



VINE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE VINE

John 15:5

*"I am the vine, you are the branches.
He who abides in Me, and I in him,
bears much fruit; for without Me
you can do nothing." NKJV*

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*You're
Invited!*

*please
join us*



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Over the past few months leading up to the National Day of Prayer on May 7, 2020 we have continued sharing many ways we can pray and spread the glory of God. A few examples are when we worship instead of worry, when we bring unity instead of division, and when we show and share the love and message of Jesus with others. We exist to give God glory; we are commanded to spread His glory in all we think, say and do. (1 Peter 4:11) We get to experience His glory in every breath and then we decide if we are going to respond obediently by reflecting His glory back to Him, to live in great awe and honor of Him or if we are going to steal, stifle, or in some way try to store it up for ourselves. We pray that you will join us this year to pray and proclaim the knowledge of God's glory across the earth.



Serving Him with Gladness,
Kathy Branzell, President

2 Chronicles 7:14

¹⁴If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Pastor



Promise of Today Hope for Tomorrow

When God called me into the ministry in 1975, He placed a message of **Promise** and **Hope** in my heart. That same Promise and Hope has directed my ministry for the past 45 years. As an Evangelist, Correctional Chaplain and Pastor, I have witnessed the Power of God exhibited through both of these powerful foundations of Christian Life. It never mattered to which congregation I was preaching, the message has always been the same.

Jesus is our Promise of the day and our Hope for tomorrow. Through my life studies and involvement with countless numbers of different personalities, I have found one major theme of need for each individual. The Good - The Bad - The Indifferent - all found refuge in Jesus' Promise of the day and Hope for tomorrow. Many may never be able to comprehend or save to memory the Holy Scriptures, but all can remember Promise and Hope in the Name of Jesus.

Many are frightened with the ominous Covid-19 Pandemic looming so closely within our communities. It is striking our love ones and harming our beloved country. Many Scriptures speak to us concerning the catastrophes which will befall us from generations to generations, the majority of which we bring on ourselves. Whatever the reason for the calamity, the Victory remains the same - Promise of the day and Hope for tomorrow in Jesus' Name.

Often, when tragedy strikes our minds go blank. Sometimes panic overcomes us to the point our physical bodies won't function. But Jesus' Promises and Hope are automatic - much faster than an air-bag in your car. As a Christian I live my life on His Promise, and witness each step as victory through His Hope for my future. Perhaps we should bring to our memory the reason for our existence. We were born to be loved by God and given the ability to return His Love to Him, or in other words **"Love Him Back"**. Well, what's not to Love about God? He Made His Promise and Sent Our Hope. So I will continue to encourage each of you to use basic common sense in your every day activities, no matter where those activities lead you. Live each second of your life based on **His Promise** of the day and **Hope for tomorrow** In Jesus' Name. If you need me, each of you have my cell number. Call me.

Your Pastor Loves You

~Bro. Larry

Office Administrator



A Message for "The Shorter People"

Ok, we have really been hit hard in this Nation, in this State, in this County, in this City and in Our Church. The impact of the Virus has been devastating in many different ways to each family. Too often when tragedies occur most adults will tough their way through the tragedy, but so often the children's emotions and fears are overlooked by the "Taller People". It's never on purpose, but still it occurs a lot of times because we don't know exactly how to help our children cope with the bad stuff.

So what do we do at VGBC to help our children? We pause, breathe and rethink! You have still got this! God has called us for such a time as this. Right now, the kids in our church need fun, life and connection. It's essential that in this season of distress the church steps up and serves as a light for families.

With that in mind, more than ever before, this is the summer that the church needs **VBS**. Oh, I realize that none of the political leaders have the answer as to when things can get back to some kind of normalness. But, lets think about our children, the "Shorter People". As I consider the trauma they have had to go through, I have set my heart on continuing to plan for an awesome **VBS** starting Sunday, July 12th - Thursday July 16th - from 6:00 to 8:30. I will continue to plan until we are told that we still can't come together. If so, then I will plan another time and another time until we do get to help our children push aside the bad stuff and enjoy God's fun plan for all involved. Here's what I need from each of you!

Lots of volunteers to make this a wonderful experience for the children. If you can volunteer your time and talents, please see me or call the church office at 270-877-2311. A sign- up sheet will also be on the resource table for you to place your name and phone number and I will give you a call. I am giving you a heads up, realizing until we are released from the CDC regulations, we will be unable to follow through. Meaning, if we can't get to the resource table to sign our name, we can't move forward. So as soon as the powers that be release us from our home-bound state of existence - **GET TO CHURCH** - and sign up for our kids!



Ms. Debbie

Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor



VBS 2020 !
Sunday, July 12th – Thursday July 16th.
6:00 – 8:30 PM.

North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But, the armor isn't what they think it is. Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power! Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book - the Bible. They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor.....

