

Jan Ministry Update

A look at upcoming events and VBC Family news!

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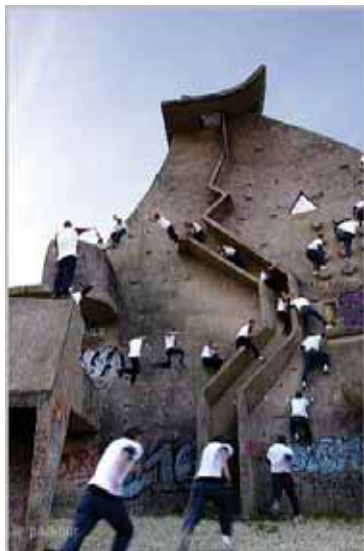
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Did you move in 2010?

Our Christian life ought to be marked by steady movements. While it would be nice to be able to advance immediately from an infant faith to a Christ-like mature faith, that's not the way it works. God wants to grow us from step A to step B to step C.

As you look back on 2010, can you see ways that your faith has matured? Have you moved from step A to step B – or from step B to step C? In the course of the past year, have you allowed the Holy Spirit to grow you to be more like Christ? Take a moment to think about it. How have you changed?

Jesus [said]: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " (Matt. 22:37)

Now think about how you hope to change in 2011. In what areas of your Christian walk would you most like to see growth?

In your love for God?

In your love for others?

In your love for the lost?

In your prayer life?

In your study of God's Word?

In your generosity?

In the boldness of your witness for Christ?

In the priority you give to God's Kingdom over your own priorities?

It's our prayer as elders that God would grow our church family in amazing ways in 2011. It's our hope that as a community we'll encourage and support one another, and also that we'll hold one other accountable and very intentionally spur one other on towards growth. As you're interacting with others over the next few weeks, ask them how God grew them in 2010 – and how they're praying that God will grow them in 2011. And pray that the desire for change would become a reality.

If you're praying for God to change you in specific ways and don't know how to take the first step, we'd love to talk with you and share some possible ideas.

2011 VBC
MISSIONS
Conference



• If we are the body •
• let's reach the world •

*Join us for Missions Conference 2011
January 14-16*

Friday Night at 6:00pm

Family Missions Fair will start at 6:00pm. There will be booths about the ministries of several of our missionaries and our short-term trips. We'll have crafts and games for the kids, a puppet show, short film and concessions! It's a fun night for the whole family!

Saturday Afternoon from 12:45-4:30pm

We'll be doing a photo/video scavenger hunt with children in the after school program through Wayside Cross. We want to show these kids Christ's love in a fun and tangible way. We will need drivers, and the whole family is invited to join! We'll meet at church at 12:45pm to get set up on teams and go over the rules. We'll meet back for some food and to view the pictures and videos!

Sunday Morning and Afternoon

At the Sugar Grove campus each service will be devoted to missions! Don Richardson, who has years of missions experience, will be the guest speaker during the services. There will be missionaries sharing during the ABF hour. All campuses are invited to join us at Sugar Grove for a celebration dinner beginning at 4:30.

walk-a-mile

Feb. 12 Winter Walk to Help the Hurting



Wayside Cross Ministries is planning its **fourth annual** winter walk, **Feb. 12, 2011**, one mile in length, to help at-risk youth and the ministry's transitional living center for homeless women and children. Walk proceeds will benefit the **Lifespring Center and the Urban Youth Ministry of Wayside Cross Ministries**. Each walker will receive a special free gift. The walk will begin **at 9 a.m.** (on-site registration at 8:30) at the Aurora Community Center, Root Street and College Avenue. If you're interested and would like more information about **Walk a Mile in My Shoes**, please contact Mike Fair at 630-264-2335.



9 a.m., Aurora Community Center, 501 College Ave.

Helping... Wayside Cross Ministries'
Urban Youth Ministry and Lifespring Ministry

Information or register to walk:
www.walk-a-mile-aurora.org

Supper Club

Please join us for the next supper club on **Thursday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m.** The supper club will be hosted by Wendy Peck at 2S371 Harter Road, Kaneville. The theme is **soup and salad night**. Hope to see you there. Please RSVP to supper@villagebible.org and let us know what yummy dish you will bring to celebrate winter with joy and fellowship.

Ladies' Spring Retreat!



Plan to grab your Bibles and pack your bags for this year's women's retreat **April 29-May 1, 2011!** More details to follow next month!



New Bible Study: Hoping for Something Better: Refusing to Settle for Life as Usual

Do you ever wrestle with a nagging sense of disappointment ... that life isn't what you thought it would be ... that you aren't who you wanted to be ... that faith seems more complicated than it should be? Do you find yourself longing for ... something better?

