things will never be the same" after seeing the risen Lord.

In studying the book of Acts, I have noticed that the resurrection is the central theme of the first generation church. Jesus presented Himself alive to his disciples and they spoke boldly. (Acts 1:3, 4:31) When they spoke, they "preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead" and were even arrested. (Acts 4:2) The resurrection along with the power of the Holy Spirit caused the disciples who had run in fear to re-group and preach courageously, most of which gave their lives for the cause of sharing the resurrection of Jesus.

Romans 10:9-10 says that an essential ingredient to salvation is to believe that God has raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus resurrection proves His power over death, being able to promise mankind that by trusting in Jesus, that they can rise from the dead as well.

Resurrection Celebration 2017 begins with a **Cross Service** on Wednesday, April 12th, at 6:00 PM (In lieu of any other Holy Week services) with an emphasis on the Cross and Jesus' death. The choir will sing and Pastor Mark will give a devotional thought.

On April 16, Village Bible Church will celebrate this resurrection at the **Woodlands Auditorium** for the 24th consecutive year. There will be two services one at 8:30 am and another at 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity to invite guests who might be less likely to attend an event at the church building.

The choir is working to provide great music with two new arrangements written just for our choir, that will help to focus on the celebration of the resurrection. Rebecca Seewald will be singing; and the instrumental ensemble that was with us for the Christmas concert will be playing as well. Pastor Mark Cain will present a message on the topic, "Reclaimed by the Living One." An art exhibit from our local artists, on the same reclaimed theme, using recycled material that has been reclaimed for artistic purposes, will be available for viewing across the breezeway from the auditorium in the Ouachita room. There will also be cookies served between the services.

Please make every effort to **attend, invite, volunteer and enjoy** this day. Celebrating Life, because of the resurrection.

Pastor Levan





Financial Report February 2017

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you." Deuteronomy 16:17

Current Year to Date

JAN 1 - FEB 28, 2017

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - FEB 29, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	132,462	158,600	132,008
Expenses	162,867	165,723	155,088
Net Income (deficit)	(30,405)	(7,123)	(23,080)

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

All members and non members are encouraged to be in prayer and plan to attend this meeting on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00 pm.

Discover VBC

Village Bible Church is placing an increased emphasis on officially joining the church. The New Testament call us to a high commitment to the Body of Christ on Earth-that is, the local church. Church membership is the outward expression reflecting our inner commitment to the Gospel message. Membership is much like believers' baptism or the marriage ceremony as outward expressions of our inner beliefs. This class is designed for those who are interested in becoming members of VBC, as well as those who just want more information about VBC.

We will be holding another Discover VBC class, a two part series, on April 2 and April 9. Sign-up at www.vbcchurch.com ("About Us"), or on the communication card in the bulletin. You can also call the church office during regular work hours at 922-0404 to reserve your spot.

Please note the Ministry Staff's New Email Addresses

Dr. Mark D. Cain, Senior Pastor
922-0404 email - mark@vbchsv.org

Rev. Mike Kelly, Executive Pastor
209-6547 email - mike@vbchsv.org

Rev. Levan Hubbard, Pastor of Worship & Care
353-3040 email - levan@vbchsv.org

Barbi Miranda, Office Manager, Assistant to Pastor Mark
922-0404 email - barbi@vbchsv.org

Roseanne Eberle, Administrative Assistant
922-0404 email - roseanne@vbchsv.org

VBC Upcoming Events

First Saturday in April	Hurting Moms Support Group
April 1	Local Ministry Faire
April 12	Holy Week Cross Service
April 16	Easter at Woodlands
April 29	Woman's Spring Retreat
First Saturday In May	Hurting Moms Support Group
May 29	Memorial Day - Office Closed

Church Directory Update

Larry & Erma Maycumber
Mt. Carmel

540 Ponce DeLeon Drive - Rm 212
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909
501-204-7137

Radio Ministry



Our radio ministry is designed as an outreach for the unchurched. Please remember to mention our broadcast to those you know who do not have a church home.

You can pick up some of the small imprinted cards to share with friends and neighbors. These are available at the Welcome Center. Sunday's sermons are broadcast on station KVRE (92.9 FM) at 9:00 am on Sundays.

Note: Since the sermons are previously recorded, they will not be heard on the same Sunday as preached at VBC.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU WITH PASTOR MARK



God continues to bless VBC with many new people and Pastor Mark would like to get to know you better. He wants to meet with a small group of up to 6 in his office during Bible study classes at (10:50am - 11:45am). This single, session meeting will take place on **Sunday, April 23.**

Please communicate your interest via the communication card in your Sunday bulletin, or contact Barbi Miranda at barbi@vbchsv.org. or 922-0404.

