

# Oct Ministry Update

A look at upcoming events and VBC Family news!

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generations



**Family fellowship  
and  
equipping for all  
generations**

**Sunday evenings  
from 5:00 – 7:15**

Generations is designed for the entire church family – from 0 to 110. The purpose of the evening is to strengthen the bonds within our own church family and to strengthen our walk with Christ.

### **Generations Fellowship Dinner**

**5:00-5:45 pm:** All Ages - Fellowship Dinner

We'll kick off each night off by sharing a meal together. Nothing fancy - pizza, tacos, burgers, etc - the point is to kick back a bit, relax and enjoy spending time with our nuclear family and our church family!

*\$5 suggested donation for those 13 and up,  
\$3 for children 12 and under.*



**New Equipping-U Classes  
begin October 17  
From 5:45-7:15**



What happens when parents and churches work together to teach God's Word across kids' formative years? They produce young adults marked by steadfast biblical faith and character!



Sign up your kids for **Awana** at

**Village Bible Church**. You'll be amazed to see how God uses Awana to reach boys and girls for Him. This **BIBLE-CENTERED PROGRAM** for children age 3 through 6th grade focusing on **LEARNING AND MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD** in a **FUN** atmosphere. Awana supports parents in providing consistent, positive teaching and training that stresses strong moral and spiritual values. Our clubbers learn about the **REALITY OF GOD** and the **TRUTH OF THE BIBLE**. They play active **GAMES**, sing lively **SONGS**, practice their Bible **MEMORIZATION** and hear a story designed to inspire a new commitment to walking with Jesus. If you ask the kids, they'll just say,

**“AWANA IS FUN!”**

If you need more information or you are interested in helping with the Awana program, please contact John Elwood at 630.466.1243 or [awana@villagebible.org](mailto:awana@villagebible.org).



**Begins October 17**  
**5:45-7:15 pm**  
Ages 3-6th grade

## equipping u

Equipping U is an interactive time of fellowship, study, and fun to better equip you to live for and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you want to get to the next level of discipleship?

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL!!!**



**Entrusted With a Child's Heart** Sundays, 5:45 - 7:15 pm: Help is here! Whether your kids are tots or teens, or any age in-between, this class is for YOU! This class teaches practical, biblical truth to radically strengthen your parenting. The vision for parent/child relationships and the impact they have on the next generation will fuel your hearts desire to earnestly make the most of these childhood years. As a mom, every day counts! This study is being led by Sara Wagner. *Childcare and AWANA are available.*



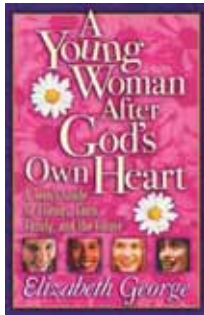
**The Theology Program (TTP)** is on a mission to reclaim the mind for Christ by equipping people to understand and articulate the Christian faith. The Theology Program is a program of Christian theology created with all believers in mind. TTP seeks to give people who may never have the time, ability, or circumstances that allow them to study, the great and rich Christian heritage of truth. Here, you will learn theology historically, biblically, and irenically (in a peaceful manner). The contents of TTP are created from a broadly evangelical perspective, engaging other traditions in a persuasive yet gracious manner. In short, we seek to help people think theologically by understanding what they believe and why they believe it. We believe that all people are created in the image of God and therefore able and desirous to engage in a deep level of theological training. TTP courses are designed with you in mind, walking you step by step through this comprehensive program.

Join Tim Badal as he leads this exciting journey studying the greatness of our faith.



Did you know 7 out of 10 families today are living paycheck to paycheck? If your summer vacation has followed you home or if Christmas is still knocking on your door, or maybe you want to control your finances instead of your finances controlling you, then **Financial Peace University (FPU)** is the class for you. Financial Peace will provide you with tools to get out of debt and build for a bright future. The classes cover debt reduction to retirement to wealth building and how you can "live like no one else." The small group setting makes for a great learning experience. The average family reduces their debt by \$5,300 and saves \$2,700 in 91 days that the class occurs. Participants say that through the process their marriages grow stronger and the stress of money issues fades as these principles are put in place. This course is a roadmap; at the end you will be able to yell, "We're Debt Free!" This study is being lead by Keith Duff.

## JR ♥ SR HIGH GIRLS EQUIPPING U



### **A Young Woman After God's Own Heart** A Teen's Guide to Friends, Faith, Family, and the Future

What does it mean to pursue God's heart in your everyday life? It means understanding and following God's perfect plan for your friendships, your faith, your family relationships, and your future. Learn how to . . .

