

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH *family* NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2018

Powerless, Clueless But Never Hopeless

A Meditation on 2 Chronicles 20:12

By Pastor Mark D. Cain

King Jehoshaphat was in a bind. The bad guys were ganging up on him and he knew it. His track record with God was spotty. Early in his reign *The Lord was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the example of ... David ... [and] sought the God of his father*" (2 Chronicles 17:3-4). But success can be a challenging test. As he *grew greater and greater* (2 Chronicles 17:12) and *had great riches* (2 Chronicles 18:1) he foolishly and disobediently allied himself with wicked King Ahab (2 Chronicles 18). That was a bad move, and God let him know.

But when the crisis came he still knew what to do, as he *turned his attention to seek the Lord* (2 Chronicles 20:3). His prayer is an exemplary model for us all in 2 Chronicles 20: 5 ff., climaxing in verse 12:

O our God, will You not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You. 2 Chronicles 20:12

The three stages he went through are instructive for us:

POWERLESS – He knew better than to try to fake it with bluster. God loves honest authenticity. God makes stunning promises throughout the Bible to the weak, who will acknowledge their weakness. Our culture is allergic to this kind of admission – but choose God's way. He is attracted to the weak who lean on Him.

CLUELESS – *nor do we know what to do*. Who hasn't been there ... often?!? In our age of information explosion can you admit that there are times that you simply don't know what to do? I am more comfortable with that now than when I started in the ministry. Only by acknowledging that you don't know, can you be ready for what God knows.

NEVER HOPELESS – *But* – that wonderful *hinge of faith* we so often see in the Bible. This stopped his downward slide, then the deliberate directing of our trust: *our eyes are on You*. Nourish and strengthen your faith on the promises of God's Word. Read them, pray them, cogitate on them, *believe* them. There is a supernatural strengthening that comes to you from the Living God through His energizing Word. But you also have a role to play. (Hebrews 4:12)

You may *feel* hopeless at times but if you have the God of the Bible as your Father, the Lord Jesus as your Savior, and the Holy Spirit as your Helper, there is always hope. Our God is *the God of hope* (Romans 15:13).

As I reflect upon my pastoral career of 38 years – nearly 21 of them here at VBC – I am a man most blessed. Rarely has there been the relationship between a church and pastor such as we've enjoyed. Oh, I know it hasn't been perfect. After all, everyone knows that no congregation is perfect! Nor is any pastor, especially this one. But overall the bumps have been relatively small, the issues navigable and the love usually present and abundantly expressed.

As we face an unknown future, rest in the all-sufficient Jesus by *looking* to Him in faith, counting on Him to do in your life that which is good. Even when you feel powerless and clueless, you can be truly *hopeful* as you keep your eye of faith on the Living God with whom you walk.

Still Looking With You,

Pastor Mark



Financial Report December 2017

Current Year to Date

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - DEC 31, 2017

JAN 1 - DEC 31, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$1,004,657	\$951,200	\$966,789
Expenses	\$896,899	\$896,898	\$962,948
Net Income (deficit)	\$107,758	\$54,302	\$3,841

ANNIVERSARIES



John & Jane Hollansworth 2/3
Guenter & Ute Scharnowski 2/11



Fletcher & Linda Cockrell 2/12

Larry & Jimmi Moline 2/14



Don & Elsie Terry 2/14

Paul & Midge Meyers 2/22

Rich & Patty Gorman 2/25



Jeff & Laura Davis 2/28

If you'd like your wedding anniversary announced in our newsletter, call the office and check with Barbi, 501-922-0404.



There are a couple of ways to enjoy (or re-enjoy) Sunday's sermon!
- At **VBCHSV.COM** under the Resources tab
- Purchase a CD copy of the sermon, for just \$1. Simply visit the wooden cabinets in the foyer near the Welcome Center!

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 at VBC.

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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)

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

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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

Volunteer Mission Trip to Voice of the Martyrs now forming!
Sign-up display table in the foyer: March 4th, 11th, and 18th

Volunteer Work

Short-term volunteers work at the Operations Center doing various tasks in an area that is climate controlled. Volunteers are seated while they work. There are a few other jobs that require standing and lifting, these jobs are determined by the individual volunteer and the work schedule. Short coffee breaks are taken at 10 AM and 3 PM. There is a one hour lunch break taken at noon.

Volunteer Housing

VOM has furnished housing available nightly for volunteers that work an average of five hours per day. The housing has all bed linens, a working kitchen, living and dining areas.

Volunteer limit is 15 people this year.

If you are interested in being part of the Village Bible Church team going April 2-7, contact Jim Boyd 501-922-6669

CARE NEEDS

If you have an emergency from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday – Thursday, call the office and they will reach the appropriate person for you. After hours, please call Pastor Levan, 501-353-3040. If I am not in town, which is extremely rare, there will be details on the answering machine as to who is available to assist you. Should you need someone Friday - Sunday, on-call personnel details will be on the answering machine at the church phone number, which is 501-922-0404.

Caring for you . . . Pastor Levan

Teen Challenge will host our spring local ministry recognition on their campus. There will be dessert and coffee, a program led by our Judy McEarl, and small group tours of the facility.

Don't miss the March sign-up!

