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FRANZ FAMILY

THE FRANZ FAMILY

"...AND HE SENT THEM OUT." LUKE 9:2

In a world of dark uncertainties and monopolized ambitions, there is still something that touches the soul. Music. It's that universal bond that relates to the heart. A call to feel. Regardless of language or traditions, it takes the deepest longings and tremors of the heart and brings it forward for you to see.



COME SEE THEM...
IN CONCERT!
bluegrass, country style and family friendly!
www.thefranzfamily.com

**Friday
October 9th
7:00pm**

FBC of Shabbona
209 N Nokomis St
Shabbona, IL 60550
(815) 824-2425

&

**Saturday
October 10th
6:30 pm**

Village Bible Church
847 North State Route 47
Sugar Grove, IL 60554
630-466-7198

October Barn Bash!

Sunday, Oct. 18th
3:00-8:30 pm



A family day of fun with
food, games, hay rides
.....and a little
square dancing!

3:00 - 5:30

Family Fun & Dinner

Hay rides, Horse rides,
Hiking Mt Jericho, Outdoor Games
(bean bags, horseshoes, kids games
& bounce castle)

Dinner - served from 4:30-5:15

5:30 - 6:30

Dessert, Worship & Vision

Dessert & Worship
Kids: cookies & Special activities

6:30 - 8:30

More Family Fun

Square Dancing for the entire family
Campfire & s'mores
Hay rides in the dark

Marvel Davis Farm:

47W066 Jericho Rd.,
Big Rock (5 miles west of Rt.
47 on Jericho Rd. immediately
past Deer Valley Golf Course
on the right)

OUTREACH: CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child

Last year we were able to prepare and donate boxes for over 160 children! Again this year, we have the unique opportunity to share Christ with a needy child using a simple shoe box.

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

Shoeboxes will be collected in the church foyer
from October 10 to November 16.

Contact

Patricia Butts

(630-389-3117)

with any questions.



*the Power of a
Simple Gift*



TOYS small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

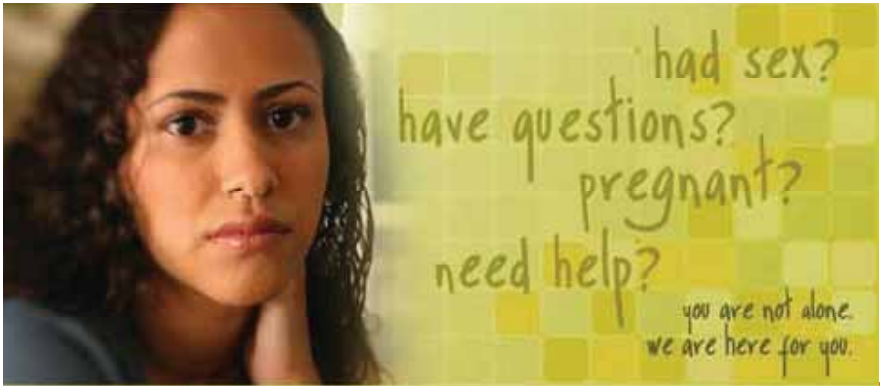
OTHER Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo

of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans

OUTREACH: PIC



Pregnancy Information Center

For many women, finding out that they are pregnant when they don't want to be is an overwhelming and even frightening discovery. They may feel as if abortion is their only choice – but they do have a real choice – an opportunity to choose life. The Pregnancy Information Center is here to help women who are facing these questions. They provide ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, material assistance, parenting classes, and community resources. They also provide peer counseling for those who need advice on pregnancy, abortion, STD's and related issues.

Village People at PIC

- **Linda Todd** volunteers at **PIC** and is the liaison for **VBC** with the Pregnancy Information Center.
- **Janna Woodard** works at **PIC** as their staff nurse.
- **Melissa Golowacz** also serves at **PIC** as a volunteer.

If you would like to use your gifts and would be interested in more information about PIC please talk with any of these people. They are more than happy to share with you.

Join us for the annual PIC Banquet **Thursday, October 15, 6:30 pm**

Location: Calvary Church (Route 59) in Naperville



Join a group from our church family as we attend a banquet to support Pregnancy Information Center. Come and hear inspirational stories about how lives have been changed by Jesus Christ through this ministry. The dinner is complimentary and a love offering for the ministry of PIC will be taken.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: MOPS

WANT TO BE THE BEST MOM POSSIBLE?