- ♥ Grow close to God ♥ Enjoy meaningful relationships ♥
- Make wise choices ♥ Become spiritually strong
- ♥ Build a better future ♥ Fulfill the desires of your heart ♥

As you read along, you'll find yourself caught up in the exciting adventure of a lifetime—that of becoming a woman after God's own heart! You'll love the special "Heart Response" sections that are just for you, and the practical "Things to Do Today" will help you make instant progress in your desire to become a godly woman. Rachel Eastman will be teaching the jr high girls and Karen Elwood will be leading the sr. high girls.

## JR & SR HIGH BOYS EQUIPPING U



According to George Barna (in Third Millennium Teens) 2 out of 3 Christian teens will evacuate the church after they graduate from high school. In addition 63% of our teens don't believe Jesus is the Son of the one true God, 58% believe all faiths teach equally valid truths, 51% don't believe Jesus rose from the dead and 70% don't believe an absolute moral truth exists.

A different study conducted by the Barna Research Group revealed a stunning statistic. Only 9 percent of professing Christians have a biblical worldview.

Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced, we spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and a nation.

It is imperative that we help our students develop a Biblical worldview so that they don't fall prey to walking away from Christ after they graduate from high school.

Our junior high and senior high guys will watch and discuss **"The Truth Project" DVD** to give them the resources they need to develop a biblical worldview. Every student should learn this material before he graduates from high school.

For more info, go to <http://www.thetruthproject.org/about/faqs/>

**Sundays from 5:45 - 7:15 PM**

Teacher: Mario Arindaeng

## **MILITARY OUTREACH**

**One of our members** who attends the Indian Creek campus is an Army chaplain and was **recently deployed** to Iraq. Because US financial support has shifted from Iraq to Afghanistan, the US soldiers left in Iraq are currently experiencing a great deal of hardship. We are told that many of his troops do not have basic necessities and are unable to obtain them.

Regardless of the politics behind the decisions, the fact is that these are **fellow Americans** who are serving us and could use our help!

That's where you come in. We would like to send at least **200 care packages** to our chaplain to pass out to the troops most in need. When - these guys need this stuff **NOW** - so we'll send as many as we have on 10/11 and then the rest on 10/18.

### **PACK A SHOEBOX WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

- Toothpaste/Toothbrush
- Body Wash/Soap/Shampoo (Male/Female)
- Deodorant (Male/Female)
- Razors (Male/Female)
- Feminine Products
- A letter to the soldier
- A soldier's Bible - pick one up at the welcome center
- Add a label to the front that says "Male" or "Female"

# GOD IN THE MARKET PLACE

EXPERIENCING  
HIS WILL  
IN YOUR WORK

THERE'S OFTEN THE QUESTION OF HOW OUR FAITH SHOULD IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENTS THAT GOD HAS PLACED US IN THROUGHOUT OUR WORK WEEK.

OUR NEW STUDY GROUP WILL BE LOOKING TOWARDS THE QUESTIONS THAT SEVERAL CHRISTIAN FORTUNE 500 EXECUTIVES HAVE ASKED ABOUT FAITH, LIFE, AND BUSINESS. COME AND HANG OUT WITH GUYS WHO ARE TRYING TO LET SCRIPTURE AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD GUIDE OUR DAILY LIVES IN THE MARKETPLACE.

STARTS OCT. 7

THURSDAYS | 6-7AM | PANERA ON ORCHARD IN AURORA

SIGN UP : EMAIL [MEN@VILLAGEBIBLE.ORG](mailto:men@villagebible.org) OR FRIENDSHIP REGISTRY

current studies

EVERY MAN'S A MENTOR  
WEDNESDAYS | 9:30-11:00AM

THE FATHER CONNECTION  
2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS | 8:00-9:00AM

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP  
2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS | 7:00-8:00AM

## men's ministry



**GUYS' NIGHT OUT**  
*Buffalo Wild Wings*  
*on Orchard Road in Aurora*  
**Thursday, Oct. 21,**  
**6:00 - 8:30 pm**

**BUFFALO WILD WINGS**

***Calling All Men...*** Let's get together for a night of low key fellowship, fun, food and sports. Whether you're new and wanting to find ways to connect, or you're looking to deepen the friendships you already have... send an e-mail to [men@villagebible.org](mailto:men@villagebible.org) so we'll know you're coming, or just show up.

