



Welcome Jason Lancaster and family!

We are all excited at Village Bible Church as the time grows closer to the start of Jason Lancaster's pastoral ministry here. Pastor Jason and his family have had a busy summer as they have made plans for their transition to Arkansas.

They have found a home just outside the Village and are looking forward to a closing on August 2 and then a move on the weekend. They plan to have the kids entered in school at the start of the school year on August 14.

One of our strong prayer requests for the Lancaster family this summer has been the successful adoption of Daniel from Jamaica. God has answered those prayers and the family is in the final stages of that process. Daniel is now with his new family in Illinois and will be coming to Arkansas this month.

Pray for the family as they put their home in Illinois up for sale. As Jason says, "We clean it up for a showing and the 7 kids undo it very quickly. Ha!" But, also pray for Evanston Bible Fellowship in Illinois. They have had Pastor Jason as their pastor for 14 years. They are in that important process of processing their loss and searching for a new senior pastor.

Meanwhile, Dr. Terry Carter continues his ministry with us through the end of August. We are planning a farewell for him, his last day of preaching on August 26. We are so grateful for his transitional ministry here as Interim teaching pastor and will miss him.

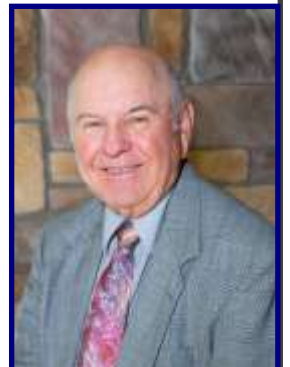
On September 9, our EFCA district superintendent, Cal Swan will be with us to lead in an installation service for Pastor Jason. This will be a special day as we welcome only the third senior pastor in the history of Village Bible Church. We will celebrate together and commit our support to Pastor Jason as we walk together in Christ.

Welcoming a new pastor provides unique opportunities for a church. Allow me to suggest several ways we can maximize this experience for Jason and his family...

1. Be willing to introduce yourself - several times. He has a lot of names and faces to learn and it will take time.
2. Don't expect a lot of change right away. His priority is to get to know us as a church family. He will work with us to bring about any desired changes.
3. Grace has no expiration date. Be patient with the "new".
4. Re-commit to attending and supporting VBC
5. Communicate our enthusiasm to the community as a whole about our new pastor. This is a time when we can attract visitors... and welcome them.
6. Don't overload our new pastor with suggestions and requests.
7. Pray for Jason, Melissa and the family and let them know you are there for them.
8. Invite the family to your home and to community events but understand when the schedule does not allow them to accept every invitation.
9. Pray for yourself, asking God to help you grow closer to Him under the leadership of our new pastor.

It wouldn't hurt to continue to pray for your other pastors also as we strive to support Pastor Jason and his ministry here.

Jim Neal  
Associate Pastor



Pastor Jim Neal



# Financial Report July 2018

Current Year to Date








Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - JUNE 30, 2018

JAN 1 - JUNE 30, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	\$475,709	\$499,608	\$496,455
Expenses	\$420,963	\$497,396	\$482,693
Net Income (deficit)	\$54,746	\$2,212	\$13,762

## ANNIVERSARIES

 Dick & Mary Ellen Mathias	08/01
 Bruce & Joan Davis	08/01
 Don & Shirley Pohlman	08/04
 Jim & Judy Lovejoy	08/08
 Doug & Debbie Baggett	08/11
 Bob & Sharan Light	08/13
 Dean & Shirley Goff	08/14
 Will & Millie Woods	08/15
 John & Kathy Batjes	08/19
 Paul & Sue Rainey	08/19
 Ron & Candy Cook	08/22
 John & Trudi Sowers	08/22
 Dennis & Jean Fricke	08/23
 Bob & Mary-Reid Warner	08/30

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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.

# Women's Fall Bible Studies

Dear Ladies of VBC, Your co-chairs for the Ladies Bible Study at Village Bible Church invite you to join them for the 2018 Fall Bible Study. The studies listed below will be offered beginning Wednesday morning September 5. Two of the studies will also be offered on Thursday evenings beginning September 6. No matter which study you choose to take, you will delve into the word of God, make new friends, and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord.

We are looking forward to all that God has for the ladies of VBC this fall. We are prayerful that You will step out in faith, believing that God has something to share with you from His Word. Registration will take place on August 5, 12, and 19. Payment for the study is requested at time of registration. Scholarships are available upon request.

