



RESURRECTION CELEBRATION

March 2018 Village Bible Church Newsletter

25 Years at The Woodlands

This year, we will celebrate 25 years of having Easter at The Woodlands Auditorium. Our service will be on April 1st at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM. The choir is learning some new music that enhances the theme of "Resurrection Celebration." Rebecca Seewald will be with us again as guest soloist and Pastor Jim Neal and I will be sharing the duties of presenting the Easter message. The whole service is being designed around the celebration theme with the continued standard of excellence that has identified this event through the years.

Over the last 25 years the Easter service has been the first introduction to some future members who came back to a service and liked the fellowship of VBC. Let's pray that this will be the case once again this year and that people will come to know the Lord because of this effort.

Holy week will also include a Cross service on Wednesday Night March 28th at 6:00 PM. This service should be included in your weekly schedule to prepare you for the Easter Service. It will include more new music, a devotional thought and communion built around the events of the crucifixion before the triumphant day of resurrection.

Your help is most important. There will be an opportunity for you to sign up for a role for the Easter service or in preparation for the day. The Creative Arts Ministry is requesting artwork around the theme and your poems for a poetry booklet will be welcomed as well. While we are sending invitations to the community, the one that counts is your personal invitation to friends, neighbors, relatives and associates. It might even be productive to offer to pick them up with an invitation to lunch afterwards. We will also have a cookie reception between services and will need you to bring those Celebration Cookies. Please remember to pray for all the pieces of the service and for those who will be there on that day.

It has been exciting planning for this day and I am expecting it to be a memorable time in the life of Village Bible Church.

You don't want to miss it,

Pastor Levan





Financial Report January 2018

Current Year to Date

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - JAN 31, 2018

JAN 1 - JAN 31, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$62,729	\$83,268	\$65,817
Expenses	\$65,069	\$85,891	\$84,172
Net Income (deficit)	\$2,340	\$2,623	\$18,355

ANNIVERSARIES



Skip & Carolyn Harper 3/3

Dave & Sue Pilkington 03/14

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

Your help is requested by your Senior Pastor Search Committee:

Please share in 300 words or less what you like about Village Bible Church and what you like about Hot Springs Village. These 'likes' are to be shared in our discussions with ministers who want to know about VBC and HSV. Send your comments to Floyd Jordan at VBCsearchcomm@gmail.com

Thanks and thanks for your prayers too!



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Thanks to a very generous donation from Jim & Jeri Capezza, we now have 13 new DVDs and CDs of Charles Stanley's sermons in our Library. Come by and check one out!



Dear Friends at VBC, We enjoyed being with you on January 21st. Thank you for having us! Thank you for your prayers and gifts to our ministry. Your partnership means a lot to us!

*God bless,
Missionaries Terri & Dick*

VBC Family: Thanks for all the prayers, calls, cards, and visits. I had my first post-op visit today and everything is great. Couldn't have asked for a better report. Praise God for answered prayer! Rick Gautier

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.

spring *forward*

Sunday
March 12th



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Jim & Claire Boyd
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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, 501-922-0404.

Caring for you . . . Pastor Levan



VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

Volunteer Mission Trip to Voice of the Martyrs now forming! Sign-up display table in the foyer: March 4th, 11th and 18th
Volunteer Work: Short-term volunteers work at the Operations Center doing various tasks in an area that is climate controlled. Volunteers are seated while they work. There are a few other jobs that require standing and lifting; these jobs are determined by the individual volunteer and the work schedule. Lunch and coffee breaks will be taken at specific times. **Volunteer Housing:** VOM has furnished housing available nightly for volunteers that work an average of five hours per day. The housing has all bed linens, a working kitchen, living and dining areas. If you are interested in being part of the Village Bible Church team going April 2-7, contact Jim Boyd 501-922-6669



VBC Women's Retreat

Saturday, May 5th
at VBC from
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Featuring speaker:
Rachel Anne Ridge

MOVIE TIME
FUN!
FOOD!
save the
DATE

On April 6th from 5:30-8:00 pm, VBC will have a potluck and show the movie: **The Case for Christ**.

This great film is a fun way to fellowship with your church family and enjoy a potluck dinner! Don't miss this opportunity to promote **REAL COMMUNITY**, as well as, a follow-up to invite our Easter guests to get to know us better.

Visit the potluck sign-up table in the church foyer on March 18th & 25th !

SPIRITUAL GROWTH!
FELLOWSHIP!



