

# CELEBRATE!

By Jim Neal

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH FAMILY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2017

## Celebration of Blessings Sunday!

There were seven holidays in the Jewish calendar. These were times of feasting AND praising. The church had gradually moved away from the party by the time Jesus arrived on the scene. But, Jesus enjoyed that kind of gathering. He even dined with sinners, and at one event he turned water into wine. Sometimes I think we need to remember that we, of all people, should be about joy. And that is best experienced together. Did you ever notice how contagious a smile is?

Right now, in the life of Village Bible Church, we have several great reasons to party and praise. And so, we have planned to do so.

On June 18, we will hold an experience we call C.O.B.S. Celebration of Blessings Sunday. Beginning at 9:15 on that morning we will hear of the history of Village Bible Church and God's faithful blessings for this 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. It is only appropriate that we honor our founding fathers (and mothers) on this Father's Day. We stand on the shoulders of those who have come before. We will take a break following the regular service time and enjoy a special snack honoring the payoff of our building mortgage. Then, during what would normally be the Bible School hour we will continue the celebration. Psalm 47:1 will guide us – "O clap your hands, all peoples; Shout to God with the voice of joy."

You will hear about how it all started at VBC. We will praise God together as we learn of His great provision for us. You have joined the ranks of the

faithful and can now take pleasure in the burning of the mortgage and 35-year parade of believers.

But, there is more. This year also marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor Mark's ministry here as Senior Pastor. Joining together we will rejoice in that accomplishment as well. There may even be something that will surprise him.

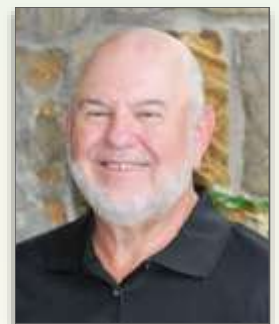
I began my ministry/career with World Vision as an Event Coordinator. I remember one year holding over 130 dinner events. But, these were fundraising affairs. Our time on the 18<sup>th</sup> is more than an event. It will be an experience - one you won't want to miss.

Following our time in the sanctuary we will enjoy a catered meal with seating throughout the church. You will love the decorations and the history presentations. Our celebration task force has worked hard to provide a great experience that glorifies God. We anticipate special guests who will join with us that day.

Most of all, we anticipate God's presence with us.

**DON'T FORGET TO SAVE  
THE DATE - JUNE 18.**

Come  
**Celebrate!**  
With Us



Jim Neal  
Vice-Chairman  
Elder Board



# Financial Report May 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**

**Prior Year to Date**

JAN 1 - April 30, 2017

JAN 1 - April 30, 2016

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Income/Collections</b>	<b>330,902</b>	<b>317,200</b>	<b>276,992</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>341,959</b>	<b>339,704</b>	<b>320,512</b>
<b>Net Income (deficit)</b>	<b>(11,057)</b>	<b>(22,504)</b>	<b>(43,520)</b>

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Correction to last months information**

**John & Jo Ann Wise**  
John & Jo Ann Cell - 501-984-2604  
Land Line - 501-915-0093

**Doug Shoemaker**  
New Address  
21 Tomisa Lane  
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

**James & Evelyn Andrews**  
New Phone Number's  
Evelyn - 501-204-2068 James - 501-984-0183

**Joyce Sweeney**  
New Phone Number  
Land line - 217-605-8164

**Tony Green**  
New Phone Number  
501-204-2192

**Linda Stewart**  
New Address  
3346 West Washington Street - Springfield, IL 62711

## ANNIVERSARIES

	Bob & Jeanette DeVinney	6/02
	Pete & Sue Hemenway	6/02
	Jim & Ruth Neal	6/04
	Jim & Jo McKeand	6/06
	Ron & Roxy Tooley	6/08
	Jim & Marlene Davis	6/11
	Richard & Jean Penuell	6/13
	Ray & Judy Clem	6/15
	Brad & Nancy Jones	6/19
	Steve & Susie Masters	6/19
	Ray & Jane Drake	6/21
	Vin & Liz Hayes	6/21
	Steve & Maribeth Petro	6/22

