

# NATIONAL Day - OF - PRAYER

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH FAMILY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018

From the National Day of Prayer website:

The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5th, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation.

Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, our theme will be Pray for America - UNITY, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

We can get behind this theme as a church since we understand that unity is a value that God loves. Jesus' last prayer from John 17 contains His plea to His father – "that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me."

The day of prayer for our nation is on May 3, but we need to be a people who pray for our nation constantly. So, let's dedicate May as a month of prayer for our country. Unity is a great theme because there is such anger and divide all around us. God is greater than our issues and He can bring us together but only as we submit to Him. Continue in an attitude of prayer this month for our country to become "one nation under God".



Pastor Jim Neal



# Financial Report April 2018

Current Year to Date

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - MAR 31, 2018

JAN 1 - MAR 31, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$225,279	\$249,804	\$216,987
Expenses	\$205,162	\$249,347	\$244,379
Net Income (deficit)	\$20,117	\$457	-\$27,392

## ANNIVERSARIES



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|--------------------------|-------|
| Carroll & Vicky Weyrich  | 05/03 |
| Leon & Lynda Barbee      | 05/10 |
| Dale & Cheryl Kastner    | 05/12 |
| Mark & Terry Christensen | 05/22 |
| David & Nancy Wood       | 05/31 |

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



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The Booth Brothers are coming to VBC!

# Save the Date

## June 29th at 7 PM

*Thanks to each of you have prayed, sent cards, and brought food. It has been such an encouragement to me on this long road to recovery. I see God's love and care through each evidence of YOUR care. God bless you for it.*

- JoNancy Sundberg

## 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.



# Operation Christmas Child

This year our projected goal is 300+ boxes. You can participate in this project in multiple ways: Pack An Individual Box / Invite or Challenge A Friend To Pack A Box / Small Group Service

Project / Monthly Item Collection / End Of Project Packing Party. Each month from April to October a list of specific items will be requested.

**For the month of MAY we are collecting small toys.**

A collection box will be in the hallway by the Women's Ministry table. For more info or questions, call Debbie DeNicola 501-226-5183 or Terry Christensen 501-922-3909.



Toys



**W.I.N.G.S.**

Several ladies from W.I.N.G.S. (Women-In-God's-Service) recently

delivered 41 'designer' denim diaper bags to Change Point ministries in Hot Springs. The bags included two burp cloths, two bibs, a receiving blanket, a pacifier ribbon clip, and two baby cloth toys. The bags will be distributed to women who receive services from the ministry. Some of these services include Free Pregnancy Testing, ultrasound, parenting classes, etc...

A tour of the facility was given to the ladies by JoAnn Carter, director of Change Point. She and her daughter, Terri, who also works there, answered questions about their involvement with women. Many babies have been saved from abortion because of their efforts.

Change Point is a women's resource center providing counseling, resources and support for pregnant & new parents. There are many opportunities to serve for both men & women. Contact JoAnn Carter to learn more. W.I.N.G.S. meets every Monday from 1:00-4:00 at Mary Ann Woodson's workshop at 6 Ontur Lane. Contact her for more information.

***"If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:11 b***

# A Special Prayer Memorial Day

May 28th



As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace; provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus, amen.

# Happy Mother's Day!

May 13th

Mary, Mother of Jesus, was the most honored mother in the Bible, the human mother of Jesus, who saved the world from its sins. Although she was only a young humble peasant, Mary accepted God's will for her life. She suffered enormous shame and pain, yet never doubted her Son for a moment. Mary stands as highly favored by God, a shining example of obedience and submission to the Father's will.

Mothers in the Bible played key roles in the coming of Jesus Christ. None of them was perfect, yet each showed strong faith in God. God, in turn, rewarded them for their confidence in him.



A poster for the 'Hurting Moms' support group. The background is a gradient of purple, pink, and orange. At the top, the text reads 'HURTING MOMS' in large white letters, followed by 'For mothers of prodigal children' in smaller white text. Below this, a large black silhouette of a woman's arms forming a heart shape is centered. Inside the heart, the words 'Encourage', 'Share', 'Bond', 'Pray', and 'Love' are written in white. At the bottom of the poster, it says 'First Saturday each month' on the left, 'Village Bible Church Loft' on the right, and '10:15am-12:00pm' in the center. At the very bottom, it provides contact information: 'Contact: Ruth Neal, 501-626-7726 or ruthneal@aol.com'.

