

RISEN

VBC FAMILY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

April 21st is Easter Sunday and Village Bible Church will host Easter at the Woodlands Auditorium for the 26th year. This day of celebration includes two services, one at 8:30 AM and another at 10:30 AM. Pastor Jason Lancaster will present a resurrection sermon and the VBC Choir will be sharing some great new music around the theme "Risen."

This year a nursery and children's church will be provided for ages K-5th grade during both services. There will be an art exhibit by local artists around the theme "Risen" and books featuring original poetry will be given to attendees. There will also be refreshments (cookies) served between the two services so guests may interact and enjoy the event.

This is a great opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends. The occasion of Easter and the neutral site creates a more comfortable opportunity for those who might not normally come to a church service.

Please pray for this event and for direction about whom you might invite. We are advertising and making this event known in the community, but your personal invitation is the most effective. Invitation cards for you to hand out are available at the Welcome Center.

Also, put on your calendar that there will be a Good Friday Service at 6:00 PM on Friday, April 19th. This service will remind us of what Jesus went through for us during his time on the cross before we celebrate His resurrection on Sunday Morning.

Remember the importance of the resurrection from 1 Cor 15:13-14.

13 "But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;
14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain."

Let's make this the best year ever by planning to attend, inviting others and praying for the Lord to use this service for His glory!



Pastor Levan



Financial Report February 2019

Current Year to Date

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - FEB 28, 2019

JAN 1 - FEB 28, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$177,619	\$143,633	\$147,249
Expenses	\$155,282	\$166,419	\$147,027
Net Income (deficit)	\$22,337	-\$22,786	-\$222



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



- John & Jo Ann Wise 4/3
- Ken & Betsy Fitzgerald 4/8
- Glenn & Joanna Johnson 4/17
- Jay & Sue Kilfoy 4/17
- Wayne & Marla Dziubinski 4/23
- Roger & Elaine Stephens 4/23
- Richard & Jacquelyne Klein 4/25
- Carl & Donna Wetzel 4/26

Would you like your wedding anniversary listed in our newsletter? Call or email Barbi, 501-922-0404, office@vbchsv.org



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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. Visit the Welcome Center and pick up some of the small imprinted cards to share with friends and neighbors. 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.

Welcome

New Members



Samuel & Donna Rodman come to us from Georgetown, Texas. Samuel is retired from the U.S. Navy and Donna worked as a Medical Group Administrator. Samuel has been a believer since an early age. Donna has had some personal struggles the last 8 years but has recently rededicated her life to Jesus. They were introduced during our March 24th service. Please be sure to welcome these great people into our fellowship.



We 'officially' welcome **Sue Pilkington** to VBC membership. Sue is a retired E.R. & Primary Care Physician. In May 1975, Sue gave her heart to Jesus. Sue has regularly attended and supported VBC for over 20 years but now feels she is being led to 'officially' become a church member.



Joel Green is originally from the Chicagoland area. She grew up in the Chicago Suburbs and moved here from Elmwood, Illinois. She is retired from Hotel Sales Management working for places like Holiday Inn and Crown Plaza. Although she was raised in a Christian family, in 1990, she read the book *Skinny Legs and All* and was instantly moved spiritually. Joel is the wife of church member Tony Green. We are so happy to have Joel join the VBC family. She will be introduced during the March 31st service.



A great VBC welcome to **Jack & Lori Kennedy** as members. The Kennedys come to us from Jefferson City, MO. Both Jack and Lori are retired from the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant in Missouri. Jack accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at a Youth for Christ rally in St. Louis, Mo at the age of 13. Lori was born into a Christian family and has always believed in Christ. Both were baptized again by immersion in 2008. Please take an opportunity to welcome them into our fellowship.

We are excited to welcome all these wonderful individuals into the Village Bible Church family! Please be sure to welcome all of them into our fellowship.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be Wednesday, April 24th, at 6 PM. Preview packets will be available the two preceding Sundays.



Take a Hike!

Sign up in the foyer March 31st

Falls Branch Trail
 at Lake Catherine State Park
Saturday, April 6th
 2 miles, moderate difficulty trail winding through hardwood/pine forest, crossing Little Canyon Creek several times and ending at the seasonal scenic waterfall on Falls Creek.

If you have any questions please contact:
Jerry Harris, 501-915-9635

Join us and enjoy fellowship as we experience God's glorious creation!

The VBC Library

Expand your mind and heart with a fascinating book!

NEW books in our Church library

National Survey on Drug Use and Health reports that in 2014, Age 12 -17: About 1 in every 12 American adolescents suffered from a substance use disorder. Age 18 -25: About 1 in every 6 American young adults battled a substance use disorder. Age Adult : Approximately 14.5 million adults struggled with a substance use disorder.

