



VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH *family* NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017

VBC Christmas Concert

December 1st will be the annual Christmas Concert at Village Bible Church. There will be two performances on that Friday beginning at 3 PM and then another one at 7 PM.

The theme for this year's concert will be "Jesus, the One." Songs have been selected around this theme and the choir is in the process of learning new songs as well as some favorites from years past. This gift to the community has become a very popular start to the Christmas season.

Rebecca Seewald will again be a guest soloist and a new arrangement by DeWayne Adcock will be included. Be prepared for a combination of voices in ensemble and soloists from our church as well. This year's choir includes 12 new members and there is a real possibility that the choir will be full for the concert. I am so thankful for the new interest in the choir and worship ministry this fall.

The creative arts ministry is assembling a decorating plan that incorporates the theme as well as giving opportunity for those gifted in the arts to use their talent. The Village Bible Church cookie makers will also have an opportunity to minister as treats will be available after each presentation of the concert.

This event has been the first exposure of some who currently attend our church and is a great opportunity to invite others to an event. We hope you will put this event on your calendar, invite your friends and family, and pray for the success of the concert that it would; Plant the seeds of the Gospel, introduce people to VBC, minister to those who will come and that it will be a great time of worship.



Pastor Levan Hubbard



Financial Report September 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

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - SEPT 30, 2017

JAN 1 - SEPT 30, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$731,612	\$713,700	\$677,646
Expenses	\$695,534	\$728,187	\$720,101
Net Income (deficit)	\$36,078	\$(14,487)	\$(42,455)

ANNIVERSARIES



Kevin & Lynne Geiling	11/01
Dick & Donna Jordan	11/19
Glenn & Susan McCaleb	11/19
Roger & Becky Scheurermann	11/20
Gary & Laura Epstein	11/20
Paul & Debbie DeNicola	11/20
Harold & Debi Scherer	11/21
Jim & Claire Boyd	11/24
Ed & Gaila Falls	11/27
Floyd & Judith Jordan	11/27
Tom & Jane Weiss	11/27

If you'd like your wedding anniversary announced in our newsletter, call the office and check with Barbi, 501-922-0404.

Dear Village Bible Church,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, and prayers during my father's illness and for the outpouring of sympathy after his passing to his final resting place. I am so blessed to have such a loving church family.

Barbi Miranda

VBC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24th at 5 PM

The Christmas Eve Candlelight service is a long standing tradition at VBC. Come and make Christmas more memorable this year. Enjoy singing favorite carols along with A Christmas Devotional. Yes, bring the kids, we thought of them too! The service ends by lighting a single candle and sharing the light that symbolizes sending the light of Christ into a dark world. We will have our regular service at 9:15 AM.

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 at VBC.

VBC Ministry Staff

Dr. Mark D. Cain, Senior Pastor
922-0404 email - mark@vbchsv.org

Jim Neal, Associate Pastor
766-6789 email - jim@vbchsv.org

Rev. Levan Hubbard, Pastor of Worship & Care
353-3040 email - levan@vbchsv.org

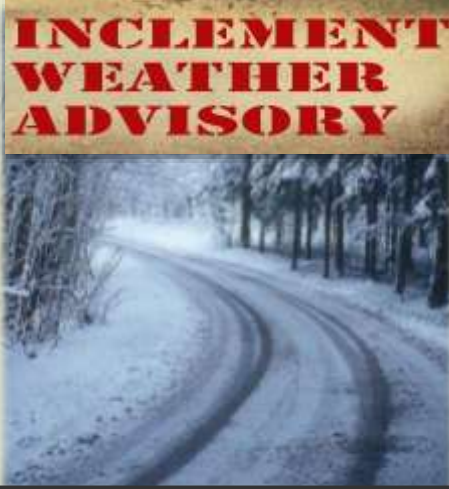
Barbi Miranda, Office Manager, Assistant to Pastor Mark
922-0404 email - barbi@vbchsv.org

Mary Buffington, Administrative Assistant
922-0404 email - mary@vbchsv.org

In case of inclement weather, you may check the following information sources for VBC service schedules or cancellations.

KVRE 92.9
(Village Radio Station)
KARK TV, Channel 4
KLEZ 101.5
(Village Radio Station)

VBC Website: vbchsv.org or call the church office: 501-922-0404



CARE NEEDS

If you have an emergency from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday –Thursday, call the office and they will reach the appropriate person for you. After hours, please call Pastor Levan, 501-353-3040. If I am not in town, which is extremely rare, there will be details on the answering machine as to who is available to assist you. Should you need someone Friday - Sunday, on-call personnel details will be on the answering machine at the church phone number, which is 501-922-0404.