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

**VBC**

## Ministry Staff

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

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

**Barbi Mirenda, Office Manager, Assistant to Pastor Mark**  
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**Roseanne Eberle, Administrative Assistant**  
922-0404 email - roseanne@vbchsv.org

## Special Thank You!

Thank you again, for the beautiful service, prayers and support for my mother, Patti Wetlaufer. God's Blessings,

June Grady

# VBS



**June 5 - June 9**

**8:30 am to Noon**

Again, Village Bible Church invites all kiddos **Ages PreK-6th Grade** to Vacation Bible School 2017!

**The theme this year is "Operation Arctic!" and as always it is FREE! Make sure you bring your kids and/or grandkids Monday, June 5th through Friday, June 9th ... from 8:30 a.m. to NOON each day!**

All "Explorers" will learn songs, make crafts and enjoy creative snacks, as well as, participate in engaging drama! Vacation Bible School at Village Bible Church will be an exploration into God's word that your child will NOT want to miss!

For more information and to *pre-register* call the church office: **501-922-0404**

...or visit our church website: [www.vbcchurch.com](http://www.vbcchurch.com) for more information.

**Village Bible Church is located @ 100 Ponderosa Way, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909**

# Welcome TO OUR CHURCH

## Village Bible Church

**MEMBERSHIP AT VBC** - We recognize that every church handles the issue of church membership a little bit differently. Here at Village Bible Church we have the following steps:

First, we ask you to attend the Discover VBC class. This gives you an opportunity to get to know more of the "personality" of VBC and our distinctiveness.

Second, you fill out a membership application (available at the Welcome Center).

Third, you will meet with two elders, as they will ask you to give a short summation of your salvation experience, and you can also ask questions about the church of them.

Finally, we introduce you to the church family.

Membership is a step of commitment in the life of a follower of Jesus, and we are always appreciative when people show that level of dedication and trust. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with either a pastor, or an elder.

**Next Discover VBC Classes are July 16 and 23.**

## CARE CORNER

### 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 501-209-6547. If by chance neither of us are 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**



Pastor Levan Hubbard  
Worship and Care

# ONLINE GIVING



**Pastor Mike Kelly**

In our culture, we are blessed with alternative and effective ways of ensuring that our tithes and offerings are brought into God's house (Malachi 3:10). Many who give would prefer to do so electronically.

Fewer people today carry checkbooks any longer as debit cards become the primary source of payment. Online banking and purchasing has become the norm for most of us in our daily transactions. Also, HSV is an unusually mobile community as many travel throughout the course of the year. Online giving accommodates you with *recurring giving* options that allow your financial support to continue in your absence. We would certainly never want to discourage those who choose to give in the service as a form of worship. At

the same time, we want to offer another viable form of giving that serves to express our worship. We are reminded that the methods and forms of the church have changed throughout the centuries, but the function remains the same. We want to honor the Lord through the careful stewardship of our time, talent, and tithe. You can be assured that your giving is secure through our adherence to Payment Card Industry (PCI) compliance standards. To participate, simply go to the VBC website home page ([www.vbccchurch.com](http://www.vbccchurch.com)) and 'click' on Give Online - the rest is simple. You can use your debit card, or check detail to set-up a "one-time" gift, or "recurring" gift. If you have additional questions, please be sure to contact the office staff for assistance. Applicable fees will apply: Debit Card (2.5%); Checking account (1.0%). A Contribution made from your checking account for \$100.00 will have a processing fee of \$1.00. If you have additional questions, please be sure to contact the office staff for assistance.



**VBC's Women's Spring Retreat 2017 Was A Huge Success!**



Photography by Sam Spearman



MONDAY, JULY 17, 9:30 AM


**VBC WOMEN'S**

MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Save the  
Date!



A special monetary collection will be taken  
for our EFCA Missionaries.

