

SING OVER ME



VBC FAMILY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

Back during my seminary days at DTS (Dallas Theological Seminary), I would have my head down in various books, engulfed in writing papers and involved in intense ministry. All of it was great but most of it was heady and intellectual. Every now and then I would get away to worship the Lord at a Dennis Jernigan concert. I would travel to Oklahoma for his nights of worship, go see him perform at a variety of churches in Texas and even at a hotel ballroom. His worship was theologically rich, a bit charismatic and emotionally charged.

I also listened to his worship CD's all the time, instantly bought his new releases and even had a whole compilation of his unreleased music. I would play his music for my college group at a church in Duncanville, TX, as we held our own nights of praise and prayer that would last 3-4 hours. My wife also loves to listen to his music, and we have introduced his worship to our kids who enjoy all the old-time favorites. Village Bible Church also sings many of his worship songs which are sung around the

world like, "You are my All in All", "Worship the King", "Thank You", etc. I put him in the category of the likes of Keith Green and Rich Mullins. Dennis is a generational song writer and worship leader.

I am blown away that he is coming to lead us in worship at VBC! I never imagined that happening but it's soon to be a reality. On Sunday morning May 19th, he will lead the worship time in our service and then at 6:00 pm. he will lead us in a night of worship and praise.

To kick it all off we are going to watch a powerful documentary about his transformed life and music called, "Sing Over Me," on Friday night May 3rd at 6:00 pm. Even if you have never heard of him, let me joyfully urge you to come to the concert and get caught-up in a time of ministry and worship that you will likely never forget.

Looking Toward Home,

Pastor Jason



Pastor Jason



Financial Report March 2019

Current Year to Date

JAN 1 - MAR 31, 2019

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - MAR 31, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$271,955	\$231,521	\$225,278
Expenses	\$229,675	\$247,097	\$204,990
Net Income (deficit)	\$42,280	-\$15,576	\$20,288



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Carroll & Vicky Weyrich	5/03
Leon & Lynda Barbee	5/10
Dale & Cheryl Kastner	5/12
Jim & Rose Mary Smith	5/13
Mark & Terry Christensen	5/22
David & Nancy Wood	5/31
Byron & Mary Smith	5/31

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

WHAT:

Newcomer's Lunch

WHO:

Anyone who is NEW to Village Bible Church and has not previously attended a Newcomer's Lunch

WHEN:

Noon - May 15th, 2019

RSVP:

Call the church office at 501-922-0404 by May 8th



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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.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS



Keith & Barbara Bobo are originally from Tyler, Texas. Keith is retired from Raymond James as manager/financial advisor and Barbara worked as a Dental Office Manager. Keith has accepted and believed in Christ for as long as he can remember. In the mid 1980's he dedicated his life to Jesus and with his wife and two of their children, was baptized. Even though Barbara was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ at the age of 9, she fell from grace in her teens. Today she is a true believer with Isaiah 61:1-4 being her life scripture.



James & Diana Podawiltz come to us from Morton, Illinois. James is retired from Caterpillar as an accountant & logistics manager. Diana was a self-employed account/financial advisor. Samuel grew up in a "non-church" family home that only attended church for Easter and Christmas. When he met & married Diana over 40yrs ago she encouraged him to attend church with her. He professed his belief & was baptized in 1986. Even though Diana was raised in a Christian family she did not have that AHA moment until October 2011 when she went on a Walk to Emmaus.

*Both couples were introduced during our April 28th church service.
Please welcome them into our fellowship!*

Why Be Baptized?

There will be a baptismal service at Lake Balboa on Sunday, May 26th in conjunction with the church picnic at Balboa Pavilion. If you have not been baptized, you may wonder why it's important.

Baptism was commanded by Jesus: The great Commission is given in Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..." This commission gives us Jesus' last instructions before ascending to the Father and carries great weight as to what is a priority.

Baptism follows believing: Baptism is the first act of obedience after believing. Phillip shared the Gospel with the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts chapter 8. He then asked the question, "what hinders me from being baptized?" Phillip answered, "You can if you believe with all of your heart." The Eunuch professed his belief and they both went down into the water and he was baptized.

Baptism identifies us with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection: Romans 6:3 "Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

Baptism is an opportunity to profess your faith publicly: Romans 10:9,10 gives instruction to believe in our hearts and to profess with our mouth the Lord Jesus. Making your profession public gives confidence in your believing.

If you would like to discuss baptism further, please contact Pastor Levan.



Vista Trail

at Lake Ouachita

Saturday, May 18th

3 miles—Easy difficulty. We'll hike through hardwood & pine forest with several views of Lake Ouachita.

