

# Sept Ministry Update

A look at upcoming events and VBC Family news!

# 2020



**VILLAGE**  
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# How would life change if you had only **ONE MONTH TO LIVE?**



**YOU NEED TO KNOW THE ANSWER!**

Join our 6-Sunday mini-series to  
examine what makes life worthwhile.

It starts Sunday, September 12 | 8AM or 11AM

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*What changes would you make in your life?*

**One Month to Live:** Thirty Days to a No-Regrets Life will encourage you to face your own mortality and live life to the absolute fullest.

### What Would You Do If You Had One Month To Live?

#### **Week One: Living the Dash**

All gravestones have etched deep into them two dates separated by a dash. The dates represent the beginning and the end, while the dash represents the lifetime. It all comes down to the dash. We can control what our dash will represent. We get to decide how we are going to use our dash.

What do you want the dash on your gravestone to represent?

#### **Week Two: Live Passionately**

Death is a certainty; life is an option. Each day we have to choose to live. Rather than put life off until “someday,” we have to decide that today is the day we will fully pursue our dreams or take that risk that we have been afraid to take. Someday is Today!

Tomorrow is not promised, but today is here. How are you living it?

## sermon series

### Week Three: Love Completely

We are created to be in relationship - with God and with others. In light of the brevity of our time here on earth, we have to choose each day to love completely those whom God has brought into our lives. Life is too short to harbor bitterness or anger.

Each day we have to decide that today is the day we will love completely, at all costs!

### Week Four: Learn Humbly

When we come to understand that struggles and difficulties represent opportunities for growth in our lives, then we will respond to them with an entirely new motivation. No longer seeking to minimize the pain or avoid the discomfort, we will humbly embrace our circumstances and seek to gain out of them that which God desires.

Allow God to use trials to produce perseverance, character and hope!

### Week Five: Leave Boldly

We are leaving a legacy whether we realize it or not. The question is what type of a legacy are we leaving? Are we building our lives today on a foundation that will last for all of eternity, or are we investing our time here on earth on temporary things that will die when we do? How would today be different if we lived, not just to make it through, but to make it last?

### Week Six: Living With No Regrets

This life on earth is preparing us for eternity. The only source of true fulfillment and passion in our lives is Jesus Christ. He designed us with a need for Him. We are but empty vessels without Him. The more time we spend with Him the more we come to know Him and love Him.



**Christ** changes everything!  
He gives **us** the **power** and **passion**  
to **LIVE!**

## why small groups?

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).



There are **4** 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 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.

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..."*

## Women's Bible Study



### The Gospel of John: The Way to True Life

**Thursdays, 9-11 am:** We all long for a full, rich, satisfying life. But how do we fill up the empty places in our souls? How can we quench our thirst for something deeper, more lasting, more meaningful? In this study of the gospel of John, we'll take a fresh look at Jesus. Here is an opportunity to establish or renew your faith in the One who offers true meaning, true belonging and true life. Pick up study questions for the first study at the welcome center. *Begins September 23. Childcare available.*



### So, Long Insecurity!

**Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm:** **Insecurity** makes us miserable. It cripples us. It makes fools of us. It makes us feel worthless. **Insecurity** has been a bad friend to us. The bottom line is that it's selfsabotage..... It's time we girls help each other out so we can be the best wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends we can possibly be. Join us as we say, "**So Long, Insecurity!**" This ladies' book study by Beth Moore *begins on Wednesday, Sept. 29. No childcare will be provided.*



### 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! *Childcare and AWANA are available.*



THE PERFECT  
WAY TO FIND  
COMMUNITY  
WITH OTHER  
MEN



# 4 NEW MEN'S GROUPS



## LIFE PRINCIPLES FROM PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

GET WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT FROM A GROUP OF GUYS TAKING A PERSONAL LOOK AT THE LIVES OF KEY CHARACTERS FOUND IN THE BIBLE.

THEIR LIVES SHOW THAT FOLLOWING GOD MEANS BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND LIVING A LIFE TOTALLY-SURRENDERED TO HIS LEADING.

