

The Gathering

Whether you are new to Village Bible Church or one of our older veterans you have, no doubt, noticed that we are getting crowded in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings. While this is exciting it also brings a challenge that requires us to respond. We have considered multiple ways of addressing this issue and have settled on what we hope to be a wonderful new opportunity.

There are emerging new church services often referred to as "Café Church". This setting provides a casual atmosphere that inspires fellowship and interaction without the formality of a traditional church service. We will be doing something similar though not exactly like a café church.

Beginning next month and continuing for about 6 weeks we will be running a pilot program we are calling "The Gathering". Some of us will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at the same time our regular service will be happening in the sanctuary.

The Gathering at VBC is a relaxed time of worship on Sunday mornings. We invite you to join us for this informal service which will feature a less structured musical presentation and worship experience. During this time you are invited to enjoy coffee as you sit or roam freely. Once the music ends, our live sermon in the sanctuary will be simulcast via the TV screens in Fellowship Hall.

The Gathering is a place of grace where a comfortable, spiritual experience will be embraced and an uncompromising message of Biblical truth will be heard.

Mary Buffington has agreed to lead our worship time for the Gathering. The service will be hosted by someone who will foster a welcoming spirit.

We are not promoting The Gathering outside of our existing church family right now but come this Fall we will, assuming our pilot goes well, be opening this service up to the general public.

If some of you have a spouse who does not care to attend a more traditional service, perhaps this will be a place where they can attend.

Thank you for your participation and support. Hopefully, you will be able to find seating in the sanctuary more readily available next month.





Financial Report January 2019

Current Year to Date JAN 1 - JAN 31, 2019

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - JAN 31, 2018

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Income/Collections	\$79,926	\$68,964	\$62,729
Expenses	\$76,322	\$79,800	\$65,069
Net Income (deficit)	\$3,604	-\$10,836	-\$2,340



03/03 Skip & Carolyn Harper

Would you like your wedding anniversary listed in our newsletter? Call or email Barbi. 501-922-0404, office@vbchsv.org



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He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:13-14





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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Good Samaritan Compassion Outreach Ministry

VBC Good Sam Bingo Ministry is every 4th Wednesday of the month from 2:30 to 4:15. They are in need of dedicated volunteers to serve once monthly. This is not only an opportunity to serve, visit with them, but also to give encouragement, bring a smile and share your love. Volunteers of 5-7 assist with: Bingo

for 12-18 Senior patients and residents from Road to Recovery, assisting them to Bingo in wheelchairs and walkers, setting up Bingo cards and gift carts with prizes for winners. We also sing hymns, celebrate Birthdays, have scripture devotions of encouragement. The talent required is a Hug to share...a Smile to give...a listening ear and a caring heart. For further information or if you can serve on this ministry please contact Mary Ellen Mathias at 501-922-8491.

The Witness

The Witness is looking for a stage director, male soloist and male actors and also an administrative assistant to the Witness director. These are volunteer positions. If you need more information or you feel God is calling you to fill one of these positions, please contact Judy McEarl, 501-620-0698 or ikmcearl@gmail.com



The VBC offering for The Gideons International will pay to distribute 5,168 Testaments at \$1.25 each. We have anecdotal evidence that each Testament we hand out in nations with large/extended families(sub-Sahara Africa, the Philippines, India) will result in an average of 4 new commitments to Jesus Christ.

Village Bible Church has a significant added outreach through the Gideon ministry.

Thank you, Bob L. Warner

Benevolence FUND

This fund is used to aid our 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.







Volunteer drivers are needed during the month of April. For details call Deb Waterman 501-984-0262 or visit the table in the foyer on 03/17 & 03/24

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Sunset Trail

at West Mountain in Hot Springs
Saturday, March 9th
3 miles, moderate difficulty

If you have any questions please contact: Mike & Jeanne Walters, 501-915-8046 OR Jerry & Roxie Harris, 501-915-9635

Join us and enjoy fellowship as we experience God's glorious creation!

DID YOU KNOW?

The VBC podcast is available on **iTunes** and the **Podcast** app for Mac and iPhone users.

For Android users, the VBC podcast is available on an app called **Castbox**.



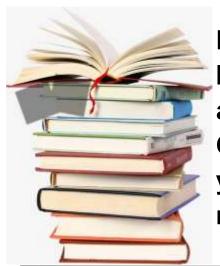
CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

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The VBC Library

Expand your mind and heart with a fascinating book!