ALLERGY ALERT

Several in our congregation have made us aware that they are severely allergic to perfume, colognes and fragrances.

We thank you for refraining from wearing and being sensitive to this need during the time we spend in the church building together.

Happy Anniversary

John & Jo Ann Wise	4/3
Ken & Betsy Fitzgerald	4/8
Jay & Sue Kilfoy	4/17
Glenn & Joanna Johnson	4/17
Roger & Elaine Stephens	4/23
Wayne & Marla Dziubinski	4/23
Carl & Donna Wetzel	4/26

If you would like your wedding anniversary announced in our newsletter, just call the office and check with Barbi at 922-0404.

Mercy Ministry

Easter 2017 Food Distribution

Once again, VBC Mercy Ministry will be distributing food to about 50 needy families with children in the Mountain Pine and Fountain Lake School Districts.

Any and all contributions will be appreciated and checks should be made payable to:

Village Bible Church with Mercy Ministry in the "for" portion of the check. The cost of the food is estimated to be approximately \$110.00 per family, and donations need to be submitted by April 9.

Food Box Assembly - Wednesday, April 12
Distribution - Thursday, April 13

Please call Gary George for further information:

219-730-9808 or golfertoo39@gmail.com

Meals on Wheels



Meals on Wheels would like to thank the volunteers who signed up to deliver meals during the month of April. No Experience Necessary!

If you are unable to deliver a meal on your scheduled date....don't forget to contact Deb Waterman so she can find a replacement.

We still need back up volunteers in the event of a cancellation. Please call Deb Waterman at 903-328-7977 and she will put your name on the list.

2017 MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Wycliffe Bible Translators Dallas, Texas May 7 - 12



Wycliffe is an international interdenominational non-profit mission organization who for more than 70 years has helped people around the world translate the Bible into their own languages. In 1917 a missionary named William Cameron Townsend went to Guatemala to sell Spanish Bibles. But he was shocked when many people couldn't understand the books. They spoke Cakchiquel, a language without a Bible. Cam believed everyone should understand the Bible, so he started a linguistics school (the Summer Institute of Linguistics, known today as SIL) that trained people to do Bible translation. The work continued to grow, and in 1942 Cam officially founded Wycliffe Bible Translators.

WORK

You can be a short term volunteer selecting from various jobs including office work, painting, boutique work, planting, sewing, or help in the dining room. Lunch is provided.

HOUSING AND FOOD

Wycliffe provides housing, 2 bedrooms a shared living space with a full bath for \$30.00 per person, per day. \$45.00 per day, per person for a single. There is an equipped common kitchen. A full lunch is provided by Wycliffe, breakfast and dinner are not. RV spaces with full hookups are available.

SIGN UP

You can sign up and get further information at the table in the foyer on Sunday April 2, 9 or 23.

**Contact Jim Boyd 922-6669 or
Ken Fitzgerald 922-9393
for further questions.**



Enjoy God's spectacular creation with our "Take A Hike" Hiking Club!

Falls Branch Trail is a 1.6 mile moderately trafficked loop trail located at Lake Catherine State Park, that features a lake and a waterfall. This trail is good for all skill levels. Dogs are also able to use this trail but must be kept on leash.

Take a Hike!

Falls Branch Trail

Saturday, April 8

Lake Catherine State Park

Sign-up April 2

VBC Foyer

If you have any questions please contact:

Mike & Jeanne Walters

915-8046 (Home) or 226-9178 (Cell)

Or

Jerry & Roxie Harris

915-9635 (Home) or 870-814-0778 (Cell)

LOCAL MINISTRY TOUR

Teen Challenge

155 Walnut Valley Road off Hwy 7
Hot Springs, Arkansas
501-624-2446

Residential program that biblically educates men 18 and older who struggle with life controlling problems.

Potters Clay

110 Crescent Street
Hot Springs, Arkansas
501-624-1366

To provide safe shelter for women & children in crisis situations.

Change Point

Pregnancy Care & Parenting Resource Center

201 Nickels Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas
501-624-2273

Serves families by defending the sanctity of human life through education, as well as services to encourage strong, safe family relationships.

Oaklawn Racetrack Chaplaincy

South of Oaklawn, West on Golf Links Rd.
Hot Springs, Arkansas
405-226-1592

To bring God into the lives of 900 persons who work in 'back of the track.'

