

Village Bible Church Family Newsletter

JUNE 2019

About My Sabbatical!

What is a sabbatical?

The dictionary defines a sabbatical as: of or pertaining or appropriate to the Sabbath, or any extended period of leave from one's customary work, especially for rest, to acquire new skills or for travel.

I am so thankful that the leadership at VBC developed a sabbatical plan for the pastors to have a break, to regroup and refresh, for every 5 years of service. The dates for my sabbatical are beginning June 24th and return for the Mission Conference weekend on August 25th.

What is My plan?

My time away will be front loaded by attending the Lifeway Worship event in Gatlinburg, TN. This is a week of encouragement from hearing new music, nightly concerts, morning worship and breakout sessions. I then plan to head to the Northwest to spend a few days with my daughters and son-in-law and a pastor friend who lives in Oregon.

Other items, although not all confirmed, include a few days with a life coach, planning some possible meetings with other worship pastors, visiting the Ark and Creation Museum and ending with a medical and construction mission trip to Ivory Coast Africa.

One of my goals is to spend some days at home finishing my home remodeling and even straightening out my garage (yes, I still believe in miracles). I also have a supply of books that I would like to read as well as pray for direction for the next year.

Who Will do my job?

The plan for worship this summer is to have different combinations of our people ready to lead worship. I am also scheduling some special guests to come on some of those Sundays I am away. This will provide at least a skeleton to work with on planning the worship services.

We have some great help in the area of pastoral care and I have no doubt that there will be no lapse in coverage. Be sure to check on each other and keep the care team leaders informed of any needs that you may see.

How can you Help?

You can pray: For coordination of all the dots to be connected for the trips and events.

For planning for the summer and the fall as well as the ability to complete some projects with a deadline before I leave.

For protection in traveling and the ability to just relax and enjoy this opportunity.

I look forward to returning in the fall just in time for choir to start, begin my new Foundations Class and start working on the Christmas Concert.

I love you church family!

Pastor Levan





Financial Report April 2019

Current Year to Date

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - APR 30, 2019

JAN 1 - APR 30, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$350,972	\$319,476	\$327,523
Expenses	\$318,673	\$336,350	\$283,845
Net Income (deficit)	\$32,299	-\$16,875	\$43,677

ANNIVERSARIES

- Bob & Jeanette DeVinney 6/2
- Pete & Sue Hemenway 6/2
- Mike & Debra Urash 6/3
- Jim & Ruth Neal 6/4
- Jim & Jo McKeand 6/6
- Ron & Roxy Tooley 6/8
- Jim & Diana Podawiltz 6/10
- Jim & Marlene Davis 6/11
- Richard & Jean Penuell 6/13
- George & Valerie Kittner 6/14
- Steve & Susie Masters 6/19
- Brad & Nancy Jones 6/19
- Ray & Jane Drake 6/21
- Vin & Liz Hayes 6/21
- Steve Maribeth Petro 6/22

June 16th



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.

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Welcome NEW MEMBERS



Fred & Rachel Newman come to us from Rowlett, Texas. Fred is retired as a regional sales manager for Hadco Corp in Salem, N.H. and Rachel worked as a human resource manager. If Rachel looks familiar you may have seen her at the Dogwood Tree shop outside the east gate where she works part-time. Fred has been a believer since a young age with many Heart Tugs from Jesus. Rachel feels she has been in a spiritual rut and is so excited to share her testimony and "rebirth" through baptism on Sunday, June 16th.

This couple will be introduced during our June 2nd church service. Please welcome them into our fellowship!

*Dear VBC Family! We praise God for answered prayer and thank you for your faithful prayer and constant encouragement!! Recurrent ovarian cancer doesn't always respond well to second line treatment! But—at this time, my oncologist says there is no active cancer!
Thank you all. Love, Sue & Jay Kilfoy*



Sunday Bible Study

Are you engaged in the Bible Study classes offered after Sunday morning worship services?

When have you asked someone else to join you?

Are you ready to let them know why you want to be there every Sunday?

For example, there are:

- ⇒ Truths from God's Word taught and discussed
 - ⇒ Applications considered for daily life
 - ⇒ Well-prepared leaders
 - ⇒ Lively fellowship
 - ⇒ Safe places to share questions and thoughts
 - ⇒ Honest prayers
 - ⇒ Much JOY!