***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!
- Watch ALL the games on 20+ HD TV's at once, just to get you dizzy.
- Build friendships with men who really want to put Jesus first in their lives.
- Oh yeah, and maybe burn the taste buds off your tongue with the "blazin" hot sauce.

## sports ministry

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 this month on Saturday mornings.

**Saturdays: 9:30 am – 11:00 am,**  
**beginning October 16**

 *supper club*

*Thursday, October 14th at 6:30 pm*

The next Women's Supper Club will be held at Patty Calhoun's home in Yorkville. Since it will be fall, the theme is bring a dish that has pumpkin or corn in it. Be creative ladies, there are a lot of recipes you can think of. Please RSVP to [supperclub@villagebible.org](mailto:supperclub@villagebible.org) and let me know what yummy dish you will be bringing. Hope to see a lot of you there!



*MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)*

**Friday October 8 & 22, 9-11am**  
**at our Sugar Grove Campus**

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 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!

**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!



**monthly meeting dates:**

Oct 8, 22; Nov 5, 19; Dec 10;  
Jan 7, 21; Feb 4, 18; Mar 4, 18;  
Apr 8, 29; May 6

## *Ladies' Christmas Dinner*

Attention Ladies of VBC!  
Friday, December 3rd at 6:30

Our annual Christmas Dinner is fast approaching! We are looking for volunteers to host tables. Hosting a table involves providing a centerpiece/decorations for your table, table service for 8 and most importantly welcoming the ladies assigned to your table. If you are interested in this great opportunity, please contact Sara Wagner at 630-803-9110 or sarawagner@hotmail.com.

Men of VBC we need your assistance too! In the past, we have truly appreciated the men of the church assisting the caterer with serving and busing the tables, and are in need of volunteers for this aspect of the evening as well. It has been said that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, so please note that you will also enjoy the catered meal! If you are interested, please contact John Elwood at 630-466-1243 or jelwood@sbcglobal.net.

## children's ministry

We are excited about our new curriculum for **preschool worship**. The curriculum emphasizes **three basic truths**:

God made **me**, God loves **me**, and Jesus wants to be my **friend forever**. Each month the lessons

help to support these themes. Parents, please

look for the monthly activity sheets that will be sent home. These sheets help to reinforce the lesson that is being taught on Sunday morning. Also, please ask your preschoolers to use their hand motions to recite their monthly memory verse.



first look

worship  
music  
sing  
glorify  
YOU  
hymn  
PRAISE  
honor  
style  
VOICE  
heart  
CHOIR

If you have heart for singing  
and would like to be a part of the  
Village Bible Church Choir  
Sign up in the Friendship Registry.

student ministry

A promotional graphic for Fall Camp. At the top, the words "Fall" and "Camp" are written in a blue, cursive font, separated by a colorful beach ball. Below this, the text "The best way to enjoy your autumn." is written in a red, cursive font. The background of the graphic shows a group of people at an outdoor camp. Overlaid on the image are several text boxes: "OCTOBER 29-31" in white on a black background, "VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH | JR AND SR HIGH" in white on a black background, "PINETRAIL CAMP SAUGATUCK, MI" in white on a black background, and "Come with us!" in a white, cursive font.

**Fall**  **Camp**

*The best way to enjoy your autumn.*

**OCTOBER 29-31**

VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH | JR AND SR HIGH

PINETRAIL CAMP  
SAUGATUCK, MI

*Come with us!*

**DON'T MISS THE TEAM COMPETITIONS, AMAZING FOOD, TIME WITH GOD, LEADER QUEST, ZIPLINE, HAYRIDE, PAINTBALL (SR. HIGH ONLY - COSTS EXTRA), BONFIRE, GREAT WORSHIP, AND TALENT SHOW (STARRING YOU)!**

**WE LEAVE AT 3:30PM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

**COST: \$99 (REGISTER BY OCT 1 FOR EARLY BIRD SPECIAL OF \$79)**

**VISIT [VILLAGEBIBLE.ORG/FC](http://VILLAGEBIBLE.ORG/FC) TO REGISTER OR DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM**

**SATURDAYS AT THE LOFT**

FOR MORE INFO:  
[www.villagebible.org/theloft](http://www.villagebible.org/theloft)  
(check it out!)

EVERY 2ND & 4TH SAT. | 7-10PM  
@ Sugar Grove campus

A great place for high school students to hang out with friends. Play pool, video games, foosball, air hockey, ping pong, or just chill!