Discover firsthand how our Investment is being used locally!

Friday, May 12

- 10:00 Teen Challenge + Lunch
- 12:30 Potter's Clay
- 1:30 Change Point
- 2:30 Oaklawn Racetrack Chaplaincy

Group will carpool to each site.
Sign-up April 23, April 30 & May 7

Questions?

Contact Jane Weston at 922-4686 or
jeweston4@gmail.com



In case of inclement weather, you may check the following information sources for VBC service schedules or cancellations.

KVRE 92.9 (Village Radio Station)

KARK TV, Channel 4

KLEZ 101.5 (Village Radio Station)

website: vbchurch.com Or

VBC Answering Machine: 922-0404

CHURCH

Do you know how wonderful our VBC Library is? There are lots of new books in the library, fiction, non-fiction, biographies, commentaries and DVDs. Come see Nancy, our VBC librarian; she is there most Sundays at least a half hour before church service to help you.

Otherwise, just print your name and date on the sign-out card and leave in the library. Thank you!

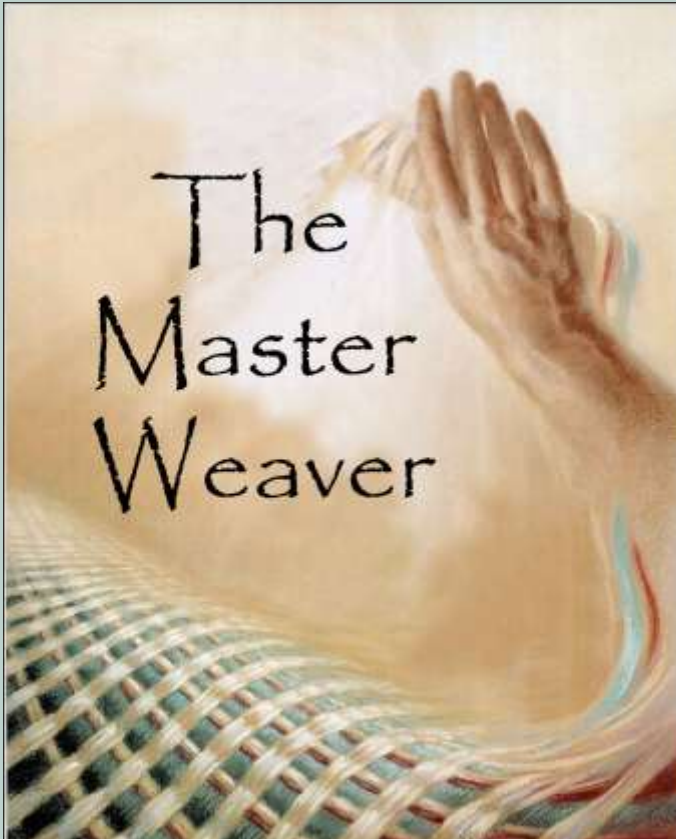


Nancy Jones has a new e-mail address

library@vbchsv.org

LIBRARY

Women's Ministry 2017 Retreat



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Registration fee \$25.00/person

**Includes morning coffee & pastries
Salad bar lunch**

Confidential Scholarships Available

Sign up in the church foyer:

March 26, April 2, April 9, April 23

Deadline to register is Sunday, April 23

**Pick up your registration form on the registration
table, church office or print from the church
website: vbcchurch.com**

For more details please contact:

Kat Irby

214-709-0745 ◀▶ kdirby@live.com

Two Dramatic Presentations

Corrie Ten Boom Live

The Meaning of Friendships

The Hiding Place

Corrie Ten Boom stood naked with her older sister Betsie, watching a concentration camp matron beating a prisoner. "Oh, the poor woman," Corrie cried. "Yes. May God forgive her," Betsie replied. And, once again, Corrie realized that it was for the souls of the brutal Nazi guards that her sister prayed.

Be inspired by the faith of Corrie Ten Boom, the simple Dutch woman who wrote **The Hiding Place**. Evelyn Hinds does a dramatic presentation of Corrie in which Corrie tells her story of God's faithful provision while she was imprisoned in a Nazi Death Camp and later as she traveled the world sharing her faith.



Evelyn Hinds is an actress, speaker, author and the founder of Arts Touching Hearts, Inc., non-profit organization committed to expressing the message of God's love through the arts. Evelyn's passion is to spread the gospel by touching the hearts of this generation. She firmly believes that art elevates the soul and the human heart must be touched in order to be inspired to change and reach higher.