Caring for you . . . Pastor Levan

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Jim & Patsy Bicknell

c/o Good Samaritan
121 Cortez Road Apt. 253
Hot Springs Village,
AR 71909

Brian & Jean Fullmer

Brian: 501-204-2329
Jean: 501-226-8590

Cecil & Tommye Hathorn

18 Balboa Lane
Hot Springs Village,
AR 71909
Tommye: 501-463-1987

Mle' Lewis

mle.lewis@outlook.com

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS



We are excited to announce the Mission Trip to Voice of the Martyrs, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on April 2nd through April 7th, 2018. This is a great opportunity to serve. The work is not strenuous and the accommodations are good! Make sure to reserve these dates on your calendar and be watching for trip details.

For information,
Contact Jim Boyd,
501-922-6669.

HELP US WELCOME OUR NEW VBC MEMBERS!



Parker and Fran Taylor are both originally from Memphis, TN. Fran is an experienced administrative assistant with great proof-reading skills and Parker is retired from the FBI. Both Parker and Fran were saved at revival meetings at a

young age. Fran says, because of her spiritual growth journey, "I believe our growth in Christ is heavily dependent upon growing in Biblical understanding, prayer, and fellowship with other Christians."

Welcome Taylors to Village Bible Church!

Church Office Holiday Hours



Closed Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 23

Closed Christmas & New Year's
December 25, 26, 27 & Jan 1, 2



VBC Historical Books

The pre-ordered VBC Historical Books are in! They are wonderful and filled with a treasure trove of information, photos and the rich history of our church. pick up your copy at the church office, only \$15!

TAKE A HIKE

Join VBC Hiking on Saturday, November 18th! We will hike one of the Hot Springs hiking trails and look forward to experiencing God's marvelous creation with you! For more information email Jerry & Roxie Harris at rox2ie1944@yahoo.com or Mike & Jeanne Walters at waltersark@sbcglobal.net

ALMOST GONE! GET YOURS!



Would you like a chance to bring great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children around the world? If so, please pick up and fill Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes which are available at the Women's Ministry table in the church hallway. Also, take a brochure which will have all the instructions!



Contact **Debbie DeNicola** at **501-226-5183**, if you have any questions or go online to Operation Christmas Child for answers and ideas.

HURRY! Boxes must be dropped at VBC by Sunday, November 5th.

Coffee in The Loft for Newcomers



For more than 10 years, VBC has hosted a Biblical-based class for ladies called A Healthy Move, designed to help newcomers survive and thrive as they settle into their new life here. The next class is scheduled to begin after the first of the year. But because we are excited to meet newcomers, we will be having an informal gathering on November 9th, for the purpose of getting acquainted. We invite you to join us for a time of conversation with other women in a Christ-centered setting. In addition to meeting some new friends, the participants will be learning things about our community. "Coffee in the Loft for Newcomers" will be 9:00 -11:00 AM in the loft.

For more information or to sign up for this fun time, call **Sue Kilfoy 501-204-4028** or **Alice Hill 501-209-0072.**



The Collingsworth Family Concert
January 14, 2017 at 5:00 PM

Dear Village Bible Church,
It is gratifying to know that many of you have been remembering Dean in your prayers. He's home now and responding rapidly to all the TLC coming his way. Many thanks for your love and concern. We are so appreciative to our pastor's visits to the hospital. We are so blessed to have such dedicated leaders!

Shirley Goff & Family



Chaplain Rich & Robi Heffington Race Track Ministry

The Oaklawn Race Track Chaplaincy will host their 3rd annual Filly Feed Luncheon to pamper the (back of the track) women workers. It was an overwhelming success last January. Many of these women are hesitant to enter a church and may have never had God's love extended to them in an unconditional way.

Robi Heffington is preparing gift bags for 100-125 women, and requests items listed below.

Please Donate: lotions, creams, moisturizers, small perfumes, deodorant, shampoo and conditioners, combs, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, emery boards and nail clippers. Gently used scarves and jewelry was a big hit by the women. Candles are not allowed by the race track.

Cash donations will be used for gift cards for boots because of the cold and wet weather. Please make checks payable to Oaklawn Chapel.

All donations are due by December 6th and may be placed in the "race track box" in the hallway (between room 109 and the kitchen).

This is a great opportunity for Small Groups and Bible Study classes to be involved in this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact **Cheryl Kastner** at **501-802-2082**



Women's Ministry Christmas Fellowship

Christmas Comfort *It's a Wonderful Love*

December 7th from
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts in all our troubles, so we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

*Registration Dates:
November 19th, 26th, and December 3rd*



Christmas Concert Goodies Needed!

