

# THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY



VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH FAMILY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2019

Excitement, spiritual anointing, family-emphasis and musical excellence are what you can expect to find when you attend a concert by the Collingsworth family. That is a description that properly expresses their concert experience. Last time they came, January 2018, some of the comments were, "This was a Carnegie Hall performance tonight," "This was one of the most amazing concerts I have ever attended."

They exemplify family values when they sing together as well as the whole family traveling together. This includes Phil and Kim, their adult children, Brook, Courtney, Phillip Jr. and Olivia. Add to that, three spouses of the kids and two grandchildren. One reason for their great success and emphasis is their Tuesday night pray time where they began by praying for the salvation of their children and direction for God to use them in his work.

Phil is an accomplished trumpet player, Brook and Courtney play violin duets and Kim is unsurpassed in her piano abilities.

Their presentation is better than any that you would see in Branson yet with Gospel songs and music that becomes an offering of worship.

It is always exciting for me to see our people enjoying themselves in a concert setting like this. It is a relaxed setting where we can laugh, be encouraged, experience good music and the Lord's presence as they sing and share.

One of the most common questions that I get is: "How can you get these kinds of groups to come to our church?" The answer is, because of your generosity in giving at these concerts. I have asked in the past that each person plan to give as if they were attending a paid concert at the Woodlands Auditorium and you have followed through.

Mark your Calendars for Wednesday, July 31 at 7 PM. Use this as an opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors.

Looking for a great evening,  
Pastor Levan



# Financial Report April 2019

Current Year to Date

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - MAY 31, 2019

JAN 1 - MAY 31, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$440,469	\$403,665	\$401,285
Expenses	\$404,205	\$421,848	\$358,261
Net Income (deficit)	\$32,264	-\$18,183	\$43,024



## ANNIVERSARIES



- Rich & Joanie Richeson 7/3
- Stephen & Winnie Dill 7/3
- Larry & Jimmi Moline 7/7
- Irv & Marge Larson 7/14
- Wally & Toni Mansfield 7/14
- Sam & Gloria Spearman 7/17
- Barry & Pam DeMorrow 7/25
- Jason & Melissa Lancaster 7/26
- Jack & Julie Dohme 7/30
- Dennis & Carolyn Brown 7/31

## 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 August 4th & August 11th.**

You may sign-up at:

[www.vbchsv.org](http://www.vbchsv.org)>About Us>Becoming a Member or on the communication card in the bulletin. You may also call the church during office hours at 501-922-0404, to reserve your spot.

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## UNVEILING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

How well do you know for yourself the details of the second Coming of Jesus and the events that led up to it? "We are no longer to be children tossed here and there ... and carried about by every wind of doctrine," Eph 4:14.

Are you a "blind" follower of what you've heard or do you know what you believe because you have mined precious truths from the Word of God for yourself? This in-depth study will help you see and understand the truths of Revelation so you can live accordingly and receive the blessings promised to those who study and heed this book. And then you can share the truth, according to God, about His Son's return! No prior class required but all NEW Revelation students must email Marcia Gautier at [marciabgautier@gmail.com](mailto:marciabgautier@gmail.com) to register, or call 501-701-3200.

You'll need to attend the first class, Wednesday, August 28 from 9:00 to noon OR Thursday night, August 29, from 6:00 to 9:00.

We begin Aug 28/29 and finish before Thanksgiving, November 20/21; with a Class Celebration on December 4/5.

Mark your calendars for the journey of a lifetime into the END of the Bible and the beginning of "what's next in Jesus."

Cost: \$27+ shipping for workbook/12 lessons

"I Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches ... He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.' Amen. Come Lord Jesus." Rev 22:16, 20

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# Welcome NEW MEMBERS



Art & Lisa Cates come to us from Olive Branch, Mississippi. Both of the Cates are realtors with Century 21, HSV. As a child, Art traveled with his dad who was in a Southern Gospel Group. However; he never had a personal relationship with God until 1988 and totally turned his life to Christ in 2017. Lisa was raised in a Christian home and was baptized at the age of 8. In her teen years, God tested her faith but Lisa rededicated her life to Jesus and looks forward to serving however she can. Lisa is already a member of the VBC choir. Art & Lisa were introduced during the June 16th service.



Walter Mitchell and his late wife Judy (Judy passed away May 2017) have been regular attendees of VBC since 2008. **Walt has decided to "officially" become a member of VBC. Walt grew up in Evansville, Indiana and moved here from California.** He is retired from the advertising industry after 35 years. After his wife's death he became lost, but with the help of VBC and Pastor Mark, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. Walt was introduced during the June 30th service.



**Marilyn Amerson** comes to us from Texas. She grew up in Houston. Marilyn is a retired bank teller. She has committed her life to Jesus personally and desires to serve the Lord in whatever time He has for her.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE JESUS?

In His last will and testament (John 14), Jesus himself gives us His yard stick for measuring the love of His followers. "If you love me, keep my commandments." That's clear. Very straightforward. As a reminder, the Bible is a Book of Commands. Moses did not return from Mt. Sinai with the 10 Suggestions. God is quite specific what He expects of us. So how do YOU measure up to Jesus' standard? Three times in John 14 Jesus repeats this measurement for His followers. If you love me, you will keep my words/ commandments. It should be obvious that we cannot obey what we don't know. The only way to know is obey a later command: II Timothy 2:15. STUDY God's Word!

In Bible study, Christians have a tutor: the Holy Spirit. He is the author of THE BOOK. And part of His job is to "call to remembrance" Jesus' words as we grow toward Christ-likeness. But the Spirit cannot call to your remembrance what you haven't studied. Of course we all need to be more familiar with God's Word in order to express our love for Jesus through obedience.

