

WHO CARES?

PASTOR MARK D. CAIN

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH FAMILY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017

A monthly publication to keep you up to date and informed about what is going on in the life of Village Bible Church

One side effect of the information glut can be a numbing disinterest. The changes we have witnessed in our generation are truly historically unprecedented. My grandmother, whom I remember very clearly, could never have imagined that a person sitting in the comfort of her own recliner could check the current weather where every grandchild lives, catch up on the latest news, watch the St. Louis Cardinals and see a favorite movie – all within the same one hour period, all from the same chair. We have access to more and more, faster and faster; and if nothing else, it can all provide alluring distraction.

As we often say around VBC, the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. And in our Lord's priorities, *people* are primary. Every person will live forever in one of two eternal destinations.

Remember that one's spiritual diagnosis is not determined by his social appearance. To some in this wonderful place of Hot Springs Village, it seems beyond belief that anyone with such class, distinction or helpfulness could possibly be headed for an eternal hell. But Bible teacher of the mid-twentieth century, Donald Grey Barnhouse, used to say as he spoke to "up and in-ners" (rather than down-and-outers): "Satan doesn't care if you are immorally degraded or morally upright as long as you are without Jesus. You can go to hell just as easily being a nice person as being a sullied person."

David lamented, "*No man cared for my soul,*" in Psalm 142:5 (KJV). It can be tempting to become complacent when it comes to the eternal destiny of those around us. Aren't you glad that someone cared for you and your eternal soul? Jesus is often described in the Gospels as being "full of compassion." And God's "A" method is to wrap His care in the arms of people, like us.

A friend was trying to get his golfing buddy interested in spiritual things, and asked, "Hey Joe! Do you know where sinners go?" "Yeah, I know," Joe grudgingly obliged, "sinners go to hell." "No," replied his spiritually concerned friend, "they go to church."

Just as a journey of a thousand miles starts with a first step, so a journey into eternity in heaven can start with a single question: *Will you join me at church this Sunday?* Now, you know that sitting in church won't make your friend a Christian any more than sitting in your garage will make you a car! But sitting in a garage can be a good place to learn about cars; and coming to church can be an excellent place to learn about Jesus and His heaven.

Over the years at Village Bible Church, I've had a number of people express something like this to me: *I hadn't really attended church since I was young. I was pretty hesitant about coming. But I have to tell you, I've been surprised. It's not at all like I remember or thought it would be. For the first time I'm starting to understand a bit about the Bible, and even look forward to coming to church!*

And often it began with a simple question: *Will you join me at church this Sunday?*

Remember: All you can take to heaven ... is a friend.

So, Who cares? We do. And I believe you do also. And it can start with something as simple as a question: *Will you join me at church this Sunday?* Stay tuned for more helps as to how our **Each One Can Bring One** emphasis unfolds in the weeks ahead.

Caring With You,
Pastor Mark





Financial Report January 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

JAN 1 - JAN 31, 2017

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - JAN 31, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	65,817	79,300	67,168
Expenses	84,172	82,134	77,645
Net Income (deficit)	(18,355)	(2,834)	(10,477)

Thank You For Your Service

The Baseline-Meridian and Simon Bradford Chapters delivered 150 pairs of socks, 150 Thank You For Your Service Bracelets, 50 dozen cookies, 150 Valentine



Cards and 150 stuffed Thank You For Your Service Hearts. The 5" by 4" stuffed Hearts were handcrafted by several ladies of **Village Bible Church**, Hot Springs Village, under the direction of Mary Ann Woodson.

VBC Upcoming Events

First Saturday in March	Hurting Moms Support Group
March 6	"Reflections" A Woman's Event
March 17	Woodlawn - Movie
First Saturday in April	Hurting Moms Support Group
April 1	Local Ministry Faire
April 12	Holy Week Cross Service
April 16	Easter at Woodlands
April 29	Woman's Spring Retreat

Please note the Ministry Staff's New Email Addresses

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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.