This study will take us on a journey through the book of Hebrews, to see that there is something better. There's something better than superficial spirituality, better than meaningless ritual, better than a life bound by shame and regret. And that something better is within your grasp.

Join us every Thursday morning at the Sugar Grove Campus for a Bible study in the book of Hebrews. We will be having a time of fellowship on January 6 and the study begins January 13 from 9 am - 11 am.

Sign up at the Welcome Center. For more information please contact Naomi Etchison at 630-844-0911 or naomietchison@comcast.net.



MOPS
Mothers of Preschoolers



**Friday, January 7 and 21, 9-11am
at our Sugar Grove Campus**

monthly meeting dates:

Feb 4, 18; Mar 4, 18; Apr 8, 29; May 6

BUFFALO WILD WINGS

GUYS' NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 6:00-8:30PM

Orchard Road in Aurora

Calling all men...Let's get together for a night of low key fellowship, fun and food. 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 so we'll know you're coming, or just show up.



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 at the first men's breakfast of the fall on **January 15th from 7:30-9:00am**. Along with breakfast, we'll enjoy a time of worship and prayer for one another and for our families. Join us at the Sugar Grove Campus 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.

BREAKFAST

SUPERBOWL PARTY

It's hard to believe that the Super Bowl is right around the corner!

It's coming up on **February 6th** so this is a great time to be building relationships with your neighbors and inviting them to a Super Bowl Party. We have some high-impact DVDs featuring Chad Pennington & Carson Palmer that are a clear explanation of the plan of salvation that can make a party into a powerful tool

of evangelism! What better way to share the gospel with friends and neighbors who probably wouldn't come to any church function, but would go to your home? For more information contact info@villagebible.org.



WINTER JAM 2014
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DAVID CROWDER BAND

KUTLESS

RED

FRANCESCA BATTISTELLI

NEWSONG

HOSTED BY

The graphic features a large 'W' logo on the left, a photo of the Newsboys band, and several smaller photos of other performing acts: David Crowder Band, Kutless, Red, Francesca Battistelli, and Newsong. The text is bold and colorful, with red and black being the primary colors used for emphasis.

NIU Convocation Center from 4-10:30pm on Jan. 22
FOR ALL JR. AND SR. HIGH STUDENTS.

Meet at SG Campus or IC Campus at 4pm.
Bring \$10 for admission, \$3 for transportation, a sack dinner,
and your permission slip.

SUPERBOWL PARTIES

SG Sr. High: The Kuryliw's House | 5-10pm | Feb. 6
1180 Patee Ave., Elburn, Illinois 60119 | (630) 365-2715

SG Jr. High: The Pilkington's House | 5-10pm | Feb. 6
152 Vale Ave., Sugar Grove, Illinois 60554 | (630) 466-1591

Aurora Campus: The Brown's House | 5-10pm | Feb. 6
1310 Golfview St., Aurora, Illinois 60506 | (630) 892-1447

Come to this yearly event ready to cheer for your favorite
team. Bring your appetite and a friend to enjoy the food,
door prizes, and a challenging halftime message! Cost: \$5.

WEEKLY MEETING

at

Aurora Campus | 6-8:30pm on Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

(1401 W Galena Blvd. Aurora, Illinois, 60506 - On the Northwest corner of Randall and Galena.)

Indian Creek Campus | 7:30-9pm on Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

(209 N Nokomis St., Shabbona, Illinois, 60550)

Sugar Grove Campus | 6:30-9pm on Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26.

(847 N State Rt. 47, Sugar Grove, Illinois, 60554 - On the Northeast corner of Rt. 47 and Illiss Rd.)

for

ALL JR. AND SR. HIGH STUDENTS.

Find real belonging within God's family. We gather every week to care for each other, worship God, and learn more about God.

THE LOFT NIGHT

at

Sugar Grove Campus from 7-10pm on Jan. 8 for all Sr. Highers

Come enjoy a free night of friends, video games, relaxation, snacks, friends, open gym, and unforgettable fun.

SUMMER TRIP SIGN-UPS

Dare2Share | April 1-2 (dare2share.org/untour)

Sign up today for the "Un Tour" as we learn from David's life what it means to be un.leashed, un.alone, un.afraid & un.cool. Cost: \$75. Early bird is \$60 if signed up by Jan 31.

Lake Ann Summer Camp (lakeanncamp.com)

Sign-up for Lake Ann Camp. "Best week of the Summer!" Village Bible Church is going week # 2 from June 19-25.

Detroit Mission Trip (centraldetroitchristian.org)

Fill out an application for our July 23-31 Detroit Mission Trip.

More details about all events at villagebible.org/students and at the Welcome Center.

God has blessed our Children's Ministry with many wonderful workers, without whom we wouldn't be able to provide the many opportunities our children have to grow in their faith. Throughout the year we are going to highlight different volunteers, allowing them to share what role they play in our ministry, but more importantly, to share how God has blessed them through their service to our children.

