



## SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUPS



VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH FAMILY NEWSLETTER

February 2017

A monthly publication to keep you up to date and informed about what is going on in the life of Village Bible Church

## We Grow Better Together!

Growing up in the country offered many first-hand experiences city-life could have never provided. Walt was a friend in high school who had responsibilities for managing the family hatchery. On occasion, I would help him tend to his chores after school so that we could move on to higher priorities of boys our age. I quickly learned that the environment of an egg had to be carefully maintained to produce a baby chick. Temperature, humidity, and ventilation were critical to success.

In a similar fashion, Village Bible Church (VBC) is in the business of producing "...disciples who become growing and serving followers of Jesus Christ." I have discovered there is also a favorable environment toward the production of healthy disciples. God never intended for any of us to live the Christian life alone. Rather, the Apostle Paul informs us, *"we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love"* (Eph. 4:15b-16). The body of Christ is better together living in harmony to foster personal growth and accomplish the greater work of His church.

In his recent book, *Escape Routes*, Pastor Johann Arnold declares, "Forget about the Information Age: we live in the age of loneliness. He argues, "... loneliness has never been as widespread as it is today. Let's face it, all of us will disappoint or be disappointed at some

junction; we will hurt others and be hurt; we will be mistrusted, and we will mistrust. But to avoid such interaction in relationships will impede the maturity that must occur in lifelong discipleship. Russian author Dostoyevsky, half-jokingly said, "...though he loved humanity, he couldn't stand individuals." Often-times, our actions unwittingly mirror his view. As pastors, we are resolved to nurture R.E.A.L. community at VBC. It all begins with Relationships one with another – living life together. The good times, and the hard times. Times of victory, and times of defeat. Times of great hope, and other times of crippling discouragement.

The "incubator" for such fast-track development is a Small Group. Small Groups meet on a regular basis to fellowship, pray, and study God's Word together. Each week the pastors provide questions for discussion at Small Group meetings. The Small Group time provides a wonderful opportunity to apply the lessons learned in the sermon. Sermons share lots of great information, illustrations, and explanations of biblical texts. When a group connects with a weekly sermon, a natural outcome is to ask how the sermon applied directly to each life in the group. What a wonderful way to connect with others, and continue in your personal growth and development as a disciple.

**Be sure to sign-up during the month of February during open-enrollment. Join a group, start a new group, or simply move to another group to meet new people.**

**Pastor Mike Kelly**

# Financial Report December 2016

"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 - DEC 31, 2016

**Prior Year to Date**  
JAN 1 - DEC 31, 2015

	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income/Collections</b>	<b>966,789</b>	<b>951,600</b>	<b>1,016,230</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>963,438</b>	<b>951,600</b>	<b>966,378</b>
<b>Net Income (deficit)</b>	<b>3,351</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>49,852</b>

## Church Directory Updates!

**JANA MCRAE**  
New Email  
jmcrac102@gmail.com

**DOTTY BURKE**  
Cell Number  
501-282-6088

**JOHN & JO ANN WISE**  
New Cell Number  
501-984-0929

**CECIL HATHORN**  
New Phone Number  
501-655-5608

**DAVID & JUDY KING**  
6321 Tall Oaks Loop S.  
Springdale, AR 72762

**LOUISE WESTBURY**  
Email Address  
jawestbury@sbcglobal.net

## VBC Upcoming Events

February 1 & 2	Winter/Spring Bible Studies Begin
February 3	FCA Luncheon
First Saturday in February	Hurting Moms Support Group
First Saturday in March	Hurting Moms Support Group
March 6	"Reflections" A Woman's Event
March 17	Woodlawn - Matinee Movie
First Saturday in April	Hurting Moms Support Group
April 16	Easter at Woodlands
April 29	Woman's Spring Retreat

## Please note the Ministry Staff's New Email Addresses

**Dr. Mark D. Cain, Senior Pastor**  
922-0404  
mark@vbchsv.org (NEW EMAIL)

**Rev. Mike Kelly, Executive Pastor**  
984-1511  
mike@vbchsv.org (NEW EMAIL)

**Rev. Levan Hubbard**  
Pastor of Worship & Care  
353-3040  
levan@vbchsv.org (NEW EMAIL)

**Barbi Mirenda, Office Manager**  
Assistant to Pastor Mark  
922-0404  
barbi@vbchsv.org (NEW EMAIL)

**Roseanne Eberle, Administrative Assistant**  
922-0404  
roseanne@vbchsv.org (NEW EMAIL)

## 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.

# Happy Anniversary

# Funeral Planning



John & Jane Hollansworth	2/03
Guenter & Ute Scharnowski	2/11
Fletcher & Linda Cockrell	2/12
Don & Elsie Terry	2/14
Paul & Midge Meyers	2/22
Jeff & Laura Davis	2/28

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



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

As Christians we are called to be faithful stewards in life ... and in death (see Phil. 1:20-21). One aspect of doing that is to “pre-plan” your funeral. We aren’t talking about casket selection or cemetery location. We are talking about what spiritual legacy you want communicated to your family and friends. VBC has devised a single sheet “Funeral or Memorial Service Preparation Guideline” to assist you in doing this. It will guide you with some simple questions to help you make a Christian statement of your faith after you are gone.