Happy Anniversary



Dave & Sue
Pilkington

March 14

Mercy Ministry

Easter 2017 Food Distribution

Once again, VBC Mercy Ministry will be distributing food to about 50 needy families with children in the Mountain Pine and Fountain Lake School Districts.

Any and all contributions will be appreciated and checks should be made payable to:

Village Bible Church with Mercy Ministry in the "for" portion of the check. The cost of the food is estimated to be approximately \$110.00 per family, and donations need to be submitted by April 9th.

Please call Gary George for further information:

219-730-9808 or golfertoo39@gmail.com

spring *forward*



Sunday
March 12th

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2:00 am

Remember to "spring ahead" and set your clocks forward 1 hour.

Meals on Wheels



Meals on Wheels needs volunteer meal deliverers during the month of April.

Sign-up table in foyer - 3/12 & 3/19

For further information call Deb Waterman
903-328-7977

Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 11:00 am

No Experience necessary



Photo Easter 2016

CARE CORNER



PAUL LEWIS

Paul went home to His Heavenly Father on February 2, 2017

A memorial service was held at Village Bible Church on February 7, 2017

What if I have a care need?



Pastor Levan Hubbard
Worship and Care

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 501-984-1511. If by chance neither of us is 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

To Our Dear Church Family:

Expressions of thanks are so inadequate for the gratitude I feel for all of you. Your concern, prayers, cards and food so lovingly given were enormous, and deeply appreciated.

We love each of you, and I covet your continued prayers for strength. God is Good!!

In His Love

— **Me' Lewis** —



Lake Ouachita Vista Trail is a 2.4 mile lightly trafficked out and back trail located near Mt Ida, Arkansas that features a river and is rated as difficult. The trail offers a number of activity options and is accessible year-round. Dogs are also able to use this trail but must be kept on leash.

Sign up in VBC church foyer on March 12.

Take a Hike!

Vista Trail Loop

Saturday, March 18

Lake Ouachita!

If you have any questions please contact:

**Mike & Jeanne Walters 915-8046
(Home) or 226-9178 (Cell) Or**

Jerry & Roxie Harris 915-9635 (Home)

Easter at the Woodlands



He is
RISEN!

Celebrate **EASTER** at the Woodlands Auditorium

For the 24th consecutive year “two” Easter services will once again be held at Woodlands Auditorium.

April 16 - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

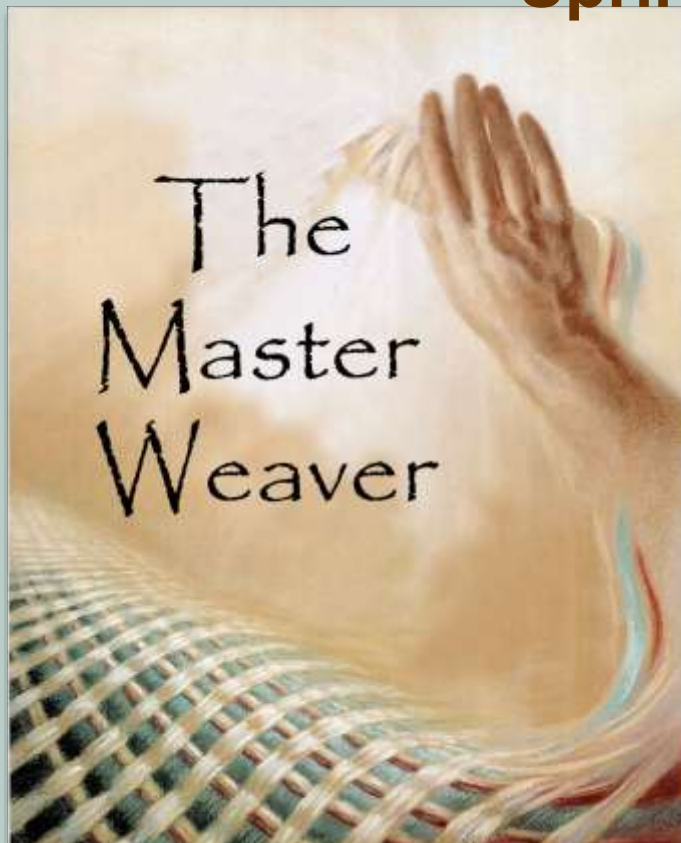
Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. The choir is preparing for an exciting presentation and Pastor Mark will be delivering a message of hope. This is a great opportunity to reach out to your friends, family and neighbors and invite them to this great event.