Evelyn Hinds Website: evelynhinds.com

Thank You!!!Thank You!!!Thank You!!!



from

W.I.N.G.S

We couldn't have done it without you!

200 dresses & shorts

140 cuddly critters

200 stuffed hearts for Vets

65 VBS backpacks

18 baby buntings



Meeting on Mondays 1:00 - 4:00 until May 22nd

GOD HAS BLESSED OUR EFFORT MIGHTILY!

SAVE the Date!

VBS

Village Bible School

June 5 - June 9

Operation Arctic! Every day, our kids are bombarded with the message that the Bible isn't the true Word of God, that it can't be trusted to tell us the truth about the past or, more importantly, about how we can receive the gift of eternal life. With the Operation Arctic VBS 2017 theme, your kids will warm up to the Word as they explore the coolest Book on the planet and discover how we can know for sure that the Bible is God's written word to us! **More details to come.**





Pastor Mike Kelly

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

The Bible has a great tradition and a magnificent heritage. It contains 66 books written over a period of several hundred years by many different men. Yet the message, divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit, is clear throughout. The 66 books become one. The Bible is old; yet it is ever new. It is the most modern book in the world today, and remains a best-seller, year after year. There is a false notion that a book as ancient as the Bible cannot speak to modern needs. People somehow think that in an age of scientific achievement, when knowledge has increased more in the past 25 years than in all preceding centuries put together, this ancient book is out-of-date. But to all who read and love the Bible, it is relevant for our generation. At VBC, it is our deep conviction that we can find the answers to life's ultimate questions in the Holy Scriptures. Be sure to join Pastor Mike during the Bible Study hour in the month of May in room 112. Helpful information about the Bible will be shared to improve understanding moving forward into the book of Genesis, where we will spend the next few weeks.



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EACH ONE BRING ONE!

During the months of March - May, VBC is emphasizing the importance of reaching-out to the HSV community with a personal invitation to attend a service at VBC. Why? Because God reached-out to us through His Son, Jesus Christ.



3 Reasons Why We Should Invite People

1. Because we want them to connect with REAL (biblical) community, to worship together, study together, sing, give, serve, and other various connecting type things (Small Groups). The church is the bride of Christ. It is not to be minimized, put down, ignored, underrated, or negated. We ought to love the Church as Christ loves the Church. We know that there are so many things that the Church can do, and REAL (biblical community) is one that it does best. Church is a hub for spiritual growth and we want people to engage in that.
2. Because we understand that people will probably get an invitation to follow Jesus through the sermon, study, or general community environment. While inviting someone to church isn't the same as inviting them to Jesus, they will certainly have a hard time missing Him at a gospel centered church like VBC.
3. Because we truly believe that what we have in store each Sunday is designed to impact their life for the sake of the gospel to help them grow, rest, learn, gain passion and strengthen their walk with Jesus. Our heart is always in the right place when we seek to find creative and Christ-honoring ways to engage with the King. God gives us creativity and skill to bring Him glory, and it shines bright when the ability and the purpose come together for His names sake.

Each One Bring One is not just a program, it's a way of life for those who have found the way out of darkness. "I have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness" (John 12:44-46). Let's bring them in!

Pastor Mike Kelly

EASTER 2017 CREATIVE VISUAL ARTS MINISTRY ART AND POETRY EXHIBIT DATES

The Creative Visual Arts Ministry invites you to view the Easter Art Exhibit we will have on display on the following dates:

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH

Sunday, April 9 - Wednesday, April 12
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

QUACHITA ROOM AT THE WOODLANDS

Easter Sunday, April 16
8:30 am 10:30 am

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH

Tuesday, April 18 - Wednesday, April 20
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH

Sunday, April 23
9:15 am - During Morning Worship Service



Please bring your friends to see the artwork during the week after Easter during regular church hours.

The poetry books are available during all of the exhibit viewing hours.

Our prayer is that God is glorified through the creative work of our hearts and hands; we hope you see glimpses of His Reclaiming power at work in our lives today.

Called as salt and light to the world, we desire to magnify the presence of God in this community. We will seek ways to reach out as artists, helping the world to see the wonder of the One Who created all things.

Thank You from the Voice of the Martyrs



The Voice of the Martyrs wants to thank everyone from Village Bible Church for the 85 med packs that were collected. Your Family Med Pack will be distributed throughout Iraq, Sudan and Nigeria to Christian victims of Islamic extremists.