At **MOPS**, you'll be **welcomed, accepted and inspired** to reach your full potential and recognize your influence within your family and the world!



We understand your unique needs, challenges and joys in this vital season of early mothering. You will be welcomed in our **MOPS** group just as you are!

We meet twice a month with other moms in the preschool season of life, enjoy breakfast together, hear great ideas and teaching from speakers, get crafty and laugh together!

MOPS is a place where mothers of preschoolers can come and experience:

- * authentic community
- * personal growth
- * practical help
- * spiritual hope

MOPPETS: During **MOPS**, your children will be lovingly cared for in a program called MOPPETS, where they will hear a Bible story, make a craft, play games and more!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: **MOPS** provides quality mothering resources. As part of your **MOPS** International membership, you'll receive a one-year subscription to *MomSense Magazine*, weekly Mom-E-Mail messages and other great benefits. Suggested donation covers guest speakers, crafts, childcare supplies and more! **Registration:** \$24. Cost per meeting: \$5

MEETING TIMES: We'll normally meet **two Fridays a month** between September and May from **9:00 to 11:00 am**.

Our schedule is as follows:

October	2, 16
November	6, 20
December	4
January	8, 22
February	5, 19
March	5, 19
April	9, 23
May	7

For more information, contact our **MOPS** coordinator, Becky VanDerVoorn: mops@villagebible.org

The Topic focus for our **October MOPS** meetings is
'Our Neighborhood & Community'

Guest speaker: Dan Post from the Heartland Counseling Center, speaking on bullying

Diaper drive for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Aurora: At our mops meetings in October, please drop off any size diapers, baby wipes, baby soap/shampoo for moms in need.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: SUPPER CLUB

Need some time to chat with some fabulous ladies??

Attention ladies:

The Supper Clubs will be starting in October!

WHOO HOO!!! The first one is scheduled for **Thursday, October 8**. Since it will be fall, the theme is "**Bring Something That Has Orange in It**". The first Supper Club will be held jointly, with women from both the Yorkville and Sugar Grove areas. Then, with the exception of May, there will be two Supper Clubs each month – one in the Yorkville area and one in the Sugar Grove area. If you're interested in hosting a Supper Club this year please contact Wendy Peck at 630-557-0034. **The Supper Clubs will be held on the second Thursday of each month.**

Serving Opportunities

Would you like to get plugged into a service opportunity that doesn't require a large time commitment, but helps others in a HUGE way? We have a place for you.



Shower Ministry: This ministry hosts wedding and first baby showers, for those who are actively attending and serving at Village Bible Church. It's a fun way to get to know new people at Village while serving the Lord. If you'd love to serve in this ministry contact Karen Elwood at 630-466-1243.



Feed the Flock: This ministry takes meals to members of the VBC family who have just had a baby, have just gone through surgery or are struggling in some way with a health issue. Our coordinator needs people in the various areas where members of the Flock live, so you won't have to drive a great distance to deliver the meal. What a great way to love our Flock and be Jesus with skin to our church family.

If you think you're already on this committee, but have not been called to serve in a very long time, contact Wendy Peck. She's our new coordinator. And if you're not serving in this ministry but would like to, you also can contact Wendy at 630-557-0034.

MEN'S MINISTRY: BREAKFAST

—men's
breakfast

Saturdays

7:30 - 9:00 am

@ Village Bible Church:

Oct. 24

@ Grace Bible Church: Oct. 9



Once a month we call ALL the men of the church together for our men's breakfast as a rallying point for our men's ministry. You're invited to join us for a great breakfast, fellowship and a time to grow in Christ. Along with breakfast, we'll enjoy a time of worship and prayer for one another and for our families. We'll also be inviting our brothers from Grace Bible Church to join us for a great morning. Please RSVP online, if you're able, at www.villagebible.org/men, or call the church office at (630) 466-7198. (\$5 suggested donation)

hang time



*Join us at the Buenzes' home on
November 5, 7:00 - 10:00 pm*

Calling All Men... Mark your calendars and plan on coming to a **GUYS' NIGHT OUT** at John Buenz's home in Yorkville from 7-10pm. Whether you're new and wanting to find ways to connect, or you're looking to deepen the friendships you already have... check the box in the Friendship Registry, or send an e-mail to men@villagebible.org so we'll know you're coming.