**the loft**

Psalms 4:8 "...for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety."

**THERE IS NO LOFT ON OCTOBER 9.  
THE LOFT WILL RESUME OCT. 23.**

The poster features a blue border and a white background. At the top, a black banner contains the event title. Below it, text describes the activities and provides contact information. A central logo for 'the loft' is set within a blue circle. At the bottom, a black silhouette of a city skyline is shown, with a red text box announcing a cancellation on October 9th and a resumption on October 23th. A Bible verse is also included.



## AT THE REFUGE AND ALIENS

**MEET TOGETHER FOR REAL RELATIONSHIPS.**

**WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, FROM 6:30PM-9PM.**

**STUDENTS IN JR. AND SR. HIGH**

**WE MEET AT VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH**

**[SUGAR GROVE CAMPUS]**

**WE TALK ABOUT REAL ISSUES,  
PLAY EXCITING GAMES,  
STUDY ANSWERS IN GOD'S WORD,  
SPEND TIME ENJOYING FOOD,  
CARE FOR OTHER STUDENTS,  
AND WORSHIP JESUS CHRIST.**





### *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 October 14, 2010,**

**doors open at 6:29 pm, dinner begins at 6:59 pm**

**featured speaker is Dr. Marc Newman**

**Location:** Calvary Church of Naperville (Route 59)



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.



Hesed House, Inc.

*Men*, we have a  
**wonderful outreach  
service opportunity for you!**

We have the privilege of serving breakfast to the men living at **Hesed House in Aurora on Wednesday, October 20**. We'll need to meet at Hesed House bright and early (or dark and early!) at **4:00 am** to start preparing the breakfast. We'll be done by 7:00 am so that you still have time to make it to work. This is a great opportunity to get out of your comfort zone and serve people who are hurting and need someone to show them compassion. This should be a great morning!

**Hesed House** is located at 659 S River St. in Aurora.

If you have any questions about this event contact Scott Capp at 630.466.7198 or [men@villagebible.org](mailto:men@villagebible.org).





Missions: **servantworks** Gift Party

*Give a gift with meaning.*

**Thursday, November 4, 6:00-8:30 pm**

**Friday, November 5, 9:00-11:15 am**

Servantworks (www.servantworks.org ) is a ministry based in Aurora that seeks to rescue women from the red light districts of Thailand. One of the ways it does this is by providing Christ-centered opportunities for women to leave the prostitution rings and begin small businesses where they create jewelry and greeting cards which are sold through house and church parties in the United States.



**The Sugar Grove Campus** will be hosting a Servantworks open house on **Thursday, Nov. 4, from 6-8:30 pm and Friday, Nov. 5 from 9-11:15 am.** This event will showcase the recent arrivals of handmade jewelry, cards, handbags and accessories produced by the women Servantworks is striving to help. One hundred percent of the profit goes directly back to benefit this ministry. What a great way to have fun, purchase some gifts and help women in Thailand who are striving to live new lives in Christ.

For more information, call the church or Despy Bales, (630) 365-1673.

## christmas outreach

### *Operation Christmas Child*

In the past two years we were able to prepare and donate boxes for over 300 children! Again this year, we have the unique opportunity to share Christ with needy children using simple shoe boxes.

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.

Shoebboxes will be collected in the church foyer  
from October 17 - November 14.

#### Contact

**Patricia Butts**

(630-389-3117)  
with any questions.



**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



Give the People in Your Life  
the Greatest Gift this Christmas...

# CHRISTMAS *Gatherings*

<p><i>What is a Christmas Gathering?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Evangelistic social gathering in a home</li><li>★ Spontaneous sharing of Christmas traditions</li><li>★ Brief, non-threatening talk on the meaning of Christmas</li></ul>	<p><i>Why host a Christmas Gathering?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ People's hearts are unusually open to spiritual topics at Christmas time</li><li>★ Proven effective evangelistic outreach</li><li>★ Enthusiastic acceptance worldwide</li><li>★ Thousands have come to faith in Christ</li><li>★ Changed lives through follow-up Bible studies</li></ul>	<p><i>What will Christmas Gatherings provide?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Detailed instruction manual and other resources</li><li>★ Training for hosts/hostesses</li><li>★ Training for speakers</li><li>★ Attractive invitations</li></ul>
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*Request more info: call or email us at [outreach@villagebible.org](mailto:outreach@villagebible.org).*

## christmas outreach

The essence of the Christmas Gathering is taken from 1 Thessalonians 2:7, which says, "We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but our lives as well."

