

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH family NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018



Why would we have another concert so close to the Christmas Concert and not so long before the Easter presentation - **isn't that too many events?**

Here is my answer: If you asked me, "Who would you have come for a concert if you could have anyone you wanted?", one of my answers would be The Collingsworth Family. There are a few reasons: They have a lot of talent, they are sincere and do not use hype to get people excited, Kim is a great piano player, and they choose good songs.

It worked out for them to come to VBC on Sunday January 14, at 5 PM.

I am asking you to:
Make plans to attend.
Invite your friends and neighbors.
Pray for God to use this concert as a tool
for outreach and REAL Community,
that many would be encouraged by the concert.
Give to support the concert.

Hope to see you here,
Pastor Levan



Financial Report November 2017

Current Year to Date

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - NOV 31, 2017

JAN 1 - NOV 30, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$902,982	\$872,300	\$839,315
Expenses	\$847,354	\$869,390	\$874,826
Net Income (deficit)	\$55,628	\$(2,910)	\$(35,511)

ANNIVERSARIES



Brad & Julie Drake 01/18



Lyle & Evelyn Wheatcroft 01/18



Craig & ZeeZee Volz 01/25



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

Angel Tree 2017



THANK YOU FOR GIVING GENEROUSLY!

Annual Meeting

Responding to numerous suggestions, the VBC Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday morning, January 28, 2018, during the Bible School hour, 10:50 AM. This is to encourage greater attendance.

Note: Non-Members are invited to attend, but only VBC members will be able to vote.

VBC Ministry Staff

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Radio Ministry



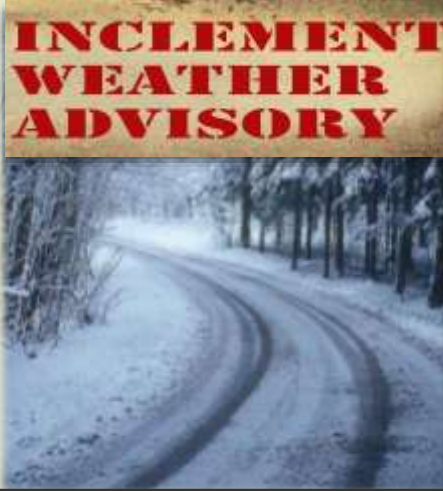
Our radio ministry is designed as an outreach for the unchurched. Please remember to mention our broadcast to those you know who do not have a church home. Visit the Welcome Center and pick up some of the small imprinted cards to share with friends and neighbors. Sunday's sermons are broadcast on station 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 at VBC.

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



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

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W.IN.G.S.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

With your help W.IN.G.S. donated 60 children's quilts, 12 Veteran's quilts, 55 buntings, 100 dolls, and 50 baby toys. We have enjoyed our Christmas break BUT we'll start again January 8th, same day (Mondays), same time (1-4 PM), same place (MaryAnn's workshop)!
Questions? Call MaryAnn 501-318-6765



"Learning"

"New friends"

"Using my sewing to serve God"

"Fellowship and laughter"

"Creativity"

"To be useful"

COME JOIN US!

"Joy and happiness in my heart"

"Helping those in need"



VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

We are excited to announce the Mission Trip to Voice of the Martyrs, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on April 2nd through April 7th, 2018. This is a great opportunity to serve.

The work is not strenuous and the accommodations are good! Make sure to reserve these dates on your calendar and be watching for trip details. For information, Contact Jim Boyd, 501-922-6669.

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 sign-up, which will be available in March!

Date: Saturday, March 24th

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Save the date

Church Office Holiday Hours

Closed New Year's
January 1st & 2nd

Benevolence Fund

This fund is used to aid VBC family when there is a special need. Any donation to the fund would be appreciated, but should be over and above your regular giving amount. Please make your check payable to Village Bible Church and designate "Benevolence Fund" on your check or envelope. If you know of a need within our body, please notify any elder or pastor.
Thank you.

VBC

Historical Books

The pre-ordered VBC Historical Books are in! They are wonderful and filled with a treasure trove of information, photos and the rich history of our church. Pick up your copy at the church office, only \$15!

DON'T MISS OUT, GET ONE TODAY!

A Healthy Move

Spring 2018

Registration will be January 7th, 14th and 21st in the foyer, before and after the service.