**HURTING MOMS whose child has...An addiction to drugs, an addiction to alcohol, chosen an alternative lifestyle, or chosen to walk away from the family with little or no contact.**

The Hurting Moms Support Group is for mothers who have children who are estranged from their families, struggle with addiction or have chosen an alternative life style. We support each other through sharing, bonding with others who understand the pain, prayer, and growing friendships. If you're a mother who finds yourself hurting, but don't have anyone to share your heart with, please join us on the first Saturday of the month from 10:15 am to 12:00 pm in the cozy loft at Village Bible Church. **For further information please contact Ruth Neal at 626-7726 or ruthneal@aol.com**



## VBC LADIES SUMMER BOOK CLUB!

VBC ladies are invited to register to join the 2018 Summer Book Club! This year the authors are Penelope Stokes, Tessa Afshar, and Cathy Gohlke. If you are interested in reading books by these authors, you can find some of their books in the VBC library. Feel free to read more about them online! The cost is only \$10 per person, which covers the expense of the books. Sign-up begins April 15th! Please sign up early so that everyone will have a book to read in time for the first meeting. The book club will meet on May 30<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and July 11<sup>th</sup>. All meetings will be held at Village Bible Church at 3:00 PM. If you are interested in signing up early, or if you have questions, contact Donna Wetzel 922-5936







# VBS JUNE 4th—8th

Wouldn't it be amazing to travel back through time and witness epic events in history? At VBC Vacation Bible School **"Time Lab"**, kids will take a quantum leap into thrilling adventures as they meet great heroes of the faith like Abraham, Moses, and Gideon. They will probe into more modern times as they experience an electrifying Tesla demonstration.

Now imagine traveling through time and meeting the most important man ever—a man who was not just a man, but also God. One who turned the world upside-down. One who existed outside of time. Children will have a blast uncovering the truth about Jesus through his Word. They won't want to miss a nanosecond of fun as they enjoy learning through song, dramas, crafts, creative snacks, and games designed for their discovery of Jesus from eternity past to eternity future!

So, please help launch **"Time Lab"** this summer, Monday – Friday, June 4-8, 2018. Share the news with your family and friends. Kids will be blessed by the most amazing adventures in the most welcoming place around.

**Volunteers, teen helpers, and KIDS needed! Don't wait. Sign-up now at the display table in the foyer on Sundays. Information and registration forms are at the display table and Welcome Center. You may also call the church office at 501-922-0404, or to register online or print PDF form go to website: [www.vbchsv.org/resource/events](http://www.vbchsv.org/resource/events). Call Fran Taylor for additional information at 501-240-8836 or email: [frtaylor29@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frtaylor29@sbcglobal.net). Please watch for our "needs" list coming soon. We'll need various props and black lights. Thank you!**



## Take a Hike!

Come join us on May 12th, as we enjoy God's spectacular creation & hike the beautiful Hot Springs Mountain, rating: Difficult. We will meet at Gulpha Gorge and can't wait to see you!

Sign-up Sunday, May 6th, in the foyer!

If you have any questions please contact:

**Mike & Jeanne Walters,**  
501-915-8046

OR **Jerry & Roxie Harris,**  
501-915-9635



## Our Israel Tour

"Come to VBC's Fellowship Hall Sunday evening, May 13th at 6:30 to see pictures and hear the stories of OUR ISRAEL TOUR. Pat Stratton, Deb Waterman, Tom and Cathy Miller, David and Sharon Trigilio, Marti Mather and Sara Sue Fuller look forward to sharing with you. We are still amazed!



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# *Easter Sunday at Woodlands Auditorium*



Thank you Ana, Kurtis, Sam, Shirley and Steve for the photos! Visit [VBCHSV.ORG](http://VBCHSV.ORG) to enjoy all of them!



# Resurrection Celebration





# Remembering Joy Turner

## One of God's Choice Servants

November 30, 1959 – March 12, 2018



*When I think of Joy Turner, I think of "joy." Even in difficult times, Joy had a quick smile and an infectious laugh. I remember Joy opening her heart to the Women's group as she told about the challenges she faced in her ministry in Macau. Daily life living in a crowded, hot and spiritually bankrupt city was not an easy task. And yet, Joy loved the people. She loved working with children. She loved teaching English as a way of introducing others to Jesus. She loved her family. She shared how she and her father would have regular video calls and he would always tell her how proud he was of her and the work she was doing. She loved VBC and appreciated the affirmation and encouragement she received from the congregation. Joy was truly a joy to know and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. We grieve her death, but not as those who have no hope. We know that Joy is rejoicing in the presence of our Lord.*

*~ Jane Cain*

*She had both a humility and a depth that immediately attracted me--and the church--to her. I always thought she was "quality." I could see her gentle strength being a real plus in Asia.*

*~ Rev. Jay Holsted, founding pastor of VBC*

*Joy was my friend and someone I will miss until I see her again in Heaven. Her laughter and giggle were contagious. She was a gift to those who knew her. I count myself blessed to have known her.*

*~ Camiel Kannard*

*Joy Turner was my friend. There aren't many friends who would still love you after they spend hours at Macau Customs because you sent her cat toys with extra bags of catnip...which I never thought would look like something illegal in their little plastic bags! We laughed for the last 18 years about that! Every time she came home! ~ Amy Thomason*

*Joy Turner was our Shepherd Group's missionary and we loved her. We had so much fun together and looked forward to the times she visited VBC when in the States. We did keep in touch with her when she was in Macau as well, and so appreciated who she was and the good work she did there.*

