



Tell Your Story

It's that time of year where Christmas music will be played all over the place. One of my favorite Christmas songs doesn't often fall into the Christmas song category but sounds a bit campy. Nevertheless, I really like the song 'Go Tell it on the Mountain.' A snapshot of the song says, "Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!" The song is evangelistic in nature and the point is that we are to tell other people about Jesus Christ and the saving message of the Gospel. For a variety of reasons, the Christmas season is a great time with numerous opportunities to tell others about Jesus.

As believers we know we are commanded to share the Gospel but the issue is 'How?' Let's back track and try to put into play something we learned earlier this Fall about telling your story. Everyone who has been rescued by the blood of Jesus Christ has a story to tell. Your testimony is not just for the encouragement of believers but it's also a story to reach those far from Christ. And to keep it simple just follow a memorable 3-part progression: Before, How?, Now. Before your life with Jesus, How you met Jesus, Now your life with Jesus. Your story will naturally progress through the Gospel when you speak of your sin, the specifics of grace and forgiveness in the cross of Christ and now the purpose of your life walking with Jesus on into eternity.

Before - What's your story of your life before Christ? When you tell your story, you don't have to go into all of the gruesome details but let it be known that you were in rebellion against God. Don't clean it up to make you look like you really weren't that bad. Even if you can't remember the details of your life before Christ or you don't recall a specific day or turning point you can still tell the story of your self-will and the desire to be lord over your own life.

How? - How did God intervene in your life to draw you to Himself? Tell your story and as you tell your story you can't help but talk about Jesus, the cross, the resurrection, forgiveness and eternal life. Your conversion doesn't have to be dramatic but it's still your story to tell. And all testimonies of God's grace are a Big Deal! Tell the story of God's pleasure to intervene in your life.

Now - What does your life look like now that you know Jesus? Feel free to go into the details of how God has changed your life and filled it with a calling and purpose. Your life is not perfect but tell others how walking with Christ on a daily basis makes all the difference in the world.

The Gospel does not terminate on you but is meant to go out from you to be shared with others and in turn give glory to God. As you tell your story, you are telling His story. And it's during this Christmas time that we not only want to 'Go tell it on the mountain,' but also get specific and tell our stories so that God may intervene with the Good News in the lives of others.

Looking Toward Home,
Pastor Jason



Pastor Jason

Financial Report November 2018

Current Year to Date

JAN 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2018

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2017



	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$800,963	\$832,680	\$818,778
Expenses	\$781,930	\$816,404	\$773,715
Net Income (deficit)	\$19,033	\$16,276	\$45,063



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



- 12/05 Jerry & Donna Matthews
- 12/07 Jim & Patsy Bicknell
- 12/17 James & Evelyn Andrews
- 12/19 Wynn & Joanie Jones
- 12/27 Kurtis & Sue Sutley
- 12/28 Bob & Ana Mackendrick

If you would like your wedding anniversary in our newsletter call the office and ask for Barbi! 501-922-0404



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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. 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.

VBC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24th at 5 PM

The Christmas Eve Candlelight service is a long standing tradition at VBC. Come and make Christmas more memorable this year. Enjoy singing favorite carols along with A Christmas Devotional. Yes, bring the kids, we thought of them too! The service ends by lighting a single candle and sharing the light that symbolizes sending



Christmas Concert Goodies Needed!



We are asking for donations of small, *homemade* Christmas cookies and candies (not store purchased), for the two Christmas Concert presentations on December 7th. Please drop them by the office no later than Thursday, December 6th before 5:00 pm.

Thank you!



PREPARE FOR THE BATTLE!

New Bible Study, beginning January 6th

The battle is joined. Satan and his co-operatives want to steal the souls of your progeny: children and all your grands. And the Adversary is using dinosaurs to lure children away from God. Yes, DINOSAURS. Everyone is intrigued by dinosaurs, especially the young. So, seeds of evolutionary lies are freely sprinkled into the fertile, impressionable minds of your

offspring beginning in pre-K education. Therefore, we have no time to lose. Even more than a child's peers, Christian parents and grandparents have by far the most influence on young minds. But we must speak up! We must give our youth truthful, biblical ANSWERS to counter the false teachers in America's schools and churches. I Peter 3:15 commands Christians, especially fathers, to give ANSWERS to those who depend on us for spiritual leadership. And answers are available! Each Sunday morning during the first quarter of 2019, a Creation/ Evangelism series will be featured in Fellowship Hall from 10:45 -11:45 AM. The focus will be on Biblical answers to skeptical questions the dark side

