

A Meditation On Psalm 90:14

BY PASTOR MARK D. CAIN

Good Morning!

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Some time ago, I went through a season of several years in which the prayer of Moses in Psalm 90:14 formed a **part of my morning, daily “meeting with Jesus” time.** It is a single-verse prayer that takes on even more meaning the deeper one goes with it.

Psalm 90:14

*O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness,
That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.*

Addressed to God, it is a request for satisfaction. Satisfaction and fulfillment from Him. His satisfaction and joy.

The specific content of this satisfaction, where it comes from, is **unique: “Your lovingkindness.”** It might sound like just a common, vanilla version of love, but it is so much more. This Hebrew word, *hesed*, may be the single most theologically profound concept in the entire Old Testament. It is translated multiple ways throughout the Old Testament not because we do not know what it means, but because it means so much. One understanding is *covenant love*. This unique, committed love that God has for us *will never end* because it is grounded in who He is and not what we do.

This *satisfying love* hooked a memory, from forty years ago, of a comment from my church history professor at Dallas Theological Seminary, Dr. Edwin Deibler. He said, **“The following statement is not inspired Scripture, but it may come as close as anything penned by man. ‘What is the chief end of man? The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.’”** He quoted from the Westminster Shorter Catechism. What stood out to me is **“to enjoy”** God. Even those 17th century theologues recognized the innate longing of the human heart – even my heart – to quest after joy, fulfillment, satisfaction. Pastor John Piper further clarifies by offering one tiny **word change in that classic statement: “The chief end of man is to glorify God BY enjoying Him forever.”** Do you enjoy the Lord?

Tie this thought into our verse - *O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness* = Let me find and experience my true satisfying joy in the reality of You, O God.

Let's get practical. How do we do this? One way is to corral my wild and straying thoughts every morning with the rope of God's Word and specifically pull them to one of the “covenant promises” that is mine all because of Jesus.

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me,
Philippians 4:13.

I am with you always,
Matthew 28:20.

*Always [abound] in the work of the Lord [even today!],
knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord,*
1 Corinthians 15:58.

Nineteenth-century Christian leader George Mueller said it is our first business of the day to get our own soul happy in Jesus. Even when life is hard and disappointing, and pain and aches are real, Psalm 90:14 can be one track to run on in this endeavor.

*O satisfy us [this] morning with Your lovingkindness,
That we may sing for joy and be glad [this] day.*

Pray it, you'll like it!

Pastor Mark





Financial Report June 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 - May 31, 2017

JAN 1 - May 31, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	415,793	396,500	367,792
Expenses	412,735	424,074	402,407
Net Income (deficit)	3,058	(27,574)	(34,615)

Funeral Planning

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

	Steve & Winnie Dill	7/3
	Cecil & Tommye Hathorn	7/3
	Rich & Joanie Richeson	7/3
	Irv & Marge Larson	7/14
	Wally & Tony Mansfield	7/14
	Sam & Gloria Spearman	7/17
	Barry & Pam DeMorrow	7/25
	Jack & Julie Dohme	7/30
	Dennis & Carolyn Brown	7/31

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

VBC

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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.

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.



A Good Thing!

Pastor Mark D. Cain

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.

Due to popular demand (or, at least, a few people have expressed appreciation{!}) Pastor Mark will continue this month with his summer preaching series on *A Few Of My Favorite . . . Psalms*.

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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.



Pastor Levan Hubbard
Worship and Care

Caring for you . . . Pastor Levan

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.vbcchurch.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.



Save the Date!

VBC Mission Conference

Set your calendar for the VBC Mission Conference August 19 & 20. Our featured International Missionaries will be Dinesh and Shannon serving Southeast Asia. More details will be in the next VBC newsletter.

▶ **Event will start with build your own sundae!** ◀



2017 SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Arkansas will hold its annual sales tax holiday, beginning Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 12:01 a.m. and ending Sunday, August 6, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. State and local sales tax will not be collected during this 48-hour period on the sale of: (1) Clothing and footwear if the sales price is less than one hundred dollars (\$100) per item; (2) Clothing accessories and equipment if the sales price is less than fifty dollars (\$50) per item; (3) School supplies; (4) School art supplies; and (5) School instructional materials.