Whys Have a Guys' Night Out?

- Realize it's OK to get together without having a Bible study.
- Show that Christian guys can have fun too!
- Build friendships with men who really want to put Jesus first in their lives.

MEN'S MINISTRY: RETREAT



"...your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do..."

Ephesians 1:15

It is that time of year when our thoughts turn towards the Cedar Lake Men's Retreat! Do you need the retreat... that fellowship?

**Job Loss • Foreclosure • Divorce
Bad Medical • Diagnosis**

Are the above words things that you have heard recently? Does the mention of these things make your vision go out of focus? Do you need to see these things in the proper light, clearer, in **HD**?

Our men's retreat theme this year is **"High Definition."** HD...High Definition...the ability to see things sharper, clearer, more distinct, is the "in" thing. Having HD can turn the normal vision to something spectacular. Sometimes our lives can get out of focus and be unclear, but God is calling us to have our **"eyes focused and clear, so that we can see exactly what it is He is calling us to do."** A lot is happening in our world today. God is looking for men who are clear in their vision and purpose.

Consider joining us for our fall men's retreat. Come and get refocused on the things that matter. Enjoy great music, incredible speaking, fantastic food and hanging around with the guys. Play some football, scale the climbing wall or just take a nap. Most of all, get a chance to get some rest so that you can see life in HD.

This year, amidst charcoal and hickory smoke, let us continue to fan this flame. Let us continue the encouragement, the eating, and the serving.



MEN'S RETREAT

**Friday,
November 13,
5:00 pm**

to

**Sunday,
November 15,
12:00 pm**

**Location:
Cedar Lake
Retreat Center
13701 Lauerman Street
Cedar Lake, IN 46303**

Cost: \$155

**Sign Up:
www.villagebible.org/men**



Speaker:

Tom Harmon



Worship by:
Smalltown



FAMILY MINISTRY: WINTER FAMILY CAMP

Winter Family Camp

Granted, the last thing you probably want to do now is think about winter, but... it's not nearly so bad if you think about the **fun parts of winter**. For many **VBC families**, our **winter family camp** is not just a highlight of the winter but a highlight of the year. Winter family camp is a great bargain and great fun – that's why it **sells out so fast** – and why you want to **sign up now!**

We'll spend the four days of **December 26 through December 29**, at **Silver Birch Ranch** in the Northwoods of Wisconsin – the same place we go for summer family camp. Silver Birch Ranch is in the heart of the beautiful Nicolet National Forest on Sawyer Lake. There are a lot of fun things to do as a **family** - and it's a great place to **slow down** and **enjoy God's creation**.

Family camp offers extended time to build **relationships**, create shared **memories**, relax and enjoy fellowship with others in your immediate family and in our extended church family. Often times, more happens relationally with other church families during a week of family camp than during a whole year back at church - because we **leave behind the hecticness** of our daily lives. And this fellowship continues once we're back home as we gain a certain "entitlement" to ask deeper questions of each other because a baseline of relationship was established while at camp. **Family camp is time well spent!**

In the **wintertime**, some of the options include: cross-country skiing, ice skating, horseback riding, tubing (awesome tubing hill), power-tubing (tube across the frozen lake behind a snowmobile), sleigh rides, an indoor climbing wall, animalball (broomball without sticks - a VBC favorite), whipsled, pony rides - or just hanging out in front of a fireplace with a book or a board game with your family.

Request more info or sign up: www.villagebible.org or family@villagebible.org



STUDENT MINISTRIES



Aliens & Refuge Fall Retreat **At Pine Trail Camp in Saugatuck, Michigan** **October 30 (3:30 pm) -** **November 1 (6:00 pm)**

Each fall we take our junior high and senior high students to the wilderness of Michigan for a **spiritual retreat** and a time of **team building**. This year we'll be returning to the favorite Pine Trail Camp where we'll be spending time with God and His Word, enjoying **His creation**, building relationships, paint balling and sharing "talents" with each other during our annual VBC Retreat Talent Show!