in America will throw at your offspring. Since the turn of this century, 70% of young people raised in evangelical, Christian homes have walked away from their church heritage within 2 years after leaving home for college/careers. God expects parents to stem this outflow with His truth. And the truth begins with "In the beginning God." Please make sure your progeny will join you in heaven. Come to this study. Get ANSWERS: websites, booklets, DVDs, publications and travel plans to the Creation Museum/Ark Encounter in Kentucky. All true science supports the Bible. I hope to see you beginning January 6th.

Shalom, Bob Warner

The VBC Library

Expand your mind and heart with a fascinating book today!

FIND CHRISTMAS IN THE LIBRARY

Whether you prefer fiction, non-fiction or DVD movies, we have many in all three categories.

And for your reading or viewing pleasure, all the books and DVDs related to Christmas will be prominently displayed in the Library throughout December.



update!

Operation Christmas Child

A big THANK YOU to all who helped fill 313 shoeboxes this year. These gift-filled shoeboxes will bring good news and great joy to children around the world and it cannot be done without your help.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2019 contribution envelopes will be available December 10th and can be picked up from the table in the church foyer marked "2019 Giving Envelopes." If you have not used these envelopes previously but would like to have a set please fill out a request form from the table located under the nametag board. The envelopes are used to generate giving statements at the end of the year.

VBC Christmas Food Boxes

Every year VBC has contributed Christmas food boxes to families with children in the Mountain Pine and Fountain Lake School Districts. It has been our past experience that the cost of each campaign has amounted to approximately \$110 per family. By contributing financially and by participating in the packing distribution of the food boxes, you have an opportunity to give a blessed Christmas to families in our community. If contributing financially please make your check payable to VBC with the notation in the "for" section of the check to: Mercy Ministry Fund

**Help us pack boxes at VBC: Wednesday
December 12th from 9 AM to 2 PM**

**Have questions? Need Details? Please
call James Gillett at 623-225-4041**

We thank our trustees for their wonderful, selfless ministry for our church.

*The VBC Staff
would like to wish
everyone a very
Blessed and
Merry Christmas!*

**Save
the
Date!**

For all women new to VBC or the Village or in a new phase of their life! Contact Alice Hill for more information
501-209-0072

**A HEALTHY
MOVE
begins 01/30**



Be a child's

Christmas Angel

By participating in our
ANGEL PROGRAM

Be on the lookout for the angel information sheets in the foyer! Gift requests including the name, age, gender and size of a child living in the Fountain Lake and Mountain Pine area will be provided on a separate sheet for each child.



If you cannot purchase all the items on the list, we suggest that you team-up with someone to complete the list. Please return the wrapped and marked gifts to the designated area by December 12th.

The Angel Program gifts, which include clothing items and an age appropriate toy, along with a food basket are then delivered to families for their Christmas. "Mercy Ministers" of VBC prepare and deliver these gifts. You become a part of this great ministry outreach by participating in this program!

Think of your gift as an opportunity to reach out to those who are in need and give them the joy of Christmas with these gifts and Christian love.

Contact Chuck Hulbert at 501-204-2151 with any questions.

thank
you

*Dear Village Bible Church,
Words cannot express how grateful we are for all the help you have provided the last few months—prayer, cards, transportation, packing and supervising the move.*

For all of you who helped you truly displayed God's goodness to us.


We are especially grateful to Ruthie Carrol (Hadsell) and Jane Weston for their coordination and supervision of everything related to our transportation needs and the move.

We are truly sad to be leaving VBC, but know we need to be close to our children.

We covet your prayers.

*Love,
Don & Elsie Terry*

Transition to Worship

The prelude begins each Sunday Morning at 9 AM. The musicians work hard to prepare a musical prelude to transition from friendly conversation to a reflective atmosphere of worship before the service begins. Thank you for being aware when the music has begun and for giving others the opportunity to reflect and prepare to meet with God during this time.

