

Celebrating Christmas IN THE VILLAGE

VBC FAMILY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2018

Every year, on the first Friday in December, our Christmas concert is a wonderful tradition. This year's concert will be held December 7th at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The theme is "Christmas in the Village." The choir is working hard on some new songs and a mix of songs from the past. Each year there is a special time where the audience will sing along with familiar Christmas carols and several of the songs at the beginning of the concert will focus on the angels appearing to the shepherds, announcing the Savior's birth.

We have some new choir members who have joined us this season. Our guest soloists will be our very own Mary Buffington, leading out on a couple of rousing tunes. Rebecca Seewald will be singing a song new to the VBC choir. DeWayne Adcock has written and arranged a couple of pieces and is helping sing an original song that will be led by a trio and backed up by the choir. Pastor Jason will be sharing a devotional.

This year there are other activities happening in the community on the same date, and another concert during the week that is using the same theme. Never fear, we will succeed! There are many in the community that look forward to this concert annually. We will also have homemade cookies and candy after each concert. So, I hope you will plan on baking some sweet treats for this event.

In planning, I want to make this concert more than just a good presentation of songs. Please pray for the Lord's direction in finding and writing narration that will lead the audience to the meaning of the songs. I would also like for the presentation to be full of worship and that the different aspects of the concert are anointed by the Holy Spirit. Pray that that Lord will use this concert for His glory.

This is a great outreach activity and an opportunity for you to invite your friends and neighbors to an event at our church where they will enjoy the day, get familiar with the layout of our building and get introduced to our great people. There are several people who have attended one of our events as their first exposure to the church. There are plenty of invitation cards to give out!

Hope you plan to come and invite others. I am counting on you to help get the word out, thank you!



Pastor Levan



Financial Report September 2018

Current Year to Date

JAN 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Prior Year to Date

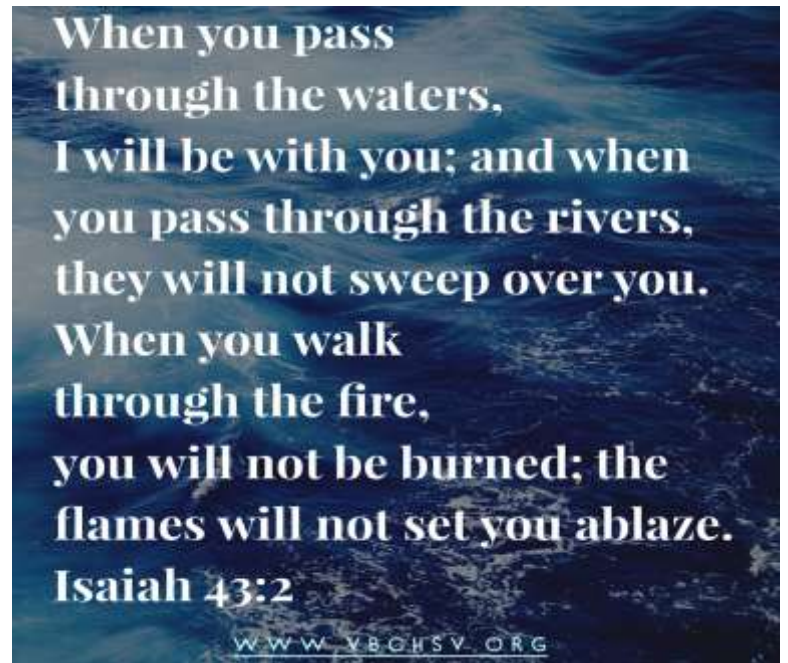
JAN 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$735,263	\$749,412	\$731,612
Expenses	\$689,427	\$740,959	\$692,864
Net Income (deficit)	\$45,836	\$8,453	\$38,748

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin & Lynne Geiling	11/01
Dick & Donna Jordan	11/19
Glenn & Susan McCaleb	11/19
Paul & Debbie DeNicola	11/20
Gary & Laura Epstein	11/20
Roger & Becky Scheuermann	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 would like your wedding anniversary in our newsletter, call the office and ask for Barbi!



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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.

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.