Carrie Dunseth:

How many years have you been working in children's ministry?

Before coming to Village Bible I worked in Children's ministry for 5 years. I have been helping out here for about a year and a half.

What have been some of your responsibilities?

This is my second year teaching the Children's Worship preschool classes, I have been an Awana leader in both Cubbies and Sparks, and I was the Vacation Bible School Preschool Director this past summer.

How has God blessed you through your service in Children's ministry?

I could go on and on! When my husband and I started coming to Village Bible we knew very few people. Since I began teaching, I have met so many wonderful families of the children I teach and have really enjoyed working alongside them. The best part about working with preschoolers is their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn new things. The kids always make me smile and laugh no matter the kind of day I've had. It has been awesome experiencing God and His Word through their young eyes, and I feel an overwhelming joy every time I have the privilege of sharing the gospel with this receptive audience. I did not grow up memorizing Bible verses, so many weeks I am learning the verses with them as I am teaching them. That has been a huge blessing to me.



highlight on volunteers



family camp

A Great Christmas Present *VBC Summer Family Camp*

June 4-10, 2011: Join other **VBC families** for a great week together at our summer family camp held in the beautiful Northwoods of Wisconsin at **Silver Birch Ranch's family camp**. Family camp offers extended time to build relationships, create shared memories, relax and enjoy fellowship with others in your immediate family and your extended church family. Often more happens relationally during a week of family camp than in a whole year back home.

***This is a really fun week
for ages 0 through 100.***

It is also economical.

*Water Skiing & Tubing. Fishing. Playing at the beach.
Sail boarding. Swimming. Kayaking. Horseback
Riding. Archery. Riflery. Crafts. White Water Rafting.
Hay Rides. Reading a book on the beach.
Canoeing. Campfires. Baseball. Mini-Golf.
Woodshop. Climbing wall...*

Sounds like a great time, doesn't it?

These are some of the things that families can do all week long (and for no additional charge!) at **Family Camp** next summer at **Silver Birch Ranch Camp** in the Northwoods of Wisconsin.

For more information and registration details, go to www.villagebible.org/familycamp. **Register** by calling the church office (630-466-7198) or by emailing (family@villagebible.org) prior to January 12 to guarantee your space!



Jon and Lauren Emanuelson



Our Missionaries of the month for January are Jon and Lauren Emanuelson. They serve with **ZEMA** (Zion Evangelical Ministries of Africa). ZEMA is an evangelical mission organization that ministers in southern Africa. The ministry focus of ZEMA is to **share the gospel, teach the word of God** and **disciple** those who are earnestly seeking to grow in their knowledge of God. The group of people ZEMA ministers among is called the Zionists or amaZioni. The Emanuelsons are currently in the states and hope to be ready to leave December 28. They are fully supported and have bought their plane tickets. The plan is for them to spend 6 weeks in Johannesburg for an intensive language course. They will then move to King William's Town where they will be mentored by the Goosens, who are experienced missionaries. **They ask for prayer** for the process of obtaining visas for South Africa, for their language training, and for them and their families as they prepare for goodbyes and the move to South Africa.



SOUTH AFRICA

financial update

Each of the past four years ended with contributions meeting ministry expenses. 2010 was trending the same direction through October as we ended the third-quarter right on track with expectations. However, while 2010 contributions through October were up 9% over 2009, the trend reversed in the fourth quarter and contributions were down 8% - an unexpected swing of \$47,000. In November we moved to a near-zero-spending strategy in effort to reduce expenses further. In the end, it looks like we'll end the year with ministry expenses exceeding contributions by about \$40,000.

While it's not a fun thing to do, we plan to continue reducing budgets across the board and to continue a near-zero-spending strategy in effort to make up the \$40,000 shortage of 2010. Please continue to pray for the men and women involved in directing the financial affairs of our church - and for the ministry leaders who are on the front lines putting the resources to work. Pray that God would grant us wisdom and resolve to be wise and prudent stewards of the resources God entrusts us with, as we strive to impact the world around us for Christ and His Kingdom.

What is God calling you to in 2011? Whether He's calling you to give 5%, 10%, 20% or 80%, **let's all give to God with great joy out of our first fruits** (before we pay anything else) - as our priority, rather than out of our surplus. One study theorizes that if all American Christians gave the old faithful tithe of 10%, we could fund missionaries in every part of the world, prevent the deaths of 29,000 children younger than the age of five every day worldwide, provide elementary education across the globe, tackle domestic poverty - and still have \$150 billion left over annually.