If you have any questions please contact:

Jerry Harris at rox2ie1944@yahoo.com

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

Dear VBC,

We would like to thank our wonderful VBC family for all the prayers, cards, food, phone calls and visits after my surgery. What a blessing you have been!



Thank you too, for the sweet cards and prayers in the passing of Brad's father. We truly felt the love and prayers and were at total peace knowing Brad's father is with the Lord.

What a comfort it is to know that our VBC family are prayer warriors! To God be the Glory!

*With Heartfelt Thanks & Blessings,
Julie & Brad Drake*

VBC Congregation:

Thank you so much to the congregation for their prayers and concerns during my recent illness. Your thoughts and support were very much appreciated.

- Will Cramer



"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



UPCOMING VBC EVENTS!



Mark your calendar!

- May 15, Newcomers Luncheon
- May 19, Dennis Jernigan Concert
- May 26, Lake Baptism and Church Picnic at Balboa
- June 10-14, Vacation Bible School
- June 23, Voices Rising Concert
- July 31, Collingsworth Family in Concert, 7:00 pm
- August 24 & 25, Missions Conference
- September 8, Church Wide Ministry Fair
- September 9, Griefshare begins
- September 15, Church Wide Ministry Fair
- September 20, Small Group Picnic at Balboa Pavilion
- December 6, Christmas Concert

MERCY MINISTRY Easter Food Box Packing Day! 4/18/2019



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

FUN—FOOD—FELLOWSHIP

and...



be the first to hear the “rest of the story”

Join us on May 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM

This is a free event where the game is provided. Anyone can come, you don't need a partner, we will find one for you.

Be sure to sign up in the foyer on May 5th or May 12th!

Elder Board

NEWS



Larry Collins



John Sowers



John Batjes



Glenn McCaleb



Dale Kastner



Dennis Gullickson

Reflections on The Gathering

We find in Matthew 18:20 (NIV) Jesus said, “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them”. Indeed, our Lord was present at the initial launch of The Gathering. And more than two or three gathered as our best count had forty-seven souls present. Thanks be to God for this wonderful beginning.

As the Elders have indicated this is a pilot effort within our congregation for about six weeks to “test the waters” for an informal worship service and to discover any bugs that require improvement. If this format of worship proves to be popular, we would formally launch The Gathering this fall. Please pray for God to bless this endeavor and guide us in the weeks and months ahead.

Tamra and I attended The Gathering. We found the ambiance to be very conducive for worship with the use of floor lamps to provide soft lighting. The video feed was very good with only two interruptions for a few seconds when we lost the feed. I am sure that this can and will be eliminated as we move forward. The sound system was much improved with the addition of new sound equipment. The initial lack of sound at the beginning of Pastor Jason's sermon required some lip reading. I am sure the sound issue will be corrected for future services.

Communion moved smoothly with each worshipper coming forward to partake of the elements. I personally found this very moving as we picked up our own bread and dipped it into the wine. This for me symbolized more closely Jesus and the Disciples at the Passover feast eating the bread and dipping it into the wine chalice.

I personally felt the presence of our God in this intimate setting.

Special thanks to Glenn McCaleb for leading the service and to Mary Buffington for leading the music. The song selections were very appropriate and moving. And to all who had something to do with making The Gathering a truly special service, thank you for your dedication and faithfulness.

Dennis Gullickson
Elder



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ages: Starting Kindergarten 2019 to Completing 6th Grade

Dates: June 10-14, 2019

Time: 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. They will discover no matter where we live, what shade of skin we have, or what language we speak, we are all part of the same race—the human race—and all part of the same family from Adam and Eve.

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

***VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED: Crew Leaders,
Teen Helpers, and Prayer Coordinator***

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

Dear Village Bible Church...

Hello, my name is James. I'm a student at Teen Challenge. I only attended church there a few weeks but I wanted to say thank you for having us and making us feel welcome. It really meant a lot to me because it felt like I was at my home church. Thank you to the members each week that would come up to us and ask how we were doing. We all felt the love your church gave to us. Thank you for having us over for popcorn, candy, soda and the movie. Thank you for the many donations you have given to us. I really felt I should write this letter to thank you. May

God bless your church and hearts.

Thank you & God Bless,

James



Are you interested in an International Missions trip with VBC to Costa Rica?

VBC will be having an exploratory vision trip meeting Wednesday, May 15th at 2:30pm here at the church. We will have information related to location, cost, dates and their outreach program. Your attendance is not a commitment to going on a trip but simply an expression of interest in this type of experience.



Memorial Day—May 27th

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace; provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Happy Mother's Day

May 12th



Mary, Mother of Jesus, was the most honored mother in the Bible, the human mother of Jesus, who saved the world from its sins. Although she was only a young humble peasant, Mary accepted God's will for her life. She suffered enormous shame and pain, yet never doubted her Son for a moment. Mary stands as highly favored by God, a shining example of obedience and submission to the Father's will.

