

The HOPPERS

Appearing at Village Bible Church on Friday, September 22nd!



VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH FAMILY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2017

Do you remember songs that the VBC choir has presented like, "Jerusalem", "Yahweh", "Somethings Happening"? These are all songs that the Hoppers first recorded and made popular. Claude Hopper started singing with his brothers in 1957 in the North Carolina hills and they were called the Hopper Brothers.

They recruited Connie to play the piano and soon she was singing and married to Claude. They were then called the Hopper Brothers and Connie. They changed voicing and added a soprano and are now simply called The Hoppers.

The group is made up of Claude and Connie Hopper, their son Michael is the drummer, road production manager and sometimes sings bass, their other son Dean and his wife Kim fill out the other parts and Kim and Dean's daughter Carly has become an added vocal part with the group.

They have sung throughout the United States as well as in Israel, Europe and Africa. They have been invited to perform for presidential religious inaugural ceremonies, New York's Carnegie Hall, and many church platforms and singing conventions over the years. They regularly appear on the Gaither videos and concert tours.

Last year's concert by Legacy 5 was well received and was one of the high points for VBC activities for the year. I expect this to be a great night. The event will begin on Friday, September 22nd at 5 PM with a Potato Bar once again this year for the

VBC congregation and their invited guests. Please sign up for the meal with the number that are coming with your party and we are asking for people who plan to come for the supper to bring salads or dessert. This is another opportunity to help create REAL Community and fellowship with each other. This is also a great opportunity for outreach to invite those in the community to attend.

The doors will open at 6 PM for those who did not sign up for the dinner. While there is no admission charge, I want to encourage our people to give as if they were attending a paid concert. We are fortunate to be able to host this group and we want to do our best to meet our financial responsibility for their financial needs, which opens the door for other concert opportunities in the future when we respond well.

Invitation cards are available at the welcome center and I hope you will make plans to attend and invite your friends.



We can't wait to fellowship and worship with you!
- Pastor Levan



Financial Report August 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 - JULY 31, 2017

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - JULY 31, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	593,326	555,500	543,493
Expenses	549,644	573,630	549,831
Net Income (deficit)	43,682	18,130	6,338

ANNIVERSARIES



- Gary & Bobbi Stephens 9/1
- Gary & Wendy George 9/3
- Brian & Jean Fullmer 9/4
- Rick & Marcia Gautier 9/4
- Mark & Jane Cain 9/6
- Jerry & Judy Pobidinski 9/7
- Dennis & Tamra Gullickson 9/14
- Dick & Betsy Bochte 9/18
- David & Sue Wright 9/24
- Henry & Lynette Nabben 9/27

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



VBC Church Family,
 Thank you ALL for the many prayers, beautiful cards, donations, and meals for me and my family. I promise ya'll time those perfectly when I needed them the most! Many of you don't even know me, but know my wonderful Mother Laura, Jeff, Aunt Cheryl, Uncle Dale Kastner and Aunt Lynne Geiling - yet many of the cards I receive are from members of your church (maybe some of you remember me from Vacation Bible School!) I am beyond touched by this outreach and what God is doing in your church community. Ya'll are amazing!

Thank you for supporting me through this journey,
 Bailey Sharver

NEW VBC STAFF MEMBER

Please join us in welcoming Mary Buffington, our new Administrative Assistant at the VBC office! Mary was born and raised in Hot Springs and is the daughter of Bobby & Jackie Hitt (who you may already know from their work in Hot Springs Village for the last 28+ years!). Mary is blissfully married to Sean Buffington and they moved to beautiful Hot Springs Village in 2011. Sean teaches AP World History and Civics at Malvern High School. Mary comes to VBC with over a decade of experience in the fields of customer service and office assistance, as well as, 12 years of experience in freelance photography and digital design. Mary loves singing, playing piano, and empowering others. Together, Mary & Sean's favorite thing to do is play with their 3 fur-children: Teddy (Maltese/Poodle), Thursday (cat), and Viktoriya (cat).



VBC Ministry Staff

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

Thank You!

To The Saints at VBC:

Words cannot express our gratitude for all the love sent our way. The many prayers, cards and hugs have lifted the burdens of Malcom's many physical problems. Thank you, thank you from two most Blessed believers. Malcom continues to struggle with much hip pain and next week will be having his first appointment with the surgeon, who will take care of his surgery.

Will keep you informed.
Miss You All . . . Love The Kind,
Erica Sharratt

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.