Drop by the library today and CHECK OUT what you've been missing!

Summer Book Club

If you like to read Christian fiction and you enjoy the fellowship of other women who also like to read Christian fiction then you should consider becoming a part of the 2019 Summer Book Club at VBC. Registration will take place April 7 and April 14. The book titles will be revealed in the April newsletter. If you need to register early or have questions please contact Donna Wetzel 501-922-5936 or Nancy Jones 501-922-1125.

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Billy & Georgene Mulkey spent their lives in Texas until relocating to the Village. Billy is retired for the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Postal Service. Georgene is retired from Smith Barney as a stock brokers assistant. Georgene accepted Christ and was baptized at the age of 13. Billy accepted the Lord as his personal savior at the age of 15.



Claudette Stefanski grew up in Memphis, Tennessee, and moved to the Village from Hernando, Mississippi. Claudette worked 21 years at FedEx in aircraft parts and 10 years at Aerospace Products, Int'l. Claudette was raised in a Christian home but didn't truly accept Christ until early adult hood.



Rudy & Carolyn Troup are originally from Louisiana. In their professional lives, Rudy was an optometrist and Carolyn worked for a medical center in Shreveport, LA. as a mammographer. Carolyn accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at 8 years old and rededicated her life again at 36. Rudy was baptized as a 10 year old child and reaffirmed his faith at a Baptist church after being absent for many years.



Eric, Donita & Dylan Stanage are Hot Springs natives. Eric works for AT&T in their construction area, Donita knew at the age of 16 she wanted to serve Him in ministry and obtained a degree in Christian Education. Donita was very involved in the Crisis Pregnancy Resource Center (now known as Change Point), first serving as the Executive Director in 1991 and later as the Director. Dylan is a 15-year-old believer and was baptized at the age of 12.

We are excited to welcome all these wonderful individuals into the Village Bible Church family! Please be sure to welcome all of them into our fellowship.

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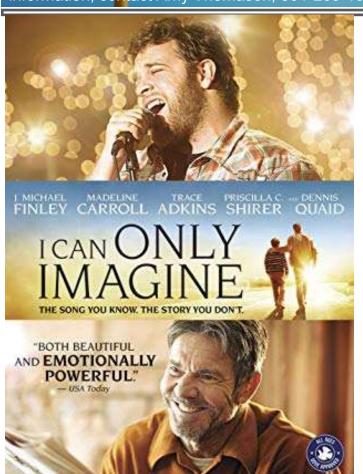
"FREE TO LIVE" the VBC Spring Women's Retreat on March 23rd

A visit from our own Lisa Meyers is always exciting! For many years VBC has proudly supported Lisa in her roles with GEM (Greater Europe Mission) in Austria. Eighteen years ago Lisa became a trainer/facilitator in "Hope for the Wounded", a program she wanted to bring to hurting women in Austria. Her role has taken her around Europe to offer the hope and healing the program offers. And now this year, she will be bringing the program home to Village Bible Church!

"Free to Live" will be presented at VBC on March 23 as our 2019 Women's Retreat. The program Lisa will bring will help us to prepare to help each other, our neighbors and a hurting world around us. Articles on childhood trauma offer staggering statistics: over 35 million U.S. children have at least one experience of some form of trauma, abuse, or neglect which negatively impact their adult lives. Many researchers have called this a critical public health issue! In the state of Arkansas it's estimated that 56% of children have at least one occurrence of some form of trauma: divorce, alcoholism, drug abuse, physical abuse and intimidation, among other events. But Lisa wants to bring us HOPE that there can be healing and reconciliation. And that hope comes to us from the Word of God!

In our lives we may not be aware of a bridge partner, a book club friend, the person sitting next to us in church, who is struggling as an adult with the effects of childhood trauma. Let's all learn how to love and reassure these precious children of our Lord's that there is a brighter future that our God wants for all of us!

Join us on Saturday, March 23 at VBC. The day begins at 8:30 with registration and a light snack, teaching from Lisa, drama portrayals, wonderful music by Lisa, and catered lunch. We will study together until 3 p.m. There will be a registration table in the lobby after Sunday services on March 3rd, 10th and 17th. Brochures to share with neighbors and friends at other churches will be available at the table. Please don't let financial need prevent attendance: there are scholarships available. For more information, contact Amy Thomason, 501-209-1950 or Robin Lowing, 717-756-6367.



MOVIE NIGHT WITH ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE MARCH 22, 6:30 PM

Come and join us for a night at the movies!