Why not consider hosting your own **Christmas Gathering** or speaking at someone else's this Christmas season?

Christmas Gatherings are holiday parties that feature seasonal goodies, sharing of traditions and a brief, non-threatening talk on the meaning of Christmas. They provide a time for people to invite their neighbors or other groups into their homes to hear about Jesus.

They also foster **growth opportunities** for Christians who want to reach out and share their faith with others. There are many benefits to hosting an evangelistic holiday celebration:

- Utilizes the holiday season to present the good news of Jesus using our homes as a non-threatening environment to glorify God builds relationships
- Counteracts the trend of isolation - many people are never invited into someone's home and are honored to be included.
- Guests may experience the joy of trusting in God

### A sample schedule:

7:00-7:30 Arrival, conversation, refreshments

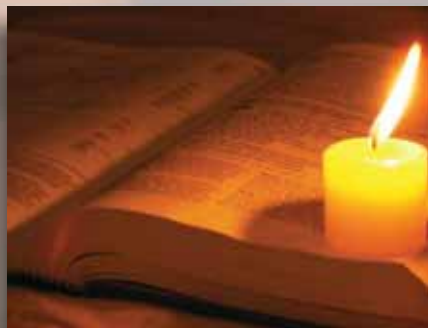
7:30-8:00 Sharing traditions

8:00-8:30 Speaker and comment cards (The speaker will generally pick a topic like joy, peace, hope)

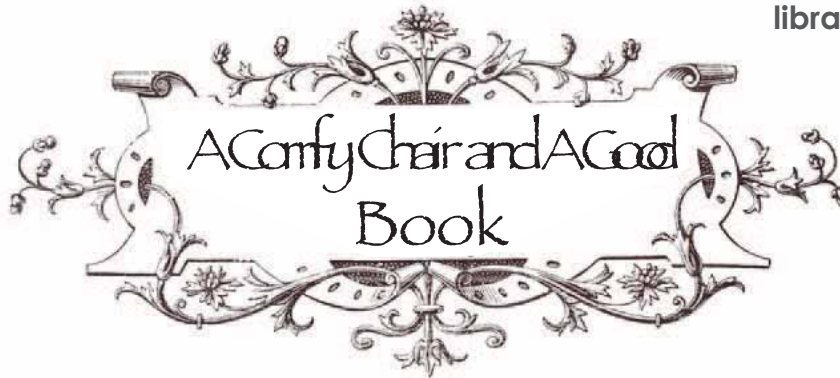
8:30-9:00 More refreshments and visiting

We recommend that the Gatherings be held the first two weeks of December.

The later it is, the harder it is to get people to come. You should get invitations out 7-10 days before your Christmas Gathering.



If you have a heart for sharing the Good News with your neighbors and don't know how, consider hosting a party this year. If you enjoy speaking and sharing the good news with others, please consider being a guest speaker. We'll be having training and informational meetings on November 7th and 14th from 1:00-3:00pm along with lunch in room 101. Join us for both trainings so that you can be equipped to have a great Christmas Gathering to share the truth with others.



## A Comfy Chair and A Cool Book

Do you love a book that captivates your attention and leaves you intrigued as to what is going to happen next? Angela Elwell Hunt is an author who lives by the motto "expect the unexpected". She is known for writing more than 100 works, including a wide range of books, from picture books to adult non-fiction and award-winning novels. Hunt has an amazing genre to her collection of books, with much to offer the interests of all kinds of readers. Village's library has this selection of Hunt's books:



**The Debt** Emma Rose Howard left a life of unhappiness behind when she married Bible student Abel Howard. After twenty-four years of working together, they are leaders of a mega-church in Kentucky. But when Emma Rose receives a phone call from a living, breathing reminder of her dark past, she finds herself drawn to the world she has left behind . . . and increasingly uncomfortable with the world she and her husband have made.



**The Proposal** Theodora Russell, an aspiring writer, finds herself caught in a dangerous conspiracy when she unwittingly reads another writer's proposal. Can she outwit the people who want the facts to remain hidden?

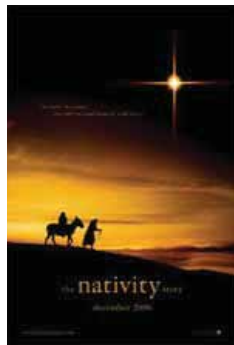


**The Awakening** Aurora Rose Norquest is struggling. Everything Aurora has believed about herself and her world is fading into murky dreams that will not let her rest. Something, someone is pursuing her—growing more threatening by the day, testing the limits of her sanity. Will she find the courage to confront her unseen pursuer? Or will she surrender to the destructive melancholy that haunts her days and nights? What will it take to satisfy the relentless intruder whose voice presses her toward The Awakening?