These are scary numbers when we think of all the adult children and grandchildren represented under the umbrella of all who sit in the pews here at Village Bible Church. Because addiction is a growing problem, our Church Library has opened up a new section: ADDICTIONS

If you have a family member or a friend who is living under the control of a substance disorder or one of many other addictive life-styles, here are just three of the new books now in the library. Come look them over. These authors will give you insights on how to walk with an addictive family member or friend during this most fearful and terrifying time for the whole family.



“Reaching Your Prodigal”
 by Phil Waldrep

“Prayers for Prodigals”
 by James Banks

“The Messy Journey”
 by Lori Wildenberg

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

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Please help support Garland County Jail Ministry during the month of April by donating these needed items:

Reading Glasses (black, brown or grey—must be solid color with plastic frames. All sizes. Can be bought at Dollar Tree for \$1)

Stamps and envelopes

New underwear and socks (all sizes, men's & women's)

Bibles (soft cover, large print)

Monetary donations gladly accepted

Thank you for your generosity!



UPCOMING VBC EVENTS!



Good Friday Service	April 19	6:00 PM
Easter at the Woodlands	April 21	8:30 - 10:30
Movie "Sing Over Me" (Life of Dennis Jernigan)	May 3	6:00 PM
Dennis Jernigan at VBC	May 19	AM Service & 6:00 PM Concert
Collingsworth Family Concert	July 31	7:00 PM
Christmas Concert	December 6	3:00 & 7:00 PM

You're Invited

to the

2019 Adult & Teen Challenge of Arkansas

Faith Promise Banquet

Celebrating 50 Years!!

Thursday, April 25 ~ 7:00 pm

Horner Hall ~ Hot Springs Conventions Center

134 Conventions Blvd. ~ Hot Springs, AR



GET YOUR TICKETS: Visit the display table beginning March 31st or by emailing christineg@teenchallengear.org ~

Tickets are complimentary, but donations will be solicited.

CELEBRATE the Past
PREPARE for the Future



The Times We Live In

When we read the newspaper, listen to the news on TV or just observe what is happening around us, we can't help but see that evil is everywhere. As stated in 2 Timothy 3:1, "There will be terrible times in the last days." The Holy Spirit is like a dam holding back evil and as a believer each of us has the Holy Spirit within us; 1 Corinthians 6:19, "your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you". Therefore, we are like bricks in that dam holding back evil. A time is coming when we will no longer be here to stand against evil; 1 Corinthians 15:51, "We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed", but until that time we, believers, should strive to become stronger bricks holding back evil.

What is the best way to become a stronger brick? Ephesians 6:13, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." Ephesians 6:17,

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." We should seek out every opportunity to educate ourselves regarding God's word. 2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." As we make an effort to strengthen ourselves, there is the need, commission, to add more bricks to the dam holding back evil. Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations." Mark 16:15, "He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

There are many opportunities to enhance your knowledge of God's word, however, I have found that the hour I have spent over the years in "Sunday school", or Christian education at church on Sunday mornings, has proven to be the most valuable time spent in expanding my knowledge and understanding of God's word. I encourage you to make a commitment to find a Sunday morning class and invest that one hour per week in growing your knowledge and understanding of God's word. By doing so, you will be better able to stand against evil and to share the Good News with others.

Elder Board News—The Gathering



Larry Collins



Dale Kastner



Dennis Gullickson



Glenn McCaleb



John Batjes



John Sowers

As we transition from winter to spring and look forward to celebrating **Easter at the Woodlands**, something else fresh and new will be happening on Sunday mornings at Village Bible Church – **The Gathering**.

The Gathering is an alternative, casual worship service which will begin on Sunday, April 7th. It will feature music with a slightly less traditional approach to worshipping the One True God and will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the exact same time that our regular worship service is being held, beginning at 9:15 AM.

The Gathering will have all of the other elements of our regular service such as congregational prayer, announcements, and monthly communion. Pastor Jason's message will be live-streamed via video monitors as he delivers it.

We are also very pleased that Mary Buffington will be our Worship Leader for **The Gathering**. Mary is a gifted musician and vocalist and we can join her in singing songs of praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus.

The Gathering is not a replacement or substitute for our regular Sunday morning service. It is simply another setting for people attending VBC to worship without compromise. We hope to see many of you there Sunday, April 7th!

WHAT IS YOUR VBC SMALL GROUP DOING?



One of the VBC Small Groups has been collecting food items the first Sunday of every month for Adult and Teen Challenge. They (and Adult & Teen Challenge) would like to THANK YOU for your faithful & generous giving throughout these months. This would not be possible without your wonderful giving hearts.

Look for the ladies of this Small Group again on April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3 and December 1 by the main entrance doors. Just a friendly reminder: you are buying for up to 70 guys/3 meals a day. Sam's Club / Wal-Mart has a good assortment of items that you can purchase in bulk or in the bigger sizes.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 10-14, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. to Noon
Ages: Starting Kindergarten 2019 – Completing 6th Grade
Get ready to run **The Incredible Race!**
It's a Vacation Bible School like no other!