If you have not yet come, you are missing a lot.

Check out the screens in the foyer or the brochure at the Welcome Center for information,

THEN, COME AND SEE!

Submitted by Sara Sue Fuller, co-administrator of the Sunday Women's Bible Class.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICK-OFF!

- Here's a sneak peek at the collection calendar -

July: Tool Belt Supplies



August: Personal Items



September: Art Supplies



October: Toys & Games



Look for future bulletins and newsletters for the full list of needed items and more info!

**A kind reminder:
Village Bible Church is a**



**Daily Bread Devotional Booklets
for June—August now available!**



“Foundations” Class Beginning Fall 2019

Sunday, September 8th, begins the Foundations Class during Bible Study time on Sunday mornings. I am often asked, “Is there a place I can start at the beginning in learning the Bible?” This is that opportunity to get a fresh start in learning the basics of the Christian life. These lessons will have a book to follow and the class will meet upstairs in the loft. This class is designed to give an opportunity for questions and class discussion. Topics to be covered are: Developing a Biblical world view, The Bible, God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, Salvation and The Church as well as other relevant topics. This class will contribute to maturing as a believer by gaining knowledge, processing the information and making practical application. This is for new believers as well as those at any level who would like to complete a study in foundational principles of scripture.

I hope you'll mark your calendar now to attend this study,

Pastor Levan



Don't forget to
SAVE THE DATE!

The Collingsworth Family
is coming back to
VBC on July 31st!

Check out their music &
learn more about them at:

thecollingsworthfamily.com



Larry Collins



John Sowers



John Batjes



Glenn McCaleb



Dennis Gullickson



Dale Kastner

Elder Board

NEWS

As many of you know, I'm the new elder on the block (I would say "new kid on the block" but that would be lying). I am very humbled that you have trusted and chosen me to fulfill this incredible obligation. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I pray, as I hope you will too, that God will lead me in all things while I take on this awesome responsibility.

As you are by now indoctrinated into the exiting concept of "Eat, Love, Pray"; "Golf, Love, Pray"; "Fish, Love, Pray"; "Shop, Love, Pray"...Let's all make a concerted effort to do "Whatever", Love, Pray. When we reach out to others in love and prayer amazing things will happen!

I ask all of you to be in prayer for Elder Chairman, Larry Collins, who continues to have serious physical issues. Please, include his wife, Cynthia, as well, as they go through this trying ordeal. Also, continue to lift-up Co-Chairman, John Batjes, as he recovers from shoulder surgery that took place on April 18th.

Thank you,
Dale Kastner
Elder



VBC Family, Most of you are aware that about five months ago I was diagnosed with "hairy cell leukemia" and I was sent to CARTI in Little Rock for six chemo treatments. Having completed all six chemo treatments now, my oncologist has declared that all "hairy cells" are gone from my blood, so the leukemia is gone! How I praise God! Of course he will need to closely monitor my progress every three months to be certain there isn't a recurrence of leukemia! How I thank you for your love and faithful prayers over these past months. Even though my journey has been beyond difficult for me, I have felt "bathed" in your love as you have assured me of your daily prayers! You exemplify God's directives in His Word of how the Body of Christ should function! Thank you! Rebecca Coplin





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ages: Starting Kindergarten 2019 to Completing 6th Grade

Dates: June 10-14, 2019

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

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

At VBS, kids will run “THE INCREDIBLE RACE” from continent to continent. Each day, assemblies will entertain them with songs, drama, videos, contests and more. They will also venture into four fun rotation sites where they will experience biblical and application lessons, crafts and science, games and snacks. Let’s unify to get the word out to our families, friends, neighbors and others. Our VBS team has put much effort into preparing for VBS and wait with excitement for kids to arrive.

Don’t wait! Register kids for this great event!

There are many ways to register by June 9th

- **Complete online form at:**
<https://vbchsv.myanswers.com/incredible-race>.
- **Download the form on the VBC website:**
www.bit.ly/incrediblerace19
and return it to the church office.
- **Come to VBC:** Visit the display tables on Sunday morning in the foyer—get forms or drop forms off.
- **Call the church office:** 501-922-0404

TEENAGERS WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH GAMES & ACTIVITIES!

Questions? Contact VBS director, Fran Taylor, by phone: 501-240-8836
or email: frtaylor29@sbcglobal.net.