Let's bring this concept home. **If all the families of Village Bible Church gave an average of 10% of their income in 2011, we'd have an additional \$1,000,000 (or more) each year to pour into ministry in our community and around the globe. How great would that be?**

VBC Statistics for 2010

Those calling VBC their church home	710 people
Representing	223 households
Giving on average	\$3,901 per household
Growth in giving	3% over 2009
Ministry budget + Short Term Missions	\$1,055,000
Actual expenses (est) + Short Term Missions	\$981,000 <i>(including \$190,000 for global and local missions [19%])</i>
Actual contributions (est) + Short Term Missions	\$940,000
Difference between ministry expenses & contributions (est) -	\$41,000

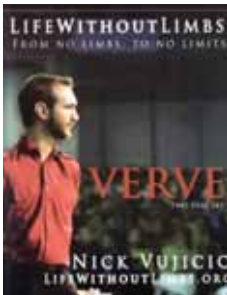


NEW BOOK SERIES



Following the lives and legacies of King Hezekiah and his son Manasseh, this series takes readers through the history, drama and promises of the Old Testament. Embracing God's law, following God's will, and growing in faith is easier said than done for the father and son. Three-time Christy Award winner Lynn Austin brings the Bible to life in her gripping historical novels.

NEW DVD



VERVE

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

Meet Nick Vujicic, a man born without limbs, and get an up close and personal view of his life. Meet his parents and see his baby pictures. What was it like growing up? Did he have friends at school? How did he eat and play? Your questions will be answered as you watch great footage of Nick in different places at different stages of his life. This mini-documentary is touching, heart-warming, humorous, and will inspire people of any age! This

DVD also features a message by Nick speaking to a youth audience encouraging positive self-esteem and purpose, all based on Biblical truths and principals.

VERVE: Enthusiasm! Vigor! Animation! Life! Verve is a compelling and exhilarating look at how Nick lives his life...one that some said couldn't possibly have any purpose or hope! Discover the driving factor behind Nick's passion and what that can mean for your own life!

Within this 2-disc set, Nick will introduce you to four of his extraordinary friends: Daniel, a toddler born just like him; Jeanette, a young girl prevailing through disease and incredible physical challenges; Bethany, a champion surfer, who survived a shark attack at age 13; and Joni, a friend and mentor to Nick, paralyzed from the neck down, now an author, painter and public speaker.

calendar

Thursday, Jan 13, 6:30: Women's Supper Club at Wendy Pecks (Kaneville)

Friday, Jan 14 – 16: Missions Conference (Sugar Grove)

Saturday, Jan 15, 7:30-9am: Men's Breakfast (Sugar Grove)

Friday, Jan 21, 6:30: Annual Meeting and Potluck (Sugar Grove)

Saturday, Jan 22, 4-10:30pm: Jr. & Sr. High Students WinterJam (DeKalb)

Thursday, Jan 27, 6-8:30: Guys' Night Out, Buffalo Wild Wings (Aurora)

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Feb 6, 5-10pm: Jr. High Super Bowl Party, Pilkington's (Sugar Grove)

Sunday, Feb 6, 5-10pm: Sr. High Super Bowl Party, Kuryliw's (Elburn)

Saturday, Feb 12, 8:30am: Walk A Mile, Wayside Cross Ministries (Aurora)

April 1-2: Dare 2 Share – Jr & Sr High Students (Chicago)

April 29-May 1: Ladies' Spring Retreat

June 4-10: Family Camp – Silver Birch Ranch

June 19-25: Lake Ann Summer Camp for students entering 4th grade thru high school

Missions Trips:

Liberia: June 9-20

China: June 24-July 4

Uganda: June 29-July 13

Alaska: July 1-12

Detroit: July 23-30

Uganda: August 6-20

Wednesdays, 6:30-9:00: Youth Group (Sugar Grove)

Friday, Jan 7 & 21, 9-11am: MOPS (Sugar Grove)

Saturday, Jan 8, 22 & 29, 9:30am – 11:00am Men's Basketball (Sugar Grove)

Saturday, Jan 8, 7-10: Student Ministry - Sr-High Students: The LOFT (Sugar Grove)

Sundays, 5-7:15: Generations (Meal, Equipping-U and Awana) (Sugar Grove)

Sundays, 3 pm: Adult Volleyball (Sugar Grove)

M,T,W,Th,F,S,S: Small Groups

Upcoming Membership Class: Jan 9, 12:45, @ Sugar Grove, room 101

Upcoming Baptism Class: Jan 9, 4:00pm, @ Sugar Grove, room 100

Choir: Practice Sunday, January 9 & 23 from 4-5 pm upstairs in the Youth Room and performing January 30th during both services.

Please RSVP: rsvp@villagebible.org

one-time events

recurring events

student ministries

CURRENT TEACHING SERIES

SMALL GROUP AND SERMON FOCUS

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