Saturday, March 10th ~ 1:00 PM

Women's Ministry Spring Fellowship

Growing In Grace



- ◆ Fun
- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ Desserts & Beverage
- ◆ Presentation on flower arrangement & growing plants

Registration Dates ~
February 18th, 25th,
or March 4th,
or call the church
office 501-922-0404

*"...thank God for you because
your faith is flourishing and your
love for one another is
growing."*

2 Thessalonians 1:3



Meals on Wheels
needs volunteer drivers
during the month of April,
Monday - Friday
at 8:30 AM

For details
call Deb Waterman
903-328-7977
or

Visit the table in the
foyer 03/18 & 03/25

VBC will be participating in the **Mercy Ministry Holiday Food Box Distribution** at Easter! In previous years boxes of groceries have been distributed to an average of 50+ needy families in the Fountain Lake and Mountain Pines School Districts, thanks to the generous financial and volunteer support of VBC. Without affecting the quality of the food, the cost of food per family has been reduced from about \$110 to \$58 by purchasing a significant amount of food from an alternate source in Hot Springs. Easter boxes will be packed on March 27th and March 28th. We are asking for your prayerful support! If you'd like to give financially, you can donate via check made out to Village Bible Church with a notation "Mercy Ministry Designated Fund" in the memo section of the check. You may sign-up to volunteer or give cash donations at the table in the Church foyer on March 4th, 11th, and 18th. Direct any questions or requests for additional info to Gary George at 219-730-9808 or Golfertoo39@gmail.com.

We appreciate your participation and are looking for another successful program this year!



Take a Hike!

Come join us on March 24th, as we enjoy God's spectacular creation & hike Hunt's Loop Trail!

Hunt's Loop Trail is in Iron Springs, 5 miles north of Jessieville, AR. This 4 mile hike, is rated: Moderate Difficulty

Sign-Up Sunday, March 18th in the foyer!

If you have any questions please contact:
Mike & Jeanne Walters, 501-915-8046
OR **Jerry & Roxie Harris, 501-915-9635**

Dear Friends at VBC, Julie and I would like to express our thanks to you for the extra \$1000 on top of your already generous giving at the end of 2017. We really needed that in a significant way and are thankful. But not only are we thankful for your gift, we are thankful for all of you—the givers of the gift. Through the years we have been so abundantly blessed by VBC, and not only financially! We hope all of you have had a great start to 2018!
With love and thankfulness,
Missionaries James & Julie

WELCOME *new members*



Bob & Sue Spurgin come to us from Fort Worth, Texas. Bob retired from the aerospace industry where he was a manufacturing engineer. Sue was a Human Resource Director for Hospice. Bob was baptized after attending Vacation Bible School at the age of 13, lost interest in being a follower until he and Sue moved to the Village and he started a Bible Study class. Sue grew up in a Christian home and participated in many activities that revolved around serving in Christ. Bob is an active member of the VBC choir and you will find Sue very involved in the Women's Ministry here at VBC.



We 'officially' welcome **Jim & Jeri Capezza** to VBC membership. The Capezza's moved here from Lafayette, LA. Both are retired, Jim was a computer software developer and Jeri was a registered nurse. 27 years ago, Jeri accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. Jim accepted Christ at the age of 34 and depends on Christ in every aspect of his life. Jim is the current Mission Ministry team leader.



Judy Sembritzky grew up in Irving, TX. and moved to the Village from Bedford, TX. She is retired from Deluxe Check Printers where she was a trainer and a "jack of all trades." Judy was thirteen when she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. That decision was made after singing "Amazing Grace" and having it "hit her heart." Please be sure to welcome Judy into our fellowship, she will be introduced during the 03/11 service.



We are excited to introduce **Mike & Debra Urash** as members of VBC. Mike & Debra come to us from Fort Worth, Texas. Mike is employed by Signor Logistics as Oil & Gas Workforce Housing. Debra is a retired dental Hygienist. Debra realized at the age of seven that she had a "Father" that cared for her, provided for her and watched over her, and she dedicated herself to Him. Please take an opportunity to welcome them to our fellowship.



We introduce into membership **Tony Green** who moved to the Village from Elmwood, Illinois. Tony is a retired mediation/arbitrator and business owner. He accepted Jesus as his personal savior in 1989 at a church in Elmhurst. Tony is already an active member of the VBC choir. Tony will be introduced during the 03/04 service.



Peter & Nancy Matthew come to us from Abington, Massachusetts. Peter was a test engineer for the Foxboro Co. (part of Schneider Electric). Nancy has a background as an administrative assistant. Nancy accepted Jesus as her personal savior when she was 10 years old and was baptized later that year. Peter has a wonderful testimony of growing up an atheist but in his senior year of high school he was invited to attend a Christian retirement party and at that time asked God to be his Lord and Savior. In July 1970, he was baptized in the Deschutes river in Bend, Oregon. The Matthews will be introduced during the 03/04 service.



