

What Now?

BY PASTOR MARK D. CAIN

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH FAMILY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2017

Perhaps you've wondered about your financial giving to Village Bible Church since the building mortgage was officially paid off earlier this summer.

At the risk of sounding "cheesy-cute" I like to think *We've built - and paid for - the building so that we can now invest even more in direct building of people*. As I stressed during our C.O.B.S. event in June, only two treasures will last forever:

The Word of God - "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

And

People - Jesus made it clear that some will experience "eternal punishment" while others will enjoy "eternal life" (Matthew 25:46).

Second Peter 3:7 clearly declares that "the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment." All of our "stuff" is temporary, destined to be burned away.

If we are walking with Jesus, we will be prioritizing in our lives what He prioritized during His life on earth, and that is people and God's Word. Jesus blesses those (individuals and churches) who "give themselves away" for His eternal, spiritual purposes.

Specifically, I would like to increase our visibility in the community through various media. This will require additional funds. I would also like to equip every VBCer with skills and confidence to engage in *gospel conversations* with those you rub shoulders with regularly. Training programs often cost money. Our financial leaders are working now on a 2018 Financial Plan. Outreach can be both a special activity that the church engages in, as well as a personal daily "show and tell the difference" that

Jesus makes in your life. Your changed life will earn the right to be heard, but your words are also needed to verbalize the saving message of Jesus. I would like to hear us express our heart for others to the Father in fervent prayer, *as we seek to tell others about Jesus in our witnessing conversations.*

Outreach is a "many arrows in the quiver" endeavor. No one method is the magic formula for reaching everyone. And **don't think that you have to become someone you are not in hopes of reaching others you don't know. Jesus made you like you on purpose. He wants to use you as you are, where you are, to help others become who He wants them to be.**

As you can probably tell, I don't have all of this laid out in specific detail. I just know that God has allowed us to have **this time in this place "for such a time as this"** (Esther 4:15). It is a spiritually opportune time.

It is a dangerous thing for people to seek God apart from Jesus Christ, and yet that is becoming an increasingly popular spiritual approach these days. Satan will very likely allow people to scratch their spiritual itch as long as they **leave Jesus out. But Jesus Himself made it clear that "no one comes to the Father but through Me"** (John 14:6).

Let's not let up either in intensity or financially. Join me in asking the Head of the Church, the Living Lord Jesus Christ, how He would like you to be increasingly involved in reaching others.

Reaching Out Now With You,
Pastor Mark





Financial Report July 2017

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you." Deuteronomy 16:17

Current Year to Date

Prior Year to Date

JAN 1 - JUNE 30, 2017

JAN 1 - JUNE 30, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income/Collections	496,455	475,800	436,201
Expenses	486,293	507,857	483,801
Net Income (deficit)	10,162	(32,057)	(47,600)

Funeral Planning

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 devised 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.

ANNIVERSARIES



Dick & Mary Ellen Mathias	1
Bruce & Joan Davis	1
Don & Shirley Pohlman	4
Jim & Judy Lovejoy	8
Doug & Debbie Baggett	11
Bob & Sharan Light	13
Dean & Shirley Goff	14
Lyle & Sharon Sands	15
Mo & Marilyn Coffman	16
John & Kathy Batjes	19
Ron & Candy Cook	22
John & Trudi Sowers	22
Dennis & Jean Fricke	23
Don & Pat Russell	24
Bob & Mary-Reid Warner	30

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

VBC

Ministry Staff

Dr. Mark D. Cain, Senior Pastor
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

New Email Address

ANNE HILL

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Dear VBC Family!

What a stunning generous gift you bestowed upon me at our C.O.B.S. service earlier this summer. The tangible expression of your love and support, in recognition of our twenty years together, was overwhelming. It's not often that a preacher is speechless! Jane and I are praying-and cogitating [!] about how to best utilize this gift for purposes of spiritual renewal, family connecting and other ways the Lord will lead. Thank you for such a substantial gift.

Pastor Mark



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.

You can pick up some of the small imprinted cards to share with friends and neighbors. These are available at the Welcome Center. 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.

IN MEMORY OF . . .

KEITH SCHILDER

Keith, passed into the presence of the Lord on July 19, 2017



A Memorial Service was held at Village Bible Church on July 27, 2017



In case of inclement weather, you may check the following information sources for VBC serviceschedules or cancellations.