*Oh, how we will miss her! ~ Jan McCorquodale*

*Joy's ever-ready smile attracted me to her when we met at VBC before she first went to Macau. Beneath that smile was a deep love for the Lord and His people and a strong and steady desire to serve Him AND them. She excelled at learning one of the most difficult languages on earth so that she could communicate with 'her people' in Macau. And in her gentle way, led so many, through her teaching English to them, to meet the Savior. I smile.*

*"See you again in Glory, Sweet Friend!" ~ JoNancy Sundberg*



*Joy was a 'joy' to be around. Although I had met her when she came to church to report on her work in Macau, when I went to Macau with 4 others from VBC to teach English as a second language, I was impressed with her energy to work long hours and still have a sense of humor. I saw her through the eyes of one who spent 25 years as a missionary in Zambia.. She planned that when our classes were over, each evening, the high school and college students we were teaching took us to different inexpensive restaurants, so we could get a taste of 'their' food and customs. By doing this, the students were also learning how we spoke in various situations. The class fee they were charged was used to pay for their food and ours. There was a minimal fee for taking the course. If a class was given free, the parents would think it wasn't worth taking! I saw that Joy was thoughtful and resourceful. She overheard us saying that we needed to wash some clothes and insisted on taking them to her apartment and doing our laundry in her washing machine. In Macau, all apartments and appliances are very tiny compared to American standards. She invited us there and we saw she was comfortable in the place God chose for her to serve. She had Bible studies in her top-floor apartment and some came to Christ through them. I was aware that a missionary's allowance does not provide for large expenditures, but she insisted on taking the five of us out for a going away dinner. That was so generous of her. On Sunday, when we went to church, everyone was overjoyed to see her. She was loved by the people she served.*

*She definitely had a servant's heart. ~ Jeanette Jones*

*Tom and I first met Joy in Illinois, then again in Hot Springs Village. We immediately liked her!! So, when VBC decided to send a team to Macau to help her, we signed up for it. Though we had some training before going, we had to learn more after we arrived, and Joy was so helpful and worked so hard to keep everything running smoothly. Each class had an interpreter, so that helped immensely. We were able to share many things from the Bible that pertained to the subject of the day. We enjoyed eating the evening meal with the class. They had lots of laughs at Tom as he always had to ask for a fork as it was not part of the table service. When we were ready at 6 AM at the pier to return to Hong Kong, most of the students showed up to see us off, bearing gifts and pictures for us. Joy said that it was the most she had ever seen for a send-off. Joy loved her Lord and was so faithful in the church planting, teaching, and all the other opportunities she had to serve Him there. Her name, Joy, was so appropriate for her as she brought so much joy to others.*

*~ Joan Hepburn*

*To quote a Macau staff member, "The ministry of Evangel Adult Education Center was Joy's passion. She saw it as a beacon of the gospel in this city of over 600,000 souls where less than 2% of them know Christ as their personal Savior. She served as one of the founders of the EFC Macau Mission in 1993 and of Evangel Adult Education Center in 1998. She was extremely dedicated to her work as an English teacher, and she taught hundreds of Macau adults through the years." We on the Missions Team are honored to have had a part in the ministry which the Lord gave to Joy.*

*~ The Missions Committee*



# 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!

*What elegance! What beauty!*

*Down the aisle...Here comes the bride, and her Groom is eagerly awaiting just as she has waited for Him, counting the days.*

*He welcomes her with open arms!*

**Thursday, June 28th at 6 PM,**

our Women's Ministry is hosting "The Bride of Christ" an evening of fun, drama, entertainment and cake. It doesn't get much better than that!

What fun, you may ask? We're going to **NAME THAT BRIDE!** Bring your bridal photos to Rebecca Coplin or Jo Knight for entry in this no-prize-awarded contest! We'll scan your photos and return them to you.

Each bride participating will have her 30 seconds of fame on our foyer screens! We'll also be doing other fun things are a secret for the time being...Mark your calendar and stay turned for more information!

Jo Knight  
Co-Chair

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**





VBC conducted its annual **Easter food distribution drive** for needy families in the Fountain Lake and Mountain Pine school districts on March 27th and 28th. This Easter a total of 54 families were able to celebrate the holiday without the worry of not having enough food to serve. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who financially supported our Mercy Ministries Designate Fund as well as to those who gave their time as volunteers to assist with the project. We are truly blessed with a generously giving congregation and it is an honor to call you my brothers and sisters in Christ! - Gary George



# 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*

As Christians we are called to be faithful stewards in life...and in death (see Phil. 1:20-21). One aspect of doing that is to “pre-plan” your funeral. We aren’t talking about casket selection or cemetery location. We are talking about what spiritual legacy you want communicated to your family and friends. VBC has created a single sheet “Funeral or Memorial Service Preparation Guideline” to assist you in doing this. It will guide you with some simple questions to help you make a Christian statement of your faith after you are gone.



Simply stop by the Welcome Center or the church office during the week and request one. Fill it out, and return it to the church. We will photocopy it so that you may keep it with your personal papers, and we will retain a copy on file in the church office. Let this be one tool to help you exalt Jesus in life...as well as in death.

# MAY

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