



Understanding My Work as Your Interim Pastor

Most of you know my time with Village Bible Church is limited and will end in September. But some of you may be interested also to know how I define my ministry as an interim for churches in times of transition. I feel strongly it is a calling that God has given me while I perform my ministry of teaching at Ouachita Baptist University.

What exactly is a time of transition? Paul Tournier in his book *A Place for You* speaks of times of transition. Tournier had a patient who told him transition reminded her of a trapeze artist swinging high above the crowd. Part of the act is to let go of one trapeze and grab on to another. For a brief moment the artist is mid-air with nothing to hold on to. The “middle of the way” as Tournier called the transition between one trapeze to another, is sometimes fraught with anxiety and insecurity. For the church, transition is leaving the security of one circumstance (a long-time pastor) and moving to the next pastor.

As Jeremiah advised the captives in Babylon (Jer. 29:4-11), transition is not a time to sit by idly and see what happens. The interim time for the Hebrew captives and for churches in transition ought to be a busy time of building and seeking the welfare of the community. Churches in the interim period need to take care of the business of ministry and prepare for the next wonderful era God has in store for the congregation under new leadership.

I believe my calling as an interim teaching pastor to Village Bible Church involves helping you move to the next phase of your ministry as smoothly and effectively as possible. What does that entail? First, I want to help prepare you for your new pastor’s arrival. In that, I see my work as helping Jason begin his new ministry at the church with a congregation that is ready to follow his leadership as he follows the leadership of Christ. Secondly, I want to aid the church in continuing to fulfill its ministry to the community and the living of lives that will impact Hot Springs Village for the Kingdom. That is why I weekly try to bring to you a sermon derived from the Word of God and based on the Word of God. My goal is to make that message understandable and applicable. In other words, I see my calling as an interim as a charge to encourage, teach, and prepare the church for what is now happening and what is to come.

My task is always made easier with the support of the members and a great ministerial staff. I have experienced both in my time with you. It is a blessing from God to have the opportunity to know and minister to the wonderful members of Village Bible Church. I thank God for the blessing.



Dr. Terry Carter



Financial Report April 2018

Current Year to Date




Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - MAY 31, 2018

JAN 1 - MAY 31, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$401,285	\$416,340	\$415,793
Expenses	\$358,469	\$413,411	\$411,635
Net Income (deficit)	\$42,816	\$2,929	\$4,158

ANNIVERSARIES

-  Stephen & Winnie Dill 07/03
-  Rich & Joanie Richeson 07/03
-  Irv & Marge Larson 07/14
-  Wally & Toni Mansfield 07/14
-  Sam & Gloria Spearman 07/17
-  Barry & Pam DeMorrow 07/25
-  Jack & Julie Dohme 07/30
-  Dennis & Carolyn Brown 07/31

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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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.



Two special birthdays happen at this time every year. July 4th is not only our country's birthday, but in 1982, July 4th was also the day that a small group of people met in a room at the Coronado Center for the first official service of Village Bible Church.

Take some time to thank God for and continue to pray His blessing upon these two wonderful gifts - our great and free country, and our biblically rooted and healthy church.



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!

Welcome New Members!



James "Byron" & Mary Smith come to us from Kingwood, Texas. Byron is a semi-retired Behavioral/Safety Consultant. Mary was baptized in middle school and is excited to see how Christ will use her to spread His Word. Byron was baptized in high school and was very involved in his previous church serving as Sunday School teacher, deacon, usher and small group leader. We welcome them into our fellowship.



We "officially" welcome **Richard & Mary Ellen Mathias** to VBC membership. Both are retired, Richard was manager at General Electric Co, and Mary Ellen was a receptionist/secretary. At the age of 15, Mary Ellen asked Jesus into her life and continues her journey with Him today. Richard accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior at the age of 6. Richard and Mary Ellen have regularly attended and supported VBC for over 22 years but now feel they are being led to "officially" become church members.



Stan & Annette Stock began attending VBC in 2012 when they arrived from Thousand Oaks, California. Stan is a retired tool-maker machinist for Ampex, Airesearch. Annette worked for a biopharmaceutical company in the relations department. We are excited they decided to "officially" become members of Village Bible Church.



Humanity is sinful, but the **Book of Romans** explains how faith in Jesus justifies Jews and gentiles and creates a multi-ethnic covenant family that's unified ...