KVRE 92.9 (Village Radio Station)

KARK TV, Channel 4

KLEZ 101.5 (Village Radio Station)

website: vbchurch.com Or

VBC Answering Machine: 922-0404

CARE CORNER

What if I have a care need? Who do I Call?

The care ministry has been working hard to accommodate the needs of our congregation. One of the big questions is, **who do I call?** Well, here is the answer! If you have an emergency during office hours, which are 8:30 am to 5 pm, Monday –Thursday, call the office and the office staff will contact the person to respond.

If it is after hours, please call me at 501-353-3040 or Pastor Mike Kelly at 501-209-6547. If by chance neither of us are in town, which is extremely rare, there will be an announcement on the answering machine as to who is available to take emergency calls.

If you should need to contact someone during the weekend, Friday through Sunday, on-call personnel and their phone numbers will be posted on the answering machine at the church phone number, which is 501-922-0404.



Pastor Levan Hubbard
Worship and Care

Caring for you . . . Pastor Levan

ONLINE GIVING



Pastor Mike Kelly

In our culture, we are blessed with alternative and effective ways of ensuring that our tithes and offerings are brought into God's house (Malachi 3:10). Many who give would prefer to do so electronically. Fewer people today carry checkbooks any longer as debit cards become the primary source of payment. Online banking and purchasing has become the norm for most of us in our daily transactions. Also, HSV is an unusually mobile community as many travel throughout the course of the year. Online giving accommodates you with *recurring giving* options that allow your financial support to continue in your absence. We would certainly

never want to discourage those who choose to give in the service as a form of worship. At the same time, we want to offer another viable form of giving that serves to express our worship. We are reminded that the methods and forms of the church have changed throughout the centuries, but the function remains the same. We want to honor the Lord through the careful stewardship of our time, talent, and tithe. You can be assured that your giving is secure through our adherence to Payment Card Industry (PCI) compliance standards. To participate, simply go to the VBC website home page (www.vbcchurch.com) and 'click' on Give Online - the rest is simple. You can use your debit card, or check detail to set-up a "one-time" gift, or "recurring" gift. If you have additional questions, please be sure to contact the office staff for assistance. Applicable fees will apply: Debit Card (2.5%); Checking account (1.0%). A Contribution made from your checking account for \$100.00 will have a processing fee of \$1.00. If you have additional questions, please be sure to contact the office staff for assistance.



2017 SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Arkansas will hold its annual sales tax holiday, beginning Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 12:01 a.m. and ending Sunday, August 6, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. State and local sales tax will not be collected during this 48-hour period on the sale of: (1) Clothing and footwear if the sales price is less than one hundred dollars (\$100) per item; (2) Clothing accessories and equipment if the sales price is less than fifty dollars (\$50) per item; (3) School supplies; (4) School art supplies; and (5) School instructional materials.

Purchase your "Baby Items" during the Arkansas Sales Tax Holiday and SAVE!

Thank you from Barbi . . .

Thank you for your wonderful support through prayers, calls and cards that you so graciously blessed me with after my minor shoulder surgery. I am healing quite quickly. God is good as I only had one day of pain.

I am so blessed to be a part of this caring family.

Barbi

Coming Up!

The Entire Month of September

September Baby Items Drive

Diapers 4 & 5, Wipes, Baby thermometers

Infant onesies, socks & pacifiers.

More details coming in upcoming Newsletters.



What Will You Put On Your

Chocolate →
Strawberry →
Caramel →
Crushed Oreos →

Sundae?



And Many . . . Many . . . More!

VBC Mission Conference

August 19 ♦ 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes!

You are invited to join Shannon and Dinesh

**Learn about life in India 'A day in the life of their family'
Their home, food and customs!**

**As you enter the sanctuary, please remove your shoes if
you feel comfortable to do so.**

Cost: \$1.00

Register in lobby or call the church, August 6, 13

**Contact Jane Weston with questions at
922-4686 or jeweston4@gmail.com**

Dinesh serves as a senior doctor at the hospital and trains pastors and local church leaders. Shannon homeschools their 3 children, works part-time as a nurse practitioner and disciples women. She was raised in Arkansas. Some in our church family attended their wedding in Little Rock.

You will be blessed to get to know them and learn how God is using them to share hope and joy with their community.



VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH SUPPORTS LOCAL MINISTRIES

A group of 25 members of the Village Bible Church family were blessed on June 2nd to see firsthand how local ministries change lives daily when they toured 4 out of the 7 local ministries that we support.

Teen Challenge of Arkansas is a residential program that biblically educates men 18 to 70 (mostly 20's & 30's) who struggle with life-controlling problems.

Change Point, Pregnancy Care & Parenting Resource Center serves families in 9 counties by defending the sanctity of human life through education. They also provide services to encourage strong, safe family relationships.

Potter's Clay provides safe shelter for women & children in crisis situations.

Oaklawn Racetrack Chaplaincy brings God into the lives of 1,000 persons who work in 'back of the track' plus front office staff.

Village Bible Church supports these ministries through prayer and financial support, as well as volunteering. Due to high interest, another tour is planned for the fall.

If you would like further information on our Local, National or International Ministries, please call Jane Weston at 922-4686



Change Point



Teen Challenge



Oaklawn Chapel



Potter's Clay

ACHIEVING POSITIVE CHANGE

Lifelong Garland resident, Marine, Gulf War Veteran & Lake Hamilton High School alum Christopher Chapmond began his career with the Hot Springs Police Department in 1996. Chris earned his Bachelor's Degree in Police Administration from Columbia Southern University.

Since beginning his service with the HSPD Mr. Chapmond has protected Hot Springs residents in the following capacities . . . Field Operations Captain, Patrol Lieutenant, Coordinator of the 18th East Drug Task

Force, Public information Officer, Detective, Patrolman, and SWAT.

Now, as Assistant police Chief, Chris is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Hot Springs Police Department and its 136 employees.

His wife, Elizabeth, is Regional Sales Coordinator with AFLAC and they have 3 sons, Mason, Andrew, and Nicholas. They are also members of First Presbyterian Church.



28TH
GARLAND COUNTY
LEADERSHIP PRAYER
BREAKFAST

HORNER HALL
CENTER TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2017
6:20 AM

Save the Date! Ministry Fair



September 17 & 24 ♦ 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Can't decide how to connect?

Whether you are new to VBC or have been here awhile and want to learn more about the fun and uplifting ways to further how Christ wants us to serve him, we have you covered. Our ministry teams will be here on September 17 & 24 to answer your questions and provide information on all the different opportunities that are available to you at VBC.

Have a questions, please call Jo McKeand at 922-8269.



Men's Fall Conference

GOD & COUNTRY

October 28

Speaker: Tim Barton from WallBuilders



Tim Barton, WallBuilders

Tim is an ordained minister and has worked in a variety of church staff positions, including as youth minister, worship leader, and assistant pastor.



WallBuilders is an organization dedicated to presenting America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on the moral, religious, and constitutional foundation on which America was built – a foundation which, in recent years, has been seriously attacked and undermined.

In accord with what was so accurately stated by George Washington, we believe that "the propitious [favorable] smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation which disregards the eternal rules of order and right which heaven itself has ordained."

Look for further information in upcoming Sunday bulletins and the September newsletter.

For questions, call Dennis Brown at 501-545-7579

Our Summer Agenda Continues . . .



for

W.IN.G.S

Our summer agenda continues: (Oh well, so much for the lazy, hazy days of summer!)

Cutters: We are going to start our fall plans to send our remaining outfits along with a backpack and critter to the children at Mt. Pine Headstart and if supply allows, to the Kindergarten class at the school. Also, we will be cutting backpacks for the Veterans at St. Francis house. Shelia, sent me a picture of one of the veterans wearing or backpacks made out of camo. He said it was the easiest to use he had ever had.

Christmas in July project has fulfilled Christ's Santa order for teddy bears - 80 are ready for Operation Christmas Child. We can use wings to help, Susan and Claudette, work on bracelets and necklaces to add to boxes. They are doing an incredible job in the backroom! Brenda and Judy, continue to quilt for the veterans-they make a great team. Brenda, is a skilled teacher for others who would like to learn the art on the "Big Machine."

Sewers: There are a variety of projects ready for sewing critters. (Thanks to Claudia, they just keep growing in the workshop). Patty, is learning to make a biscuit quilt started by the loving hands of Betsy. For those who would like to learn to do a simple quilt, I will teach you. I must admit I have an ulterior motive, to use up the thousands of "scraps." We need a couple of sewers to make bean bags for the corn hole game to give to the Potters Clay children to play with this summer. Thanks to Dottie and Max, for making this project happen. I will deliver it when we finish the bean bags.

