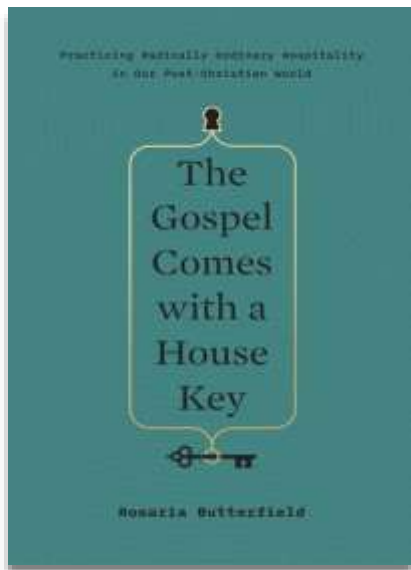


VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH

family newsletter

OCTOBER 2018



The Gospel Comes with a House Key

If you only read one book this month then read the Bible. But if you choose to read another book then read *The Gospel Comes with a House Key* by Rosario Butterfield. The author is best known for her radical conversion from a life of immorality to one that is whole heartedly following Jesus Christ. I heard her speak at RC Sproul's Ligonier's conference down in Florida a few years ago so I was familiar with what God had called her from but in her new book I learned what God had called her to, a radical lifestyle of hospitality.

She describes her life as one of 'radical, ordinary hospitality.' The people she has invited into her home are people who would never set foot in a church whether it's her drug dealing neighbor, to skeptical academicians and even her hard-hearted atheist mother. Through endurance, prayer and

Gospel saturation she describes God's transformation not only in the lives of those she has welcomed in but also her own life as well.

My wife is really good about inviting a variety of people into our home for 'radical, ordinary hospitality.' One of her specialties is to invite our kid's teachers over for dinner. It's really simple, we eat and talk. Many of the conversations are saturated with the Gospel and most of the teachers we have had over from the Chicago area have been unbelievers from a variety of religious backgrounds. And many of them have even come over more than once as we developed long term relationships even to this day. But here is the kicker, most of the teachers who come over have never been invited for a meal into the home of one of their students. No joke! Some have been teaching for 10, 20 or 30 years and yet that was the first time they had ever been in the home of one of their students.

You live by, play golf with, workout next to and rub shoulders with people in the Village who have never been in the home of someone who is a legit believer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Most of these people won't go to church with you but they will come over to your house to eat. Take some time to think about someone you could welcome in to practice 'radical, ordinary hospitality.' And keep doing it over and over again. Just last month my wife was at it again as two more teachers came over because the Gospel comes with a House Key.

Looking Toward Home,

Pastor Jason



Pastor Jason Lancaster



Financial Report September 2018

Current Year to Date
JAN 1 - AUGUST 31, 2018

Prior Year to Date
JAN 1 - AUGUST 31, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$626,731	\$666,144	\$659,661
Expenses	\$575,911	\$651,060	\$616,900
Net Income (deficit)	\$50,820	\$15,084	\$42,761



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Gary & Linda McKamey	10/01
Ron & Helen Stierman	10/13
David & Sharon Trigilio	10/28

If you would like your wedding anniversary in our newsletter, call the office and ask for Barbi!




 If you haven't registered to **VOTE** time is running out and October 6th is the deadline. For your convenience you may pick up a voter registration form at the VBC Welcome Center!
 



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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.



October is Pastor and 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.

Take a Hike!

The VBC *Take A Hike Ministry* will be hiking the **Lake Sylvia Recreational Area** near Perryville, AR on **October 27th**.

Length/Difficulty - 4 miles / Moderate.

See the display table on Sunday, October 21st to sign up.

For more information contact Mike & Jeanne Walters, waltersark@sbcglobal.net or Jerry & Roxie Harris, rox2ie1944@yahoo.com



The VBC Library

Expand your mind and heart with a fascinating book today!

Have you thought about checking out a biography? Biographies are entertaining, informative AND inspirational!

Come by today and you'll find these Biographies:

Leaders of the Faith—John Calvin, John Stott, D.L. Moody, Martin Luther, John Pollock, Billy Graham, Bill Bright, Bonhoeffer

Contemporary—Drew Brees, Nolan Ryan, Chuck Norris, Tony Dungy, George W. Bush, Robert Gates, Ronald Reagan

Stories of Faith in the Middle East—Imam's Daughter, Seeking Allah/ Finding Jesus, Facing Terror, Imprisoned for Christ

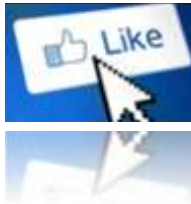


This is a very small sampling of what the Library has to offer in the Biographies section!



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

Stay Inspired & Stay in the Loop!



DISCOVER VBC

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!

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 21st and October 28th.

You may sign-up at www.vbchsv.org (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.



REFORMATION DAY OCTOBER 28TH

The last Sunday of October is a day of celebrating our heritage of over 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.