Every Sunday morning after the service, God Himself invites you to have a spiritual dessert in one of several Spirit inspired Bible studies. And the Spirit is a master chef.

Therefore, fellow traveler toward heaven, the question re-appears. HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE JESUS? He says that obedience is His standard for us. One way to obey the command to STUDY is to come invest 55 minutes of your life in obedience, and study God's Word in one of our excellent growth experiences: a Bible study from 10:50 - 11:45. Then just watch your love for the Savior grow!

Please come. Jesus will be pleased.

STUDY-LOVE-PRAY,  
Bob Warner

*Dear Church Family: Despite Rich's many health issues he is doing really well. We give praise to God and we thank VBC for the heartfelt prayers and encouragement you have given to us.*

*Thank you,  
Rich & Joanie Richeson*





# VBS 2019



Thank you to the many volunteers and prayer warriors who made VBS 2019, The Incredible Race, a great success! We had over 40 children in attendance!! What a miracle it was to watch God move in the hearts of these precious little ones. Many thanks to Shirley Pohlman, Mary Buffington, Sue Wilson and volunteers/teachers who provided such great photos of our beautiful memories.









# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

## JULY IS TOOLBELT MONTH!



**July:** Tool Belt Supplies

**July 7th**—Hammers

**July 14**—Screw Drivers

**July 21**—Tape Measurers

**July 28**—Nails and Screws and Plyers



**Each week, please drop items off at the designated area in the foyer!**

*Dear VBC, I am truly grateful for all the support and love shown to us during this hard time. I believe in the power of prayer. I have felt God's healing powers throughout this whole thing. We are blessed to belong to such a wonderful church family. I know this is only my first step in a long road, but know I'm not alone. Jesus told me the 1st time He would be there with me holding my hand on my journey. I guess my journey isn't over. I know I have a lovely church family with me also. Thank you again. In His name, Cheryl Catalono*

Two special birthdays happen at this time every year. July 4th is not only our country's birthday, but in 1982, July 4th was also the day that a small group of people met in a room at the Coronado Center for the first official service of Village Bible Church.

Take some time to thank God for and continue to pray His blessing upon these two wonderful gifts - our great and free country, and our biblically rooted and healthy church.



The Women's Bible Study Team is gearing up for the Fall 2019 Bible Study. Registration will take place in August. Brochures with information on the classes being offered will be available and the August newsletter will give a detailed outline of each class. As in the past, classes will be offered on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings.

Women of Village Bible Church are encouraged to invite their friends and neighbors to be a part of our studies so that we can STUDY PRAY and LOVE each other. The Word of God will change our hearts and bind us together in love.

Please join us on Wednesday, August 14th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall to hear all about the studies at our Fall Preview and early registration event. Following the preview there will be a lightening study presented by Janice Osborne. Make sure that you put this date on your calendar so that you don't miss out.



Keynote Speaker:  
**John Weaver**

**- SAVE THE DATE -**

**You don't want to miss this one!**

The Annual Missions Conference  
on August 24th & 25th

**JOHN WEAVER** has served in various international ministries for twenty-five years, sixteen of which he lived in Central Asia. He has an MA in Intercultural Studies and is a certified coach, speaker and teacher with the John Maxwell Team. He is involved in leadership development, specialized training, international advocacy, and inspirational speaking. John is also the author of *Inside Afghanistan* and *A Flame on the Front Line*. His third and new book, the Sequel to Inside Afghanistan is *Najiba: A Love Story from Afghanistan*. Currently he lives in Oklahoma with his beautiful bride/wife Jeanne (Najiba) and their five wonderful children.

More details about this exciting event are coming in the August VBC Newsletter!

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 18<sup>th</sup> thru August 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. One class is offered on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 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, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:annettestock21@att.net) ~ 805-405-3860

**Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:slpbarbee@gmail.com) ~ 214-850-9922

**Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bedemorrow@gmail.com) ~501-915-0428

**Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:janicesbeads@yahoo.com) ~501-922-7527

As I look at the calendar, I spot that summer officially began on June 21, 2019. I don't know about you, but it seems to me that we have already had 90-degree days and that dreaded humidity. Maybe being from North Dakota accounts for my early summer analysis.

# Elder

Are you planning a trip this summer? It seems that many of us travel and even move away awhile to get away from the heat. How do we stay in touch? How do we hear Pastor Jason's message when we are on the road? The good news is that Village Bible Church provides several ways to stay in touch. First, our church website contains sermons that can help us understand God's word. Each sermon is available and may be a week late before it is posted on the website.

# Board

Do you have a smartphone? (I call mine a dumbphone or is it the user?) LOL. Anyway, if you are on Facebook each Sunday sermon is posted for your review providing you follow Village Bible Church, Hot Springs Village on Facebook. Another way is a podcast of the sermon. You might ask what is a podcast? I had to ask to get the answer. It is an audio broadcast of many subjects but important to us is Pastor Jason's sermon. Search for the app Castbox in your app store on your phone and install it and then search for Village Bible Church sermons.

# NEWS

So, as you travel about God's wonderful creation this summer don't forget to listen every week to keep up with Pastor's weekly sermon series on Joshua. The Elders pray that you travel safely and enjoy His creation.

Dennis Gullickson

Elder



Glenn McCaleb



Dale Kastner



John Sowers



Dennis Gullickson



John Batjes



Larry Collins



# VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

**JULY**

**4** Happy Independence Day  
Happy Birthday VBC

**31** Collingsworth Concert

*When my heart is overwhelmed, lead  
me to the rock that is higher than I*  
*Psalm 61:2*



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to daily life.**

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