We 'officially' welcome Richard Carroll to VBC membership. Richard is a native Arkansan, moving here from Benton, AR. Richard is a retired manager from Smirffit Stone. Richard accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in 1962 when he was baptized in the Cache River at an old-time revival. If he looks familiar, that's because Richard is the husband of our dear Ruthi Hadsell.

ELDER BOARD REPORT

As we progress through the first quarter of 2018, the Elder Board has been blessed to oversee and participate in many positive events and developments at Village Bible Church. First, our Search Team has been formed and is working, as the Lord leads, to find a new senior pastor for VBC. Please pray for the team daily.

Next, the Elder Board has secured Dr. Terry Carter as Interim Teaching Pastor to fill the pulpit on Sunday mornings as we work through the process to secure a new senior pastor. Dr. Carter is on staff at Ouachita Baptist University. He is both gifted and called to the interim pastor ministry, and is very experienced in this role. You can learn more about him from the Ouachita Baptist website at obu.edu under the "Faculty and Staff" heading.

We are experiencing a surge in membership. It seems we are gaining new members weekly. Some are new to our area, some have been regular attendees for a long time. We are thankful for and welcome each of them.

The Elder Board would like to thank all of you who attended the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28th. Attendance was very good. As a reminder, our VBC Constitution and Bylaws states: *This church, at regular and special business meetings, shall be the legislative and governing body of this organization.* Don't stand on the sidelines, come out and participate.

For the VBC Elder Board,

Glenn McCaleb



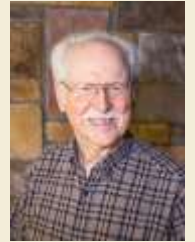
Larry Collins



John Batjes



Glenn McCaleb



Dick Leach



John Sowers



Dennis Gullickson

Teen Challenge

will host VBC's spring local ministry recognition on their campus!

This ministry is a residential program that provides faith-based solutions for adult males who have life controlling problems. Be prepared for a wonderful time and see first hand how Teen Challenge works. You'll also receive information regarding many exciting volunteer opportunities to boldly impact God's kingdom.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend Saturday, March 24th from 1:00-3:30 at the Teen Challenge campus!

This informal gathering will include:

- dessert & coffee
- a program led by Judy McEarl
- small group tours of the facility

optional carpooling will commence at the church at 12:30 or you can drive yourself.....parking is limited

Look for the sign-up tables in the foyer on March 4, 11, and 18.

We hope to see you there!





Easter 2018 Creative Visual Arts Ministry Art & Poetry Exhibit



The Mission of the Creative Visual Arts Ministry is: To use our God-given creative abilities to glorify God. Our three-fold vision: **Called** by our Creator to Creative Work, **Committed** to the Church, **Compassion** for the World

Called as salt and light to the world, we desire to magnify the presence of God in this community. We will seek ways to reach out as artists, helping the world see the wonder of the One Who created all things.

“Resurrection Celebration”

The theme for the exhibit this year is, “Resurrection Celebration”. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is foundational to the Christian faith. Paul wrote these words in 1 Corinthians 15:17, “if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless...” Jesus resurrection changes our guilt and condemnation into a celebration of forgiveness and freedom. It changes our fear and anxiety into hope. It changes our lives. It changes everything!

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new believer; the old things passed away; behold new things have come. As believers, we have new life in Christ because of His resurrection. 1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

The Creative Visual Arts Ministry is calling for artists to submit works that represent this theme of “Resurrection Celebration”. Painting, sculpture, photography, drawings, collage and other mediums are sought for the display. Display ready, original art only, with a limit of two pieces per artist. Artwork will be received at the church on Thursday, March 22 from 10:00 to 3:00. Please pre-register your art by March 19th.

Visit the website at VBCEasterArtExhibit.weebly.com OR contact Susie Masters to pre-register, learn more, or ask questions! Susie Masters: 318-458-7258, smasters21@att.net

Easter Art Exhibit Display Dates

Sunday, March 25 – during the Sunday morning Palm Sunday service
Monday, March 26 through Wednesday, March 28 at the church from 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday, April 1 – Easter Sunday at the Woodlands, in the Ouachita Room
Tuesday, April 3 through Thursday, April 5 at the church from 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday, April 8 – during the morning worship service

Please bring your friends by VBC to see the artwork and poetry books the week after Easter.

*Our prayer is that God is glorified through the creative work of our hearts and hands;
we hope you see glimpses of His Resurrection power at work in our lives today.*

MARCH

- 10 Women's Event: Growing in Grace
- 12 Spring Forward
- 24 Take a Hike
- 27 Easter food box packing
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- 28 Cross Service

APRIL

- 1 Easter Service at The Woodlands
- 6 Potluck/Movie Night



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