BE INSPIRED BY THOSE WHO RECEIVED BLESSING FROM A SURRENDERED WALK WITH GOD AND BE WARNED BY THOSE WHO DID NOT FOLLOW HIS DIRECTION.

**STARTS SEPT. 16**

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

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

## EVERY MAN'S A MENTOR




MENTORING IS ESSENTIAL TO NURTURE EACH BOY INTO THE HUSBAND, FATHER, AND MAN GOD MADE HIM TO BE.

GODLY TEACHING DOESN'T JUST TAKE PLACE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL OR IN CHURCH. IT TAKES PLACE IN THE HOME, THE BALL FIELD, IN THE CAR, SHARING A PIZZA, AT THE STORE, WALKING TOGETHER, AND EVEN THROUGH MEN'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR WIVES. THESE ARE THE PLACES WHERE A BOY LEARNS THE LESSONS OF LIFE AND SELF AND GOD, WHERE HE LEARNS WHO HE IS IN GOD'S PLAN AND WHERE HE FITS. ARE YOU READY TO BE CHALLENGED, AND USED BY GOD... THEN THIS STUDY IS FOR YOU!

**WEDNESDAYS | 9:30-11:00AM | ROOM 100 | STARTS SEPT. 22**  
**SIGN UP : EMAIL [MEN@VILLAGEBIBLE.ORG](mailto:men@villagebible.org) OR FRIENDSHIP REGISTRY**

## THE FATHER CONNECTION



DADS, LOOKING FOR SOME HELP IN TAKING YOUR MINISTRY TO YOUR OWN FAMILY TO THE NEXT LEVEL? THE FATHER CONNECTION LOOKS AT TEN PARENTING QUALITIES INSPIRED BY THE ULTIMATE MODEL OF FATHERHOOD... THE LORD HIMSELF! EMBRACING THESE GODLY CHARACTERISTICS WILL MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN YOUR CHILDREN, HELPING THEM DISCOVER A REAL SENSE OF PURPOSE, HELPING THEM TO FEEL LOVED AND SECURE. DON'T MISS OUT!

**STARTS SEPT. 25**

**2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS | 8:00-9:00AM | ROOM 100**  
**SIGN UP : EMAIL [MEN@VILLAGEBIBLE.ORG](mailto:men@villagebible.org) OR FRIENDSHIP REGISTRY**

## MEN'S PRAYER GROUP



IS PRAYING IS ONE OF YOUR PASSIONS? WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET TOGETHER WITH A GROUP OF MEN WHO WILL "STAND IN THE GAP" ON BEHALF OF OUR FAMILIES, OUR CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND? JOIN US FOR REGULARLY SEEKING THE LORD'S FAVOR AND POWER THROUGH THIS VITAL MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH.

**STARTS SEPT. 25**

**2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS | 7:00-8:00AM | ROOM 104**  
**SIGN UP : EMAIL [MEN@VILLAGEBIBLE.ORG](mailto:men@villagebible.org) OR FRIENDSHIP REGISTRY**



"Break the chain of fatherless homes."

## Tee-off to help PIC!

Crisis pregnancy is not just a woman's problem.  
Men in our church can make a difference.

Reach out to men who need  
to know Jesus and be discipled.

First Annual Golf Outing with Pregnancy Information Center  
Wednesday, September 15 | 10:30AM

\$80 per player includes 18 holes, golf cart, and barbecue lunch.  
At Hughes Creek Golf Course in Elburn | 1749 Spring Valley Dr.

## Schedule Rules

- Shotgun start: 10:30AM
- Barbecue Lunch immediately following at Hughes Creek
- Awards Ceremony for:
  - Two closest to pin winners
  - Longest drive over age 50
  - Longest drive under age 50
  - Hole in one

- No denim allowed on course
- No coolers allowed on course
- Four man, scramble
- Everyone hits from the tee then continues from best shot.
- No more than 2 putts per hole

Email [men@villagebible.org](mailto:men@villagebible.org)  
or visit [villagebible.org](http://villagebible.org) for more info.

