

A Meditation On The Practical Application Of Psalm 20:7

By Pastor Mark D. Cain

Learning to properly apply Scripture is just that – a *learning* process. Here is one example of taking actual steps in living out a helpful truth from God’s Word. Consider this verse:

Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. Psalm 20:7, NIV

David was evidently facing some “trouble” and “distress,” according to verse 1. It appears to be on a battlefield where he feels in great peril. This is another case of the “blessed ambiguity” of Scripture, where his actual adversary is left unidentified, thus making it fitting to apply it to our situations when we feel threatened, as though we are on a battlefield.

Notice that in the key verse, verse 7, David does not say he doesn’t use the available resources. There is no indication that his faith-step was to neglect the appropriate implements “in the name of faith.” Rather, *as he used them*, he clarified where his ultimate faith and ultimate confidence lay – “in the name of the LORD our God.” In this case, faith in the Lord is not the refusal to use ordinary means, but the “dependent-upon-the-Lord” use of those means, knowing that ultimately God would make the difference.

Consider these 21st century application-paraphrases:

Some trust in chemo and some in finding the best doctors, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God, as we use these medical resources.

Some trust in their net worth and some trust in their connections, but we trust in the Lord our God as we also exercise prudence coupled with faith in financial matters.

Some trust in their political party and some trust in the next election, but we trust in the Lord our God as we engage responsibly in the democratic process available to us.

Some trust in their maneuvering and some trust in a bit of deception, but we trust in doing what is right in the name of the Lord our God.

Notice that as you think about what the text originally *meant* in its original setting, you are set up to make a legitimate application of what it *means* in your setting today.

Use the valid resources and means that are available to you, but be sure that your ultimate trust is in the One who is over and behind and in control of them all.

Trusting With You,

Pastor Mark





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

JAN 1 - AUG 31, 2017

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - AUG 31, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$659,661	\$634,400	\$603,927
Expenses	\$621,230	\$647,537	\$630,045
Net Income (deficit)	\$38,431	\$(13,137)	\$(26,118)

ANNIVERSARIES



Gary & Linda McKamey 10/01

Ron & Helen Stierman 10/13

Larry & Erma Maycumber 10/28

David & Sharon Trigilio 10/28

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

Dear Village Bible Church,

Sam and I are thankful to be part of a body of Christ who believes in prayer and prays.

Blessings on you all for praying for Sam and me, as God sustained us, and is continuing to heal Sam beautifully.

Again, thank you all!

*In Christ's Love,
Gloria & Sam Spearman*

Phil 1:3



VBC

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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 at VBC.



Executive Pastor Mike Kelly will be transitioning to Rockwall, Texas, next month. He has served as VBC's Executive Pastor for over seven years. We will honor Mike's ministry during the Sunday, October 22, worship service and Fellowship Time. The congregation is encouraged to write a note of appreciation or card for that morning.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

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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

The "Glory" of the General Fund
A Word on Giving
by Pastor Mark D. Cain

There is something about human nature that responds to the special, the exotic, the exceptional and specific. But when it comes to the Christian life, a lot is *daily* and *routine*. The Bible calls it *faithfulness*. So in your financial giving don't neglect what I call the "glory of the General Fund". It may not seem as glamorous as giving to the special, tangible projects. But, don't you appreciate coming to a clean church, with electricity, and having a staff (including pastors!)? Isn't it a blessing to know that our missions program is reaching around the world, and the sermons you hear, the music you enjoy, are all funded? More **ministry** comes directly out of the General Fund than you might realize.

Thank you and be blessed by your faithful giving.

congregational MEETING

Our Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be Wednesday, October 25th, at 6 PM. Preview packets will be available the two preceding Sundays.

As guided by our By-Laws the congregation will vote to affirm new leaders according to our rotating schedule:

- Affirm for a second 2-year Elder Term: Larry Collins
- Affirm as a new Elder, 2-year term: John Batjes
- Affirm as a new Assistant Treasurer, 2-year term: Henson Dunn

**Help us
Remember
Your
Name!**

We encourage all members and non-members to wear a name tag on Sunday morning. Name Tag Request Forms can be found on the table under the name tag board. Please print your name and indicate whether you prefer a magnet or a chain. Name tags will be ready as soon as possible, and will be in the appropriate place on the Name Tag Board.



TAKE A HIKE | OCTOBER 21ST



Join VBC Hiking on Saturday, October 21st at Lake Catherine State Park in Hot Springs, lunch will follow. We cannot wait to experience God's marvelous creation with you! Visit our table in the foyer on Sunday, October 15th for more information or email Jerry & Roxie Harris at rox2ie1944@yahoo.com or Mike & Jeanne Walters at waltersark@sbcglobal.net



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.

The last day to return boxes to the Church is Sunday, November 5th.