Cost: The cost is \$119. An early-bird discounted priced of only \$99 is offered if registration and fee are turned in by September 16. Sign up after **September 16** depends on space available. All registration fees must be turned in by **October 14**.

SPORTS MINISTRIES

Sports ministries are a lot of fun and provide great opportunities to build friendships with men and women within the church family. But they also provide great outreach opportunities, as we invite our un-churched friends to join us. It's time to take our sports ministry to a new level!!



BASKETBALL

Men's Basketball

Lace up those high top sneakers and bring your game!!! Men's basketball begins next month on Saturday mornings.

**Saturdays: 9:30 am – 11:00 am,
beginning October 3**



VOLLEYBALL

Bump! Set! Spike!

Co-ed competitive volleyball open gyms will resume this fall and will be open to both men and women 18 and up. This ministry is currently looking for a coordinator. If you would be interested in serving in this way, please see Pastor Scott.

More info to come.

SMALL GROUPS

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At Village Bible Church, small groups are a critical part of our ministry. They're not just "another thing"; they are our main channel for discipleship and care for each person who is part of our church family.

Our **spiritual needs** can't be fully met through weekly large group worship services and Adult Bible Fellowship classes every Sunday morning. That's a great start, but small groups help take us to the next level - to **genuine community**.



Small groups are the best place to connect if you want to grow in your relationship with Jesus. A small group will help you develop **significant relationships with others** who can encourage and challenge you to consistently apply the truths of God's Word to each area of your life. They give us an opportunity to "exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12-13).

Small Groups will help you in your spiritual growth.

- * They help us gain a deeper knowledge of God's Word.
- * They help us hold each other accountable to His Word.

- * They help us connect more closely to each other's lives.
- * They help us meet each others needs.

There are FOUR types of small groups at Village:

- * **Home Groups** - for men and women (both married and single)
- * **Women's Groups** - for single and/or married women
- * **Men's Groups** - for single and/or married men
- * **The River Group** - for young adult singles

Small groups meet once a week and range in size from 8 to 15 people. They normally last for two hours and include time for Bible discussion, accountability, and prayer, as well as informal opportunities to build relationships with others in the group.

God wants every follower of Jesus to be continually growing as we worship Him, walk with Him, and work for Him. Each Village small group is committed to both mutual ministry and multiplication.

- * Mutual ministry means that each member of the group is looking for ways to minister to the other members of the group.
- * All groups should also be prayerfully considering ways to extend the ministry of their small group through multiplication. Multiplication means eventually forming two or more groups so that others who are not yet in small groups can continue to find opportunities to connect with a small group.

Hebrews 10:25 tells us to meet together "so [we] may encourage each other even more..."

SMALL GROUPS

Do you realize
who God is and how "crazy"
His love is for you?

Coming soon to a **SMALL GROUP** near you!

↕↕
Crazy love

Because when you are wildly in love with someone,
it changes everything.

It's all about **GOD.**

Love. Risk. Listen to the Spirit.

**Fall '09 Small Groups -
beginning October 5th - BE THERE.**

OVERWHELMED
BY A RELENTLESS
GOD

FRANCIS CHAN
with danae yankoski
Foreword by Chris Tomlin

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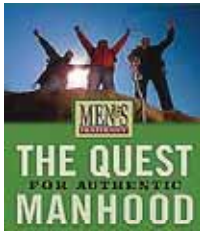
Fall '09 small groups – Be there.

Sign up this month.

SMALL GROUPS: MEN'S MINISTRY



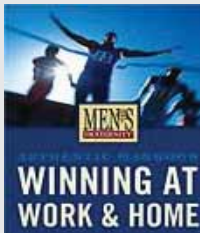
Men's Fraternity is a series of three one-year-long studies, beginning with *The Quest for Authentic Manhood*, followed by *Authentic Manhood: Winning at Work and Home*, and concluding with *The Great Adventure* series. More than just a rally or a Bible study, Men's Fraternity provides men with an encouraging process that teaches them how to live lives of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ and directed by the Word of God. Men's Fraternity is designed to help men come together and strengthen each other through weekly sessions that combine biblical teaching and small group interaction. Through this powerful series, men learn to reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously, and expect God's greater reward. Feel free to jump into any of the studies, even if you haven't completed prior ones.