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 7th. Please drop them by the office no later than Thursday, December 6th before 5:00 pm.
Thank you!

Take a Hike!

The **LAST** hike of 2018 will be at Petit Jean State Park on Saturday November 10th. This is a Moderate in difficulty trail which offers sweeping views, the most photographed waterfall in Arkansas and stunning overlooks. Visit the display table on Sunday, November 4th to register or contact Mike & Jeanne Walters, waltersark@sbcglobal.net or 501-915-8046.



The VBC Library

Expand your mind and heart with a fascinating book today!

You're preparing for Thanksgiving and thinking of all the wonderful food you will prepare for family and friends. You also need spiritual food and our library is a wonderful source for that. If you're dealing with an illness, the loss of a loved one, forgiveness or any of life's challenges, feed on the books in the Personal Growth section of the library. You'll find yourself satisfied as with the richest of foods.



VBC Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Boxes

Every year VBC has contributed Thanksgiving and Christmas 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.

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

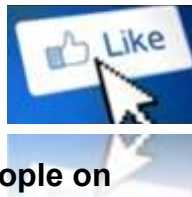
If contributing financially please make your check payable to VBC with the notation in the "for" section of the check to: Mercy Ministry Fund

For more details, please call
James Gillett 623-225-4041



FRIENDLY
REMINDER:
THE TIME
CHANGE IS
11/04/18
AT 2 AM!

Stay Inspired & Stay in the Loop!



Are you one of the 2 BILLION people on Facebook?

Did you know every time you "like" or comment on one of VBC's Facebook posts, it shows that post to many of your personal friends on Facebook?

It's true and that means you have a lot of power! ...the power to support this ministry AND spread the Good News of Jesus Christ – and it's as easy as the click of a button.

Stay up to date about what's going on at VBC and stay engaged with our daily, inspirational posts.

- Log in to your Facebook account
- LIKE/Follow us at www.facebook.com/VBChsv
- Like, Comment & Share our posts often!



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 11th. 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!



Come and enjoy a time of REAL community with popcorn! Bring your friends and neighbors.

**Friday Evening
November 9th at 6 PM.**

“I Can only imagine” will be shown at VBC at 6:00 PM on Friday, November 9th. There will be popcorn and fellowship. Bring your friends and come for a time of REAL community. The story features Bart Millard who suffers physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father, Arthur. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song "I Can Only Imagine" as singer of the Christian band MercyMe. Come enjoy this fantastic film for the first time or again, with your friends at VBC.

Dear Family,

Thank you for faithful prayers, lovely notes, cards, telephone calls and errands run—all these things this Body does so well to share each other's burdens. Barry and I were so encouraged and blessed by your selfless acts of compassion and kindness and love. May our Abba Father bless you as you blessed us.

Barry and Pam DeMorrow

**CHURCH
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UPDATES**



Tony Green
cell phone:
501-318-3145



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

And the Word become flesh and dwelt among us. John 1:14a

Women's Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 13th, 5:00 – 7:30 PM

Village Bible Church,
100 Ponderosa Way

Sign up November, 18th, 25th and
December 2nd & 9th
or call VBC office

*We invite you
to be Amazed!*

Ladies, come join us for the annual VBC Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner.

It will be held on December 13th from 5:00 pm -7:30 pm and will be an evening of charity, fellowship and praise. We will stuff Christmas stockings for children in our surrounding communities, join our old and new friends for a delicious dinner and conclude with a heartwarming celebration of the true meaning of the season. Reserve you place by signing up at the Women's Ministry table in the foyer each Sunday from November 18th through December 9th or call the church office 501-922-0404.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and offers of food during Ron's surgery.

They were greatly appreciated and we definitely felt loved!

*Sincerely,
Ron & Candy Cook*

Thank you!



Allergy Alert!

A perfume/cologne that one person may find delightful can be downright offensive to someone else, causing allergic reactions, headaches and even nausea that make it tough to attend worship service. We can all honor the needs of our church family members who have reactions to fragrances and refrain from wearing them during the hours each week that we spend in the church building.

Welcome New Member!



