



Growing Together

Pastor Jim Neal

Solomon reminds us in Ecclesiastes 3 that there is a time for everything under heaven. In verse six he writes, "A time to search and a time to give up as lost."

We have lost a pastor. Well, not really. We know where he is; he knows where he is and HE knows where he is. Pastor Mark is no longer our senior pastor, so it is time for a search. not for the lost one but for the new one.

Transition in pastoral leadership for a church can be a hard time, but it can also be a wonderful experience as we are all drawn together in prayer for our new under-shepherd.

This is a great time for personal growth in our relationship with the Lord as we sit under the teaching of Dr. Terry Carter. What a blessing that God led us to him.

Your pastoral leadership is not sitting on our hands waiting for the new pastor. We are hard at work planning and executing activities that will create spiritual momentum that our new pastor will inherit. He will have a running start when he comes to us. We thought it would be good for you to understand your role in the search process. Primarily, pray for the search committee and for the one who will be led to accept the new role as pastor and also for our family here at VBC that we might continue our personal growth. If you have names to recommend for consideration, submit those to the search committee. At some point we will vote, as members, on the new pastor. So, if you are not a member and want to participate in that vote, start the membership process now.

Bruce Davis is our search committee chairman. Below he has outlined the steps in the search process. We will be careful not to reveal names of potential candidates early on since in some cases their home church may not be aware of the fact that they are considering a move. The process may take some time, but we are confident that it will be worth the wait.

From Bruce Davis, Search Committee Chair:

Immediately after Pastor Mark announced his plan to retire, the Elders appointed a Search Committee for a new senior pastor. The task of the Committee is to screen résumé of candidates and to interview those candidates who appear to have the credentials and ability to be the senior pastor at Village Bible Church.

The Search Committee meets at least once a week. Information is also shared by email and phone as seems appropriate. Résumés are received directly from candidates and also from the various theological schools that have been contacted. More avenues are being opened for information on potential candidates. Candidate names have come through VBC people as well as from former VBC regulars.

We encourage you to pray that God will lead the Committee to the individual He wants to be the senior pastor of VBC. And please pray for our church, its staff, the VBC family, Dr. Terry Carter, the interim teaching pastor, and for the efforts of the Committee and for its members. If you know of someone the Committee should contact then please share the name and details with one of the Committee members.

As always, looking forward to finding the pastor God wants for VBC!

Bruce Davis, Chair, Betsy Bochte, Sara Sue Fuller,
Dennis Gulickson, Elaine MacIntire,
Jim McKeand, Floyd Jordan



Financial Report March 2018

Current Year to Date

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - FEB 28, 2018

JAN 1 - FEB 28, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$147,249	\$166,536	\$132,462
Expenses	\$147,199	\$166,856	\$162,767
Net Income (deficit)	\$50	-\$320)	-\$30,305)

ANNIVERSARIES

-  John & Jo Ann Wise 4/3
-  Ken & Betsy Fitzgerald 4/8
-  Glenn & Joanna Johnson 4/17
-  Jay & Sue Kilfoy 4/17
-  Wayne & Marla Dziubinski 4/23
-  Roger & Elaine Stephens 4/23
-  Carl & Donna Wetzel 4/26

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



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The **Creative Visual Arts Ministry** says "Thank you" to VBC for supporting our Easter Art Exhibit and the Messages in Poetry Book. We're grateful to the poets and artists that submitted their work. We pray that God was glorified and His resurrection message proclaimed. After Easter Sunday, the public is invited to view the art

exhibit at the church from Tuesday, April 3rd, through Thursday, April 5th, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, also on Sunday, April 8th, during the morning church service.

"Thank you for the outpouring of love, cards and words of encouragement at my recent retirement celebration. It was a day I shall never forget, and will always bring a joyous smile to my face.

You are all the greatest."

Mark Cain, Senior Pastor *Emeritus*

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.



Twelve ladies from VBC got together again this year to make Easter baskets! These special baskets are going to residents (who don't get many visits) at Village Springs Nursing Home.



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES



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Take a Hike!

Come join us on April 14th, as we enjoy God's spectacular creation & hike Greenway Trail in Hot Springs.

Sign-up Sunday, April 8th, in the foyer!



If you have any questions
please contact:

Mike & Jeanne Walters,
501-915-8046
OR Jerry & Roxie Harris,
501-915-9635

VBC Ladies Summer Book Club News!



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 30th, June 20th, and July 11th. 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

On April 6th from 5:30 to 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, and to invite
our Easter guests to get to know us
better.