The Quest for Authentic Manhood - Year 1:

This study focuses on our core identity as men. We will deal with various identity issues by looking back at past wounds and other things that may have distorted our idea of biblical masculinity. We will learn how to clearly define manhood and to give a succinct and passionate answer to the questions, "What is a man?" and "What am I living to be?"

Sunday, 6:00 pm @ VBC



Winning at Work and Home - Year 2:

This study focuses on the two areas that are central to our lives as men: career and family. We will begin to build the walls of manhood through study dealing with these chief responsibilities as we explore how we can enjoy and engage our work and relate to our wives in a whole new way.

Thursday, 7:00 pm @ VBC



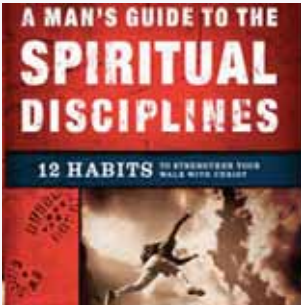
The Great Adventure - Year 3:

In this study, we will explore our world beyond the everyday as we put the roof on the house of masculinity and create a vision for our future and destiny as men. We will rediscover the adventure in life through a greater understanding of who we are as men and will uncover the uniqueness we have as men and discover a satisfying life focus as we consider: "Who am I?", "What are my life dreams?" and "Do I have the courage to pursue those dreams?"

Saturday, 7:00 am @ VBC

SMALL GROUPS: MEN'S GROUPS

What happens when we as men pause our lives for one and a half hours a week and come together to study the Bible, pray, and hold each other accountable? CHANGE!!! When men connect in life-changing ways, a powerful ripple effect touches families, workplaces, and the church. Deeper connections with God and with other men inspire participants to connect more meaningfully in all facets of their lives. They climb beyond the walls of isolation and aspire to a biblical viewpoint marked by integrity, boldness, and compassion.

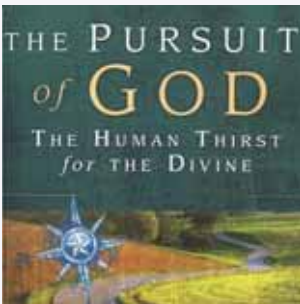


A Man's Guide to the Spiritual Disciplines:

Have you ever felt as if you were treading water in your faith and didn't know how to make it a priority? Then you'll want to check out this new men's group. For every ten men in church, nine will have children who leave the church. Eight will find their jobs unsatisfying. Six will pay only the monthly minimum on their credit cards. Five will have a major problem with pornography.

Four will get divorced (affecting one million children per year). Only one will have a biblical worldview. All ten will wrestle to balance work and family. The issues facing men today require solutions beyond just regular church attendance. It takes discipline and determination to keep faith strong. This study is designed to help you reflect Christ in all aspects of your life.

- **Wednesdays, 9:30 am @ VBC**
- **Thursdays, 6:00 am @ Aurora Panera on Orchard Road**

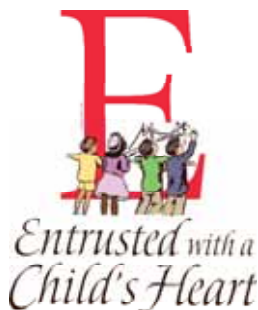


The Pursuit of God: In the muddle of day-to-day life, have you somehow forgotten that Christianity is a living, vibrant relationship with a personal God? If you need a reminder come and join in our men's study of A.W. Tozer's classic book *The Pursuit of God*. This study will remind and challenge you to renew your relationship with your loving God. Each of our studies will explain one aspect of hungering for God and end with a prayer.