Kids will race from continent to continent as they discover no matter where we live, what shade of skin we have, or what language we speak, we are all part of the same race—the human race—and all part of the same family from Adam and Eve. As they examine the events surrounding the tower of Babel, kids will learn that God is calling people from every tribe and nation through his Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. They will learn that he wants us to share this good news in kindness and love with our neighbors nearby and far away. From the minute your kids arrive at **THE INCREDIBLE RACE**, they'll find fun waiting to happen! Kids will be supercharged at the opening and closing assembly each day where they will be entertained by songs, drama, videos, contests and more. Four fun rotation sites will also provide: (1) biblical and application lessons at the refueling station, (2) crafts and science, (3) globe-trotting games, and (4) snacks in the Runway Cafe. Volunteers and teenage helpers are still needed. Registration dates are April 7th to June 9th. Look for the VBS display table in the church foyer each Sunday (except Easter) during the registration period to volunteer, register kids, and to get

additional information. You may also contact

VBS director Fran Taylor by email:

frtaylor29@sbcglobal.net or phone: 501-922-4511

On-line registration is available at

<http://www.vbchsv.org>

Invite your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to participate.

So, grab your gear and get ready for the race of a lifetime as we embark on

THE INCREDIBLE RACE





The Men's Discussion Group is an exciting way for men to experience Godly fellowship while focusing on Sunday's sermon. Although the discussion questions for the sermon are provided, the Holy Spirit often takes us to additional levels of discussion because of the insightful participation of the members. This is truly a time where men practice Proverbs

27:17 - Iron sharpens iron and one man sharpens another.

Come and join us in room (111) following the Sunday morning service.

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY: VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

Bartlesville, Oklahoma



May 5 — May 11, 2019

A great chance for you to serve the Lord as part of a VBC short-term mission trip.

About the Voice of the Martyrs (VOM): VOM is a non-profit inter-denominational Christian organization dedicated to assisting our persecuted family worldwide. VOM was founded in 1967 by Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, who was imprisoned 14 years in communist Romania for his faith in Christ.

VOM's Five Main Purposes:

- ✂ To encourage and empower Christians to fulfil the Great Commission in areas of the world where they are persecuted for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ✂ To provide practical relief and spiritual support to the families of Christian martyrs.
- ✂ To equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those who are opposed to the gospel in their part of the world.
- ✂ To undertake projects of encouragement, helping believers rebuild their lives and Christian witness in countries where they have formerly suffered oppression.
- ✂ To promote the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christian., thereby inspiring believers to a deeper level of commitment to Christ and involvement in His Great Commission.

Volunteer Opportunities: Short-term volunteers work at the Operations Center doing various tasks. They fold, count, sort, stack, stuff, shrink wrap and sticker just to name a few. This area is clean and climate controlled. Volunteers are seated while they work. There are a few other jobs that require standing and lifting. This is to be determined by the individual volunteer and the work schedule. Short coffee breaks are taken at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. A one-hour break is taken over the noon hour for lunch.

Further Details: There will be a table in the church foyer for registration and information about VOM on March 31 and April 7. The limit is 10 people. You can also contact Jim Boyd, 501-922-6669 or 858-248-6605.



Women's Summer Book Club

Women's Ministry will again offer a SUMMER BOOK CLUB this year. Registration will take place on April 7th and 14th. The cost per reader is \$10. Participants in the summer book club will read one book per month and meet for book discussions on May 29th, June 26th and July 24th at 3:00 at Village Bible Church.

One of the selected books for this summer is **Redeeming Love** by Francine Rivers. The book is described as a powerful retelling of the story of Gomer and Hosea. It is a story of God's unconditional, redemptive, and all consuming love. This historical fiction account is set in the California gold country in 1850.

Another of our summer reads is **June Bug** by Chris Fabry is the story of a little girl who has traveled the back roads of the country in a beat up RV with her father, spending many nights in Wal-Mart parking lots. One morning, upon entering the Wal-Mart her eyes are drawn to the pictures of missing children, where she is shocked to see herself.

The third book that each participant will read is **Prayers for Sale** by Sandra Dallas. This book is "an unforgettable tale of a friendship between two women, one with surprising twists and turns, and one that is ultimately a revelation of the finest parts of the human spirit." The story is set during the depression in 1936 and tells the tale of Hennie Comfort and Nit Spindle and a sign posted on a fence that simply says "Prayers for Sale".

We encourage ladies who love to read to come to the registration table in the foyer on April 7th or 14th and find out more about the books, ask any questions about the club, and sign up for the club. Once the registration takes place books will be ordered for you. You will be contacted when the books are available so that you can pick up your book in plenty of time before the first meeting in May.