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Choir begins again on Sunday, September 17th with a first rehearsal on September 6th!

It has been called to my attention that there are several of you who have vocal and instrumental abilities. I would like to encourage each person interested to consider singing or playing with us.

I would be excited to get your call or email. I will gladly answer any questions you may have about this ministry and how to get started.

Please consider being a part of this great group which is an important part of the worship ministry here at VBC.

- Pastor Levan

Cell: 501-353-3040 or Email: levan@vbchsv.org

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. You can pick up some of the small imprinted cards to share with friends and neighbors. These are available at the Welcome Center. 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

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SHARE YOUR 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 at 501-353-3040 or Pastor Mike at 501-209-6547. If neither of us are 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

TAKE A HIKE!

VBC Hiking is excited to announce that the first hike of the fall season will be held on Saturday, September 23rd on Ouachita Trail near Lake Maumelle. This hike is level and spans four miles. Come enjoy the beautiful views of the Maumelle River and Lake Maumelle. Come to our table in the foyer on Sunday, September 10th and Sunday, September 17th 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

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, only \$15!



This year VBC Vacation Bible School partnered with the Children's Hunger Fund and raised \$435, which provided 1740 meals for children in impoverished parts of the world in need of food and nourishment. The generous contributions made will have a lasting impact on the lives of children around the world.

WALK FOR CHRIST

Garland County Jail Ministry depends completely upon donations to fund their program. Their annual fundraiser *Walk for Christ* is Saturday, September 23rd in Hot Springs Village at Barcelona Road Baptist Church. They would be delighted to have you join them as a walker, with your friends sponsoring you. If you are NOT up to walking the trail, please consider sponsoring our church members who are walking. Watch for the display table in the foyer starting Sunday, September 10th.

Contact **Dave Wood** at **501-276-2365** with any questions or for more information.

Save the Date! Ministry Fair



September 17 & 24 ♦ 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Can't decide how to connect?

Whether you are new to VBC or have been here awhile and want to learn more about the fun and uplifting ways to further how Christ wants us to serve him, we have you covered. Our ministry teams will be here on September 17th & 24th to answer your questions and provide information on all the different opportunities that are available to you at VBC.

Have a questions, please call **Jo McKeand** at **501-922-8269**.



Men's Fall Conference

GOD & COUNTRY

October 28th

Speaker: **Tim Barton** from **WallBuilders**



Tim Barton, 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). This single session meeting will take place on Sunday, September 24th.

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



PASTOR MARK D. CAIN

NEW SERMON SERIES: *Strengthen Your Core!*

Standing For Truth So You Won't Fall For Error

A Sunday Morning Sermon Series by Pastor Mark

The Book of Jude - the second to last book of the Bible - a very small book, but powerfully relevant. Yes, it's quite small - a New Testament letter that could almost be called "a postcard", but incredibly applicable to our world today. Never before has there been as much "media bombardment" with as many errors and subtle falsehoods as today.

Just as fitness trainers focus on strengthening the core of your body and muscle groups for optimal health, so we will focus on strengthening your core spiritually and doctrinally. This will be a verse by verse Sunday morning sermon exposition by Pastor Mark.

He will include applications to many of the "hot button" issues that are culturally relevant, using the Book of Jude to equip you to *stand for truth so that you won't fall for error.*

This one chapter book leads to this spiritual mountain peak: *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever, Amen. Jude 24-25*

Series begins August 27, 2017 and continues through September



CHANGE POINT PREGNANCY CARE AND PARENTING RESOURCE CENTER



Look for STORKY!
He will be in the Church foyer all September long, waiting for you to fill the crib with your purchased baby items.

The month of September is our 4th annual drive to collect baby items for the Hot Springs Change Point Pregnancy Care and Parenting Resource Center, a local mission VBC supports. They serve the community by providing information to expectant mothers, families in need and the needs of infants, as well as, give assistance in education to help keep families together. Volunteers are needed in many areas of this ministry - including men! Male volunteers may attend classes Wednesday nights (make up classes available!). For all details, please contact **Barbara Dray** at **501-922-4514** or **Jane Weston** at **501-204-2123**

September Baby Items Drive

- ◆ Diapers 4 & 5
- ◆ Infant onesies
- ◆ Wipes
- ◆ Socks
- ◆ Baby Thermometers
- ◆ Pacifiers.