August 30th, 2018

Dear VBC,



Jason and I want to thank you for praying us here, we’re really here! Many of you know that because you’ve done a lot of serving to get us here. The pound the pastor gift blew us away!!! We are so grateful for everything you all provided through that effort. I appreciate not having to buy so much right off the bat. Thanks for thinking of the kids and all the perfect snacks and drinks for them, you got lots of smiles! Thank you for the many other efforts that happened...cleaning, very thoroughly, our new house, so we could move right in. Many guys coming to unload our moving truck and get things in our house. Then coming to put together our furniture when it arrived. The meals and many extras...milk, fruit, etc...have helped us get on our feet, unpacked and kids to school. Thank you for going above and beyond in this, we really appreciate it. Thanks for the cards, words of encouragement and prayer. Ready or not...here we go! See you Sunday!

*Joy to you,
The Lancasters*

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES



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VBC Ministry Opportunity

Good Samaritan Outreach Care Ministry

On the 4th Wednesday of each month from 2:45-4:15 pm, we are needing volunteers to serve with the Good Samaritan Outreach Care Ministry! This is a great opportunity to give encouragement, bring a smile and love the residents and patients. Anywhere from 5-7 volunteers assist 12-16 residents with Bingo. It's also a time of Bible-centered inspiration, good fellowship, sharing the Lord, serving and celebrating birthdays.

Both men and women are welcome and the talent required is so simple: a hug to share, a smile to give, a listening ear and a caring heart. It will absolutely make the difference in their lives and give encouragement to their days! Some residents feel lonely and forgotten. When we care for them, we have cared for Jesus too, bringing Him pleasure and joy! The Lord stretches us in areas of serving that we might never have considered, often moving us beyond our comfort zones. Scripture encourages us to use the spiritual gifts and talents God has given us for His glory.

If you have a desire to help with this fantastic ministry, you will be truly blessed and we will be very thankful! For more information contact Mary Ellen Mathias 501-922-8491

“who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” – 2 Corinthians 1:4



Welcome New Member!

Mary Ann Woodson began attending VBC in 2010 and has decided to make it 'official.' Originally from Overland Park, Kansas, Mary Ann is a retired nurse anesthetist. She has been a life long believer in Jesus Christ and has developed a personal relationship with Him the last 6 years. Mary Ann graciously donates her time and house for the W.IN.G.S. Ministry. Mary Ann will be introduced during the October 7th service. Please take an opportunity to welcome her!



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.



Ministry Fair

Many thanks to Steve Petro for the photographs!



Many thanks to Sam Spearman for the photographs!



Small Group picnic

dates to Remember

Thursday & Friday, October 4 & 5, **Men's Conference (offsite)**

Monday, October 22, Newcomers Luncheon, 11:30 AM

Wednesday, October 24, Congregational Meeting 5 PM

Friday, December 7, Christmas Concert, 3 PM & 7 PM

Sunday, December 9, GriefShare **"Surviving The Holidays"** 2 PM

Thursday, December 13, Women's Ministry Christmas Party, 5 PM

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve Service, 5 PM



Your Missions Committee Team would like to thank all of you for helping with the Baby items

Drive for our local mission, Change Point Pregnancy Care and Parenting Resource Center in Hot Springs.

It was a huge success! Your generosity will help women with crisis pregnancies and families in crisis situations.



ARE YOU A NEWCOMER TO VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH?

You are invited to attend our **NEWCOMER'S LUNCHEON** ON MONDAY, October 22nd, IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

YOU MUST REGISTER to attend this luncheon, please call the church office, 501-922-0404.

See you there! We can't wait to get to know you better!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be Wednesday, October 24th, 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. All are encouraged to attend, but only members may vote.

SAVE THE DATE

FIELDS OF FAITH

October 10, 2018

Hot Springs
Mena



Arkadelphia
Fordyce

Yes, please do **Save the Date**. We need your help on October 10th at Lakeside High School in Hot Springs.

Fields of Faith is Amazing! It is the largest FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) event all year in Arkansas. How large? Well, for instance, 4,300 junior and senior high students attended Fields of Faith in Hot Springs alone in 2017!

It is an evening filled with music, praise, worship and student testimonials. Fields of Faith is the closest thing to a Billy Graham Crusade that you'll probably ever experience, unless you've actually attended a Billy Graham Crusade!

Here are the available volunteer opportunities:

Morning Set-Up

Registration

Food Service (We'll serve 1000's of people hundreds of pizzas!)

Parking Lot Attendants

Crowd Control

Prayer Partners

Clean Up and Tear Down



Volunteer registration is easy. Simply go to scafca.org and click on the **Register to Volunteer** link at the top of the home page. Once there you can register for any number of these volunteer opportunities.

We **REALLY** need prayer partners so please consider this. Prayer Partners are volunteers who pray with the students who come forward after the equivalent of an altar call is made.