**-the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace,
the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation-**

at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they serve God. It's a week of fun and excitement where kids are encouraged to take up the Armor of God Daily.

This week long adventure features relevant music, delicious snacks, creative crafts, fun recreation and games, and memorable Bible stories that will encourage kids to take up the gauntlet and accept the challenge to **"Armor Up"** and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love to the world!

~Ms Debbie



Be strong in the Lord and in the
strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10



Are You Graduating This Year ?



If you are a member of Vine Grove Baptist Church and graduating from **high school, college, or a vocational school** by June 2020, special recognition will be held during the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, May 17. Please fill out the information below and turn it in to the church office by May 10, or call the church and give your information to Ms Debbie.



Name

Graduation Date

High School, College, Vocational School

Memorial Day Candle Lighting Service Sunday, May 24

Please use the form located in the back of each pew to submit your Veteran honoree or Memorial loved one. Name must be submitted by May 17. Remember: Memorial Day is in remembrance of those who have died. Also, please limit your list to 5 names of immediate family members, or close friends. If there are names you submitted last year, you do not have to re-submit.

All names are placed in a slide presentation that will scroll throughout the morning service on Sunday, May 24.

If we are not back in church on or before May 17, please feel free to email your names to Faye at lfvance@bbtel.com, or call the church and give your information to Ms Debbie.





Complacency? Not Now!

In this time of face masks, social distancing, and an uncertain future certain people have taken these circumstances as an opportunity to prey on their fellow man. I guess I am just old and jaded but I am never surprised at the depths certain individuals will sink to in order to enrich themselves at the expense of others.

Now is the time for all of us to be extremely vigilant as crime increases and our likelihood of becoming victims goes up. I have read numerous reports of various schemes and other crimes coming to light as the bad guys continually come up with new and innovative ways to separate us from our money. Here are a few examples:

Check your door mats. Criminals are placing a cookie under the doormat of a house they are casing for a future burglary. When they come back and check the cookie if it is broken, they know there has been someone walking on the porch and that the house might be occupied when they decide to break in.

Fake testing centers. Various groups are setting up fake virus testing centers where you can drive in and get tested. Unfortunately, this is a ruse to charge you for a fake test and obtain personal information which they will sell to identity thieves. These groups look so official they have even duped churches into letting them use their parking lots to set up in.

Day light robberies. I have seen reports of thugs waiting outside grocery stores and attacking senior citizens and stealing their groceries. This could be exasperated by a recent executive order which states that only one family member may now shop for groceries. If you end up being the lone shopper, I highly recommend you be aware of your surroundings and carry pepper spray or other defensive devices. But remember a cart full of groceries is not worth losing your life over.

Internet scams. You may receive e-mails that look very official like from the CDC or the World Health Organization. First, ask yourself why is the CDC sending me an e-mail? Exactly. They are not. These e-mails are designed to infect your computer with malware. So, just like a ten-year-old jar of sauerkraut, "Don't Open It!"

Folks we are experiencing perilous times and we need to adapt, but never forget God is in charge.

*A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge,
but the simple keep going and suffer for it. Proverbs 22.3 NIV*

~Steve Trotter

Welcome to Our Church



**Who
Will Bring
the Next Ones?**

Living With Purpose What on Earth Am I Here For?

- * You Were Planned for God's Pleasure
- * You Were Formed for God's Family
- * You Were Created to Become Like Christ
- * You Were Shaped for Serving God
- * You Were Made for a Mission

The body of Christ at Vine Grove Baptist Church welcomes you to become a part of our fellowship. As you seek to find a place to worship, grow, and serve our Lord, it is our desire for you to know you are welcome here. Individuals can become a part of the Vine Grove Baptist Church family by:

Accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior and being baptized by immersion.

Each person should have a time in their life that they consciously ask God to forgive them of their sins and give the control of their lives over to Him. This decision is made publicly through baptism by immersion.

Transfer of a letter from another church.

Individuals who have already accepted Christ into their lives and have been baptized by immersion, but are members of another church, can transfer their membership from their previous church to Vine Grove Baptist.

Statement of Faith.

Individuals who have already accepted Christ into their lives and been baptized by immersion, but have never become a part of a church family, may join Vine Grove Baptist by a "statement of their faith."

Attend Discovering Church Membership.

All new members are encouraged to attend an 8 week informational class titled Discovering Church Membership. This class is taught by the Pastor.

**"...the harvest is plentiful -
but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,
to send out workers into His harvest field."
Matthew 9:37-38**

Knights of North Castle

VBS 2020 !

Sunday, July 12th - Thursday July 16th,
6:00 - 8:30 PM.

Bible Point:
Armor Up With Truth!
Bible Story:
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
Stand True
Daniel 3

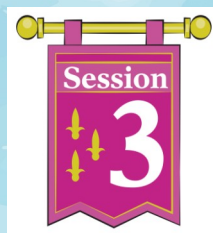


Bible Point:
Armor Up with Justice!