We are asking for donations of small, *homemade* Christmas cookies and candies (not store purchased), for the two Christmas Concert presentations on December 1st. Please drop them by the office no later than Thursday, November 30th before 5:00 pm. Thank you!



VBC Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Every year VBC has contributed Thanksgiving food boxes to families with children in the Mountain Pine and Fountain Lake School Districts. It has been our past experience that the cost of each campaign has amounted to approximately \$110 per family. The current balance in our Mercy Ministries Designated Fund is approximately \$4,000 so we will be looking to raise another \$4,900 between now and the Christmas campaign in order to make these drives successful at the present level and scope.

By contributing financially and/or by participating in the packing distribution of the food boxes, you have an opportunity to give a blessed Thanksgiving to families in our community.

If contributing financially please make your check payable to VBC with the notation in the "for" section of the check to:

Mercy Ministry Fund

**For more details, please call
Gary George 219-730-9808**



ELDER BOARD REPORT

November brings on thoughts of that fourth Thursday of the month, Thanksgiving. And we do have a lot to be thankful for now, and as we look to the future regarding Village Bible Church.

For example, we Elders recently met with our ministry leaders Bob MacKendrick (Trustees), Dennis Brown (Men's Ministry), Sue Sutley and Cheryl Kastner (Women's Ministry), Dennis Gullickson (Christian Education), and Jane Weston (Missions). What they and their VBC participants and volunteers do is truly remarkable, and VBC is being led superbly by these wonderful Christian men and women.

There is another person who has for the past four years been quietly (well, most of the time quietly) and humbly a solid rock on the Elder's Board, and that is our Elder Board Chairman Bruce Davis. He will step down in January and Larry Collins will step in to take that position, as Jim Neal the Elder's Vice Chairman become our Associate Pastor. And we are blessed to have Glenn McCaleb, John Batjes, and Dennis Gullickson join the Elder Board this fall and in January.

Also, we thank Henson Dunn who will become the Assistant Treasurer, taking over from Jeff Fomby who has done that job so well for many years. We sincerely thank all these men for their past and future commitment to helping keep VBC on a steady track, so that all of us can continue to help make disciples who are growing and serving followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, we thank God for our pastors Mark, Levan, and Jim, and the church staff and many volunteers who work so hard for us.

We do indeed have a lot to be thankful for this November, and beyond.

We are blessed.

John Sowers



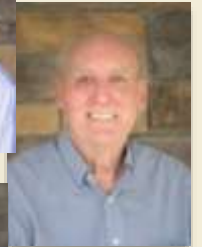
Dr. Mark D. Cain



Dennis Gullickson



Glenn McCaleb



John Sowers



Dick Leach



Larry Collins



Veterans Day!

In appreciation for all our Veterans who have served our nation, Village Bible Church and the United States Daughters of 1812 will be pinning our Veterans on Sunday, November 12th. The USD 1812 ladies will be at each door as you enter.

If for some reason you are missed, look for the ladies and ask for one. We want to ensure all of you who have served are recognized.

THANK YOU for your service!



REMINDER: W. I. N. G. S.

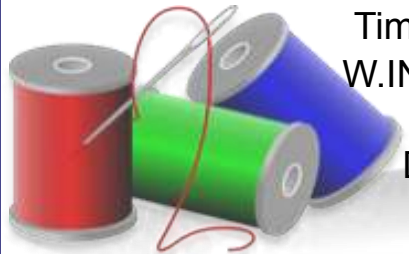
Need to clean out your sewing stash?
We'll gladly take it off your hands!



- * Polyester Stuffing
- * Thread (white, black, grey, beige)
- * Flannel Fabrics (used for receiving blankets for Change Point)
- * Cotton Fabrics (used for quilts for children & homeless veterans)
- * Men or women's old jeans/corduroy pants (used for quilts for homeless veterans)
- * Pins & Pin Cushions
- * Needles & Seam Rippers
- * Trims & Notions
- * Yarn



Time: 1-4 PM Place: Mary Ann's Workshop
W.I.N.G.S. is still meeting on the 6th & 13th of November



Drop your stash at the Women's Ministry table in the hallway.
W.I.N.G.S. thanks you for sharing your stash with us!!!

Thank You VBC!

Change Point sincerely appreciates your generous donations of baby products!

