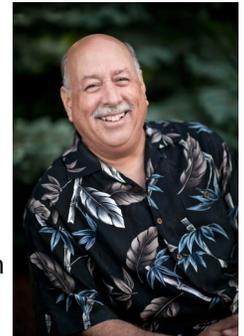




'Set His Heart to Study the Law of God'

Ezra of the Old Testament is one of my favorite students of God's Word. He is described in Ezra 7:10 as a person who *"Set his heart to study the Law of the Lord and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel."*

In a light-hearted way I call him the first student of Village Schools of the Bible. Like those who take Cover-to-Cover Bible Survey, Ezra centered his heart on the Word of God. But knowing the Word is not enough. Ezra was determined to do what the Word of God taught. With the Word in his heart and lived out in his life, Ezra couldn't keep his mouth shut. He taught the Word of God. That is how it goes when the Word of God is taken for what it is...The Word of God!



All Staff Retreat—August 11, 2016

The best day of summer is VSB's staff retreat. This year it will take place on August 11, 2016. We have twenty-one teachers and online mentors coming to Village Center for a day of hallelujah. Like Ezra our teachers and online mentors are full of God's Word in their hearts, minds and lives. They can't speak without quoting Scripture or talking about what they are learning from God's Word. **Please pray as we prepare for fall 2016.**

Growth and More Growth

Our online Cover-to-Cover Bible Survey is up and running. Our students are coming from all over the place. We are seeking 200 online students for this coming semester. If you took Cover-to-Cover years ago, I recommend you signing up for online learning to experience its transforming power in your life.

Please pray for our online mentors and students as they journey through God's Word.

Thank You!

Thank you for embracing the mission of Village Schools of the Bible—teaching God's Word and transforming lives. Your prayer support and financial assistance is helping us reach our mission. You are an important member of our mission and family.

Have a Restful Summer,
Warren (Executive Director)

Financial Needs at Village Schools of the Bible

I served as senior pastor of local churches for over thirty-four years. Every summer we faced financial short-fall. The summer months for all ministries are a financial struggle. This is true at Village Schools of the Bible too.

- Please pray for God's supply at Village Schools of the Bible.
- Please consider a special gift.

Thank you!

New Fall Classes

BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP | Dr. Martin
Wednesdays | 6:45 pm at Village
Center | September 7- November 9
Cost: \$200

Designed for leaders or those aspiring to leadership who desire to model their leadership on the Way, the Truth and the Life of Christ. This hands on course will teach you to distinguish between secular and Biblical models of leadership and help you to apply what you learn in your daily life, at church, as a small group leader, or in the workplace.

DANIEL | Ryan Habbena
Tuesdays | 6:45pm at Village Center
September 6—November 22
Cost: \$125

Daniel is a book of mysteries. While exiled in Babylon, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob gave His servant Daniel revelations regarding the future of Jerusalem, the people of God, and the world. The framework for New Testament prophecy and fulfillment will be established and insights gleaned from Daniel regarding what is fast approaching on the horizon of human history.

Business as Mission: A new movement of God.

Written by Warwick Alcock,
Director of Strategic Operations

Jesus promises that the gates of hell cannot prevail against His church (Mt 16:8). So while current projections show that church attendance in the Western world will decline by another 50% by 2025, (from *Transformational Church* by Ed Stetzer et al.) we believe God has been calling Christians in business to play a pivotal role in spreading the gospel far and wide amongst unreached people: providing jobs where there is unemployment, transforming society locally and abroad, and changing the world. Sound far fetched?

Here's an example. One Atlanta-based group works alongside local churches in third and fourth world countries to train, fund, and coach entrepreneurs, each year linking around 100 business volunteers with in-country Christians to coach micro-business start-ups in places like Kyrgyzstan, Indonesia, Nepal, Bulgaria, India, and Russia. Through this group alone, over 600 businesses have been started and the gospel sown among some of the poorest populations on earth!

That's just one example among thousands. Today, business owners, professionals, employees, service providers, mission agencies, churches, academics — people across all industries, from all walks of life and denominational backgrounds — are connecting into this global business-as-mission movement. People are working together, partnering, and finding synergy, and living out the Bible's "one another" principles. Taken together they're having a significant gospel impact. It amounts to a revolutionary global change!

Still, business as mission is not without its risks. Firstly, Christians in business must be clear about their first loyalty. We cannot be double minded, trying to serve both God and money (Matt. 6:24). Secondly, only 19% of 'born again' Christians understand the Great Commission (according to George Barna in *Evangelism That Works*). And in many churches, discipling is unfocused and haphazard, resulting in pervasive spiritual confusion amongst American Christians. So there's a real risk that what some have termed 'folk Christianity' can be spread rather than the authentic gospel.



For this reason Village Schools is absolutely committed to discipling people through God's Word. When people internalize God's truth, revival follows. We see this time and time again as we study the history of God's people in the Bible, as well as the history of revival right up to the present time. And when disciples fan into flame the gift of God (2 Tim 1:6), God's people start to transform their communities, and together they can change the world. God's power is God's Word. It inevitably accomplishes God's purposes (Is. 55:11). This is why discipling people through God's Word is so crucial. (See our book review on transformational discipling on our website)

So the business-as-mission concept is a new understanding, shaped by the Bible, that liberates the people of God from an unbiblical understanding of business as 'secular' and mission as 'sacred'. It involves integrating business as mission so that we affirm, equip and deploy business people into service for the purposes of God's Kingdom, the gospel, and the common good. God is at work. We're part of His story. It's thrilling to see!