Simply stop by the Welcome Center or the church office during the week and request one. Fill it out, and return it to the church. We will photocopy it so that you may keep it with your personal papers, and we will retain a copy on file in the church office. Let this be one tool to help you exalt Jesus in life ... as well as in death.



**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO READ, LISTEN TO, OR WATCH?**

## 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.



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!

LIBRARY



# CARE CORNER



Pastor Levan Hubbard  
Worship and Care

## MARION TOPHAM



Marion went home to her Heavenly Father on January 4, 2017

A memorial service was held at Village Bible Church on January 14, 2017

## Chuck Fuller



Chuck passed into the presence of the Lord on January 15, 2017

A memorial service was held at Village Bible Church on January 23, 2017

## What if I have a care need?

### Who do I call?

The care ministry has been working hard to accommodate the needs of our congregation. One of the big questions is, **who do I call?** Well, here is the answer! If you have an emergency during office hours, which are 8:30 am to 5 pm, Monday –Thursday, call the office and the office staff will contact the person to respond.

If it is after hours, please call me at 501-353-3040 or Pastor Mike Kelly at 501-984-1511. If by chance neither of us is in town, which is extremely rare, there will be an announcement on the answering machine as to who is available to take emergency calls.

If you should need to contact someone during the weekend, Friday through Sunday, on-call personnel and their phone numbers will be posted on the answering machine at the church phone number, which is 501-922-0404.

*Caring for you . . . Pastor Levan*

## Care Team Ministry Luncheon



If you are interested in being part of the Care Team, or you are already serving, then you are invited to the Care Team Ministry Luncheon on Monday, February 20, in the Fellowship Hall from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm. This is an annual orientation, planning, and training meeting to better care for our VBC family.

The categories of service include: Hospital Visitation, GriefShare, Homebound Ministry, Inpatient and Outpatient prayer needs, Home Needs (minor and temporary); some aspects of the Deaconess Ministry which includes: Memorial Service Care, Food Preparation, Flowers and

Cards of Encouragement.

Also, the Deacon's Ministry intersects with the Care Team including: Transportation, Congregational Support (Minor Home Repair/Errands), and the Mercy Ministry (Food Boxes and Benevolence Needs).

We will review the role of the Care Ministry and our philosophy of attending to those needs as well as reviewing and making assignments in the respective areas and sharing any changes in protocol that have evolved in the last year.

Again this year we will be serving lunch and need an accurate count for preparing the food. Please sign

up on the communication card in the Sunday bulletin or call the church office to sign-up.

If you have questions or want to share ideas on how to better fulfill the goals of this ministry, please give me a call or send me an email.

Pastor Levan Hubbard

Worship & Care

501-922-0404 - [levan@vbchsv.org](mailto:levan@vbchsv.org)



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



# W.I.N.G.S

## 2 New Projects

### Cuddly Critters & Baby Buntings



**WHO** Women In God's Service - NO Sewing Skills Required.

**WHEN** Every Monday in February & March from 1-4 pm.

**WHERE** MaryAnn Woodson's Workshop  
6 Ontur Lane (Behind Good Sam's)  
For directions or information call 318-6765 or church office.

**WHY** To let the children at Change Point, Safe Haven, and Potter's Clay know that although their future and even today may seem scary, people care about them, they are special, and they are loved by God.

## Come

&

## Join Us!



**LOTS to do for EVERYONE!**

**NO sewing experience REQUIRED**



We are  
**STILL LOOKING** for  
more **W.I.N.G.S.** to  
join us

**ON**

**Mondays, 1pm - 4pm**

at

**Mary Ann's workshop.**

**THANK YOU** For  
**ALL**

your donations!

**NEW NEEDS!**

- ♥ 1" Elastic
- ♥ T-shirts; Small, Medium white or colored
- ♥ Polar fleece
- ♥ Polyfil
- ♥ Children's hangers

Please deposit donations  
in baskets under the  
Women's Ministry table  
in the hallway.