Sincerely,
The Missions Team



Mark your calendars now for these special VBC events:

- Friday, December 1** Christmas Concert, 3 PM & 7 PM
- Thursday, December 7** **Women's Christmas Fellowship**, 5 PM
- Sunday, December 24** Christmas Eve Morning Service, 9:15 AM - NO Bible Study
- Sunday, December 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, December 31** **New Year's Eve Morning Service**, Only, 9:15 AM - NO Bible Study
- Sunday, January 14** The Collingsworth Family Concert, 5 PM



Oaklawn Racetrack Chaplaincy



The goal of Oaklawn Racetrack Chaplaincy is to provide a high level of spiritual, emotional, physical, and social/ educational needs to the racetrack employees. We provide these services to both the “back side of the track”, as well as, to all Oaklawn employees.

Who are the “back side of the track” employees? This ministry’s passion is to bring God into the lives of the approximately 900 persons who care for the 600-800 horses in residence at Oaklawn during the 3-month “meet” each year. These workers in the “back of the track” are poorly paid and live in whatever accommodations they can find in and around Oaklawn. Some live in trailers, horse stalls and cheap rented rooms, where conditions are crowded to keep costs down. At the end of the 3-month season they move on to the next track, much like itinerant pickers at harvest time.

They are generally Hispanic, have no permanent homes, and their only possessions are the clothes on their backs. Most of the workers are single men ranging from 16 to 60 years of age, but some travel with families with small children.

As Chaplain, our ministry offers counseling, social working, pastoring, and friendship to front office and stable personnel at Oaklawn. This includes weekly services and Bible studies, chaplaincy programs during the racing season, weddings, funerals, baptisms, baby dedications, hospital visits, counseling sessions, clothing closet maintenance, and other building maintenance duties.

In Christ, we open our hearts to reach as many as we can with the love of Christ. That is done in many, many ways. Services, one-on-one meetings, bible studies, and recreational events are our main avenues for sharing Christ.

A week in the Oaklawn Racetrack Ministry may look like this: the first and most important task is providing spiritual leadership to the horsemen and Oaklawn employees; providing a daily devotion over the loud speaker during training hours (a devotion that goes out to around 1,000 people); holding two weekly services on Tuesday and Sunday mornings; delivering a jockey’s room devotion every race day; providing many counseling sessions - some scheduled in office and others impromptu; making hospital visits, and going to the hospital with any injured worker. This ministry also speaks at churches, Bible study groups, Sunday school groups, etc... During the off season, we continue weekly services and Bible studies.

We have moved our yearly fund raiser to the last week of racing instead of in March. This is a big change, but we feel it will be for the better. Changing our banquet date to later in the race meet is a risk since some racing people will be gone to Kentucky, but it allows us a bigger venue with better parking and we can include the public much more. This once a year fund raiser needs to raise at least half our yearly income to keep us here year round.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the employees at Oaklawn Racetrack, that we will continue to have a good relationship.
- Pray that hearts will be opened for Christ and we can correctly minister to those in need.
- Pray that we will always receive God’s direction and leading.
- Pray for our continued health and energy for God’s work
- Pray that all our ministry offerings will be in God’s will and successful.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Help in the chapel during nightly community sessions
- Donate: Check with us to see immediate needs
- Annual fund raiser and auction at Hot Springs Country Club
- Prayer partners

We are always honored to speak about the race track ministry. On November 12th, we will be at VBC sharing about what God is doing at Oaklawn.

Thank you for all your support and God Bless you!

Rich Heffington, Chaplain



Chaplains Rich & Robi Heffington
Contact: 405-226-1592



2017 MEN'S CONFERENCE



FRIENDLY
REMINDER:
THE TIME
CHANGE IS
11/05/17
AT 2 AM!



Elder Anointing

The Elders of Village Bible Church endeavor to be guided by the Bible in their responsibilities. Among the passages that direct them is James 5:14 - *Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of church and they are to pray over him.* The Elders stand ready to obey this passage and respond to the request of anyone in the church who would ask for prayer and anointing. Please contact any elder or pastor for more information or to set up a time for prayer.

Welcome to our new Elder John Batjes and new Assistant Treasurer Henson Dunn. They will be starting their terms January 2018.



John Batjes



Henson Dunn



The new VBC website is
LIVE!

Please note of our
new address.

**Visit often
to tithe, stay
up to date on
events, and to
learn more about
our church!**

Benevolence Fund

This fund is used to aid 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.

NOVEMBER

- 5 National Day of Prayer**
- 9 Coffee In The Loft**
- 18 Take A Hike (off site)**

DECEMBER

- 1 Christmas Concert**
- 7 Women's Christmas Fellowship**
- 24 Christmas Eve Service**



Applying the Bible to
daily life.

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