*September 18 | 3-7 PM*

**VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH'S**

**MEN'S  
MINISTRY  
KICK-OFF**

**STEAK-OUT**

**RSVP AT [VILLAGEBIBLE.ORG/MEN](http://VILLAGEBIBLE.ORG/MEN)**

*Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville*

**GUYS...**

**WE'RE BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS, AND WE'RE READY TO KICK OFF FALL MEN'S MINISTRY IN CLASSIC FASHION! WE PLAN TO CAST AN INSPIRING VISION FOR MEN'S MINISTRY IN THE UPCOMING YEAR! SOME OF THE AFTERNOON'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: TRAP SHOOTING, ARCHERY, CANOEING, AND FISHING!**

**MORE DETAILS ABOUT ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE.**

**BAND OF BROTHERS... IT'S PARTY TIME. INVITE A FRIEND!**

*Bring a child or grandchild with you for:*

**TRAP SHOOTING, ARCHERY,  
CANOEING, FISHING, SOFTBALL**

**SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$12/PERSON OR \$25/FAMILY**

**\$7 HAMBURGER OPTION IS ALSO AVAILABLE**



**WANTED**

**DEAD OR ALIVE**

**OCT. 1-3, 2010**

**MEN'S RETREAT**

**GUYS... READY FOR A SPIRITUAL BOOST  
WITH A BUNCH OF OUTDOOR RECREATION?**

Located in the north woods of Wisconsin, Silver Birch Ranch is the ideal location to seek the Lord and relax in the peak of the fall colors...

Though we've been there many times for family camps, this is our first all-campus men's retreat at SBR!

Make sure you save the date, as it is coming early this year on the first weekend in October!

**SIGN UP BY SEPT. 19**

**ONLINE, IN THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTRY,  
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE, OR EMAIL [MEN@VILLAGEBIBLE.ORG](mailto:men@villagebible.org)**

**COST: \$115 FOR ENTIRE RETREAT**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH**

# ABF Fall 2010 Kickoff

**September 26, 2010**

(Combined Kickoff)  
in the Gym

**October 3, 2010**

(Individual Classes Begin)  
Mosaic - Big Room Upstairs  
Journey - Big Room Upstairs  
Bereans - 101 – 102  
Forerunners - 100

*believe...  
belong...  
become!*

ABF's are a great way to get connected into the life of the church. Why not make a little more of your Sunday mornings at church by either staying after, or coming early, to your worship service of choice and discovering and deepening some friendships and connecting with others who are experiencing similar life-stages. Whether you're single or married, college age, or a senior ... there's a place for you here with us!

Our Mosaic and Journey classes will be joining for the next few months to study a common interest... *The Mosaics* are typically our 20-somethings... *The Journey* are those who generally in their 30's and 40's... *The Bereans* are 40's to 50's... and the *Forerunners* are setting the pace as our 60's plus crowd... There are no hard and fast rules to where anyone belongs... the key is to step in and grow together! You will be warmly welcomed.



THE   
**bereans**  
an adult bible fellowship

THE   
**journey**  
an adult bible fellowship

THE   
**mosaic**  
an adult bible fellowship

THE   
**forerunners**  
an adult bible fellowship

# Women's Ministry

Kick-off Sept 23!

Come enjoy a **Ladies' Night Out** with hors d'oeuvres, desserts and entertainment on **Thursday evening, September 23, 2010 from 7pm to 9pm**. We will be encouraged by author and speaker, Tracy DeGraff. This evening will highlight the 2010-2011 *Women's Ministry* happenings as well as kick off the *Supper Club Ministry*. Please RSVP to [supperclub@villagebible.org](mailto:supperclub@villagebible.org), and if you would like to bring an appetizer or dessert, please indicate what you will be bringing when you register.



@ Sugar Grove Campus

## women's ministry

### *MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)*

**Friday Sept. 24, 9-11am at our Sugar Grove Campus**

\$7 suggested donation

Registration to MOPS International, inspiring speakers, crafts, supplies, and snacks for MOPPETS and free childcare!