**Magdalene** Mary Magdalene... the controversial woman with a past only one Man could forgive. In an era when women are sequestered and silenced, Miryam of Magdala lives a contented life until her son's careless gesture evokes a hostile action that shatters her serenity. With no hope of justice, Miryam commits an unthinkable act...and descends into depths of darkness that threaten her life and her sanity. Even after Yeshua the Messiah dramatically restores her life, Miryam can neither forget nor forgive unresolved injustices. Prodded by a hunger for vengeance she will not deny, this woman of uncommon courage risks her life and her heart by drawing destiny into her own hands.

library



### The Nativity Story

Adapted from the screenplay of the major motion picture, *The Nativity Story* is the very human, uniquely inspiring saga of a journey of faith. This is the extraordinary story of two common people, Mary and Joseph, and their experiences: a miraculous pregnancy, an arduous journey, and the history-defining birth of Jesus.



### The Note & The Note II

Angela Elwell Hunt has also had two of her books made into movies. Look for these DVDs in the library!



# Angela Elwell Hunt

## missionary of the month

### **Ben & Missy Hatton / PNG** (Papua New Guinea)

Benjamin and Missy Hatton serve with **New Tribes Mission**. They have an official departure date of October 4th!

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. But God has been faithful to them along the process of support raising, shipping their belongings and in getting their plane tickets for \$2,000 less than expected!

Benjamin and Missy, along with their four children, ask for your prayers for God's guidance as they prepare for this ministry and head to Papua New Guinea. For more information on the Hattons, please go to [www.ntm.org/benjamin\\_hatton](http://www.ntm.org/benjamin_hatton) and check out their story posted on the missionary board in the foyer.



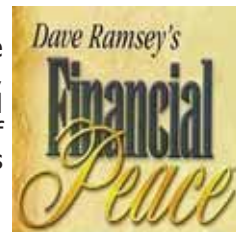
## financial update

2010 has been a challenging year financially for many people. Of course, these difficult financial times trickle down to our church ministry as well. Through this year, many of you have been working hard to cut your personal family budgets as you strive to be faithful stewards. As you know we've been doing the same as a church. We've reduced our expenses by over \$80,000 to date and have planned to cut another \$20,000 over these next three months. We have tried to balance reducing costs while at the same time maintaining ministries and supporting our missionaries at a time when people are desperately in need of the hope and truth of Jesus Christ.

**Maintaining the budget cuts that are in place and assuming no major unforeseen expenses, we project that we can end the year in the black if contributions average \$19,700 each week between now and the end of December.** (For the numbers people out there, we have closed out September at almost the exact same place the past 5 years. This year we ended with contributions totaling 6% lower than our actual need. In the past four years, that percentage was 7%, 5%, 6%, and 5%, consecutively!)

Please continue to help us be the most effective stewards possible of the resources God provides, and continue to bring the needs of this ministry before Him in prayer. **Thank you for your ongoing support of His ministry.**

By the way - if you're striving to find ways to be better stewards of your own personal resources, consider joining our Sunday evening Financial Peace class. We have some great testimonies of how this course has impacted lives of VBC families - yours could be next!



<b>SUGAR GROVE</b>		
YTD Actual Expenses:	656,924	= 73,000 per month
YTD Actual Giving:	<u>620,618</u>	= 69,000 per month
<b>YTD Shortage:</b>	<b>36,306</b>	
<b>Oct/Nov/Dec Financial Need:</b>	<b>\$ 19,700 / wk</b>	<b>=\$ 85,100 per month</b>
<i>(meets reduced budget needs and clears YTD shortage)</i>		
<i>Original Budget = \$985,000 (\$82,000 / mth)</i>		<i>Reduced Budget = \$876,000</i>

You can make an online one-time or reoccurring contribution from your checking or savings account. This is a great method as it saves you and the church time and solves the problem of forgetting to bring a check to church or forgetting to put it in the offering box! Go to [www.villagebible.org/give](http://www.villagebible.org/give)

Are **you looking** for a place to  
**PLUG-IN** at  
Village Bible Church?

**What better place than in the AV Dept.**

We are looking for men and women who like to use their gifts in technology to serve the church.