Working together in partnership with God and with YOU,  
*Sharon Trigillio and Donna Wetzel*



## **2nd Thessalonians; Paul's Letter of Encouragement, Admonition, and End Time Reminders**

*8 weeks / Led by Marcia Gautier / Wednesday morning and Thursday evening\**  
*\*Men are invited to attend the Thursday evening class*

**Made to Belong by Rachel Ridge** Rachel was our guest speaker at the VBC Women's Retreat this past spring and we are blessed to be able to offer her study this fall.

*7 weeks / Led by Vicky Weyrich / Wednesday mornings and Cheryl Kastner and Julie Graves / Thursday evenings.*

## **HOSEA, Unfailing Love Changes Everything**

*7 weeks / Led by Lynda Barbee / Wednesday mornings.*

**HE SPEAKS TO ME; Preparing to Hear from God** based on a study of 1 Samuel 3

*7 weeks / Led by Priscilla Pfiefler and Evelyn Andrews / Wednesday mornings.*

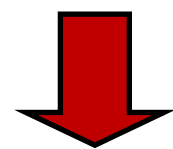
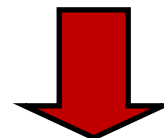
**Ladies who are new to Village Bible Church and to Hot Springs Village are invited to be a part of COFFEE IN THE LOFT**

which will be offered on Thursday mornings  
September 13, October 11, and November 8.

These meetings will be led by Alice Hill and Kathy Batjes.



**See the brochure available at the Welcome Center for more information on these classes and to register**



## VBC Men's Retreat

Mark your calendars and plan on joining the VBC men at Beautiful DeGray Lake Resort for a spirit filled 2 day retreat. Jim Neal has been able to secure an excellent speaker for our event, Dr. Chuck Stecker.

Please look for more information on Chuck and our topic in next month's Newsletter.



**WHEN:** October 4th & 5th

**WHERE:** DeGray Lake Resort

Speaker: Dr Chuck Stecker, President and Founder, A Chosen Generation; Littleton, CO



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Pick up your Beth Moore ticket/tickets at the Women's Ministry table in the foyer before or after church Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> or August 12<sup>th</sup>. You can also stop by the church office Monday – Thursday.

### Beth Moore Event Schedule

**Friday ~August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00pm ~Event Begins  
9:30pm ~Dismissal



Those ladies who are carpooling and meeting at the church parking lot, please be there by **5:15pm**. We will leave for Hot Springs **no later than 5:30pm**.

**Saturday ~August 6<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30am ~Event begins  
10:00am ~Break  
10:45am ~Event Resumes  
12:15am ~Event Ends

Please be at the church parking lot by **7:00am**. We will leave **no later than 7:15am**.

## ***To Our Beloved VBC Family,***

We can't thank you enough for all the cards and calls to our temporary MN home during Jim's surgery and initial recovery period. It was an amazing experience to see how God answered so many of your specific prayers.

You prayed that the surgeon's concern that Jim would experience excessive bleeding during surgery would not happen. This might have caused him to have to do the surgery in 2 stages. Jim's bleeding was less than is normally experienced with this surgery. This resulted in the surgery lasting only 5 1/2 hours rather than the expected 8 1/2 hours, so he could complete the surgery in one stage.

You prayed that God would work through the surgeon's hands. One of the doctors on the team shared with us that they had never seen the surgeon, Dr. Nassr, work in such a masterful way as he assembled the jigsaw puzzle in my lower spine that will eventually heal my problems.

Please continue to pray for both of us as we go through the recovery process.

We serve such a GREAT GOD who is in the miracle business. We believe we experienced a miracle here, so all the praise goes to our God who kept us both in His care and protection during this entire process - Ps: 91.

Love,  
Jim & Jo McKeand

## **VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH LIBRARY**

Are you aware that our church has an  
**INCREDIBLE LIBRARY?**

We do – and we have books to meet every interest and need.

Our FICTION books run the gamut from Biblical, Contemporary, Historical, Suspense, Military and Amish.