PLEASE DON'T LET THIS SCARE OR INTIMIDATE YOU. Prayer Partner training will take place at Lakeside High School at approximately 6:15 p.m. on the evening of the event. PLUS, you can watch a five minute Prayer Partner training video at <https://vimeo.com/202396807>

Why am I so passionate about FCA and events like Fields of faith? Because these young people are the next generation of Christians and Christian leaders. It is they who will carry the torch after we are gone. They need our help, support, prayers and encouragement. – You never know, you may encounter and/or pray with the next Billy Graham or Beth Moore on Oct. 10th! Isn't that possibility exciting and worth your time?

If you have any questions about Fields of Faith, registering to be a volunteer or anything else, feel free to contact Wayne Dziubinski at Waynedziu1954@gmail.com or call 612-247-3813.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT

The shoebox packing party will be held Monday, October 15th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. At this time we will be using the items collected over the last 6 months to fill as many boxes as possible. Remember we also encourage you to pack your OWN box. For those who chose to pack their own individual boxes, the last day to return your boxes to the church is Sunday, November 4th. We thank everyone for their generosity!

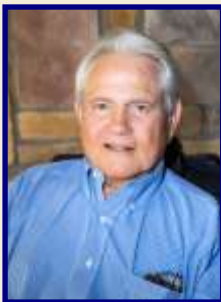
Questions?

Contact Terry Christensen at 501-922-3909

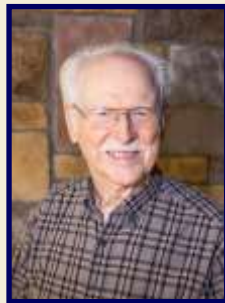
or

Debbie DeNicola at 501-226-5183

Your VBC Elder Board



Larry Collins



Dick Leach



John Batjes



Glenn McCaleb



Dennis Gullickson



John Sowers

A bit of fall is in the air and for our church community this means lots of opportunities to become engaged in your church beyond the Sunday morning worship service. Our Small Groups Ministry Team has recently held a picnic to encourage those who have never or have not participated in a while to join a small group. All of the ministry teams, recently, had display tables on a Sunday to tell folks about opportunities to serve our Lord by being a part of one of these teams.

I know we discuss and present a great deal about your opportunity to participate in one of the ministry teams. The chance to work on one of these teams will provide you with a new perspective on being God's physical hands here on earth. Additionally you will develop a bond and closeness with your fellow VBCers that you will appreciate now and for years to come. I urge you to consider the opportunities and if you want to discuss the options further talk to a ministry team leader, one of the pastors or an elder.

Larry Collins



Well, that's how the nursery rhyme labeled us, but VBC women know that "Everything Nice" doesn't just happen. We need a work of our Lord in our lives to be a reflection of Him day to day. Following worship every Sunday morning, we come together in the Women's Bible Class for an hour of encouragement and discipleship. We pray for each other and study God's Word. Class leaders rotate often, presenting a variety of studies that keep us motivated to apply what we hear to our lives. And so, we find our Lord at work in us! Our hearts' desire is to KNOW HIM and MAKE HIM KNOWN. VBC's Christian Education theme, Come GROW with Us, fits us to a tee!

Join us in Room 110 at 10:50 any Sunday—we'd love to have you!

Indeed, all of the Sunday Bible Study hour offerings give the opportunity to draw closer to Christ through the study of God's Word! Come, spice up your life with a better understanding of

WHO He is, WHAT He has promised and HOW He can empower us to live the abundant life. Check out the available VBC Bible Study classes listed in the quarterly brochure located at the Welcome Center.

Come **GROW** with Us!



Thank
you



Dear VBC Family,

First of all, let me thank you for all the prayers, cards, food and remembrances that honored Dave and blessed our family this past month and week. The music, message and Holy Spirit's presence at his service gave us all a taste of Heaven that Dave is enjoying.

I'd ask another prayer request for myself. The fall I had resulted in a rotator cuff tear that has a 60% chance of a successful repair, I was told by the surgeon yesterday. The surgery is scheduled for October 3rd and will be followed by six weeks of total arm immobilization.

My prayer request is for the surgeon's success at reattaching all the muscles and tendons as normally as possible, give him patience and extraordinary skill, no infection problems afterwards and also for my patience. I'm promised lots of pain but I ask prayer that the pain won't be significant and the results will even impress the surgeon and be much better than 60%.

Your prayers have sustained my family and me for months through Dave's illness and passing. We are blessed and grateful. On a lighter side, please pray that my two sweet doggy companions refrain from chasing any more skunks.

*In the palm of His hand,
Sue Pilkington*

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 4 & 5 Men's Conference
(offsite)
- 11 Coffee in the Loft
- 15 Operation Christmas
Child Packing Party
- 22 Newcomer's Luncheon
- 24 Congregational Meeting
- 27 Take a Hike
- 28 MFM: Micah May



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