ELDER BOARD REPORT

The July quarterly meeting was well received by all in attendance. Reports from the pastors and Jeff Fomby, assistant treasurer, were reviewed. There was a special time of appreciation for the contributions of Don and Pat Russell as we prepare to say “farewell” to them. They have both contributed much time and effort to VBC during their years here.

Our “Discover VBC” class held on July 16th and 23rd was well attended with ten interested in learning more about EFCA and VBC. It was another good class with several great questions and discussions. To those who are regulars at VBC, but not members, we hope you will plan to attend the next class. It will be helpful to you even if you do not join as a member. We plan to have another class in the early fall and encourage non-members to attend. Members are also welcome to refresh their knowledge about EFCA and VBC.

The October quarterly meeting will be an important one as we will be electing one new elder and an assistant treasurer. We hope you plan to attend as we conduct God’s business.

Bruce Davis
Elder Board



Dr. Mark D. Cain



Don Russell



Jim Neal



John Sowers



Bruce Davis



Larry Collins



Dick Leach



The “Crosses for Life Memorial” is a statewide outreach project of Benton County Right to Life. The crosses have been displayed in various locations throughout the state since January 2000. The 4,000 crosses represent the 4,000 pre-born children that die daily in the U.S. as a result of induced abortion. The purpose of the display is to memorialize those children and increase public awareness of the magnitude of what has been called by some “The American Holocaust.”

CROSSES FOR LIFE

The Village Bible Church Men’s Ministry in conjunction with Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church is proud to sponsor the “Crosses for Life Memorial.” The memorial crosses will be on display outside the churches during the month of September.



The “Crosses for Life Memorial” is available to pro-life organizations and churches throughout the state. Funding for the project is provided by individual donations. For more information, contact **Dennis Brown** at **501-545-7579**.

SEPTEMBER

All Month Change Point Baby Drive

12 BSF

13 & 14 Women's Fall Bible Studies

17 & 24 Ministry Fair

22 Hoppers in Concert

OCTOBER

8 Celebration Sunday for FCA

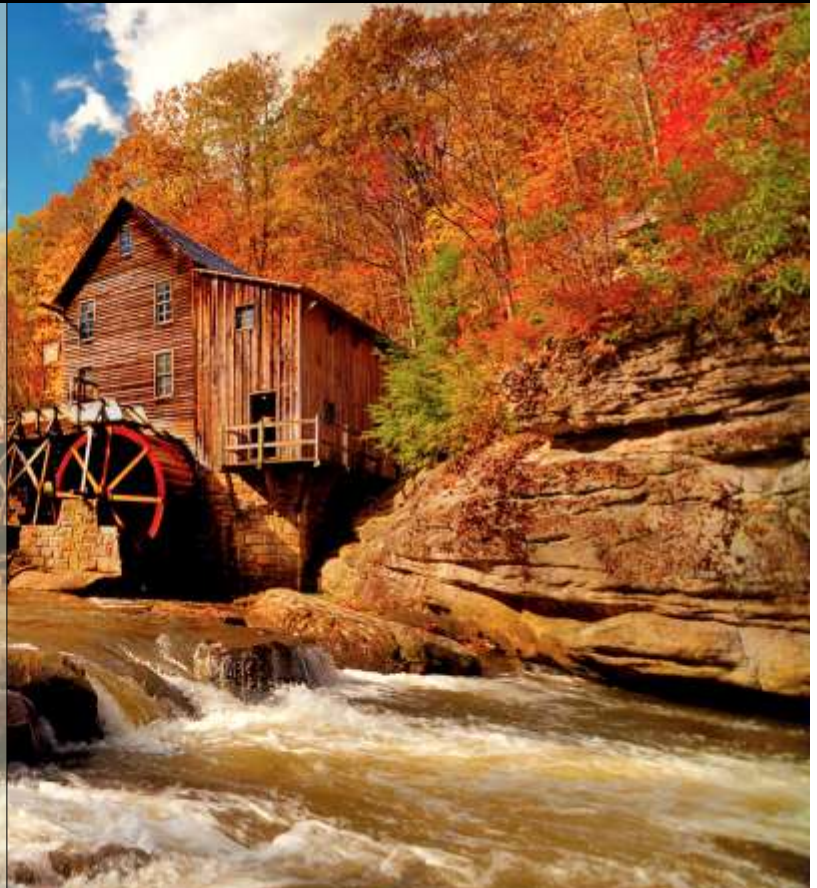
25 Congregational Meeting

28 Men's Fall Retreat



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