If you have questions please stop in the VBC library any Sunday morning and talk to our VBC librarian, Nancy Jones. She will answer questions and also give you a tour of our wonderful church library. You can also contact Donna Wetzel at 922-5936.

If you prefer to read on your own kindle or other reading device you can order your own books and not pay the fee for the book club.

**DISCOVER
VBC**

The New Testament calls 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 may want more information about our church. **Discover VBC is a two part series that will be held on April 28th and May 5th.**

You may sign-up at www.vbchsv.org (under the ABOUT US tab), or on the communication card in the bulletin. You may also call the church during office hours at 501-922-0404, to reserve your spot.

The Creative Visual Arts Ministry Invites Everyone to Bring a Friend to the Easter Art Exhibit!



Easter is a little over a month away and the Creative Visual Arts Ministry is busy preparing for the Easter Art Exhibit. The theme this year, "Risen", has been expanded upon to include all the events of Holy Week. By allowing a broader range of topics, the artists will be able to bring a wider selection of art for everyone to enjoy.

The Ministry would like to remind our church congregation to invite family, friends, and neighbors to view the exhibit. Let everyone you know that the art exhibit is open to the public. Listed below are the dates and times for the exhibit:

At Village Bible Church:

Sunday, April 14th before and after the service

Monday, April 15th to Thursday April 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, April 19th before and after the Good Friday service at 6:00 p.m.

At the Ouachita Room across from the Woodlands Auditorium:

Easter Sunday, April 21st before, between and during the two services and for a brief time after the second service. The Easter service times are 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

At Village Bible Church:

From Tuesday April 23rd to Thursday April 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 28th before and after the service

The Creative Visual Arts Ministry uses the Easter Art Exhibit as a vital community outreach. Think about who you can invite to view the artistic talents that will be on display. As a part of the exhibit the artists share a written inspiration statement about their artwork. These insights being a new dimension to the art making it more meaningful to the viewer.

A reminder to all artists providing artwork for the exhibit, the deadline to register your art is Monday April 8th.

Pick up a registration form at the church Welcome Center or register online at <http://www.vbchsv.org/easter>

If you have any questions please contact Casey Neal at 501-984-0157



Care CORNER

If you have an emergency from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, call the office at 501-922-0404 and they will reach the appropriate person for you. After hours, please call Pastor Levan, 501-353-3040. Should he be out of town (rare), leave a message on the church answering machine and the person on-duty will be notified.



Prayer Warrior Bootcamp

2019 VBC Women's Spring Event

Thursday, April 25th, 8:30 a.m. to Noon



Ladies get ready to put on your warrior boots by participating in this great workshop. We will share, learn, laugh, and fellowship together as we take steps to empower and stretch our prayer muscles. Through compassionate and non-threatening exercise routines, you will have the opportunity to acquire tools to enrich your prayer life.

Do you feel uncomfortable praying out loud in groups? Do you want to learn a simple way to pray and improve your prayer life? If you answered "yes", please know that you are not alone. Take the first step to make positive changes by registering for the **Prayer Warrior Boot Camp**.

The free event starts with yogurt bar and coffee time from 8:30 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. with the workshop following from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Look for our display table in the VBC church foyer on registration dates: March 31st, April 7th, and April 14th. Dotty Burke and Debbie Baggett will be available to help you with registration and to answer any questions.



VBC will be participating in the **Mercy Ministry Holiday Food Box Distribution** at Easter! In previous years boxes of groceries have been distributed to an average of 50+ needy families in the

Fountain Lake and Mountain Pines School Districts, thanks to the generous financial and volunteer support of VBC. Without affecting the quality of the food, the cost of food per family has been reduced from about \$110 to \$58 by purchasing a significant amount of food from an alternate source in Hot Springs. Easter boxes will be packed on April 16th. We are asking for your prayerful support! If you'd like to give financially, you may donate via check made out to Village Bible Church with a notation "Mercy Ministry Designated Fund" in the memo section of the check. You may sign-up to volunteer or give cash donations at the table in the Church foyer March 31, April 7, and April 14. Direct any questions or requests for additional info to James Gillett at 623-225-4041 or jimgil_2007@yahoo.com

We appreciate your participation!

Friday, May 3rd, at 6 pm the movie "**Sing Over Me**" will be presented at Village Bible Church! This film is about the life of Dennis Jernigan, who will be in concert at VBC on May 19th. We look forward to fellowshipping with you at both events.



VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 4/6 Take a Hike (offsite)
- 4/6 Hurting Moms
- 4/16 Easter Food Box Packing
- 4/19 Good Friday Service
- 4/21 Easter at Woodlands 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- 4/22 OFFICE CLOSED
- 4/24 Congregational Meeting
- 4/25 Women's Prayer Warrior Bootcamp
- 4/25 Teen Challenge Banquet (offsite)



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