Bible Story:
David Defeats Goliath
1 Samuel 17:1-50



Bible Point:
Armor Up with Peace!
Bible Story:
Mary's Journey to Bethlehem
Luke 2:1-20



Bible Point:
Armor Up with Faith!

Bible Story:
Jesus Walks on Water
Matthew 14:22-33



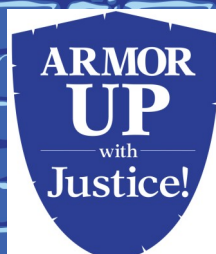
Bible Point:
Armor Up with Salvation!
Bible Story:
Midnight Praise with Paul and Silas
Acts 16:16-40



DAY 1



DAY 2



DAY 3



DAY 4



DAY 5





Discovering Church Membership

Pastor's Class, Larry Vance
Fellowship Hall
8-10 Weeks
10:00 a.m.

Lifeway

Winter 2019/2020
Numbers and Deuteronomy
Pat McDonald, Teacher
Lower Level (SS Room off Fellowship Hall)
Adult Men - All Ages Welcome
9:45 a.m.

Lifeway

Winter 2019/2020
Numbers and Deuteronomy
Mable Cundiff, Teacher
1st Level (1st room before Nursery)
Senior Adult Women—All Ages Welcome
9:45 a.m.

DAVID

Seeking God's Heart
Doloris Leeds, Teacher
Lower Level (SS Room off Fellowship Hall)
Ladies Class, Any Age
9:45 a.m.

The Afterlife
Heaven and Hell
Winter/Spring 2020
Randy Kidder, Teacher
2nd Floor, 1st room to the left
Couples, Singles, Any Age
9:45 a.m.

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Purpose Driven Life

Paula Billingsley, Teacher
(Lower Level (SS Room off Fellowship Hall))
Adult Male, Female (Any Age)
9:45 a.m.

Youth Department

Middle School, High School
Jayne and Gary Sheroan
Lower Level (off Fellowship Hall)
9:45 a.m.

Children's Department

K-5th Grade
Marian Kidder, Vanessa Kindervater
Judy South, Debbie Williams
2nd Level
9:45 a.m.

Pre-School Department

Age 2-4
Wendy Steinhoff
Volunteers During Worship Hour
1st Level
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Worship Hour

Nursery

Birth-24 months
Volunteers
1st Level
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Worship Hour

Join a Class TODAY
You Will be Glad You Did!

Office Information - Staff - Invitation



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We, at Vine Grove Baptist Church believe a church should be a place where everyone feels at home. Our invitation is **"Whoever You Are, Come as You Are, Whenever You Can."**

At Vine Grove Baptist Church our principles are based on our belief that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, true in its entirety. We believe that Jesus Christ is God's only Son, our only Savior, and that salvation is a gift of God which is received by faith.

If you are looking for a church home, we sincerely hope you will consider Vine Grove Baptist. We'll be waiting for you and look forward to worshipping with you.

-Bro. Larry

Larry P. Vance
Pastor

Randy Kidder
Choir Director, Worship Leader

Deborah Williams
Office Administrator

Gary and Jayne Sheroan
Youth Ministry Directors
(6th-12th)

Doloris Leeds, Debbie Williams
Children's Ministry Directors

Wendy Steinhoff
Pre-School Director

Nursery
Ministry Team Volunteers

Frances Johnston
Pianist/Organist

VGBC Security Team
Steve Trotter, Facilitator

Webster Cundiff
Sound Technician

Dena Newton
Custodian

Pastor's Class
Discovering Church Membership

8-10 Weeks
**New members and visiting
guests are encouraged to attend
this class.**

May 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8
					 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 Happy Mother's Day				Signature Nursing Home 10:30 AM		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Graduate Recognition 				Helmwood Nursing Home 10:30 AM		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Memorial Day Candlelighting Service 11:00 am	 <i>Memorial DAY</i>					
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pm Service on Mother's Day • No p.m. Service on Memorial day • Church Office Closed May 25 					

Cassius Fuller
 Robin Fuller
 Hayley McQuillen
 Carroll McDonald
 Trystan Johnson
 Dalton Roeder
 Mackenzie Miller
 Matthew Conover
 Easton Bailey
 Sandy Willis
 Ronald Graham, Jr.

May 1
 May 2
 May 2
 May 3
 May 4
 May 7
 May 8
 May 11
 May 14
 May 15
 May 16

Happy Birthday
 to ALL those
 born in
May



Randy Kidder
 Olivia Kindervater
 Gary Welsh
 Anna-Beth Cranmer
 Sarah Welsh
 Wendy Steinhoff
 Jared Conover
 Nathan Chitwood
 Doloris Leeds
 Lindsey Clark

May 18
 May 19
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