VBC *Historical Books*

SUPPLIES ARE RUNNING LOW!

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.

Don't forget to swing by the office and pick up your copy soon, just \$15!

Save the Date!

Men's Fall Conference

GOD & COUNTRY

October 28th

Speaker: Tim Barton from WallBuilders



Tim is an ordained minister and has worked in a variety of church staff positions, including as youth minister, worship leader, and assistant pastor.



WallBuilders is an organization dedicated to presenting America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on the moral, religious, and constitutional foundation on which America was built – a foundation which, in recent years, has been seriously attacked and undermined.

In accord with what was so accurately stated by George Washington, we believe that “the propitious [favorable] smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation which disregards the eternal rules of order and right which heaven itself has ordained.”

Look for further information in upcoming Sunday bulletins.
For questions, call **Dennis Brown** at **501-545-7579**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU WITH PASTOR MARK

God continues to bless VBC with many new people and Pastor Mark would like to get to know you better. He wants to meet with a small group of up to 6 in his office during Bible Study (10:50 AM - 11:45 AM) on Sunday, October 15th. This will be the last session of 2017, so don't miss out!

Please communicate your interest via the communication card in your Sunday bulletin, or contact **Barbi** at **501-922-0404** or email **barbi@vbchsv.org**.



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

SEARCH PROCESS

Jim Neal, one of our current VBC Elders who has multiple ministry experiences in his past, will be assuming many of Pastor Mike's responsibilities as VBC's Associate Pastor. Jim will join the VBC staff effective October 1st.

This will be a part time, interim position (we anticipate 6 to 24 months) while we do the comprehensive work of evaluating current needs and a search process for a full time, permanent hire. Please pray for all of these individuals involved as well as the VBC Elders.



Times of transition can be stressful for all, but also opportunities for growth and faith. Let's affirm Jesus' role as Head of His church, joining together in looking to Him during these days of transition.

**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!

ELDER BOARD REPORT

We hope you were able to be at the Hoppers Concert on September 22nd, as it was great fun and well attended. If you like Southern Gospel music, their show was for you. Their enthusiasm was contagious and the witness of their music and verbal testimonies clearly told the salvation message. Mr. Hopper and the oldest son talked of significant health issues and how God had lead them through those difficult times. The Hoppers have performed all over the world for several decades and continue to present an outstanding program and witness.

On another subject, our quarterly meeting will be October 25th. We encourage you to attend as there will be the normal updates, as well as, the election of one new elder and an assistant treasurer. These are important responsibilities that we need to support.

Finally, we say goodbye to Pastor Mike on Sunday, October 22nd. We continue to pray for Pastor Mike to find where God wants him to serve in the Dallas area. We thank him for his service and obvious commitment to serve his Lord. At our quarterly meeting we will look forward to an update from our new Associate Pastor, Jim Neal.

Plan to join us at the quarterly meeting.

Bruce Davis

Elder Board



Dr. Mark D. Cain



Don Russell



Jim Neal



John Sowers



Bruce Davis



Larry Collins



Dick Leach

REFORMATION DAY | OCTOBER 29TH



The last Sunday of October is a day of celebrating our heritage of 500 years of Reformation tradition. It was October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther 'sparked' the fire that became the Protestant Reformation by publicly declaring "95 Theses" (declarations) of Bible truths that had become encrusted beneath centuries of tradition and false teaching. The large wooden doors of the church were like a public bulletin board, so Luther nailed his theses to this door in Wittenburg, Germany. The Reformation was a massive "back to the Bible" movement brought by God's Spirit.

The Christian Education Ministry Team is providing a "Reformation Day Celebration" cake during the Fellowship Time, and Pastor Mark will preach on the foundational Bible truths of our salvation by faith through grace in Jesus Christ alone.

HELP US WELCOME OUR NEW VBC MEMBERS!



Will & Millie Woods are originally from Louisiana. In their professional lives, Will was a county extension agent and Millie was an RN working with dialysis patients. Will was saved as a child and has been active in church life since that time, serving in many capacities over the years. Millie attended church as a child but was not taught the Gospel. At the age of 27, she was saved and received assurance. She is active as a BSF leader and has been active in service in the churches they have attended. Will and Millie are looking to plug in to serve at VBC. We are thankful to have them as members of VBC.

We Remember



Pat Hunt

Pat passed into the presence of his Lord the weekend of September 9th.

He was cremated and his ashes were sent to his step-son, Chris Roebuck of Atlanta. Pat raised Chris and loved him like a son. Chris loved Pat and called him Dad. There was no service in Hot Springs Village. If you would like to send a card to Chris, his address is 3411 Creek Hollow Drive, Marietta, GA 30062

DISCOVER VBC

The New Testament calls us to a high commitment to the Body of Christ on Earth - that is, the local church. Church membership is the outward expression reflecting our inner commitment to the Gospel message. Membership is much like believers' baptism or the marriage ceremony as outward expressions of our inner beliefs. This class is designed for those who are interested in becoming members of VBC, as well as those who may want more information about our church.