Beginning Sunday, July 8, in Fellowship Hall YOU are invited to a brand new Bible study

“God and Humanity”

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Facilitator: Steve Masters

July 8: *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.* Prov. 14:34

We'll soon be celebrating the signing of our independence. Did the Founding Fathers base the United States on God and Christianity?

This topic is split as “No” and “Absolutely”. We will look at the years prior to the constitution and determine where the colonist was going and what was expected. If “no,” has the country stayed on course, Christianity being a minor part of the development of the country? If “yes,” has Christianity helped the country and is the nation strong due to God’s blessings?

Can our nation have a non-Christian government but have politicians of moral character and strong Christians faith? As Christians what can we do to ensure the government is strong in moral and Christian values?

July 15: Romans 1 through 8

Travel through Paul’s letter and discover the reality, standards and struggles we all have in being human. Through Paul’s hand under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this piece of ancient writing, The Letter of Paul to the Romans, has become the most influential letter in the world. This letter has changed the lives of countless individuals, and through them their cultures and the course of history. On this Sunday, we will look at humanity’s unrighteousness and great need of true righteousness and God’s gracious gift of righteousness through Jesus Christ.

July 22: We continue with Romans as we see the proof of God’s righteousness and His glorious plan (Romans 9 thru 11). We learn anyone can be saved and God does not discriminate based on national identity. No human effort, family ties or national identity can save. It is through grace alone and through faith in Christ that will allow us to be with Jesus forever. We will look at how God’s righteousness works in His people’s lives (Romans 12 thru 16). Through Paul’s letter we will see how Christ’s salvation works in individual lives, church and national life. Saving faith is the only thing that ever brings lasting positive change in a person or the world.

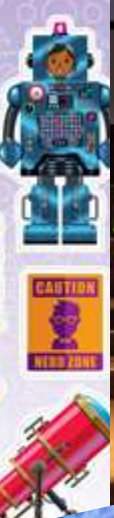
July 29: Open forum.

The Bible is sometimes hard to understand or interpret. This Sunday bring your questions and let the class help with answers. Questions could be about pre-destination, or where do we go when we die, the rapture, or anything that has you wondering the meaning or you just need some clarification. If you would like to keep your question anonymous, please email me at steve-masters@att.net.

Answers VBS

Time Lab

Discovering Jesus from Eternity
Past to Eternity Future





Thank you for the photos: Shirley Pohlman, Ana MacKendrick, Fran Taylor, Mary Buffington and Cheryl Kastner



Discover VBC

July 15 and 22

We recognize that every church handles the issue of church membership a little bit differently. Here at Village Bible Church we have the following steps:

First, we ask you to attend the Discover VBC class. This gives you an opportunity to get to know more of the “personality” of VBC and our distinctiveness. Second, you fill out a membership application (available at the Welcome Center). Third, you will meet with two elders, as they will ask you to give a short summation of your salvation experience, and you can also ask questions about the church of them. Finally, we introduce you to the church family.

Membership is a step of commitment in the life of a follower of Jesus, and we are always appreciative when people show that level of dedication and trust. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with either a pastor or an elder.



- July 10, Women’s Summer Bible Studies begin
- July 11, Women’s Summer Book Club
- July 15 & 20, Discover VBC
- August 4 & 5, Missions Conference
- September 5, Women’s Fall Bible Studies begin
- September 8, Congregation-Wide Picnic for Small Groups
- September 10, Griefshare Seminar Begins
- September 16, Ministry Fair
- December 7, Christmas Concert



Operation Christmas Child Luncheon

Monday,

September 10

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Watch for more

Save the Date!



QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING

All members and non-members are encouraged to be in prayer and plan to attend this meeting on Wednesday, July 25, at 6:00 pm.

More information will be forthcoming in the bulletins.





Village Bible Church Women's Summer Bible Studies

VBC Women's Ministry is offering something different this summer:

LIGHTNING BIBLE STUDIES

NO HOMEWORK ~ NO WORKBOOK ~ NO COST

Six independent studies will be offered Tuesday mornings beginning July 10th thru August 14th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Come to all six or as many as you want. All you need is your Bible, pencil and paper.



Each study is offered ONLY ONCE!



Stay in the Word this summer by feasting on this delicious scripture smorgasbord one small, savory bite at a time.
Register by calling or emailing the class leader to reserve your seat.