Pressers: If someone would like to iron, we need thank you labels added to our veteran hearts along with one helper to write on the tag. We will be sewing these in the future for Valentine's Day for the veterans in rehabilitation in Little Rock. This sounds a bit early to start on, but the sweatshop churns out



such volume on every project that we need time to plan, then execute.

Sizzix Cutter: If anyone else would like to learn how to use it, we could use the scraps for quilt projects. These will provide the pieces for those learning to quilt, as well as for my sisters in KC, who piece quilts for us to finish. We will be experiencing the full circle of making quilts for children and for the homeless veterans-cut piece, then quilt our gift of warmth for those less fortunate.

Praise God for Steven, he purchased a scissor sharpener and has sharpened all of our scissors. He is also working in the embroidery software for the embroidery machine, to create appliques for us to sew onto the baby buntings, we will be starting in the fall. He has also taken each of the sewing machines home and serviced them for us, the cost for having this done would have been prohibitive. Betsy & Ken, as well as Claudia & Jim, have donated surgers to W.IN.G.S. Steven, is repairing and servicing them so we can use them full time. They will be particularly valuable in making the backpacks and tote bags.

The other men who are the wind beneath our wings, continue to help as well. Ken, is helping Betsy, stuff critters and brings them to us. Jim, continues to be a life saver to me. I am sooo very inept at using a drill or fixing things. Rich, has volunteered to come load sewing machines into my car so that we will have machines for sewers at Balboa Baptist Friday sessions.

Also, special recognition goes to all you sewers who take home projects to complete. Without you the sweatshop would have to work 5 days a week plus overtime to complete all projects we are endeavoring! God sees your commitment to serving His poor.

W.IN.G.S. update from Mary Ann Woodson
501-318-6765

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT??????

Bible Study
Class
Starting
August 6

- ◆ When 70% of my grands and greatgrands are likely to walk away from the church within 2 years after high school?
- ◆ When 1,000's of compromised churches in America celebrate Charles Darwin Sunday (Feb. 12) as if he were a religious icon?
- ◆ When public, and many 'Christian' schools are teaching evolutionary heresy as fact to my progeny?
- ◆ Someone HELP!

Help is always available from God's Word. However, the Holy Spirit can only use us if we study diligently (2 Tim. 2:15). He can't bring to our remembrance what we've never studied. EVIL stalks the land and the next generation is the target.

When we study, then we are able to obey God's commands in Deuteronomy 6, addressed to parents, especially fathers. "Teach the truth diligently to the next generation."

Note: God makes all kinds of scientific statements in Scripture. Secular scientists denied or ignored these and then "discovered" God's truth 3,000 - 4,000 years later. Find out which ones as we study.

You may ask, "how did churches in Europe and America get into this dilemma?" Well, answers are available here also.

COME TO THE NEW HORIZONS CLASS (Fellowship Hall) DURING AUGUST TO GET THE ANSWERS AND ALL KINDS OF HELP FOR YOUR FAMILY!

- Power Point presentations available for sharing.
- Handout materials suitable for starting a conversation with your grands.
- Low-cost, attractive publications written for young people.
- Helpful web-sites (kids love web-sites).
- Subscriptions to colorful, informative magazines that address questions young people have.
- 800 numbers for easy ordering.
- Vacation destinations guaranteed to SHOCK & AWE, and change lives.
- AND MORE!



Bob Warner

Fathers and Grands, you need this series of classes, Mothers too. You are literally the fire-wall that God has created to stand between hope and judgment for the children. We are responsible.

Speaking of judgment, the last lesson will be devoted to the 5 future judgments of all mankind at the end of the age. You'll want to be at the right ones for you and your offspring.

**For further questions please call
Bob Warner at 501-922-6598**

Save the date!



THE HOPPERS

VBC

September 22, 2017

7:00 PM

Multi-award winning family group The Hoppers have been singing to global audiences for over 57 years with appearances ranging from presidential religious inaugural ceremonies and New York's Carnegie Hall to singing conventions and church platforms. They have performed throughout the United States as well as in Israel, Europe and Africa. Their unique blend of harmonies and song choices have created a legacy of musical excellence embraced by leading pastors and event organizers. Known as America's Favorite Family of Gospel Music, they are favorites on the Gaither Homecoming videos and tours, and their recordings frequently land at the top of the BILLBOARD sales charts and the Singing News radio charts.