Popcorn, candy and drinks followed by a GREAT movie, "I Can Only Imagine"

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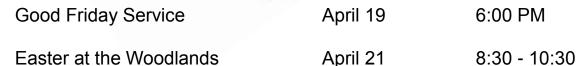
SEEKING POETRY

We putting together a poetry book again this year to compliment the Easter art exhibit. The theme is RISEN – to include the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

Please submit all poetry to JoNancy Sundberg, hsvcatmom@sbcglobal.net. The deadline to submit poetry is Wednesday, March 20. The poetry is compiled in booklet form. The booklet is given to the public at the church while the art exhibit is on display and at the Woodlands on Easter Sunday.



UPCOMING VBC EVENTS!



Movie Sing Over Me May 3 6:00 PM (Life of Dennis Jernigan)

Dennis Jernigan at VBC May 19 AM Service & 6:00 PM Concert

Collingsworth Family Concert July 31 7:00 PM

Christmas Concert December 6 3:00 & 7:00 PM

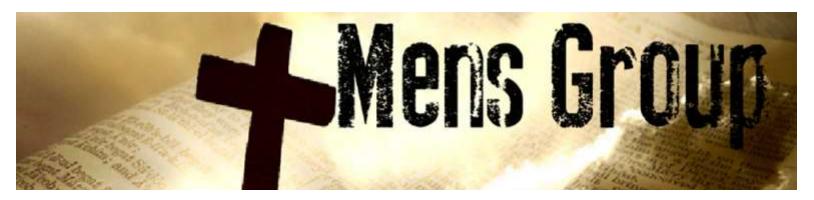


SAVE THE DATE

For Vacation Bible School this summer:

June 10 – 14! Tell your neighbors, friends, and acquaintances to get that week on their calendar and schedule grandkids' visits so that they can enjoy "The Amazing Race" at VBC. While it may seem early to begin making plans, consider where you might serve: co-director, teachers, guides, decoration/props team, music team, drama team, recreation team, prayer team, registration/attendance checkers, snack team, advertising team, etc. If you just want to help in some way, we'll find a place for you.

Email Fran Taylor at <u>frtaylor29@sbcglobal.net</u> with questions or comments.



The Men's Discussion Group is an exciting way for men to experience Godly fellowship while focusing on Sunday's sermon. Although the discussion questions for the sermon are provided, the Holy Spirit often takes us to additional levels of discussion because of the insightful participation of the members. This is truly a time where men practice Proverbs 27:17 - Iron sharpens iron and one man sharpens another.

Come and join us in room (111) following the Sunday morning service.

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY: VOICE OF THE MARTYERS

Bartlesville, Oklahoma



May 5 — May 11, 2019

A great chance for you to serve the Lord as part of a VBC short-term mission trip.

About the Voice of the Martyrs (VOM): VOM is a non-profit inter-denominational Christian organization dedicated to assisting our persecuted family worldwide. VOM was founded in 1967 by Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, who was imprisoned 14 years in communist Romania for his faith in Christ.

VOM's Five Main Purposes:

- To encourage and empower Christians to fulfil the Great Commission in areas of the world where they are persecuted for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 7 To provide practical relief and spiritual support to the families of Christian martyrs.
- \(\frac{\sqrt{1}}{2}\) To equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those who are opposed to the gospel in their part of the world.
- To undertake projects of encouragement, helping believers rebuild their lives and Christian witness in countries where they have formerly suffered oppression.
- To promote the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christian., thereby inspiring believers to a deeper level of commitment to Christ and involvement in His Great Commission.

Volunteer Opportunities: Short-term volunteers work at the Operations Center doing various tasks. They fold, count, sort, stack, stuff, shrink wrap and sticker just to name a few. This area is clean and climate controlled. Volunteers are seated while they work. There are a few other jobs that require standing and lifting. This is to be determined by the individual volunteer and the work schedule. Short coffee breaks are taken at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. A one-hour break is taken over the noon hour for lunch.

Further Details: There will be a table in the church foyer for registration and information about VOM on March 31 and April 7. The limit is 10 people. You can also contact Jim Boyd, 501-922-6669 or 858-248-6605.