# Village Bible Church & The Gideons International



Village Bible Church has generously supplied over 50,000 Bibles to children eager for the Truth. Thank you. But imagine the joy when

Jesus thanks you personally. And He directs your attention to a large group that are in heaven because you bought Bibles. Surely there will be hugs all around.

On Sunday, February 12, you will hear a Stewardship report from Bob Light, Vice President of the local Gideon Camp. After the service, you can again add to

the population of heaven with your gifts to The Gideons International. VBC Missions do not make regular distributions to the Gideons. So, here is your chance to give to this world-wide ministry.

The demand for Bibles exceeds the supply we currently have. Seven million Bibles are printed and packaged for shipment. They sit in shipping facilities awaiting God's provision.

Bob Warner on behalf of the 27 Gideons and Auxiliary of VBC.



## Change Point

### *Pregnancy Care and Parenting Resource Center*

What a wonderful year 2016 turned out to be! We are thrilled to fill you in on some of the highlights, and anxious to share some of the things that God has in store for 2017.



2016 hosted many blessings for Change Point and the families we served! Just this past year, God has used us to:

- ◆ Assist over 2,600 families in crisis, averaging 600 visits per month.
- ◆ Minister to 150-200 parents per month through our parenting classes.
- ◆ Share Jesus (and diapers!) through our "Earn While You Learn" diapers-for-Bible Study exchange program.
- ◆ Encourage 54 mothers to make the choice to give the gift of life to their unborn babies, which now puts our grand total over the 2,500 mark!

As great as 2016 was, we are even more excited about what's yet to come in 2017. God has been busy working to spread the mission of Change Point across the state of Arkansas through Judge H. H. Singleton. Judge Singleton has been so impressed with our program, he has begun the process of sending us to 7 counties in the state to train churches and volunteers to become branches of our ministry! We are currently in the process of training a group of volunteers in Sheridan to provide parenting classes for the Clark County area. Training dates for the remaining six counties are yet to be determined, but will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Please contact us to find out about our many volunteer opportunities! We have a need for volunteers in all of our departments and greatly appreciate the donation of your time and effort. We depend on our volunteers to help us spread the message of Jesus and touch families' lives every day, and we are currently experiencing a shortage. Any amount of time in any capacity would bless our ministry incredibly!

As always, we thank you for your continued support. Change Point wouldn't be able to operate at our capacity without your calling to give.

Please feel free to call us with any questions, any time at 501-624-3273.

Yours in Christ, Miranda, Change Point



# Reflections of a Christian Woman

## “Do You Need a Makeover?”

Please join us for an evening of reflection and let's take a look at how we are projecting ourselves to others. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, “But we Christians have no veil over our faces; we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the Glory of God.” Is our image a reflection of the Lord? During the evening we will decide if we need a spiritual and/or personal makeover.

**A skincare/make-up artist** will give tips on how to improve our appearance and we will take a look at what the fashionable Christian woman is wearing.

**Scarf exchange:** If you would like to be included in the exchange, please bring one wrapped, wearable (in good condition) scarf. This is not mandatory. A demo on scarf tying will follow the exchange.

For more information call  
Dotty Burke at 501-282-6088



March 6, 2017

Monday, 6 pm - 8 pm

Village Bible Church

Sign-ups begin Sunday, February 19 and  
continue through Sunday, March 5 in  
the church foyer, or by calling the  
church office at 922-0404.

*Barbi's  
Tip!*



Along Hunt's Loop Trail hikers can enjoy panoramic views from Short Mountain Vista while observing interesting geologic features on the steep rocky slope above Iron Springs. This loop also travels through open woods on the ridge top and is an ideal day hike.

Difficulty: Moderate

# Take a Hike!

## Hunt's Loop Trail

Saturday, February 18

Lake Ouachita!

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)**

# 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 (10:50 - 11:45 am). This single session meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 26**.



Please communicate your interest via the communication card in your Sunday bulletin, or contact Barbi Mirenda, at [barbi@vbchsv.org](mailto:barbi@vbchsv.org) or 922-0404.

## SPRING 2017 Healthy Move Class

Ladies, if you are new to the Village, new to Village Bible Church, or just in a new phase of life, there is a class just for you, called **"A Healthy Move."** This 12-week class will meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am beginning **January 25**. **If you can't make that date and want to join us, newcomers are welcome up to the first couple of weeks in February.** Join us for coffee in our cozy loft area and meet other women going through the same life adjustments. We'll share laughter, hugs and lessons from a biblical perspective. We'll enjoy lunch together each week; either brown bag or go out to a local restaurant, and take several field trips.



There is no charge for this class and no outside preparation.