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!

**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!

**MOPS**  
Mothers of Preschoolers

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

Monthly meeting dates:

Sept 24  
Oct 8, 22  
Nov 5, 19  
Dec 10  
Jan 7, 21  
Feb 4, 18  
Mar 4, 18  
Apr 8, 29  
May 6

#### 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, supplies and more!





**GO  
WIDE GROW  
DEEP**

## **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.**



# Fall Camp

*The best way to enjoy your autumn.*



**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**

# Why Do You **serve** in the Church?

For Christ's love **compels us**,  
because we are convinced that **one** died for all...

2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV

Why do **you** serve Christ?

Paul contends that Christ's love "**compels us**". When I search for a definition of the word compel I find that it means "to exert a strong, irresistible force." Christ's love is a force that draws us into Him. The reason **we serve Christ**, therefore, is because of His love.

As one looks around the church today, one will see a small group of people doing most of the work of the church. Some of those people seem to enjoy their work. Others, however, appear to serve out of a sense of obligation or drudgery. While all these are good activities, Scripture says there is something for all of us to do. If every Christian were fulfilling his own role, we probably wouldn't have so many burned out Christians.

What's the solution? I think we must begin to understand the origin of service. Service should not be a burden. It should be a privilege. We should serve not out of a sense of obligation, but out of the love we have in **our heart for Christ**.



If we put this discussion into the context of the family, we don't serve in our homes just because we have to, but instead we **serve our loved ones** because they are just that: loved ones. We love them and therefore we serve them.

## elder update

Should our relationship with Christ be **any less** than that?  
Should we **enjoy the blessings**  
of our salvation and yet remain stagnant  
**in our service?**

There are **many opportunities for you** to serve Christ and his family here at VBC. Some involve being up front serving others; still others involve ministries behind the scenes. No matter what they are, they are needed by the church and commanded by God.

Take time to look through this update and ask the following questions:

- Should I be serving in this ministry?
- Do I have a passion for it?
- Do I see a need?
- Do I have something to contribute?



For those who may not be sure of their gifts, this is a great time to take a **PLACE** inventory. Through this process you will learn how God has uniquely made you to serve His kingdom like no one else can.

*[www.villagebible.org/place](http://www.villagebible.org/place)*

If you would like any more information about serving at VBC or PLACE Ministries, please contact the church office and we will be happy to walk you through the process.

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!!!

service opportunity



# *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:

***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 help 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, fill out the corresponding form, and the team leader will get in touch with you to discuss the next steps.

You can also sign up by checking the box "*First Impressions*" in the Friendship Registry. We will respond to you promptly.

*Join First Impressions!*

As part of the current "Welcome Ministry" and the future "First Impressions Team" you are invited to a dinner meeting on *Sunday, September 19, 2010 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm*. We will have a light dinner and then we will be casting the vision, along with discussing the roles and responsibilities of the different team members and doing some training along the way.

Please RSVP by Wed. Sept 15 to Jill Medlin either through the church office (630)466-7198 or at [jill.medlin@villagebible.org](mailto:jill.medlin@villagebible.org).