Discover VBC is a two part series that will be held on October 15th and October 22nd.

You may sign-up at www.vbcchurch.com (under the ABOUT US tab), or on the communication card in the bulletin. You may also call the church during office hours at 501-922-0404, to reserve your spot.



October is Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month

It is again the joyful time recognized as "Staff Appreciation Month."

At VBC this sometimes seems redundant, but a few thoughts as you think of our pastors and staff: We all realize that we are blessed to have men of God's choosing who truly have a heart for God and for serving their "flock" as pastors. With them we are blessed to have their spouses who contribute much to Village Bible Church, often behind the scenes, but always with love and devotion.

We also want to show appreciation to our support staff as well. Our pastors are leaders, teachers and administrators fully committed to their responsibilities. This special month is set aside so that each of us can take an extra step to show our appreciation for our pastors and entire VBC staff.

Our hope and trust is that you will, in your own way, let them know how much you appreciate them. A spoken word (not too many) or card is a simple affirmation of your feelings, but one that is always appreciated.

Please take a moment to let them know how much they are loved and appreciated. And, as always, most importantly, pray for them.

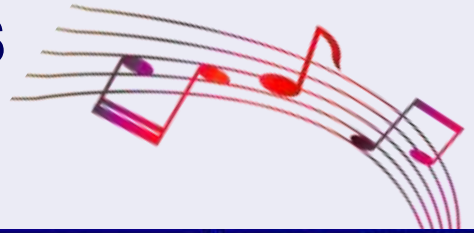
They feel your prayers and want them always.

MOMENTS FROM THE MINISTRY FAIR





THE HOPPERS CONCERT



Many thanks to Steve Petro for the photos!





TEEN CHALLENGE

Tim Culbreth – Executive Director



Program Information

Teen Challenge of Arkansas is located in Hot Springs. We are a Christian Discipleship program. Our goal is to help men who struggle with life controlling issues such as addiction. Hurting and broken addicts and families come to Teen Challenge often as a last hope for their loved one. We do not turn away anyone because of financial difficulties.

Mission & History

- We are a faith-based Christian discipleship program.
- We are an adult facility assisting males ages 18+.
- We are non-medical & non-clinical.
- We are a completely voluntary program.
- We are a minimum 15 month program.
- 5+ months in Hot Springs, AR & 10 months in the 2nd phase of the program in Cape Girardeau, MO

Love, Tolerate, Despise

“This is the roller coaster I am on when I look in the mirror, when I look at my heart, and when I look at what I think about. I'm in this class "Love and Accepting Myself" but I honestly feel hate and despise myself more than anything. I do have hope and have felt the peace of loving myself in brief moments in time, but after the damage I have done to myself and others it is a difficult thing to accomplish. Learning to love myself, struggles and all, may very well be a lifelong journey. Thank you all for your prayers; I take it a day at a time. I appreciate everyone who makes this place possible for me to begin this journey.”



TEEN CHALLENGE TODAY

Work Program

Students participate in daily Work Detail as a part of the program. They not only learn a good and healthy work ethic, they are able to serve our community in the process. We work to raise awareness and help people affected by the issues of addiction. Our success is measured in the number of people we can help with the quality of programs and services we provide. These programs are fueled by our dedicated staff, caring volunteers and generous donors like you.

To schedule a Work Detail, contact Russell Basett, TCAWork@TeenChallengeAR.org, 501-624-2446.

Ways to Help

1. Become a Tutor

Learn how you can become a tutor for Teen Challenge students. Contact Judy McEarl – Choir Director / GED & Tutoring Coordinator to see how you can benefit a student tcchoir@teenchallengear.org

2. Ladies Guild

In fulfilling that call, the Ladies' Guild proudly serves with the ministry team of Teen Challenge by offering our support and assistance in a variety of ways throughout the year. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us as we endeavor to shine His light in a dark world, that our Father may be glorified.

3. Visit Our Teen Challenge Store

Located at 1679 N Highway 7, (501)624-2446 Teen Challenge welcomes donated items that can be sold at the store.

4. Donate

We often find that those who need the most help are the very ones who can afford it the least. That is why we do not charge a monthly fee for the students to stay at Teen Challenge of Arkansas.

Teen Challenge Physical Address:

155 Walnut Valley Road
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

OCTOBER

- 8 Celebration Sunday for FCA
- 15 Discover VBC
- 16 Newcomers Luncheon
- 22 Farewell to Pastor Mike & Discover VBC
- 25 Congregational Meeting
- 28 Men's Fall Retreat



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