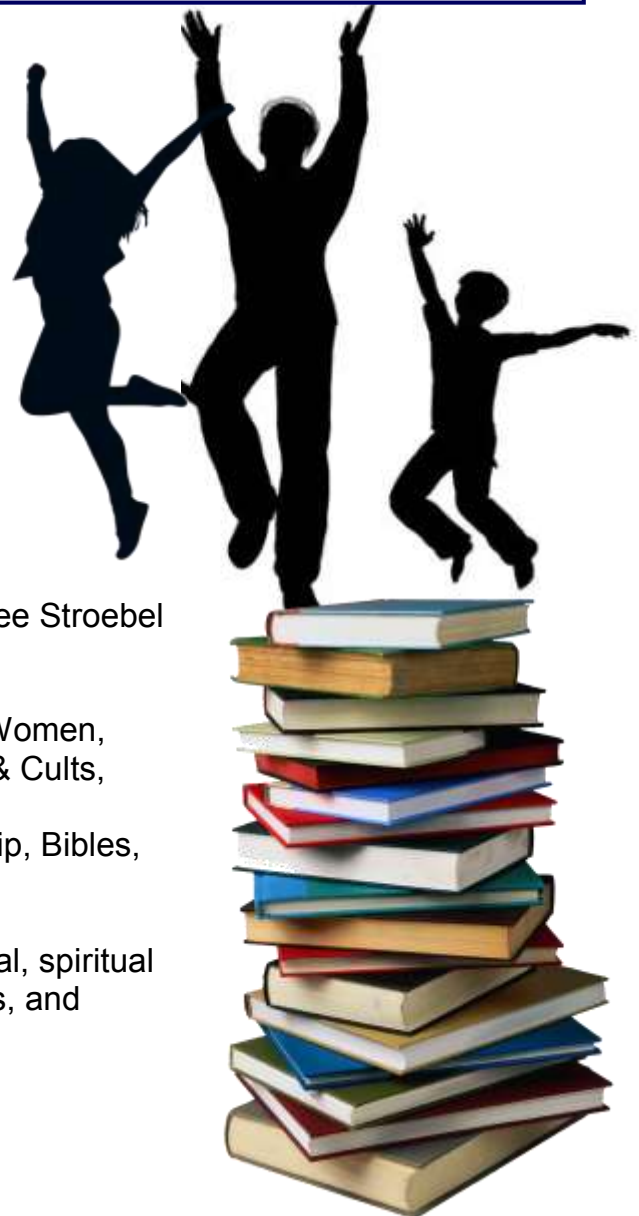
In NON-FICTION – WOW!!! Christian Living covers Creation and Personal Growth (numerous books by Billy Graham, Max Lucado, Charles Stanley, Charles Swindoll, Lee Stroebel – to name just a few).

We have separate sections for Biographies, Family Living, Women, Men, Contemporary Issues, Prophecy, Marriage, Religions & Cults, Evangelism, Church History, Missions, Prayer, Apologetics, Inspirational, Devotionals, Theology, Leadership, Discipleship, Bibles, Bible Studies and Bible Commentaries and Dictionaries.

AND three shelves of DVD movies and two shelves of biblical, spiritual and Bible studies DVDs. PLUS Fiction and Non-Fiction CDs, and music.

We have books and DVDs for children ages 1-12.

Stop by – and see what you've been missing!



June 28th, 2018



THANK YOU FOR THE PHOTOS SHIRLEY POHLMAN!



If you missed the Bride of Christ drama (or just want to enjoy it again), please visit [bit.ly/2uLHMjr](http://bit.ly/2uLHMjr)



# *The Booth Brothers Concert*

June 29, 2018



**THANK YOU FOR THE PHOTOS KURTIS SUTLEY!**

# GriefShare Program

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussion were to them.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved ones death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the systems of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

Some of the subjects covered this fall will be 'Challenges of Grief,' 'Stuck in Grief,' and 'Heaven.' Because each session is 'self-contained,' missed sessions can be made up in a subsequent seminar.

The fall GriefShare sessions will begin on Monday, September 10, and will meet each Monday morning from 9:00am—11:00am at Village Bible Church in room 110 until December 3. Call Bob Cobb, 501-915-9119 for more information or to pre-register for the fall portion of the seminar. Brochures about GriefShare are available in the Welcome Center.