A HEALTHY MOVE is an exciting series of classes spanning 9 weeks, for ladies who are new to the Village, new to Village Bible Church, or just in a new phase of life. We'll begin January 31st, 2018 and will meet every Wednesday at 9 AM.

We welcome you to join us for coffee in our cozy loft area and meet other women going through the same adjustments as you. We'll share laughter, hugs, and lessons from a Biblical perspective, as well as, insights on "Village life". We'll enjoy lunch together each week, either brown bag or out to a local restaurant, as well as a fun field trip. You'll have the opportunity to stay together as a friendship group at the conclusion of the sessions. There is no charge for this class and no outside preparation.

Come join us and meet your new best friends.

You may also call Sue Kilfoy 501-204-4028 or Alice Hill 501-209-0072 for more information or to register.



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 14th and January 21st.** 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.

Note from Missions:

We will be hosting Teen Challenge students Friday, January 26th for a 7 PM showing of the movie Woodlawn. The VBC family is encouraged to attend, and bring your friends and neighbors too!
Popcorn and goodies will be served at 6:30 PM.
Questions? Contact Jane Weston, 501-922-4686 or email jeweston4@gmail.com

Come support **Fellowship of Christian Athletes!** FCA uses the platform of sports and the leadership of middle school and high school athletes to spread the Gospel of Jesus to students. Village Bible Church will host a luncheon on Friday, February 2nd, from 11 AM to 2 PM. Hear students and coaches give testimonies. Lunch costs only \$5.00 per person and includes a sandwich, chips, and drink.

See the display table at VBC, January 21st and 28th, to register!

Welcome New Members



James & Abby Gillett come to us from Peoria, Arizona. Even though James went to a Christian grade and high school and grew up in the church (his father was a minister), he felt he was the proverbial weekend warrior. God brought to his attention James 3:11 and on that day he chose to walk with Christ on a daily basis. Abby accepted Jesus as her savior when she was 8 years old and was baptized soon after. Since their marriage 6 years ago, she and James have made a new commitment in their walk with God. James and Abby are both active members of the VBC choir.



Jana McRae is a retired RN from Shreveport, Louisiana. Jana started her Christian walk in her late 30's and gives much of the credit to her Christian friends. Jana has professed her faith in Jesus as Savior.



George & Valerie Kittner moved here from Rockford, Illinois. Both are retired from the US Postal Service, George as supervisor in maintenance operations and Valerie as an HR specialist. Valerie accepted Christ in 1992 when she was baptized and George opened her eyes to what was missing in her life by not following the teachings of the Bible. At age 7, George accepted Christ but didn't fully understand this commitment until he was baptized at church camp in Minnesota at age 16.



Dinner for Six



You have the opportunity to sign up for **DINNER for SIX**. It begins in January and goes through March. It's NOT limited to couples and can be two friends, two singles, and of course couples. Please sign up via the communication card in the bulletin or at the Welcome Center!

DINNER for SIX is a great opportunity to get to know some new folks or connect with old friends as well. You will meet in a different "host home" each month. The host provides the entrée and the other "couples" bring a salad or dessert.

Sooooo, come on...this to be kind of dark and dreary this time of year. What could be better than meeting new people, having fun conversations and enjoying wonderful comfort food?!

A winning combination and a great way to begin 2018.

If you have any questions, call Roxy Tooley at 922-0700

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2018 contribution envelopes are available and can be picked up from the table in the church foyer marked "2018 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.



2017 Christmas Concert





Thank you Creative Arts Ministry for your beautiful work!



What great memories ~ Many thanks to Sam Spearman, Ana MacKendrick, and Sue Wilson for the photographs of this year's Christmas concert!

Hurting Moms Support Group

January through May we'll be studying the book: **Prayer Worth Repeating**, Praying Together for our Adult Children, a Stonecroft study

True or False?

You're heavy-hearted over a child, or grandchild who's in an addiction, or estranged from the family? You've prayed for so many years, that now you're just saying words, but not really expecting an answer? You've given up on praying for your child because it hurts too much to even say his/her name? You're so full of guilt and shame that you quietly hid your hurting heart from your friends? If you've answered "YES," continue reading.

Stonecroft introduction to **Prayer Worth Repeating** is, "As the mother of adult children, you know that the "hands-on" stage of parenting is behind you. Yet your heart is just as connected to your children as when you had full oversight of their well-being. While you will always have a significant influence in their lives, your impact now takes a different shape. **The purpose of this study is to connect mothers with God on behalf of their adult children who are not actively engaged with Him — Moms who want to maximize their impact through the power of Scripture-focused prayer.**" If you have a hurting heart for your prodigal child, come; meet with other Hurting Moms as we learn together on how to impact our children through the power of Scripture-focused prayer.