Mothers in the Bible played key roles in the coming of Jesus Christ. None of them was perfect, yet each showed strong faith in God. God, in turn, rewarded them for their confidence in him.



Many thanks to Kurtis Sutley for the wonderful photographs!
See more at www.vbchsv.org/resources/photos





The Creative Visual Arts Ministry Says “**Thank You**”



This was the fifth year that the Creative Visual Arts Ministry has sponsored an art exhibit during the Easter season and in conjunction with the Easter Service at the Woodlands. The display contained many varied and creative pieces of artwork. The Creative Visual Arts Ministry would like to thank all the artists who participated in the exhibit. Your creativity was inspiring to all who viewed it.

This year there were more artists who participated in the exhibit that are not affiliated with VBC than ever before. One artist came from Concord, Ar. to have her painting in the exhibit. When asked how she found out about the Easter exhibit she said she was visiting a family member who had surgery at Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock. While there she saw a newspaper on the nightstand. The page was opened to the headline indicating our call to artists. She thought she was reading the Arkansas Democrat Gazette and the art exhibit would be in Little Rock. When she contacted a representative of the Ministry and found out we are in the Village, she thought it over for a couple of days and decided she still wanted to exhibit her painting, even though it meant driving about 140 miles to do so!

The CVAM would also like to thank all the people who took the time to help receive the art, set up the exhibit, take it down to move to the Woodlands, set it up for Easter and take it back to the church to display again. Without the help of those who volunteer to work in the background it would be much more difficult to present the exhibit.

Once again, thank you to all who helped make this exhibit possible.



Sunday, May 26th will be the VBC Picnic at Balboa Pavilion! Burgers and hot dogs will be supplied and each person attending is asked to bring the trimmings and desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet for the menu.

We have several people that are new believers and some who have never been baptized that would like to take this opportunity to be baptized in the lake.

Lunch will be served following the morning Bible Study time on the 26th, so plan to go directly to the pavilion. There will be a time of testimonies by those being baptized followed by the baptismal service in the Lake.

This is a great opportunity to have some REAL community and to kick off the summer activities. If you need more information or are interested in being baptized, please call the church office.

Care CORNER

If you have an emergency from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, call the office at 501-922-0404 and they will reach the appropriate person for you. After hours, please call Pastor Levan, 501-353-3040. Should he be out of town (rare), leave a message on the church answering machine and the person on-duty will be notified.





SPRING 2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Special Guest Lisa Meyers



To all my Church Family: Most would know that I spent the month of March in Australia assisting my daughter Tracie after her surgery. She has been the beneficiary of a huge prayer chain – from all of you here at VBC as well as other churches in the Village and churches in other states, and she felt its power! Tracie asked me to pass on to each of you who prayed for her, her gratitude for taking the time and making the effort to ask our Lord to guide the surgeon's hands and to put her on the road to recovery. The surgeon's hands were, in fact, both required to be inside her chest cavity, literally scraping the solidified silicon from her chest wall. There is no guarantee that tiny flakes or specks of the stuff did not escape into her system. Time will tell. As we were leaving Brisbane on April 4, she was readmitted to hospital for two nights to have an IV of powerful antibiotics administered to ward off yet another infection that had begun. She has since sent me a message to say she is home, being monitored and "all is well". There is no doubt that the Lord put this particular surgeon in her path as over the last three years of various manifestations of illnesses to one degree or another, the medical profession had no idea what was the cause and continued to send her from one specialist to another to yet another, trying to come up with the proper diagnosis. When this particular surgeon was made aware of her plight, seemingly by chance, he knew immediately that the cause was a long-ruptured breast implant and only immediate surgery to remove all signs of it would save her life. Another year of their "medical practice" and she would have died. So, to God be the Glory and my thanks to you wonderful people of VBC. You are indeed my church family and have been since that wonderful day in 2012 when I first set foot in our church. The fact that God used the wiles of a woman to get me here is a whole other story!

Sincerely in Christ's Name, Warren Walters

Thank you



VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 5/1 Ministry Tour—Offsite
- 5/2 National Day of Prayer
- 5/3 Movie: Sing Over Me
- 5/5 Discover VBC!
- 5/12 Mother's Day
- 5/15 Newcomer's Lunch
- 5/17 Game Night
- 5/18 Take a Hike—Offsite
- 5/19 Dennis Jernigan Concert
- 5/21 Ftn. Lake School Board Election
- 5/26 Picnic & Baptism—Offsite
- 5/27 Memorial Day—OFFICE CLOSED



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