VBC Cross Service - April 12th at 6:00 pm

In lieu of Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday VBC has chosen one evening service at 6:00 pm Wednesday, April 12th at VBC to remember the Cross and it's significance.

Village Bible Church Women's Ministry

Spring 2017 Retreat



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Registration fee \$25.00/person

Confidential Scholarships Available

Sign up in the church foyer:

March 26, April 2, April 9, April 23

Deadline to register is Sunday, April 23

Pick up your registration form on the registration table, church office or print from the church website: vbcchurch.com

For more details please contact:

Kat Irby

214-709-0745 ◀▶ kdirby@live.com

Two Dramatic Presentations

Corrie Ten Boom Live

The Meaning of Friendships

The Hiding Place

Corrie Ten Boom stood naked with her older sister Betsie, watching a concentration camp matron beating a prisoner. "Oh, the poor woman," Corrie cried. "Yes. May God forgive her," Betsie replied. And, once again, Corrie realized that it was for the souls of the brutal Nazi guards that her sister prayed.

Be inspired by the faith of Corrie Ten Boom, the simple Dutch woman who wrote ***The Hiding Place***. Evelyn Hinds does a dramatic presentation of Corrie in which Corrie tells her story of God's faithful provision while she was imprisoned in a Nazi Death Camp and later as she traveled the world sharing her faith.



Evelyn Hinds is an actress, speaker, author and the founder of Arts Touching Hearts, Inc., a non-profit organization committed to expressing the message of God's love through the arts. Evelyn's passion is to spread the gospel by touching the hearts of this generation. She firmly believes that art elevates the soul and the human heart must be touched in order to be inspired to change and reach higher.

Evelyn Hinds Website: evelynhinds.com



EACH ONE BRING ONE

In John's Gospel, an account is given of Andrew who having "found the Messiah" sought out his brother Andrew and "brought him to Jesus" (1:35-42). During the months of March – May, pray about someone God has placed on your heart, and invite them to come to a regular service. As the church body, we are privileged to join God in bringing His invitation of compassion, mercy, and truth, to those who are thirsting for answers. It is the responsibility of those who know Jesus Christ, who confess Him as their Savior and Lord, to invite others to come to Christ, to "drink" and be satisfied. All who have drunk at this well have found their souls satisfied beyond anything this world can offer!

We cannot be quiet, for we see people dying of spiritual thirst and we long to serve them the Living Water found in Jesus Christ. We know that "faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). You can be confident that the loving family of VBC will honor and value your guest and be sensitive to their needs. More importantly, we will be fulfilling the Great Commission – to GO! Special invitation cards will be made available to assist you in your effort. May the Spirit of God enable and empower *Each One to Bring One* in the months to follow as we invite other unchurched villagers to a church service.



Mike Kelly, Executive Pastor



SAVE the Date!

Explore the coolest Book on the planet!

VBC

Village Bible School

June 5 - June 9

Operation Arctic! Every day, our kids are bombarded with the message that the Bible isn't the true Word of God, that it can't be trusted to tell us the truth about the past or, more importantly, about how we can receive the gift of eternal life. With the Operation Arctic VBS 2017 theme, your kids will warm up to the Word as they explore the coolest Book on the planet and discover how we can know for sure that the Bible is God's written word to us!



Welcome New VBC Members

VIN & LIZ HAYES



Vin and Liz started attending VBC in 2008 when they arrived from Thornton, Colorado. Vin is a retired airline pilot for United Airlines. Liz has held a variety of administrative jobs and her passion is quilting. We are excited they decided to “officially” become members of Village Bible Church. They were introduced during the March 5th service.