We'll meet the first SATURDAY of each month at Village Bible Church in the Loft. Fellowship and coffee begins at 10:15 AM and the meeting is from 10:30 to Noon. To order your book (cost \$8.00), call Ruth Neal 501-626-7726 or email ruthneal@aol.com



"Thank you for your surprise honor in celebrating 10 years of ministry at Village Bible Church. Your many cards and well wishes made the day special. (Not to mention the video and the cake.) You are truly my family and it is a great joy to serve here at VBC. Thanks again for your encouragement and love."
-Pastor Levan Hubbard

Happy 10th Anniversary Pastor Levan!



ELDER BOARD REFLECTIONS

by Bruce Davis

As we close out another calendar year at Village Bible Church, it's encouraging to look back on 2017. We again saw many of our people leave, some to go home to the Lord and others for a variety of reasons. We will miss them all. Among the highlights for VBC was another Easter Celebration at the Woodlands. In June, VBC celebrated COBS, the Celebration of Blessings Sunday, culminating on June 18th. There were too many events and people involved to mention them all, but not the least was the recognition of Pastor Mark's 20th Anniversary at VBC. A significant gift was given as a result of the generosity of the people at VBC. Pastor Mark and Jane were encouraged to use that gift however they chose. The event celebrated a recognition of 35 years as a church seeking to reach people for Jesus. As we moved into the latter part of 2017, we undertook a more concentrated effort to reach out into the community. Believing that VBC has an excellent Bible teaching program, it seems natural to increase our effort to expose that teaching to more and more people both in the village and outside the gates. Continuing our outreach effort, we invited all to attend the free Hoppers concert. It was fun, entertaining and was enjoyed not only by our VBC people, but many from throughout the area. The baked potato dinner was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship before the concert. As we began the last month of the year, our VBC Christmas concert got everything off to a great start. Over 900 people attended the two performances. Comments were made as to how well the concerts were received and how well they focused on Jesus. Finally, thanks again to our staff, dozens of volunteers and all who not only participated, but prayed for Jesus to be glorified in all that we do at VBC. There have been many events; women's events, men's events, VBS, the Ministry Fair, and many more. Our message continues to focus on the growth of believers and bringing others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Your Elder Board appreciates all you do to encourage one another and to reach out with God's truth.

ELDER BOARD REPORT

As a new year begins at Village Bible Church your Elders seek to serve our LORD as under shepherds of our body of believers. We will seek opportunities for our church to expand the gospel message in the greater Hot Springs Village area, continue to be a place where individuals can learn and experience what it means to glorify God by making disciples who become growing and serving followers of Jesus Christ and to continue our missions initiatives locally and around the world.

Additionally on behalf of the elder board we want to recognize and thank the three elders who left the board this past year for their dedicated service and leadership, Bruce Davis our chairman,
Jim Neal and Don Russell.

Larry Collins
Elder Board Chairman



Dr. Mark D. Cain



John Batjes



Larry Collins



Dick Leach



Dennis Gullickson



Glenn McCaleb



John Sowers

CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

The 2017 yearly statements will be mailed by January 31, 2018.

The Elder Board would like to thank the congregation for their generous contributions toward the staff Christmas gifts. We appreciate your generosity and pray that God will bless you and your family in this new year.





Women's Ministries Presents:

Winter/Spring Studies

Wednesday Mornings & Thursday Evenings

It's time to get the New Year off to a good start spiritually, by attending a study that will spur you on in your walk with the Lord. Below are some of the classes we have lined up for you. Watch your bulletin and email announcements for more information in the weeks ahead!
Registration will begin January 7th.

GOD'S PLAN FOR THE AGES (as foretold to Daniel, chapters 7-12)

A Precept Upon Precept Study with DVD (10 weeks)

Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings (men and women) beginning January 31 and February 1. Facilitated by Marcia Gautier

The prophet Daniel "made up his mind not to defile himself" and refused to adopt a pagan lifestyle—for 70 YEARS of captivity. Thus God used him to record His Plan for The Ages in breathtaking detail, even to the end times and the return of His Son! And He promises: "...those who have insight will understand!" Dan 11:32; 12:3,10. His worldview had God at the center and he lived it out even under extreme pressure to change—or DIE. Learn to adopt a biblical worldview no matter the circumstances, and be used mightily of God and called "highly esteemed" by Him!