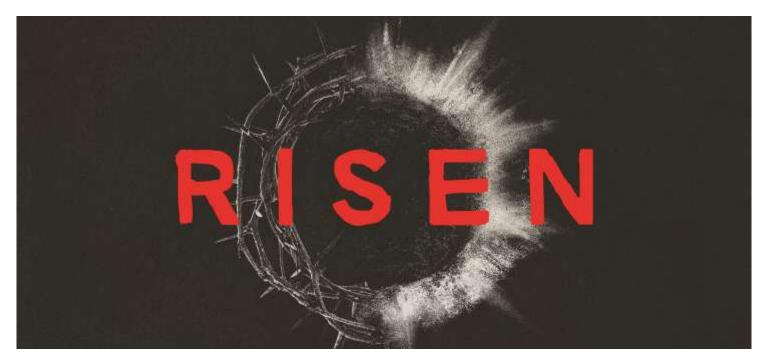






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EASTER 2019 CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY ART AND POETRY EXHIBIT

The Mission of the Creative Visual Arts Ministry is: To use our God-given creative abilities to glorify God. We desire to magnify the presence of God in this community. We seek ways to reach out as artists, helping the world see the wonder of the One who created all things.

RISEN is the theme for the 2019 Easter Celebration at Village Bible Church. The Art Ministry will use this theme for our Easter Art Exhibit and the Poetry Book.

We would not grasp the significance of **RISEN** without the accounts of the Holy Week as narrated in the four Gospels of the Bible. Think about the events of the week beginning with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey; The Last Supper with the disciples where Jesus washed the feet of his trusted friends and shared the very first Communion, the agony of the garden prayer, the arrest, and the betrayal of Peter. The trial, the mockery, the procession where a beaten Jesus carried His cross through a jeering crowd. The Cross and the culmination of prophecy with the miracle of the resurrection. As told in Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 and John 20 --- Jesus is **RISEN**.

Luke 24:5 "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?" Asked the men. "He is not here, but He has **RISEN!**"

Matthew 28:6 "He is not here, for He has RISEN, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying."

Mark 16:6 And he *said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has RISEN, He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.

The foundation of Christian faith is that Jesus Christ has risen from the grave; he conquered death. Our faith in the risen Christ releases us from the guilt and condemnation of sin to a life of forgiveness and grace. As believers, we have a new life because Jesus Christ has **RISEN!**

The Creative Visual Arts Ministry would like to encourage everyone to bring friends and neighbors to see the art display. The Easter Art exhibit is open to the public for viewing at the following times:

Village Bible Church foyer: Monday - Wednesday, April 15-17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17 during the evening service - 6 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday, April 23-25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 28 during the church service

Easter Sunday, April 21, in the Ouachita Room at the Woodlands during the morning service.

Artwork will be received at the church on April 11, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.. Pre-register your art work by April 8th. Forms are available at the Welcome Center or online at http://www.vbchsv.org/easter.

If you have any questions please contact Casey Neal at 501-984-0157.

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Prayer Warrior Bootcamp



"I don't feel comfortable praying out loud in groups." "I want to learn a better way to pray and to improve my prayer life."

Have you made these statements to yourself? You're not alone.

We are excited to present "Prayer Warrior Bootcamp"

Come join us on April 25th from 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Why not put your warrior boots on for the VBC Women's Ministry Spring Event and take steps to empower and stretch your prayer muscles?

Using compassionate and non-threatening exercise routines, you will have the opportunity to build up your spiritual prayer knowledge and gain confidence in praying out loud or privately. Acquire tools that you can use daily in your prayer life.

Registration dates are March 31st, April 7th, and April 14th. Look for our registration table in the church foyer on those days. Dotty Burke and Debbie Baggett will be available to help you with registration and to answer any questions.



You are invited.....

FCA Luncheon

When: Friday, March 1st Time: 12pm – 1:15pm

Where: HSV 1st Assembly of God

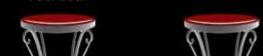
1096 DeSoto Blvd

Come hear testimonies from local students & coaches. Find out the different ways that you can get involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

HSV 1st Assembly is offering a special luncheon with a 50's Theme! Cheeseburgers, Chips and an Ice Cream Soda Fountain. Cost \$5

All luncheon proceeds go directly to the local FCA Huddle funds

Be sure to RSVP by replying to this email or contacting Susan McCaleb at 281-813-4373 by Feb. 26th



A "Thank you" to W.IN.G.S.



Ladies: I want you to know you made a difference in so many Veterans' lives today. They loved the hearts and especially the quilts. And we learned

something - we need more Hearts. I especially loved watching you all go up to strangers (the Veterans) and giving them a Heart and a Thank You For Your Service. Some of you also gave hugs.

It was a lovely day for me with lovely ladies. Sheila Krout

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