VBC Women's Ministry is offering something different this summer:

LIGHTENING BIBLE STUDIES

NO HOMEWORK ~ NO WORKBOOK ~ NO COST

Six independent studies will be offered Tuesday mornings beginning June 18th thru August 6th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. One class is offered on Wednesday, August 14th from 10:30 to noon. Come to all six or as many as you want. All you need is your Bible, pencil and paper.

Each study is offered ONLY ONCE!

Stay in the Word this summer by feasting on this delicious Scripture smorgasbord one small savory bite at a time.

Register by calling or emailing the class leader to reserve your seat.

Tuesday, June 18th ONLY

What's in a name? - If it's God's name, it's His character, attributes and nature. It's WHO He is. Do you know your God as He introduces Himself in the Old Testament? What about Jesus? Do you believe what God says about Himself? You have to know to believe! Do you know where God the Father has placed His name forever? What about God the Son, and the Holy Spirit? What's your favorite name of God, and song about the name of God? Do you know He will have a new Name (and so will you)?

Leader: Marcia Gautier ~ marciabgautier@gmail.com ~ 501-701-3200

Tuesday, June 25th ONLY

"The Sabbath is the link between the paradise which has passed away and the paradise which is yet to come". Andrew Wylie

Matthew 12:1-14 - Are you weary? Feeling burned out? Need rest? Let's study what Jesus teaches us in Matthew 12:1-4, and then recalculate what we know about Sabbath and what our Savior wants for us in rest! Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." Mark 2:27

"The happiness of heaven is keeping of Sabbath. Heaven is called a Sabbath, and those who long for heaven love the Sabbath." Phillip Henry

Leader: Amy Thomason ~ rangersmom@att.net ~ 501-209-1950

Tuesday, July 2nd ONLY

Isaiah 6 (the year of King Uzziah's death) —The Shekinah presence of Almighty God, the Seraphim, and Isaiah all met together in one place, at one time, for one special purpose. Isaiah describes, verse by verse, line by line, his face-to-face encounter with the Holy God. He then relays God's special message to him and to all His children. Come and join us as we journey through this glorious Scripture.

Teacher: Annette Stock ~ annettestock21@att.net ~ 805-405-3860

Tuesday, July 9th ONLY

*John 17—When something matters to Jesus, do you suppose we should 'listen up'? With time running out on what some might call the worst night of Jesus' life here on earth, Jesus prayed—for you and me. Have you ever heard someone pray for you? Would you like to know what Jesus prayed for you? Out of all the things Jesus could have prayed for on that night, you may be surprised at His focus. We are privileged to get a glimpse of the communication which constantly passes between the Lord Jesus and our Father in Heaven. We will note what was **not** included in Jesus' prayer for us, and what WAS included in His prayer for us.*

Teacher: Lynda Barbee ~ slpbarbee@gmail.com ~ 214-850-9922

Tuesday, August 6th ONLY

Isaiah 58:1-11, Matthew 6:16-18—Ann Graham Lotz said "While in prayer we turn to God; in fasting we turn away from everything else." Fasting is associated most often with abstaining from food, but it can also be abstinence from business, emails, phone calls, ministry, entertainment, meetings, housework, shopping and cooking. Prayer and fasting enables you to tap into the power of the Holy Spirit by deepening and strengthening your relationship with your Abba Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Your life will be changed in ways above and beyond what you can imagine.

Teacher: Pam DeMorrow ~ bedemorrow@gmail.com ~ 501-915-0428

Wednesday, August 14th ONLY, 10:30-Noon

Ephesians 6:10-20—The spiritual realm is very real and all the more proof we need to stand firm in the armor of God; which literally is putting on Christ and being in His Word and praying, fasting and seeking Him continually. Too much of the pleasures of the earth nullify our thirst for righteousness, and that has always been Satan's plan. We have an armor that God has given us, but how do we actually get it into our arsenal? What kind of warfare do we prepare for? How do we put it on? Come as we plant ourselves and stand in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Janice Osborne ~ janicesbeads@yahoo.com ~ 501-922-7527

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 6/9 MFM: Jason & Hollie
- 6/10—6/14 Vacation Bible School
- 6/16 Father's Day
- 6/18 Lightening Bible Studies begin
- 6/23 MFM: Rich & Robi
- 6/26 Congregational Meeting



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