"Daniel is an understandable book of prophecy when studied at length, line upon line, word upon word, Precept Upon Precept, comparing Scripture to Scripture." Marcia Gautier

CHILDREN OF THE DAY

An In-Depth Study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians from Beth Moore (9 weeks)

Thursday evenings beginning February 1. Facilitated by Cheryl Kastner and Julie Graves.

Join Beth Moore and walk the shores of Thessalonica with this verse-by-verse Bible study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. *Children of the Day* sheds light on the relationships shared by those who comprise the church. You will gain assurance that your circumstances and conditions are not coincidental. God's timing is impeccable! Whether you're facing family crises, medical diagnoses, relationship troubles, doubts, or fears, you will receive encouragement for living the Christian life now and hope for when Christ returns.

"You are children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness." 1 Thessalonians 5:5

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: THE JESUS WE'RE ACHING FOR

A Lisa Harper DVD study (7 weeks)

Wednesday mornings beginning January 31. Facilitated by Lynda Barbee.

Throughout his account, Mark unveils a Jesus of unparalleled power and authority but also a Jesus of humility and love. And while this Jesus invites each of us into a greater story through His teachings, He demands we come as active participants. We must acknowledge Him, seek salvation in Him, and follow Him wherever He leads. In *The Gospel of Mark*, you'll follow Jesus through His days of early ministry to the cross and discover what it means to be the recipients of His overflowing compassion and the very reason for His all-consuming passion.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

A Dr. Emerson and Sarah Eggerichs DVD Study (8 weeks)

Wednesday mornings beginning January 31. Facilitated by Shirley Pohlman

We know love best motivates a woman. But do we know what best motivates a man? God has designed men and women differently. Discover the secret that empowers a woman to influence the man in her life. Ephesians 5:33 reveals a truth hidden in plain sight for nearly 2000 years, that a husband is to love and a wife is to respect. This study will help women to better understand what respect looks like and how to give it. Come and enjoy the blessing in your own life as you begin to do marriage God's way. Comments from our women who have taken the study: "I was afraid this was going to be all about submission, but it is not! It is about being the woman God wants me to be." "My attitude changed and now we are both happier!" "It helped me have a deeper appreciation for my husband."

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

January - March, Fellowship Hall



Scripture reveals that the Holy Spirit was involved in Creation (Gen. 1) and will be involved in the Consummation of the heavens and the earth (Rev. 22). So, what is He doing between these Alpha and Omega events? What is the Spirit doing NOW?

Our God is a gentleman. When He comes to dwell in the heart of every true believer, He brings his new host/hostess a gift fruit basket (Galatians 5). What does He expect us to do with it?

God's Spirit is a gift-giver, giving every true believer one or more gifts to facilitate Christ's church. So, you may ask "What are my gifts? How do I know? Will He help me use them? Are these gifts temporary or permanent?"

The Holy Spirit is also our tutor/trainer/molder. He enters into us at **Point A** (justification), and leads us to **Point Jesus**, i.e. His likeness. The process is called sanctification. What does that mean? How do I measure my progress? What if I stumble? Do I then have to start over?

These and many more questions will be addressed in the new Bible Study, Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Meet with us in the Fellowship Hall, 10:45-11:45 AM each Sunday morning. There is room for you.

Please come - We can grow together,
Bob L. Warner



Women's Ministry: Christmas Comfort



Dear Ladies - Thank you so very much for the lovely quilt. It was such a nice surprise and we'll put it to good use! God bless you all, Tony & Pat Seabaugh

What a beautiful, warm, two-sided throw I received! I am thrilled and will so appreciate your thoughtfulness & creativity every time I use it! I'm one most grateful person, thank you, thank you, thank you! I received it on the very day I learned that I'm facing another hip surgery. Just imagine how timely your loving gift was. And so comforting! You are surely my sisters in Christ, JoNancy Sundberg

"sharing!"

"loved blanket making!"

Thank you for thinking of me & for the beautiful blanket. I have already been enjoying it! Sincerely, Annie Adams



"comforting!"



"delicious dinner!"



"snapping photos!"

JANUARY

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- 14 Collingsworth Family Concert
- 26 Teen Challenge Movie Night
- 28 Congregational Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 2 FCA Luncheon



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