- **Fridays, 6:00-7:15 am @ Yorkville Panera.**

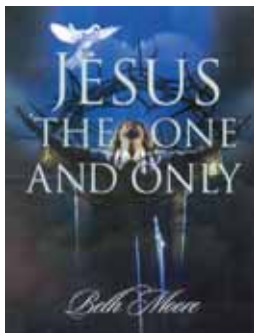
SMALL GROUPS: WOMEN'S GROUPS

Entrusted with a Child's Heart



Sundays, 6-8 pm: *Entrusted With a Child's Heart* is a biblical study in parenting. This study covers a wide range of topics, appropriate for moms of all ages, as they raise their children. As a mom, every day counts with our children and this study unfolds the scriptural principles for establishing God-honoring family life. Join Sara Wagener (a mom of young children) and Deb Weihrauch (an empty-nest mother) for this study. *Childcare and AWANA are available.*

Jesus, the One and Only



Wednesdays, 7-9 pm: *Jesus, the One and Only* is an in-depth study of the life of Jesus based on the book of Luke. Come along on a journey that will lead you through the hills of Galilee with the Teacher, across the lake with the Master, and finally, on the road toward the cross with the Savior. Get to know Jesus intimately...as though you had walked with Him during His days of earthly ministry. Join Joanne Buenz starting.

1 & 2 PETER, JUDE



Thursdays, 9-11 am: *Called for A Purpose (Peter and Jude)*: These biblical letters challenge us to recognize our identity as a chosen friend of God--and therefore, to live a holy life. Peter and Jude will encourage you to face trials with a living hope, certain of Christ's return, and warn you of the danger of false teaching. **Begins September 3.** Join Nina Prigodich, Vera Arnold and Jamie Eskew for this study. *Childcare is available.*

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Benjamin and Missy Hatton serve with **New Tribes Mission**. They are currently raising support and hope to be able to reach the field of Papua New Guinea in the summer of 2010.

Benjamin and Missy have been associated with New Tribes Mission since they were children. Benjamin's parents joined NTM when he was three and he was raised in Papua New Guinea. Missy's parents joined the mission when she was 12 and served at New Tribes Bible Institute in Jackson, MI. Missy spent three years in Bolivia with NTM. They both have worked on the staff of NTBI for many years. Benjamin and Missy have always had the ambition to serve the Lord full time and have now decided to leave NTBI for Papua

New Guinea to begin a church planting ministry.

There are **many challenges** being faced in this transition. There will be funding , gathering and shipping supplies, separation from family and friends, and more. Once in the field they will face **learning a new language** and a culture with an extremely different belief system.

Discipling a growing church and translating Scripture will eventually occupy all their efforts.

Benjamin and Missy, along with their four children, ask for your prayers for **God's guidance** as they prepare for this ministry. For more information on the Hattons, please go to www.ntm.org/benjamin_hatton and check out their story posted on the missionary board in the foyer.

EXPAND the **REACH** of the GOSPEL

your missionaries the **hattons**
benjamin missy
judah gianna tiernan silas

church planting
in papua new guinea

benjamin_hatton@ntm.org
www.ntm.org/benjamin_hatton

new **TRIBES** mission

VBC CALENDAR

- Oct. 2: MOPS
Oct. 5: Small groups begin
Oct. 8: Women's Supper Club
Oct. 9: Men's Breakfast @ GBC
Oct. 10: The Franz Family in concert, 6:30 pm
Oct. 10: Fox River Paintball
Oct. 15: PIC Banquet
Oct. 16: MOPS
Oct. 18: Barn Bash
Oct. 24: Men's Breakfast @ VBC
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1: Aliens & Refuge Fall Retreat
Nov. 5: Men's Hang Time at Buenzes'
Nov. 13-15: Men's Retreat at Cedar Lake, IN
Nov. 21: Turkey Hunt
Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Dinner and Praise Services
Dec. 11: Ladies' Christmas Dinner, 6:30 pm
Dec. 26-29: Winter Family Camp
Mar. 13, 2010: Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference
June 5-11, 2010: Summer Family Camp
Sept. 18, 2010: Living Proof Women's Conference




Sundays, 5-8 pm: Generations
(Meal, Equipping-U and AWANA)

Upcoming **Membership Class**: Oct. 11, 12:45 pm, Room 101

Upcoming **New Attender Lunch**: Oct. 11, 12:45 pm, Room 101

Upcoming **Baptism Class**: Oct. 11, 4 pm, Room 100

Please RSVP: rsvp@villagebible.org

	= <i>one-time events</i>
	= <i>recurring events</i>
	= <i>student ministries</i>

Fall 2009

BLUEPRINT

EXPLORING ECCLESIOLOGY

GOD'S BLUEPRINT
FOR THE
CHURCH

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Sermon Series