Compromised today of family members Claude & Connie, son Dean and his wife, Kim, and son Mike Hopper. The Hoppers were formed in 1957 in the rural farm town of Madison, NC, and have grown continuously for decades, touching countless lives around the world. Connie has been honored with numerous industry and fan awards and inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Sons Dean and Mike have continued the family legacy with their musical talents and business abilities; and Kim, Dean's wife, hails from her own nationally acclaimed musical family, is noted for the excitement she brings to any performance, and her unmistakable, rafter-ringing soprano vocals have taken The Hoppers to new heights.

Plan on joining us at VBC on September 22, at 7:00 pm for a great time of music and fellowship.



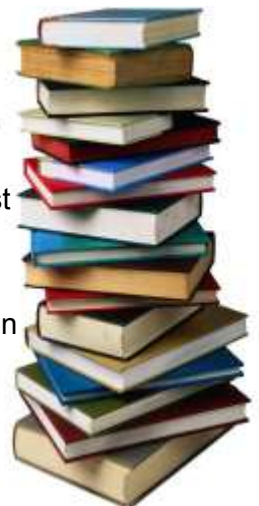
"'Better or worse' and 'richer or poorer' are NOT choices."

VBC LIBRARY

Do you know how wonderful our VBC Library is? There are lots of new books in the library, fiction, non-fiction, biographies, commentaries and DVDs. Come see Nancy, our VBC librarian; she is there most Sundays at least a half hour before church service to help you.

Otherwise, just print your name and date on the sign-out card and leave in the library. Thank you!

Nancy Jones has a new e-mail address
library@vbchsv.org



ELDER BOARD REPORT

Elder Board Report

I trust that you're "feeling good" about the June 18th COBS event celebrating VBC's thirty-fifth birthday, Pastor Mark's 20 years of ministry here, and paying off the mortgage. These achievements have glorified God and edified His people. Thanks to Jim Neal and his team who planned and brought this day to fruition.

I was once gently chastised by a student in my religion class at Lakeland College for our "feel good" religion. I plead guilty as accused, assuming the following premises. 1) Feelings based on the truth of God's Word are more than fleeting emotional highs. They connect us with the only eternal One who told Moses "I am Who I am." Exodus 3:14, 2) The following words appear in the Bible again and again about our relationship with God: "delight," "glad" or "gladness," "joy" or "joyful," "enjoy or enjoyment," and "rejoice." None are fantasy or utopian based; none refer only to temporary relief from suffering and anxiety. All describe God's steadfast love and our promised deliverance from sin, death and the devil. 3) The Westminster Catechism reads "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

So we should "feel good" about what God has done, is doing and will do here at VBC and that we are part of His ongoing work.

Your elders are looking forward and "feel good" about our developing plan for outreach. There are so many in our Village who do not yet know the Lord but could find Him here. Is God tapping you on the shoulder to coordinate this effort?

Secondly, we "feel good" that our home-based small groups have a waiting list of people wanting to join. Could God use you as a small group leader to accommodate them?

Ours is a "feel good" religion. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!

Dick Leach
Elder Board



Dr. Mark D. Cain



Don Russell



Jim Neal



John Sowers



Bruce Davis



Larry Collins



Dick Leach



The Hurting Moms support group will be studying the book Reaching Your Prodigal by Phil Waldrep.

HURTING MOMS whose child has ...

- ... An addiction to drugs
- ... An addiction to alcohol
- ... Chosen an alternative lifestyle
- ... 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. Right now we're studying the book, Reaching Your Prodigal by Phill Waldrep. Books are available from Ruth Neal for \$10.00. 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



AUGUST

19 & 20 VBC Mission Conference

15 Nominations for Elder and Assistant Treasurer ends

SEPTEMBER

All Month Baby Items Drive

12 BSF

13 & 14 Women's Fall Bible Studies

17 & 24 Ministry Fair

22 Hoppers in Concert

OCTOBER

8 Celebration Sunday for FCA



EFCA

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VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS



The Sweet Taste of Summer!

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