## Tommye Hathorn

Passed into the Presence  
of Our Lord  
On June 20th, 2018  
A Memorial Service  
was held at  
Village Bible Church  
on July 28th

## Bill McCrary

Passed into the Presence  
of Our Lord  
On July 21st, 2018  
A Memorial Service  
was held at  
Village Bible Church  
on July 27th



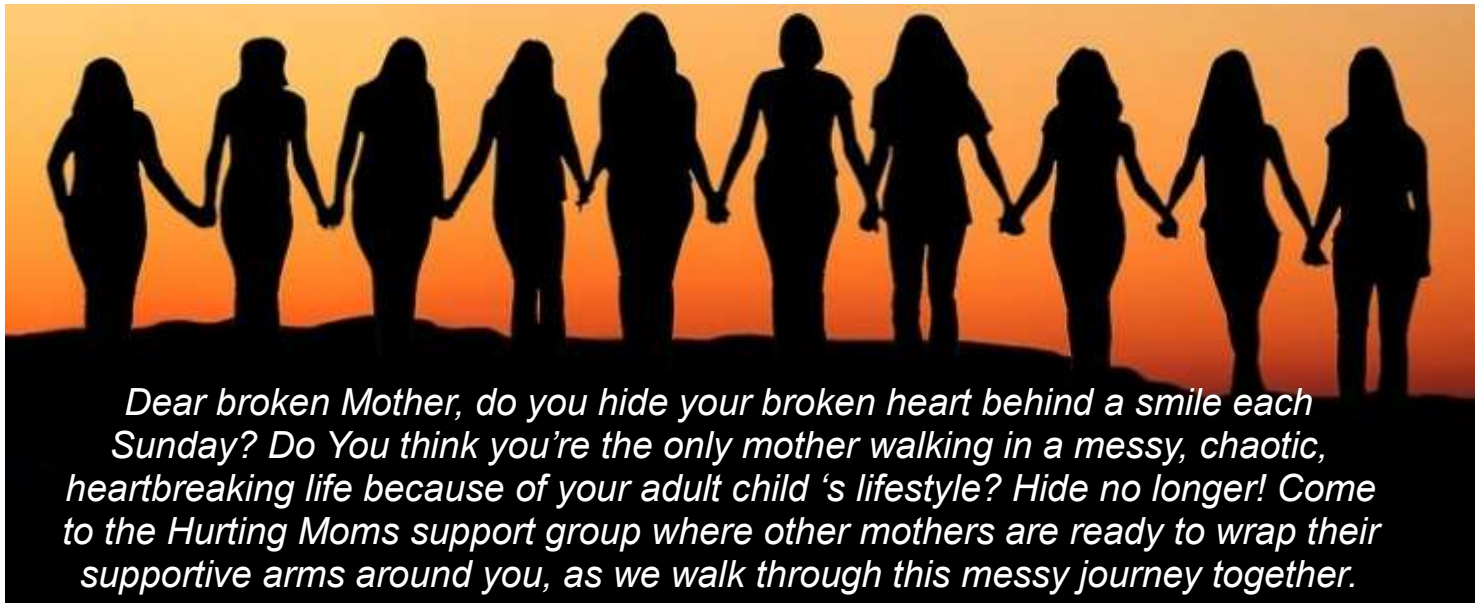
## Thank You Ron Tooley

Ron Tooley has been on the VBC custodial staff since 2012 and has decided to retire from his position. Ron will be available as a backup custodian in



emergencies. May Ron be blessed to be able to experience all the retirement benefits that come his way. Many thanks from the staff and congregation for the diligent work through the years.





*Dear broken Mother, do you hide your broken heart behind a smile each Sunday? Do You think you're the only mother walking in a messy, chaotic, heartbreaking life because of your adult child 's lifestyle? Hide no longer! Come to the Hurting Moms support group where other mothers are ready to wrap their supportive arms around you, as we walk through this messy journey together.*

### Upcoming Dates

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

September 1 - sharing time, and introduction of our next study book.

#### **"MESSY JOURNEY"** by Lori Wildenberg

Hearing your adult child say, "I'm gay," "I'm an addict," "I don't believe in God," can evoke a storm of confusion, fear, and sometimes anger. In MESSY JOURNEY, licensed family and parent educator Lori Wildenberg, along with her daughter Courtney who struggles with gender identity disorder and homosexuality, share their personal messy journey. Instead of trying to find the answer to "How can we fix our child?" Lori helps us to find the answer to, "How can we demonstrate God's grace, truth, purpose, and limitless love for him or her?"

#### Quotes from MESSY JOURNEY

Chapter 1: Be Brave - "God has chosen us (parents) to be His agent of love and grace for the young person whose greatest fear is rejection."