SPEAKER: Barbara Heilemann

**AT THIS EVENT WE WILL ALSO KICKOFF OUR  
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT**

**LOCAL MINISTRY TOUR**

**“CHANGE OF DATE”**

Discover firsthand how our Investment is being used locally!

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

**New Date!**  
**Friday, June 2**

Depart from VBC by 9:45 am or meet at Teen Challenge by  
10:00 am return by 4:00 pm. Group will carpool to each site.

Questions?

Contact Jane Weston at 922-4686 or [jeweston4@gmail.com](mailto:jeweston4@gmail.com)

# A NEW SERMON SERIES BY PASTOR MARK

For millennia the Psalms have spoken to the real life issues of God's people, breathing hope, encouragement and faith into the patience of waiting, the stress of anxiety or the lowness of depression. The Psalms speak to the real issues of life and the full range of emotions we experience. Beginning May 21 through June 11, Pastor Mark will take us through a number of these chapters that speak from God directly to our hearts. He will illustrate one "tip" for reading the Psalms each week.



Pastor Mark D. Cain

# Save the date!



# THE HOPPERS

## VBC

September 22, 2017

7:00 PM

Multi-award winning family group The Hoppers have been singing to global audiences for over 57 years with appearances ranging from presidential religious inaugural ceremonies and New York's Carnegie Hall to singing conventions and church platforms. They have performed throughout the United States as well as in Israel, Europe and Africa. Their unique blend of harmonies and song choices have created a legacy of musical excellence embraced by leading pastors and event organizers. Known as America's Favorite Family of Gospel Music, they are favorites on the Gaither Homecoming videos and tours, and their recordings frequently land at the top of the BILLBOARD sales charts and the Singing News radio charts.

Compromised today of family members Claude & Connie, son Dean and his wife, Kim, and son Mike Hopper. The Hoppers were formed in 1957 in the rural farm town of Madison, NC, and have grown continuously for decades, touching countless lives around the world. Connie has been honored with numerous industry and fan awards and inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Sons Dean and Mike have continued the family legacy with their musical talents and business abilities; and Kim, Dean's wife, hails from her own nationally acclaimed musical family, is noted for the excitement she brings to any performance, and her unmistakable, rafter-ringing soprano vocals have taken The Hoppers to new heights.

Plan on joining us at VBC on September 22, at 7:00 pm for a great time of music and fellowship.

# ELDER BOARD REPORT

Over 900 attended our Easter services at the Woodlands, and as one of them I cannot find words to truly express the joy of the entire service. Our VBC choir was again outstanding (could it have been the best yet?!). The message was as expected – outstanding in both content and clarity! As VBC people know, included in the effort is the hope and prayer to reach people who don't regularly attend church as well as our own members and regular attendees. Our prayer is also that the 27 "Yes" packets taken will reach the hearts of those who received them and they will receive Jesus as Savior. We are thankful to the Lord for all that took place that Easter Sunday.

Finally, for this month, we appreciate those who were able to attend our regular quarterly meeting. Those in attendance were among the first to hear the announcement by our treasurer, Carroll Weyrich, that our mortgage on the building has been paid in full! We hope you will be able to join us for our Celebration of Blessings Sunday on June 18th as we celebrate *The Burning of the Mortgage*, as well as *VBC's 35 Anniversary* and *Pastor Mark Cain's 20 year tenure with VBC*. The fellowship was great and again we want to thank Betsy Bochte for her loyal and accurate recording of the minutes.

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](mailto:ruthneal@aol.com)



# COME

# Celebrate!

## June 18 at VBC

## JUNE

- 2 Mission Tour
- 5 - 9 Vacation Bible School
- 8 Women's Bible Study
- 8 Respectfully Yours
- 14 Summer Book Club
- 18 Celebration of Blessings Sunday
- 21 Women's Bible Study
- 21 "3 R's" of Joy

## JULY

17 Christmas In July

June VBC Family Newsletter



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