*Come join us and meet  
your new best friends!*

For further information please call Liza Broome 713-201-2632



# LEARNING FROM THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH

## Bible Study Class

### Why is Church Important?

If you have not chosen a Bible Study class, I would like to invite you to join us in the loft at 10:50 am each Sunday morning. The book of Acts is the basis of the study and the following topics will be highlighted.

- ◆ How does the 21st Century church relate to the modern time?
- ◆ Are we doing church the correct way?
- ◆ How is our modern church different from the first church?
- ◆ How is a successful church defined?
- ◆ What is the role of the church?



Pastor Levan Hubbard  
Worship and Care

Church 501-922-0404 - Cell 501-353-3040

This is a great opportunity to meet others and interact as well as enjoy the study of scripture in a fun way. You can join us anytime whether you started with us or not.

# VBC MOVIE MATINEE

## March 17

3:00 pm

## Save the Date!

Look for upcoming information on VBC's website our Sunday Bulletin and March Newsletter for further details of this event.

PUREFLIX PRESENTS  
AN ERWIN BROTHERS FILM  
**WOODLAWN**  
THE TRUE STORY

Tony Nathan (Caleb Castille) lands in a powder keg of anger and violence when he joins fellow African-American students at Woodlawn High School after its government-mandated desegregation in 1973. It's only when Hank (Sean Astin), an outsider who has been radically affected by the message of hope and love he experienced at a Christian revival meeting, convinces Coach Gerelds to let him speak to the team that something truly remarkable begins to happen.

## Easter at the Woodlands



For the 24 consecutive year “two” Easter services will once again be held at Woodlands Auditorium.

**April 16 - 8:30 am & 10:30 am**

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. The choir is preparing for an exciting presentation and Pastor Mark will be delivering a message of hope. This is a great opportunity to reach out to your friends, family and neighbors and invite them to this great event.

## 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.



# Thank you!

Dear VBC Family,

I want to thank you so much for your encouragement while I was in the Village over the holidays. It was great catching up with old friends, as well as meeting

new ones. Visiting the women's Sunday school class, a small group, and various homes allowed me to get to know you all even more. I am grateful for that opportunity! I truly feel I am coming home when I visit VBC and I can't express how grateful I am for your prayers, financial support, emails and kind words. Thank you also for those who gave such thoughtful gifts for my upcoming wedding. As I work to reach international students with the gospel, it means so much to me to have the partnership of VBC. Your support is invaluable!

Sincerely,

**Hollie Hubbard, International Students Inc.**  
Columbia University-New York City

## VBC New Year Preaching

### 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, beginning January 15, at 9:15 am, 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.



# ELDER BOARD REPORT

As we begin a new year it is always interesting to look back. Each year has its good and its bad. We miss many of our VBC folks who have left. Some to be closer to family, and some who have gone home to be with the Lord. We miss them all and wish the best to those who have moved away or left for various other reasons. We have more to be thankful for than I can put on paper. We are thankful first for the people of VBC. We are also appreciative of our staff and for all the volunteers who do so much. A special thanks to all who were instrumental in working on our budget! Finally, thanks to all for being part of the VBC family.

Turning to the new year, we look forward to what God has planned for us. We know it will be good, even when we are temporarily unable to see how His plans always work together for good. We do look forward to many new faces and opportunities for growth and service.

Your Elder Board continues to thank you for your support. Please let us know of needs, particularly for prayer needs.

Thank you Village Bible Church.  
Bruce Davis  
Elder Board Chair



Dr. Mark D. Cain



Don Russell



Jim Neal



John Sowers



Bruce Davis



Larry Collins



Dick Leach

**HURTING MOMS**  
For mothers of prodigal children  
A support group to  
Encourage  
Share  
Bond  
Pray  
Love  
First Saturday each month  
Village Bible Church Loft 10:15am-12:00pm  
Contact: Ruth Neal, 501-626-7726 or ruthneal@aol.com

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**



# FEBRUARY 2017 VBC FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Inside this issue. . .

## February

- 1 & 2 Women's Bible Studies Begin
- 3 FCA Luncheon
- 18 Take A Hike

## March

- 6 Reflectins of a Christian Woman
- 17 Matinee Movie

## APRIL

- 16 Easter at the Woodlands

Applying the Bible to  
dally life.



**EFCA**

Village Bible Church  
100 Ponderosa Way  
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909  
Phone: 501-922-0404  
Fax: 501-922-3697  
E-mail: [vbcchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vbcchurch@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [vbcchurch.com](http://vbcchurch.com)



Or current resident

Nonprofit Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Hot Springs, AR



Village Bible Church  
100 Ponderosa Way  
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909