Date: Saturday, March 24th
Time: 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Save the date

Care Team Ministry Luncheon

February 20, 2018 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



I want to know what the Care Team does! I've been wanting a place to serve others! I'm already a Care Team member! If any of these statements apply to you, keep reading about this great opportunity.

On Tuesday, February 20th starting at 11:30 AM, there will be a Care Team Luncheon. In this meeting, we will review the role of the Care Ministry and our philosophy, confirm Care assignments and roles, and explore a couple of new ideas for the Care Team.

Current members, and those interested in this ministry, are invited to attend. VBC be serving lunch. All we ask is that you sign-up for the meeting so that enough food is prepared.



Register via your bulletin communication card, visit the sign-up table, or call the church office 501-922-0404.

If you have questions or want to share ideas on how to better fulfill the goal of the Care Ministry, please contact me.

Caring with you,
Pastor Levan



Come join us as we hike the Lake Sylvia Trail! Sign-Up Sunday, February 18th in the foyer!

4 miles, Moderate Difficulty

Take a Hike!

Lake Sylvia Trail

Saturday, February 24

Near Perryville, AR

If you have any questions please contact:

Mike & Jeanne Walters

501-915-8046

Or

Jerry & Roxie Harris

501-915-9635

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 11, you will hear a Stewardship report from John Hollansworth. After the service, you can again add to the population of heaven with your gifts to The Gideons International. VBC Missions does not make regular contributions 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.

Please help us send these Bibles to nations begging for more Scriptures. Your gift will "send the light" into a dark world. May God bless you with an abundant heart for the lost.

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



Saturday, March 10th ~ 1:00 PM

Women's Ministry Spring Fellowship

Growing In Grace



- ◆ Fun
- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ Desserts & Beverage
- ◆ Presentation on flower arrangement & growing plants

"...thank God for you because your faith is flourishing and your love for one another is growing."

2 Thessalonians 1:3

Registration Dates ~ February 18th, 25th, or March 3rd, or call the church office 501-922-0404

ELDER BOARD REPORT

As our church moves forward in the early stages of searching for the individual God has chosen to become our next Senior Pastor, we face a time of change and uncertainty. Reflecting on these thoughts it gives me great comfort, as I hope it does to you, that we serve a living God who is not surprised by change and knows no uncertainty.

Please pray for our Senior Pastor search team Bruce Davis, Elaine MacIntre, Jim McKeand, Betsy Bochte, Dennis Gullickson, Sara Sue Fuller and Floyd Jordan as they begin the process of evaluating applicants.

Additionally your elders ask that you pray for Dr. Terry Carter who will become our interim teaching pastor each Sunday after Easter.

Dr. Carter has an undergraduate degree from Howard Payne University, a Masters/Ph. D from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is chair of the Department of Christian Ministries as well as the Associate Dean of the Pruet School of Christian Ministries at Ouachita Baptist University.

Elder, Larry Collins



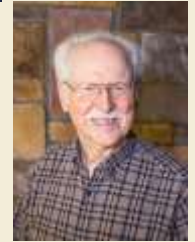
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Welcome New Members



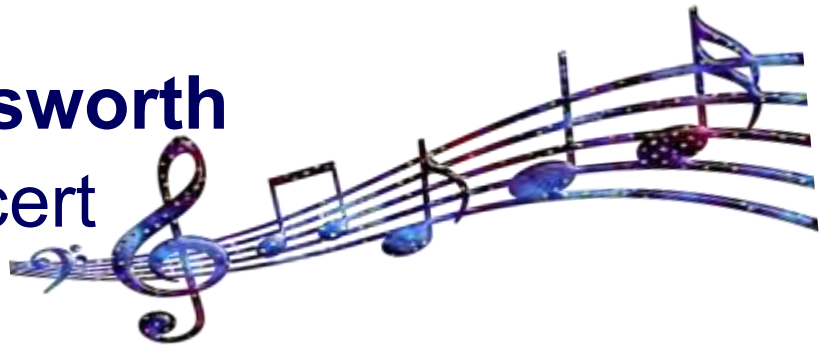
We are excited to introduce Jim & Twanna Broadhurst as members of VBC. Jim & Twanna come to us from Gainesville, Texas. In their professional lives, Jim was IT Management for American National Insurance Company and Twanna was an administrative assistant at OSU-TECH in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Jim was saved at the age of 17 and knows that Jesus Christ is his personal savior. Twanna made a profession of faith as a child and has been active in the church ever since. We are thankful to have them as members of VBC. Please take an opportunity to welcome Jim & Twanna to our fellowship.



We are excited to introduce James & Evelyn Andrews as members of VBC. James & Evelyn come to us from Shreveport, Louisiana. They both worked for the Caddo Parish school system, James as a science teacher and Evelyn as a kindergarten and first grade teacher. Both dedicated their lives to Christ as teens. James is an active member of the VBC choir. We are thankful to have them as members of VBC. Please take an opportunity to welcome them to our fellowship.



The Collingsworth Family Concert



Many thanks to Steve Petro for these photos!

FEBRUARY

- 2 FCA Luncheon
- 11 Gideon Sunday
- 20 Care Team Luncheon
- 26 AARP Driving Course

MARCH

- 10 Women's Event: Growing in Grace
- 28 Midweek Cross Service



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