**INCLEMENT
WEATHER
ADVISORY**

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

KVRE 92.9
(Village Radio Station)
KLEZ 101.5
(Village Radio Station)

VBC Website: vbchsv.org
or call the church office:
501-922-0404

And the Word become flesh and dwelt among us. John 1:14a

Women's Christmas Fellowship

Thursday, December 13th, 5:00 – 7:30 PM
at Village Bible Church

Sign up
December 2nd or December 9th
or call VBC office 501-922-0404

*We invite you
to be Amazed!*

Ladies, come join us for the annual VBC Women's Ministry Christmas Fellowship

It will be held on December 13th from 5:00 pm -7:30 pm and will be an evening of charity, fellowship and praise. We will stuff Christmas stockings for children in our surrounding communities, join our old and new friends for a delicious dinner and conclude with a heartwarming celebration of the true meaning of the season. Reserve you place by signing up at the Women's Ministry table in the foyer each Sunday until December 9th or call the church office 501-922-0404.

On November 11th,
we pinned 83
Veterans and also
sent 16 lapel pins
to Mt. Carmel.





Welcome New Member!

We are excited to introduce Ellen May as a member of VBC, Ellen moved here from Petersburg, Virginia. She is retired from a legal practice in Richmond, VA. Jesus came to her in a very special and personal way and her life with Christ has changed everything for her. Ellen will be introduced during the December 2 service, please take an opportunity to welcome her to our fellowship.

Thanksgiving Food Box Packing



**THANK YOU SO
MUCH FOR
BEING A
BLESSING TO
NEEDY FAMILIES
IN OUR
COMMUNITY!**

Save the date

Who: Women's Bible Study Preview and Early Registration

What: Meet the study leaders and learn about the upcoming Bible Study classes

When: January 16th, 2019 at 9 AM

Where: Fellowship Hall at VBC



Teen Challenge Choir will be singing for us on December 30th, during the morning worship service. Be sure to come enjoy their music!



Dinner Six

Dinner Six is a great opportunity to get to know some new folks or connect with old friends in a relaxed atmosphere. You will meet in a different “host home” each month (January—March). The host provides the entrée and the other ‘couples’ bring a salad or dessert. This is NOT limited to couples, it can be two friends, two singles and of course couples. What could be better than meeting new people, having fun and enjoying wonderful comfort food. Check your interest on the communication card in the bulletin or visit the display table. Questions, call Roxy Tooley, 501-922-0700.

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 January 20th and January 27th.** You may sign-up at www.vbchsv.org, or on the communication card in the bulletin. You may also call the church office at 501-922-0404, to reserve your spot.

End-of-year giving...

At Christmas, we celebrate and emulate God’s generous and loving pattern by enjoying the tradition of giving to friends and family. In addition, many use the occasion to offer extra gifts to the Lord’s work at Village Bible Church. December is usually our largest month in terms of offerings. It’s a great blessing and a wonderful way to end the year. At VBC 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. About \$82,000 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. God continues to bless the ministries of VBC and we are grateful for the long-standing tradition of generosity from our church family. We pray that God continues to be honored and exalted through the VBC family in 2019, and beyond.

Teen Challenge holidays



Teen Challenge feeds as many as 50 families and students during the Christmas holidays. They greatly need: turkeys, hams, pies, carrots, stuffing, turkey gravy mix, instant potatoes, green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, dinner rolls, butter, tea and coffee. You could get your small group together and donate a turkey or gift certificate to a grocery store (to purchase the turkey). All items may be dropped off at Teen Challenge, 155 Walnut Valley Road or call Tank Jones, 501-624-2446, ext 301.

WHERE

can you experience our weekly sermons?



On the VBC website!
www.vbchsv.org/resources/sermons



— SERMON CDs —

You may purchase a recording of the most recent sermon on CD! Visit the wooden box on the wall beside the Welcome Center.

— RADIO MINISTRY —

Sunday's sermons are broadcast on station KVRE (92.9 FM) at 9:00 am on Sundays.

via **PODCAST** app on your apple device - search: "Village Bible Church"



Surviving The Holidays



No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. There is hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you discover new reasons to enjoy the holidays once again.

This is an opportunity for you to invite others in the community who may benefit from this seminar. It is not limited to those who attend VBC or those who are involved in the current GriefShare. It is for men and women who are grieving the death of a loved one and need to know how to handle the upcoming holidays.