Here are some of the areas we could use you:

**Sound:** This team will oversee the audio needs of the worship services.

**PowerPoint:** This team will oversee the creation and implementation of the PowerPoint slideshow at our services.

**Audio and Video Recording:** This team will oversee the recording of our services so they can be broadcast via the internet or through CD.

**Website:** This team will help maintain and improve the VBC website by working with the staff in creating a website that is both attractive and functional for all.

If you are interested or would like more information, just write AV next to your name in the Friendship Registry or contact Jill Medlin at the church office.



We would  
love to  
**have you**  
**join us**  
in this vital ministry!!!

assimilation

An illustration of a diverse group of stylized human figures in various colors (orange, purple, blue, yellow, brown, pink, light blue, red) standing in a line. The word "first impressions" is written in a large, elegant font, with "first" in a dark green script and "impressions" in a black sans-serif font. A small white number "1" is inside a dark green circle at the end of the word "impressions".

# first impressions

At Village Bible Church, we believe our first impression is the most important. When people visit our church, we desire them to know that they are special to us. *Our First Impressions Team* serves to make that vision a reality, and we would love to give you the opportunity to join our team. The First Impressions Team is divided into the following areas of ministry:

**D** *Greeters:* Our friendly Greeters ensure that every person is warmly welcomed into the doors of our church every Sunday and handed a bulletin.

*Ushers:* Our Ushers assist guests and latecomers in finding seating, are servers for communion, and serve other functions as attendance and events require.

*Welcome Center:* This team oversees the Welcome Center as well as helps all with any questions that they might have.

The First Impressions Team is an easy and fun way to get connected to the life of our church. We would love for you to be part of the team.

If you would like more information about our First Impressions Ministry, check the box "*First Impressions*" in the Friendship Registry. We will respond to you promptly.



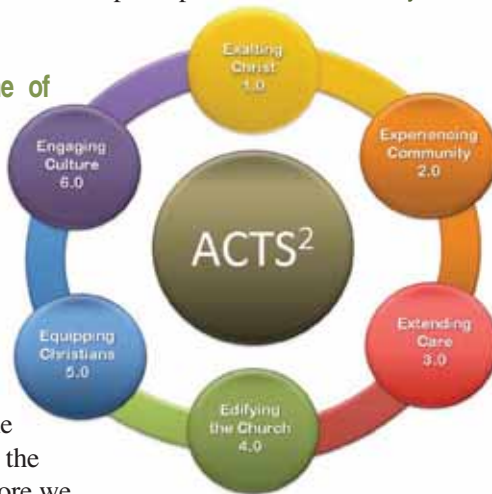
Our Vision for ministry at Village Bible Church,

Scripture is our source of wisdom, and Acts 2:42-47 seems to capture the vibrant community we would like to have represented at Village Bible Church. The early church was ignited by the Spirit, dominated by the Word, active in daily fellowship, and united in mission. And because of the transformation taking place in this community of believers, they were turning the world upside down for Christ.

We want to have this kind of church as well, but in order to make this a reality, we have to take discipleship seriously, which means that we have to know how to become the kind of disciples that Christ wants us to be. The model below illustrates that process which begins with Exalting Christ and ends with Engaging Culture - what happens in the middle is discipleship, and we want everyone at Village to be part of that process.

Maybe you're asking yourself one of these questions:

- So what does this model imply?
- What's involved in this process?
- Where do I fit in this structure?
- How can I move forward in discipleship?



This brief overview is not intended to answer all of these questions, but to provide some introductory statements that begin the process of understanding. But before we get to the model, let's remind ourselves of the vision and mission of our church:

**Our Everyday Commission Statement:**

Village Bible Church desires to be a family of growing believers committed to glorifying God by reaching our world with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Our Everyday Commandment Statement:**

To love Jesus to the point of transformation, to love each other to the point of sacrifice and to love our neighbors to the point of action.

# ACTS<sup>2</sup>

*Village Bible Church believes that to be a “disciple-making church” is to follow the strategy set forth by our Savior: a model that Christ Himself took off the drawing board and put into action. By doing so, He changed the world. Now it’s our turn.*

**1.0 - Exalting Christ** – Perhaps the most glorious of all the truths in the Bible is that the Lord is a loving God who longs to enjoy relationship with His people. It is the privilege and duty of all who have met God to worship and adore Him. We celebrate the life of God by uniting in worship each week and cultivating a love relationship with Him each day.