We are excited to welcome Robin Lowing to the VBC family as a new member. Robin is a retired registered nurse from Harrisburg, PA. She accepted Jesus and was baptized at the age of 10, but really committed herself to the Lord in her college years. Robin is already involved in many things here at VBC. Please take an opportunity to welcome her into our fellowship.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT

REMINDER

**All shoeboxes must
be turned in by
Sunday,
November 4th!**

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 Thursday, November 8th, 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 **Alice Hill 501-209-0072.**

**You're invited to a "come & go"
OPEN HOUSE**

at

**Pastor Jason & Melissa Lancaster's home
Sunday, November 18th
119 Shetland, Hot Springs**

If your last name begins with:

A-M—come between 1:00-2:00PM

N-Z—come between 2:30-3:30PM

See our new house, tour the farm, pet the animals,
and fellowship with our family.

There will be someone at the gate to let you in & give you directions to the house.

Due to limited parking we strongly urge you to carpool

Directions from the West Gate:

Left on Highway 7

Left on Park Avenue (Hwy 5)

119 Shetland is on the right

(just past Caldwell Hardware)

Directions from the East Gate:

Right on Highway 5 (Park Avenue)

119 Shetland is on the left

(if you passed Caldwell Hardware, you have gone to far)



2018 Men's Conference



Surviving The Holidays



No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. There is hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you discover new reasons to enjoy the holidays once again.

This is an opportunity for you to invite others in the community who may benefit from this seminar. It is not limited to those who attend VBC or those who are involved in the current GriefShare. It is for men and women who are grieving the death of a loved one and need to know how to handle the upcoming holidays.

VBC - Fellowship Hall - Sunday, December 9th, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Call the Church office at 501-922-0404 to pre-register



W.IN.G.S. Quilting Bee

Everyone is invited to another EXCITING quilting bee in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, November 14th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Required skills include: needle threading, scissor snipping, knot tying, conversation, smiles and laughter. These quilts are for Christmas for the homeless veterans in Little Rock at Saint Francis House.



To be ready to deliver on time W.IN.G.S. needs YOUR help!

Your VBC Elder Board



Larry Collins



Dick Leach



John Batjes



Glenn McCaleb



Dennis Gullickson



John Sowers

The Elder Board is elected by the congregation to provide leadership, spiritual direction, and oversight of the various ministries of Village Bible Church. Faithful leadership involves promoting the spiritual welfare of the church, evaluating and establishing goals and priorities, and the ongoing development and approval of policy and procedure to ensure program effectiveness. They appreciate your continued prayers for guidance as they serve Village Bible Church!

**4th Annual Filly
Feed Luncheon
Chaplain Rich & Robi Heffington
Race Track Ministry**

The Oaklawn Race Track Chaplaincy will host their 4th 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 the following items be donated: Lotions, creams, moisturizers, small perfumes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, emery

boards and nail clippers. Gently used scarves and jewelry was a big hit with the women. **Candles are not allowed at the race track.** Join us ! We will be assembling gift bag's for the Racetrack ladies on December 3rd in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

All donations are due by December 3rd 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



Dear VBC Family, Words cannot express our gratefulness to this body of believers for the prayers, cards and words of encouragement during this long hard battle. We are more than thankful to our Lord for this legal decision allowing us to protect, guide and care for Ariana (Ari). We have experience this God of the "big picture" and "small" moments as He walked with us through this truly painful, frightening time.

*In Him,
Tollie & Cheryl Green*



ATTENTION! Gently used coats, jackets and boots are being collected, for both men and women working at Oaklawn Racetrack in Hot Springs! You may drop these items off in the box at the table in the foyer the entire month of November!

Church Office Holiday Hours

Closed Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 22

Closed Christmas & New Year's
December 24, 25, 26, 31 & Jan 1

Your entire VBC Staff would like to wish each of you a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season!

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 3 National Day of Prayer
- 8 Coffee in the Loft
- 9 VBC Movie Night
- 10 Take a Hike (offsite)
- 14 Quilting Bee
- 22 Office Closed
- 23 Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 7 VBC Christmas Concert
- 9 GriefShare Surviving the Holidays
- 13 Women's Christmas Fellowship
- 24 Christmas Eve Service



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to daily life.**

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