Coming this Fall as part of our Everyday Faith seminar series:

1. Business Owner Joe King of King Technology will be sharing his **Business-as-Mission** journey on Thursday, 29 September at the Village Center, at 7.30 pm.
2. **Calling all retirees!** Our October daytime Everyday Faith seminar, led by Jim Sandberg and others, focuses on encouraging and supporting those who are about to retire from their formal careers, the retired, as well as those who are already re-fired! God has work for you!
3. **Multiplying small groups.** In November, Steve Mann will share about his expansive small group ministry in the workplace.

More information available at
Website: villageschoolsofthebible.org
Phone: 952-540-9460
Email: contact@villageschoolsofthebible.org

Notable Quotes about the Bible

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible"
George Washington

"That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests."
Andrew Jackson

Introducing Our New Teachers

Village Schools is delighted to welcome several new teachers and mentors to our staff this fall. Mike Evans, Harlan Seri and Nick Wilson will be our substitute teachers when needed. Steve Adams, Melissa Borner, Julie Mason, Gary Moore and Tim & Helen Wilberding are preparing to mentor our online classes. **Welcome to you all!**

John Mayer

New teacher at Five Oaks Church, Woodbury



John has taught as an adjunct professor at the several colleges and universities in the Twin Cities and is a sought after conference speaker. Dr. Mayer is the president of CityVision, Minneapolis.

Chris Klein

New Teacher at Calvary E. Free Church in Rochester



Chris is a graduate of the VSB Cover-to-Cover course and the Teacher Training and Discipling course taught by Dr. Martin. He is an elder, Bible teacher and Men's Bible study facilitator at Trinity E. Church in Plainview, Minnesota.

Tom Mason

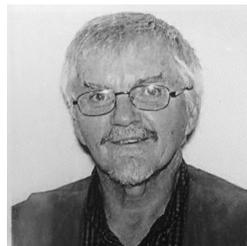
New teacher at Valley Church, West Des Moines, IA.



Tom is the senior pastor at First E. Free Church in Boone, Iowa and a former Village Schools teacher. Tom's passion is not only teaching the Scriptures but also helping others get into the Word of God for themselves.

Bruce Pinke

New teacher



Bruce is an inner-city church planter in Minneapolis. He is a gifted linguist and an ESL tutor to Somalis. Bruce is a volunteer Chaplain with the Minneapolis Police Dept. He was a missionary and church planter with WEC International in West Africa.

What are students saying...



This is the best class I have ever taken, and the most I have learned -- it is a matter of getting to know our Lord Jesus Christ and our place in His Kingdom ...I am getting ready to tell others that our Lord Jesus Christ is real. He is our only hope.

Abdul S., Berean class, Burnsville

This is my second time through the Cover-to-Cover class...Going through the Bible with my oldest and middle daughters has been an enormous blessing and I look forward to attending again with my youngest daughter. *Sonja L. Woodridge Class, Medina*



Coming to Cover-to-Cover has been my primary spiritual growth for the past two years. ...my relationship with Christ has deepened immensely. *Launie Z, St. Luke's class, Fairbault*

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- Year: 2007; 32 feet; 3 slides
- Excellent condition; Price \$25,000
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Visit our website to learn more about our fall classes.

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Fall 2016 Schedule

Cover-to-Cover Old Testament Classes

Monday Nights | Classes start August 22 6:45 pm
****First Baptist Church, Anoka** | Dr. Harvey Martin
 Woodridge Church, Medina | Ryan Habbena

Tuesday Nights | Classes start August 30 6:45 pm
 Berean Baptist Church, Burnsville | Warren Coe
 Five Oaks Church, Woodbury | Dr. John Mayer
 Grace Church, Eden Prairie | Harvey Martin

Wednesday Nights | Class starts August 31
 Bethel Baptist Church, Mendota Heights
 Ryan Habbena | 6:45 pm

****Wayzata Free Church, Plymouth**

Warren Coe | Starts Sep 21, 6:30 pm
Note: This class is part of the Wednesdays@Wayzata schedule.

****Rochester, MN** | Calvary E. Free Church
 Chris Klein
 Classes start Tuesday, September 6 | 6:45 pm

****West Des Moines, IA** | Valley Church
 Tom Mason
 Classes start Tuesday, August 23 | 6:30 pm

****ONLINE**
 Old & New Testament Classes start August 22

Cost per semester: \$129

Visit our website for full details and to register:
villageschoolsofthebible.org
**** New campuses this Fall**

Cover-to-Cover ONLINE

Prospective students now have the option of taking the Village Schools' Cover-to-Cover Bible Survey course!

- ◆ Time and space are no longer constraints!
- ◆ Join a class from anywhere.
- ◆ Participate when it suits you.
- ◆ This is also a great option for home school families.
- ◆ College credit available.

Old and New Testament classes start on August 22.

Students join an online classroom, listen to Warren Coe teaching, interact with fellow students and their mentor via the online forum, and submit papers electronically.

Tell your family and friends!

Plan on joining Cover-to-Cover Bible Survey at a campus near you

Coming this Fall is a journey through God's Word like no other journey. You are invited to walk with God and His people from Genesis to Revelation. In 32 weeks you will discover God's unfolding plan of redemption, the unity of the Bible, the centrality of the gospel and the person of Jesus Christ. You will read the entire Bible in 32 weeks. You will interact with God's Word with reflection papers. If you are interested you can receive college credit. The cost is \$129 per semester. This VSB Update lists our campus sites. Go online and register.

Cover-to-Cover Bible Survey will change your life.

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