Tuesday, July 10th ONLY

*Genesis 22-Why would a loving God ask His FRIEND and faithful servant to offer up his only son on a burning altar? Both believers and non-believers wrestle with this passage. Do you? Why does this chapter begin: After these things God tested Abraham? What four vital words are first introduced in Scripture in **this** chapter? Is Jesus in this Old Testament chapter? What do we learn about God and Abraham that is vital to us today?*

Leader: Marcia Gautier ~ marciabgautier@gmail.com ~ 501-701-3200

Tuesday, July 17th ONLY

Selected Passages from Daniel 1, 3 & 6. Have you ever marveled at stories of people who act bravely in impossible situations? When you hear about the courage of someone, one of our missionaries or a member of the military, do you wonder what makes that person able to respond so courageously? We'll study some passages in Daniel to see how we can express courage and resolve in our own daily lives.

Leader: Amy Thomason ~ rangersmom@att.net ~ 501-209-1950

Tuesday, July 24th ONLY

"What Child is This?" John 1:1-18 may be well known to many of us, but this class will rediscover this passage. According to these verses, who is Jesus? What is the connection between Genesis 1:1 & John 1:1?

Teacher: Lynda Barbee ~ slpbarbee@gmail.com ~ 214-850-9922

Tuesday, July 31st ONLY

Romans 12—Have you ever wondered what happens after you have received Christ as your Savior? You know there must be more to being Christian than sitting in the pew on Sunday. You want to grow in your faith and have a deeper and closer relationship with Jesus, but how? In Romans 12, Paul puts forth a passionate and detailed blueprint to equip believers for their journey in righteousness. We'll look at what it means to be living sacrifices, how to be humble in service in the Body of Christ and how to put your love of Christ into ACTION towards others.

Teacher: Annette Stock ~ annettestock21@att.net ~ 805-405-3860

Tuesday, August 7th ONLY

Psalms 91 - 91 degrees with a heat index of 110! I look around for relief in the shadow of a tree and sure enough I feel an immediate soothing comfort as I settle into that shadow. Are life's "full heat" problems bearing down on you, like on Jonah's head? God whispers in Psalm 91: "Walk in My shadow, close to My side." What must we do to get there? What promises are made for resting there? Come into the refreshing shade this summer!

Teacher: Janice Osborne ~ janicesbeads@yahoo.com ~ 501-922-7527

Tuesday, August 14th ONLY

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 & 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 are the only two passages in the Bible regarding the rapture or gathering together in the air of the saints to meet Jesus. Do you understand what Paul taught in these verses? Kay Arthur says, "We shouldn't be looking for the rapture! We should be looking for the lost! We should be looking for the Son of God!" How true! Yet, Jesus also said we are to know the signs of His coming. Are you ready?

Leader: Marcia Gautier ~ marciabgautier@gmail.com ~ 501-701-3200

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 through September a list of specific items will be requested.

In JULY we will be collecting: Sunglasses; Barrettes & Cloth Headbands; Small Collapsible Cups; Tools (small screwdrivers & small hammers); Individually Packaged Toothbrushes **(NO TOOTHPASTE)**

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.

HURTING MOMS

For mothers of prodigal children

A support group to

Encourage

Share

Bond

Pray

Love

First Saturday each month

Village Bible Church Loft 10:15am-12:00pm

Contact: Ruth Neal, 501-626-7726 or ruthneal@aol.com

Hurting Moms Support Group ~ First Saturday of each month ~ Upstairs in the loft ~ 10:15 – Noon

If your heart is hurting because of your child or grandchild's lifestyle, the Hurting Moms welcome you to our monthly meetings.

Upcoming meeting dates:

June 7 ~ Review of our book study, **“PRAYER WORTH REPEATING”**

August 4 ~ Marica Gautier will share how God saw her through her brother's addiction.

September 1 ~ Sharing time, and introduction to our next book “MESSY JOURNEY” by Lori Wildenberg

Contact Ruth Neal for more information at 501 626-7726 or ruthneal@aol.com.

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, 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

JULY

- 4 **HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**
- 10 Women's Summer Bible Studies
- 11 Women's Summer Book Club
- 15 Discover VBC
- 20 Discover VBC
- 25 Quarterly Congregation Meeting

AUGUST

- 4 Mission Conference
- 5 Mission Conference



Applying the Bible
to daily life.

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