**2.0 – Experiencing Community** – Every fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ needs to have strong and vital relationships with fellow believers. There is no such thing as a fully devoted follower of Christ who lives in isolation. True biblical community is not just having Christian friends, but is a disciplined focus on helping one another.

**3.0 – Extending Care** – This involves relational intimacy, transparency, vulnerability and accountability. As Hebrews 10:24-25 indicates, God has designed us for intimate fellowship with one another; the kind of fellowship that stimulates us for faithful obedience, encouragement, and expectation of Christ’s return.

**4.0 – Edifying the Church** – Each of us is called to worship God with our entire life, including our time, talents and resources. Sharing those resources is an important way to worship the Giver of all good things. Growing disciples must pledge to be good stewards of their gifts, taking great care in how they manage the resources entrusted to them.

**5.0 – Equipping Christians** – We seek to fulfill the Great Commission by making disciples who are fully devoted to Jesus Christ. We seek to follow the Scriptural call to “equip the saints for the works of service” (Eph 4:12), in order that we might be agents of change in a world desperate to see, feel, and experience the love of God.

**6.0 – Engaging Culture** – In God’s plan for ministering to this fallen world, He has determined to work through His Church. He has commissioned His people to carry the glorious gospel of Christ so that He is made visible through them. This is accomplished when the Church participates in society with an uncompromising testimony that attracts people to Christ through their words and works – through evangelism and social concern.

# OCTOBER BARN BASH!

**Sunday, Oct. 24th**

**3:00-8:30 pm**

**3:00 - 5:30**

## **FAMILY FUN**

Hay Rides, Pumpkin Decorating, Games, Bounce Castles, Beanbags, Petting Zoo, Wooden Rockers Band

**LIVE MUSIC BY...**



**5:30 - 6:00**

## **CONTESTS & AWARDS**

Pie Eating Contest, Pie Baking Contest, Pumpkin Decorating Judging, Parent/Child Cookie Baking Contest



Suggested Donation:

age 13+: \$5; age 12 and under: \$3; family: \$20



**4:00 - 6:00**  
**DINNER & DESSERT**

Please bring a pie to share.

**6:30 - 8:30**  
**CAMPFIRE & SQUARE DANCING**

Square dancing for the entire family, Campfire & S'mores,  
Hayrides 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.)



**COWBOY UP!**

[www.villagebible.org/barnbash](http://www.villagebible.org/barnbash)

## calendar

- October 1-3: Men's Retreat (Silver Birch Ranch, Wisconsin)  
October 1-3: The River Young Adult Fall Retreat (Pine Trail Camp, Michigan)  
October 2: 6:00-9:00pm: Music with Andy and Jill (Indian Creek)  
October 14: 6:30 Women's Supper Club – Patty Calhoun's Home, Yorkville  
October 14: 6:30: PIC Banquet  
October 16: 9:30am: Men's Basketball (Sugar Grove)  
October 17: 5:00pm: Generations/Awana/ Equipping U begins (Sugar Grove)  
October 20: 4:00am Men's Ministry Outreach – Hessed House  
October 21: 6:00 Guys' Night Out – Buffalo Wild Wings, Orchard Road, Aurora  
October 23: 7-10pm: The Loft (Sugar Grove)  
October 24: 3:00: Barn Bash (Big Rock)  
October 29-31: Aliens & Refuge Fall Retreat (Pine Trail Camp, Michigan)
- November 4: 6:00-8:30pm: Servant Works (Sugar Grove)  
November 5: 9:00-11:15am: Servant Works (Sugar Grove)  
November 7 & 14: 1-3pm: Christmas Gatherings Informational Meeting (Sugar Grove)
- December 3, 6:30: Ladies' Christmas Dinner (Sugar Grove)

MOPS-Oct. 8 & 22: 9-11 am Sugar Grove  
Sundays, 5-7:15 pm: Generations (Meal, Equipping-U and AWANA) (SG)  
Wednesdays, 6:30-9:00 pm: Youth Group (Sugar Grove)  
Saturdays, 7-10 pm: Student Ministry - The Loft (Sugar Grove)  
M, T, W, R, F, S, S: Small Groups

Upcoming Membership Class: Oct 10, 12:45, @ Sugar Grove Campus, room 101  
Upcoming Baptism Class: October 10, 4:00 pm, @ Sugar Grove Campus, room 100

Please RSVP: [rsvp@villagebible.org](mailto:rsvp@villagebible.org)

one-time events

recurring events

student ministries