Overshadowed  
THEATRICAL  
PRODUCTIONS

# Shadowlands



Sept 17 - Oct 9

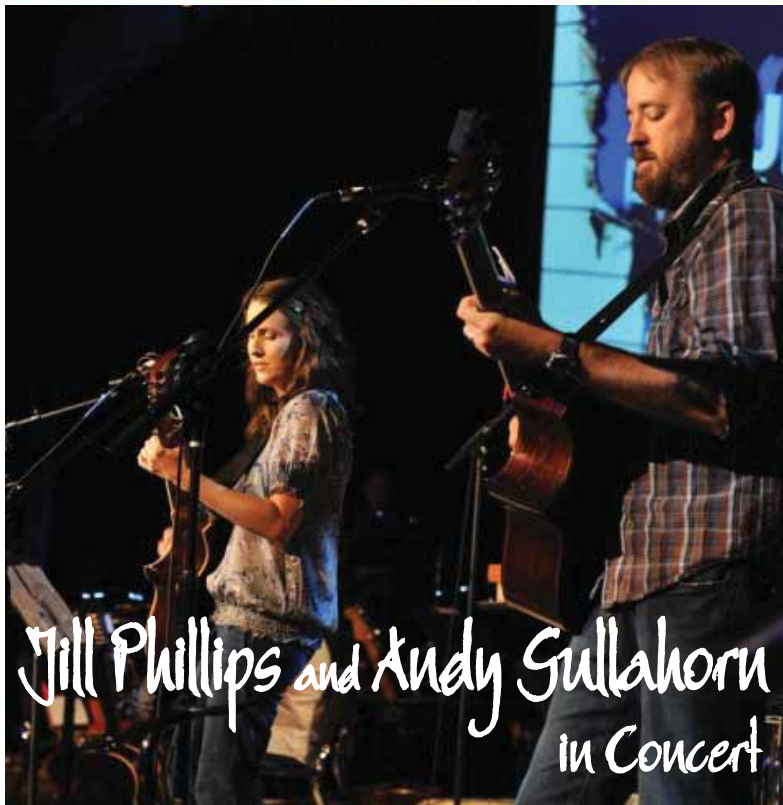
Thursday & Friday 7:30 pm  
Saturday 2:00pm & 7:30pm

Tickets: 630.250.7518

[www.OvershadowedProductions.com](http://www.OvershadowedProductions.com)  
Located at 210 S. Walnut St., Itasca

Shadowlands is based upon the inspiring love story of outspoken American poet, Joy Gresham, and committed bachelor, Christian, Oxford professor, famous British author and scholar, C. S. Lewis. In Shadowlands, their unlikely romance poses the elemental questions about God and love, life and death, pain and suffering.

# Music Night with Andy and Jill



## Jill Phillips and Andy Gullahorn in Concert

For more info and tickets, visit:

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

October 2nd

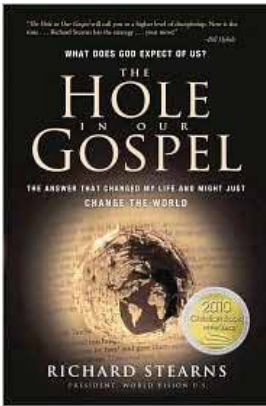
Tickets \$10

Doors open @ 6 pm

Concert @ 6:30 pm

Location: Village Bible Church - Indian Creek

209 N Nokomis Shabbona, IL



What Does God expect from us? Is our faith just about going to church, studying the Bible and avoiding the most serious sins? Or does God expect more? Have we embraced the WHOLE gospel or a gospel with a HOLE in it?

Rich Stearns, the president of World Vision U.S., inspires us to evaluate our lives and see if we are truly living out the gospel as God intended. Discover not only Stearns' story of a journey to the poorest of the poor in Africa that changed his life perspective, but also a wealth of ideas to challenge us and jump start us to action!



## The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry

What twelve-year old doesn't see summer as a chance to have some fun? Dustin and his two best buddies have a summer they will never forget after spending it helping out and learning from a seventy-year-old man from church.



## Lost & Found Family

The story of one grieving woman on a search, five hurt and guarded foster children, and two loving but worn-out foster parents and how God brings them together to change each of their lives dramatically.

## missionary of the month

**James and Sharon Walsh** serve in Southwest Alaska at **Tanalian Bible Camp** in Port Alsworth, Alaska. This summer they celebrated 20 years of service there. Congratulations, James and Sharon!! There was a lot of work done this spring to get ready for the camp season. Some projects were rebuilding the dock, painting all the cabin floors (two coats), cleaning and more cleaning. The theme this year is “**Get a G.R.I.P.**” (**Godly Relationships in Perspective**) Each week was started by sharing the Gospel message in one or two lessons. Then they were taught that all other relationships stem from our relationship with God. So far, there have been about 300 campers and over \$13,000.00 in scholarships given out.