BILL & MARIE MASON



The Mason's come to us from San Antonio, Texas, Bill has worked on computer systems before retiring and is active in the VBC choir. Marie was a private secretary and is very active in the Women's Ministry here. Marie was baptized in January 2017 after accepting Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior. Bill and Marie are excited to continue their journey of following God's will in their life.

MAYRA DAVIDSON



Mayra's childhood years were spent in Panama City, Panama before moving to Rockwell, Texas. She served in the health insurance field as Vice President of Claims for Underwriters Life Insurance, Co. Mayra is excited to be baptized in April to reaffirm her faith in God.

RICH & PATTY GORMAN



Rich and Patty came to us from Pensacola, Florida. Rich is retired military with a second career in accounting. Patty is a retired secretary and bookkeeper. Rich came to know the Lord as a teenager but seriously started serving the Lord about 15 years ago. Patty was confirmed at age 13, but had a genuine experience with the Lord as an adult. Thank you Rich and Patty for making VBC your church home.

PAUL & RUTH DICKEY



Paul & Ruth Dickey are both originally from Lubbock, Texas and came to the Village from Victoria, Texas. Rich is a retired optometrist and Ruth is a retired teacher, speaker and short-term missionary. Ruth rededicated her life to the Lord because of the influence of a small group and Paul has been in church leadership for much of his adult life. His philosophy is that “others come to Christ best on the arm of a trusted friend.” They were introduced during the March 5th service.

***Let's be sure to give all these new members
a warm welcome to VBC.***

EASTER 2017 CREATIVE VISUAL ARTS MINISTRY ART AND POETRY EXHIBIT

The Mission of the Creative Visual Arts Ministry is to use our God-given creative abilities to glorify God.

OUR THREE – FOLD VISION

Called by our Creator to
Creative Work

Committed to the Church

Compassion for the World



Called as salt and light to the world, we desire to magnify the presence of God in this community. We will seek ways to reach out as artists, helping the world to see the wonder of the One Who created all things.

“Reclaimed By The Living One”

Throughout the Gospel of Luke we see Jesus walking in the midst of hurting people. Sick, paralyzed, crippled, diseased, blind, lepers. Immoral, wounded, broken, enslaved. Suffering from shame, despair, hopelessness, regret. And this Life-giver brought healing. People created in His image were *reclaimed* from their sin and brokenness for a new life in Christ. Our resurrected Jesus, the Living One, reclaims lives today. No one is beyond His renewing reach!

We are calling for artists to submit works that represent this theme of “Reclaimed by The Living One.” Use of “reclaimed” or “recycled” materials is suggested, but not required. Painting, sculpture, photography, drawings, collage and other mediums are sought for the display. Display ready, original art only, with a limit of two pieces per artist. **Artwork will be received at the church on Thursday, April 6th from 10:00 to 3:00.** Please pre-register your art by calling or emailing Susie Masters, 318-458-7258, or smasters21@att.net . For questions or more information contact Susie Masters.

We are also seeking poetry that reflects our theme, “Reclaimed By The Living One.” The poetry will be bound in booklet form and copies available for all who come to the Palm Sunday, mid-week Service and Easter Sunday at the Woodlands. **All poetry must be submitted by MARCH 20th.** Please email your poetry to JoNancy Sundberg, hsvcatmom@sbcglobal.net.

The art exhibit will be on display in the foyer of Village Bible Church beginning Palm Sunday (April 9), through Wednesday night (April 12), during the special Holy Week Service, “The Wonder of the Cross.” On Easter Sunday, (April 16), the exhibit will be shown at the Woodlands’ Ouachita Building during the two morning worship services. The exhibit will then return to the church to be displayed for a week.

Giving to VBC



Day by day and week after week, the ministry of Village Bible Church continues. The Bible is held high, many are taught, sermons are preached, fellowship is developed, missionaries are supported, and so much more. All of this is made possible by the regular gifts of God's people who count Village Bible Church their church home. About \$79,000 per month is required to keep the lights on and the ministries operating. If you ever have a question about the best place to designate your gift, the general fund is usually a wise choice.