VBC - Fellowship Hall - Sunday, December 9th, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Call the Church office at 501-922-0404 to pre-register

Dear VBC Family,

Rich and I cannot express our feelings at the outpouring of support and love we have received from you these past two years during our daughter Delsha's fight with cancer. She had been fighting this non-curable disease for 11 years and surpassed the time the doctors said she would live. You have prayed steadily during every crisis (you prayer warriors rock!), and counseled me with faith and hugs. With your guidance, I prayed for God to send someone into her life to bring her to Jesus. He sent three ladies with strong faith to uphold her and a military Chaplain to receive her acceptance of Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Thank you for the prayers, faith, meals and loving support during this emotional time.



Many Blessings,
Rich & Patty Gorman



HOW MUCH HAVE I GROWN?

Well VBCers, it's end-of-the-year assessment time for individuals and the Christian Education Ministry. Chairman Bob DeVinney has led us in a major effort to encourage increased participation in Sunday morning Bible Study. The 2018 theme "Come GROW with us!" was our personal invitation to all members and attenders.

So, what kind of growth in the WORD have you experienced in 2018? Have you been in more Bible study this year than last? Do you know more Scripture by memory this year? Have you grown in your hunger and zeal for God's Word in 2018?

This is a self-graded, open Bible quiz. Please assess your growth. And then consider how much more you want to GROW in 2019.

Speaking of 2019, your Christian Education teachers and facilitators are gearing up for a great year. Each class is focused hard on equipping the saints at VBC. We are growing through our study preparations. And we can't wait to share our vision and studies with YOU! But we can only equip people who make Sunday morning Bible Study a priority in 2019. Please resolve to make the Holy Spirit's job of sanctification easier next year. Even the Spirit cannot call to your remembrance what you haven't studied.

So, come on. Put a smile on God's face. Move toward the abundant life on earth Jesus promised his followers. Feast on the Word every Sunday morning. You'll be glad you did this time next year.

- Your Christian Education Ministry

p.s. In case you're wondering, the church doors stay open till 12:00 each Sunday. Have a cookie and some coffee. Fellowship. Then come to Bible Study. Please.

p.p.s. In 2018 Sunday Bible study attendance ranged from 53(May 20) to 190 (Aug. 5). So we've made progress. About 350 people attend Sunday service. There is room for ALL the rest of you every Sunday morning in our classes. Cheers!



**4th Annual Filly
Feed Luncheon
Chaplain Rich & Robi Heffington
Race Track Ministry**

The Oaklawn Race Track Chaplaincy will host their 4th annual Filly Feed Luncheon to pamper the (back of the track) women workers. It was an overwhelming success last January. Many of these women are hesitant to enter a church and may have never had God's love extended to them in an unconditional way. Robi Heffington is preparing gift bags for 100-125 women, and requests the following items be donated: Lotions, creams, moisturizers, small perfumes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, emery

boards and nail clippers. Gently used scarves and jewelry was a big hit with the women. **Candles are not allowed at the race track.** Join us! We will be assembling gift bag's for the Racetrack ladies on December 3rd in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Please make checks payable to: Oaklawn Chapel. Cash donations will be used for gift cards for boots, due to the cold and wet weather.

All donations are due by December 3rd and may be placed in the "Race Track Box" in the hallway, between Room 109 and the kitchen. This is a great opportunity for Small Groups and Bible Study classes to be involved in this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Kastner at 501-802-2082

*Thank
you*

The Missions Team thanks you for all the donated jackets and coats everyone brought to VBC for the Oaklawn "behind the track" workers. The Oaklawn Racetrack Ministry was grateful to receive them!

NEEDED: Audio Editor

Village Bible Church is looking for technical assistance on an occasional basis who is familiar with Adobe Audition and Adobe Premiere. Audio editing experience is a plus. Please contact Chris Schoenfeld, 501-538-8890 if you can fill this need.



Church Office Holiday Hours

**Closed Christmas & New Year's
December 24, 25, 26, 31 & Jan 1**

**Thank you, Merry Hearts, for your hard work on
Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!**



VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 3 Filly Feed Packing Party
- 7 VBC Christmas Concert
- 9 GriefShare Surviving the Holidays
- 12 Christmas Food Box Packing
- 13 Women's Christmas Fellowship
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 25 Merry Christmas!

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 16 Women's Bible Study Kickoff
- 30 Healthy Move
- Women's Bible Studies begin



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