Your gift assists members of our Christian family in their time of greatest need. After being driven from their homes and losing their possessions, our brothers and sisters struggle to address basic health and hygiene challenges. Your gift is a powerful blessing and encouragement to them.

"Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with first fruits of all your produce."
PROVERBS 3:9



Day by day and week after week, the ministry of Village Bible Church continues. The Bible is held high, many are taught, sermons are preached, fellowship is developed, missionaries are supported, and so much more. All of this is made possible by the regular gifts of God's people who count Village Bible Church their church home. About \$79,000 per month is required to keep the lights on and the ministries operating. If you ever have a question about the best place to designate your gift, the general fund is usually a wise choice.

In the past, Congress generally waited until December every year to extend the law that allows people to make a tax free donation of up to \$100,000 from their IRA, leaving some to scramble to make the contribution before the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) deadlines. But Congress made the law permanent last year, so if you're 70½ or older, you can transfer your 2017 (RMD) to charity at any time. If you have questions, be sure to contact the office staff and we'll get you in touch with the right folks.

God continues to bless the ministries of VBC and we are grateful for the long-standing tradition of generosity of our church family. We pray that God would continue to be honored and exalted through the VBC family in 2017, and beyond.

Remember to "do church"
ON PURPOSE!

*Village Bible Church
glorifies God by making disciples
who become growing and serving
followers of Jesus Christ.*

Walking With Jesus The Gospel of Luke

A practical, application-oriented sermon series - an exposition of some of the most beloved passages in the Gospel of Luke, connecting them to our lives today.

By Pastor Mark D. Cain

Because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8) the message from "back then" is for us even today.

We will be look closely at Jesus not only as a great Person who did miraculous things twenty centuries ago, but also as that same great Person who is doing great things today. Nineteenth century Scotsman Robert Murray McCheyne observed, "It is strange how sweet and precious it is to preach directly about Christ, compared with all other subjects of preaching."

Sundays, continuing through April we will selectively examine rich truths from the Gospel of Luke, climaxing with the Easter story by Luke in April.

Continue reading this great book of the Bible. Determine to prioritize each Sunday in your schedule. Pray and bring someone with you. And expect to "Walk With Jesus" more closely.

SPECIAL NEEDS SEATING

NEW

RESERVED
FOR HANDICAPPED



RESERVED Seating, has been provided for those physically handicapped in the center aisle as you enter the sanctuary. Please leave the outer seats available for those needing special accommodations, as well as family or friends who wish to sit with them. Feel free to sit on the reserved pew, but be sure to leave the outer seats close to the aisle for those in need. Thank you.

ELDER BOARD REPORT

We are blessed at VBC to have so many active volunteers to compliment our staff. Given the scope of our activities, some would either not get done or not get done with the excellence that we have enjoyed at VBC. Our volunteers are both members and regular attendees and we appreciate all of them!

Recently the Elders have had the pleasure of meeting with several couples and singles that have indicated they want to become members. Elders are the beneficiaries of these meetings as we get to know prospective members better. We certainly enjoy their interest and enthusiasm as they join our fellowship. A special thanks to all those who have made the membership decision as we Elders are blessed to have had time with them. We also appreciate Barbi and Roseanne as they follow up with each of these fine people and prepare for their introduction to the congregation.

We see Jesus' instructions being fulfilled as love is shown to our new members as well as members and attendees who have been around awhile. Well done VBC!

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

Bruce Davis
Elder Board Chairman



Dr. Mark D. Cain



Don Russell



Jim Neal



John Sowers



Bruce Davis



Larry Collins



Dick Leach



The Hurting Moms support group will be studying the book Reaching Your Prodigal by Phil Waldrep.

HURTING MOMS whose child has ...

- ... An addiction to drugs
- ... An addiction to alcohol
- ... Chosen an alternative lifestyle
- ... Chosen to walk away from the family with little or no contact

The Hurting Moms Support Group is for mothers who have children who are estranged from their families, struggle with addiction or have chosen an alternative life style. We support each other through sharing, bonding with others who understand the pain, prayer, and growing friendships. Right now we're studying the book, Reaching Your Prodigal by Phill Waldrep. Books are available from Ruth Neal for \$10.00. If you're a mother who finds yourself hurting, but don't have anyone to share your heart with, please join us on the first Saturday of the month from 10:15 am to 12:00 pm in the cozy loft at Village Bible Church.

For further information please contact Ruth Neal at 626-7726 or ruthneal@aol.com

APRIL 2017 VBC FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Applying the Bible to daily life.



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