Samaritan's Purse purchased a lodge that went out of business that is right next to camp property. They have given **Tanalian Bible Camp** the use of part of that, and the plan is to open a school that will serve as a Bible school for high school graduates.

We **pray** that they will finish this camp season strong and that many hearts have been opened to receive the gospel. Also, pray for the kids as they finish summer and start school, that they will stay strong for the Lord and trust Him in every situation.



## Lay Up Treasures in Heaven



I wonder how many Christians in America really believe the teaching of Jesus? I mean, "How many *really* believe it?" I doubt that the number is actually that large. Jesus plainly taught that we should "Lay up your treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt and where thieves do not break in to steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:20-21).

From observation I see few who actually live this teaching. Most of us believe that we are obligated to give God a tip, or maybe even 10% as a tithe, if we are really religious. (Remember, a modern tip is now 15%.) But the text does not stop there at all. It says that where we put our money is an indication of where our heart is. American Christians are finding out these days where their hearts really are and the picture is *not* that pretty. I have never seen so much fear and anguish. And we still go to bed with all that we need, or at least most of us do.

When was the last time you gave up anything that you would have enjoyed and deeply appreciated so that you could give *sacrificially* to the work of Jesus?

— John Armstrong, President, ACT 3 Ministry

<b>SUGAR GROVE</b>		
Baseline Financial Needs:	<b>612,000</b>	= <b>76,500 per month</b>
Giving through August 2010:	<u>554,882</u>	= <u>69,360 per month</u>
<b>Year-To-Date Shortage:</b>	<b>\$ 57,118</b>	= <b>\$ 7,140 per month</b>
<i>Original YTD Budget = 656,000; Actual Expenses = 576,978; Actual Deficit = 22,096</i>		
<i>Deferred 2010 Ministry Initiatives (until contributions increase) = + \$5,500 per month</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)

## calendar

Sept. 9: Back 2 School Bash (Jr. & Sr. High) (Sugar Grove)

Sept 12: Small groups begin

Sept 12: The River Fall Kick-Off (Montgomery)

Sept 15: Outreach: PIC Dads for Dads Golf Outing (Elburn)

Sept 18: Men's Steak-out (Yorkville)

Sept 18: See You at the Pole Youth Rally (First Pres Aurora)

Sept 19 - jr & sr parent meeting 9:30 am & 12:30 pm

Sept 22: See You at the School Flag Pole (your school)

Sept 23: Ladies' Fall Kick-Off (Sugar Grove)

Sept 24: MOPS (Sugar Grove)

Sept 25 - Refuge Loft Night

Sept. 26: ABF and Sunday School classes begin (Sugar Grove)

October 1-3: Men's Retreat (Silver Birch Ranch, Wisconsin)

Oct 1-3 The River Young Adult Fall Retreat (Pine Trail Camp, Michigan)

October 2: Music Night with Andy and Jill (Indian Creek)

October 24: Barn Bash (Big Rock)

October 29-31: Aliens & Refuge Fall Retreat (Pinetrail Camp, Michigan)

Sundays, 5-7:30 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: Sept 12 & 19, 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

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# October Barn Bash!



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

**3:00 - 5:30**

### Family Fun

Hay rides, pumpkin decorating,  
kids games, goat chase,  
bounce castles, horseshoes, beanbags,  
apple bobbing, relay races

**5:30 - 6:00**

### Pie Contests & Awards

Pie Eating Contests, Pie Baking Awards,  
Pumpkin Decorating Awards

**4:00 - 6:00**

### Dinner

**6:00 - 6:30**

### Welcome & Worship

**6:30 - 8:30**

### Dessert & Square Dancing

Square dancing for the entire family  
Campfire & s'mores  
Hay Rides in the dark

Also, please bring  
one pie to share.

consider entering it in the pie  
baking contest!

## 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)

### Suggested Donation:

Age 13 + : \$5.00  
Age 12 and under: \$3.00  
Family: \$20.00

**Sunday, Oct. 24th**

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