Purchase your "Baby Items" during the Arkansas Sales Tax Holiday and SAVE!

Coming Up!

September Baby Items Drive

Diapers 4 & 5, Wipes, Baby thermometers
Infant onesies, socks & pacifiers.

More details coming in upcoming Newsletters.



MONDAY, JULY 17, 9:30 AM
VBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY
CHRISTMAS IN JULY BRUNCH

Sign-up at the display table
Sunday, July 2 & 9

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**

Attention Teachers

Fountain Lake Charter Hill School has created time for our students to receive extra help in core areas. Now we are looking for retired teachers to volunteer to tutor students in high school English, math, science, and social studies.

Many time slots are available throughout the day. If you would like to invest your time to help our students, please plan to attend an informational meeting on July 6th at 10:00 am in the Fountain Lake Auditorium.

We hope to see you there.

Special Thank You!

Floyd and I appreciate all the prayers, cards, loving messages you sent to me. I am recovering well.

VBC is such a shining example of Christ's body working and loving, as a family. Thank you.

Judy Jordan

Dear Village Bible Church

Congratulations on your thirty five years! We, as Elders and Pastors of Lake Valley, are rejoicing with you. God has worked in and through Village Bible Church to minister to Hot Springs Village and the surrounding areas. You have been a light of God's love and grace.

As you have helped those in need, we want to honor the work you have done by making a donation to Jackson House in your name.

We are grateful to call you brothers and sisters in Christ.

— **Morgan Golden, Pastor** —
Lake Valley, Community Church

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017



Special thanks to our photographers, Sam Spearman and Steve Petro on a great job!

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CELEBRATION OF BLESSINGS SUNDAY



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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.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING

All Members and non-members are encouraged to be in prayer and plan to attend this meeting on Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00 pm.

As Instructed by the VBC By-Laws this meeting will begin the nomination process.

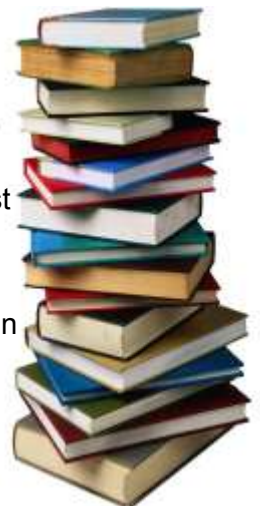
More information will be forthcoming in the bulletins.

VBC LIBRARY

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!

Nancy Jones has a new e-mail address
library@vbchsv.org



ELDER BOARD REPORT

In Romans 12, Paul tell us that just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us and each of us is to exercise them accordingly. Some of us are called to teach, some to lead, some to serve. When God led my wife and me to Hot Springs Village and to Village Bible Church (VBC), the people and the teaching at VBC changed my life. I thought I was a Christian—I wasn't. Was I brought up in a Christian home—yes; did I go to Sunday school and church as a youth—yes; had I been faithful to this upbringing—no. The reasons for that are not important. What is important to me is that after truly coming to know the Lord and being baptized by Pastor Mark in Lake Cortez many years ago, I have been truly blessed by the opportunity to serve VBC. Trustee, Deacon, Treasurer, Small Group Leader, Elder—you name it, I've done it. I do not say this as a Pharisee might; I say it because serving our church gets in your blood and the more you serve, the more you want to serve. Our church is a community of believers. Communities need workers. As each of you reads these thoughts, I pray you will think about how you can apply your skills and talents in the service of our church. You have them whether you think so or not. Seek out one of your Pastors or Elders and ask them how you too can serve.

Don Russell, Elder Board



Dr. Mark D. Cain



Don Russell



Jim Neal



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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

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS



JULY

- 4 Office Closed
- 17 Christmas in July
- 26 Quarterly Congregation Meeting

AUGUST

- 19 & 20 VBC Mission Conference

SEPTEMBER

- 22 Hoppers in Concert



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