In the past, Congress generally waited until December every year to extend the law that allows people to make a tax free donation of up to \$100,000 from their IRA, leaving some to scramble to make the contribution before the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) deadlines. But Congress made the law permanent last year, so if you're 70½ or older, you can transfer your 2017 (RMD) to charity at any time. If you have questions, be sure to contact the office staff and we'll get you in touch with the right folks.

God continues to bless the ministries of VBC and we are grateful for the long-standing tradition of generosity of our church family. We pray that God would continue to be honored and exalted through the VBC family in 2017, and beyond.

Special Thank You!

We would like to thank Pastor Mark for his response to Tom's life. Our entire family appreciated his kind memories, it was used in our tribute to Tom at the funeral. We thank all who have prayed for, sent cards and gifts from VBC. God is good!

We loved and still do love Village Bible church and all our beloved friends there.

Joan & The Hepburn Family

Continuing the Series by Pastor Mark

Walking With Jesus The Gospel of Luke

A practical, application-oriented sermon series - an exposition of some of the most beloved passages in the Gospel of Luke, connecting them to our lives today.

By Pastor Mark D. Cain

Because "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever*" (Hebrews 13:8) the message from "back then" is for us even today.

We will be look closely at Jesus not only as a great Person who did miraculous things twenty centuries ago, but also as that same great Person who is doing great things today. Nineteenth century Scotsman Robert Murray McCheyne observed, "It is strange how sweet and precious it is to preach directly about Christ, compared with all other subjects of preaching."

Sundays, beginning January 15, at 9:15 am, we will selectively examine rich truths from the Gospel of Luke, climaxing with the Easter story by Luke in April.

Continue reading this great book of the Bible. Determine to prioritize each Sunday in your schedule. Pray and bring someone with you. And expect to "Walk With Jesus" more closely.

SPECIAL NEEDS SEATING



RESERVED Seating, has been provided for those physically handicapped in the center aisle as you enter the sanctuary. Please leave the outer seats available for those needing special accommodations, as well as family or friends who wish to sit with them. Feel free to sit on the reserved pew, but be sure to leave the outer seats close to the aisle for those in need. Thank you.

ELDER BOARD REPORT

Your Elder Board will be meeting on April 6 at Mt. Carmel for an all-day off-site planning session. We ask for your prayers for God to direct our agenda, discussions and decisions on that day.

Our exclusive topic is "Outreach." We will wrestle with what that means for Village Bible Church and for us as individuals. One thing we know for sure, God didn't rescue us from the kingdom of darkness to keep our light hidden. The question is how best to let our light shine so that others can see the love we have for them.

We will be talking about the "power of one."

In the novel by that title we find the following quote... "Always in life an idea starts small, it is only a sapling idea, but the vines will come and they will try to choke your idea so it cannot grow and it will die and you will never know you had a big idea, an idea so big it could have grown thirty meters through the dark canopy of leaves and touched the face of the sky." He looked at me and continued. "The vines are people who are afraid of originality, of new thinking. Most people you encounter will be vines; when you are a young plant they are very dangerous." His piercing blue eyes looked into mine. "Always listen to yourself, Peekay. It is better to be wrong than simply to follow convention. If you are wrong, no matter, you have learned something and you grow stronger. If you are right, you have taken another step toward a fulfilling life." —

Bryce Courtenay, *The Power of One*.

Let us think creatively together how we can reach our friends for the Kingdom in new powerful ways.

Jim Neal for the Elder Board



Dr. Mark D. Cain



Don Russell



Jim Neal



John Sowers



Bruce Davis



Larry Collins



Dick Leach

HURTING MOMS
For mothers of prodigal children
A support group to
Encourage
Share
Bond
Pray
Love
First Saturday each month
Village Bible Church Loft 10:15am-12:00pm
Contact: Ruth Neal, 501-626-7726 or ruthneal@aol.com

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

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Applying the Bible to
daily life.



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