Chapter 6: Avoid Collateral Relationship Damage - "I wasn't prepared for the prodigal path to intersect with my relationship with my husband, my other kids, or extended family members."

Chapter 11: Forgive - "Relationships can get pretty frosty if forgiveness is not part of the package. When anger and bitterness enter our minds, unforgiveness and resentment grow in our hearts."

In Lori's Conclusion: ". . . I am beginning to realize most prodigals come to Christ through crisis."

"Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you." Proverbs 2:11

Come! Join with other hurting mothers. Together we'll follow Lori and Courtney's ups and downs, and learn about discretion and understanding so we can offer grace and truth to our prodigals.

To **sign up** for our next study book "MESSY JOURNEY." Contact Ruth Neal at [ruthneal@aol.com](mailto:ruthneal@aol.com) with your name and phone number.



**Hurting Moms**  
a support group for mothers with an adult "prodigal" child  
First Saturday of each month ~ Upstairs in the loft  
10:15 AM – Noon

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT



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 AUGUST we will be collecting school supplies: Pencils, Pens, Rulers, Colored Pencils, Crayons, Markers, Rulers, Small Scissors, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Calculators, Post-It Notes, etc.**

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.

## NOMINATIONS

This year we will elect (1) one Elder and (1) Treasurer.

Dick Leach has fulfilled his second year (on his 2nd term) and thus **cannot** run until he has a year off. Glenn McCaleb and John Sowers have finished their first year term and are eligible to run for a 2nd term. John Batjes and Dennis Gullickson have one more year on their 1st term and **are not** up for re-election this year. Larry Collins has one more year on his 2nd term and **is not** up for re-election. Carroll Weyrich has fulfilled his second year (on his 2nd term) as Treasurer and cannot run until a year off. Only male VBC members may be nominated for elder. The box for nominations and a list of members eligible for these positions are available on the table under the nametag board. Please make your nominations before August 15th. The nominating committee members are:  
Elaine Dunn, Bob Mackendrick, Glenn McCaleb, Pastor Levan and Pastor Jim.

# WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

## Tuesday, August 7th ONLY

Psalm 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

**You may register for either of these classes by contacting the class leader!**

## POUNDING THE PASTOR



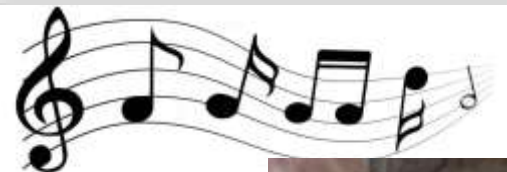
There's a joyous scene in Frank Capra's film "It's a Wonderful Life" when George and Mary Bailey stand on a front porch to welcome the Martini family to their new home. They give the family gifts of bread ("that this house may never know hunger"), salt ("that life may always have flavor"), and wine ("that joy and prosperity may reign forever").

A "pounding" is an old fashioned tradition where the church provides a pastor and his family with a pound of staples; such as a pound of sugar, a pound of flour, a pound of butter, etc. Village Bible Church is making it a bit more modern with a gift of food or everyday items for a household. Anything from canned goods, soap, salt, pepper, potatoes or onions to a jar of cookies might find its way into the pastor's kitchen. Paper goods and cleaning items are included. We are asking for your participation in the Pound the Pastor food drive to welcome Pastor Jason and his family to the congregation. You may drop off non-perishable items at the church during regular church hours (M-Th, 8:30 am—5:00 pm).

Call the church office, 501-922-0404 with any questions.

## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

### Choir Gathering Wednesday, September 5th



On September 5th, at 5 PM there will be a choir gathering for choir members/spouses as well as prospective choir members/spouses and instrumentalists/spouses. The evening will include a good meal, a little rehearsal for the upcoming Sunday, music previews for the fall and Christmas season and FUN!

Those interested in becoming part of the choir/worship ministry please contact me. I would be excited to get your call or email and answer any questions you may have. There are several VBCers that have been reported to have a lot of talent — I hope you will consider being a part of the worship ministry here at Village Bible Church.

Pastor Levan



# AUGUST

- 4 Mission Conference
- 5 Mission Conference

# SEPTEMBER

- 5 Women's Fall Bible Studies begin
- 8 Congregation-wide Picnic for Small Groups at Balboa Pavilion
- 10 Operation Christmas Child Luncheon
- 16 Ministry Fair



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