If you haven't signed up for the
potluck and plan to attend, please
call the office ASAP!



VBC Women's Retreat

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

Rachel Anne Ridge

Farewell Pastor Mark & Jane Cain

February 25, 2018





Many thanks for the photos, Sam Spearman, Shirley Pohlman & Sue Wilson

We wish you a joyful retirement!

ELDER BOARD REPORT

In writing this report I was thinking about a recent sermon from Pastor Levan identifying the components or elements that are found in a healthy church. Every identifier mentioned for a healthy church has one common component and that is the individuals who make up the church body. Village Bible Church has been blessed, from its founding, to have men and women who love the Lord, expected his Word to be taught and preached uncompromisingly, and have willingly used their skills and talents to humbly serve this church. Our church continues to be blessed with an influx of new individuals who have the values previously stated, a willingness to serve and are seeking a Christ centered church.

As we move forward in 2018, I ask you to be in prayer along with your pastors and elders that our church body continues to be faithful to those Christian values that have been and continue to be part of this church. Also, pray that men and women seeking a place to worship God will find our church a welcoming sanctuary and that those involved in the search process for our new senior pastor will receive wisdom and discernment in evaluating candidates.

Larry Collins, Elder



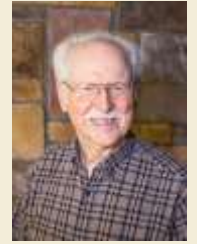
Larry Collins



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Dennis Gullickson



"I am so impressed"

"What a blessing to get to know our missionary family better"

are often heard quotes when new people learn about our mission ministries both locally and internationally.

Join our team to personally get to know our talented, amazing missionary family!

Visit a meeting to see if it's a good fit to use your talents: prayer, administrative, finances, hospitality, publicity, event planning.

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 10 AM

Questions: Contact Jim Capezza at 501-209-1770 or j3@capezza.net



THE FOUNDERS' BIBLE

Teacher, Dick Leach

Purpose

To examine and embrace the Biblical principles that have made America great.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...Ps.33:12

Rationale

A fact largely ignored today is the enormous dependence on Scripture for such key concepts as God-given inalienable rights, individualism, limited government, constitutional republic, separation of powers, and an educated and virtuous citizenry. In examining 15,000 writings from the Founding Era (1760-1805), political science researches have discovered that the single most cited authority was the Bible. Thirty-four percent of the documented quotes were taken from Scripture, a percentage almost four times higher than the second most cited source. Paul's epistles were the favorite in the New Testament, followed by Peter's and John's gospels. Deuteronomy was the most cited Old Testament book, followed by Isaiah, Genesis, Exodus, and Leviticus.

Calendar

5/6/18 Deliverance from Tyranny; Birth of a Nation

Ex. 1:8-22, 13:21-14:31; Heb. 13:8

5/13/17 Rebellion or Rightful Overthrow

Romans 13:1-7; 1 Tim. 1:8-10; 2 Sam. 10:12;

Neh. 4:13-14, 20-21; Zech. 9:8

5/20/18 We Won't be Silent

Acts 4:19-31; 5:17-32; Ps. 2:1-4; 2 Kings 7:3; Mat. 11:12;

2 Cor. 10:3-5

5/27/18 America's Political Form of Government

Ex. 18:21; Deut. 1:13-18; Jer. 17:9

Source

The Founders' Bible, Shiloh Road Publishers, 2012, 2017 (New American Standard). This Bible features commentaries by colonial leaders, founding fathers, U.S. presidents, and statesmen on passages of scripture which have impacted American society and culture. It was inspired by the research of historian David Barton, founder and president of Wall Builders, a national pro-family organization that presents America's forgotten history and heroes with an emphasis on our moral, religious, and constitutional heritage. His son, Tim, was the featured speaker at the VBC men's fall conference last October.

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



new members

Skip & Carolyn Harper come to us from Shreveport, Louisiana. Skip was VP of Goodwill Industries of N. Louisiana for 36 years. Carolyn worked as a realtor for Coldwell Banker. Carolyn accepted Jesus as her personal savior when she was nine years old and was baptized shortly after. Skip was raised in a strong Christian family and his faith continues to strengthen every day. Join us in welcoming this delightful couple into our fellowship!

APRIL

- 1 Easter at Woodlands
- 2 Office Closed
- 6 Case for Christ Movie Night
- 14 Take a Hike
- 25 Quarterly Meeting

MAY

- 3 National Day of Prayer
- 5 Women's Spring Retreat
- 28 Memorial Day - Office Closed



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