



Do You Trust Me?

My Crisis at Home

I had just received a letter from the IRS. Yikes! They said that some quarterly social security payments were missing and I owed several hundred dollars. Besides that sinking feeling you have when there is barely enough money to pay the bills and put food on the table, I was screaming in my soul, "Where will I get that kind of money?"

I did two things. I called a seasoned pastor to share my crisis. I was a young pastor and barely knew the ropes of ministry. Then I told the church about our dilemma. Marlys and I went to the Lord in prayer.

A few days later I received a check in the mail from a stranger in Indiana. He heard about our need and hoped this might help. It was for the exact amount!

Lesson Learned

I learned God can be trusted. He will take care of His people. In the Lord's Prayer Jesus teaches us to pray, "And give us this day our daily bread." (Matthew 6:11) James chides believers when he writes, "You do not have, because you do not ask." (James 4:2)

In Cover-to-Cover Bible Survey we point out how God delivered on His promises. To Moses He gave the land flowing with milk and honey. David received the coveted promise that an heir would rule his throne. Israel had manna in the exodus.

Whatever burden you carry or financial or health crisis you face, I say to you, God can be trusted. He will care for you in surprising and wonderful ways.

VSB Has a Financial Need

We are trusting God at Village Schools of the Bible for financial provisions. Our Appeals season was good. We thank the Lord for each of you, our donors and prayer supporters. But our income fell short of our budgetary needs. We have cut costs. We are delaying certain expenditures until later in the year.

Can You Help?

Please join us in prayer as we seek The One who owns the cattle on a thousand hills. (Psalm 50:10)

Give if you are able.

Join us on May 7th for our celebration. We have a special program planned. It will include honoring our Cover-to-Cover Bible Survey graduates but it will focus on the amazing growth at Village Schools of the Bible. Mark your calendar and bring friends.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Warren Gae".

Executive Director



Homeschooling as Discipleship

MÂCHÉ stands for Minnesota Association for Christian Home Educators. Executive Director Warren Coe is a speaker, presenting on *Homeschooling as Discipleship* at the 2017 MÂCHÉ conference on April 22 at 3 pm in St. Paul. He will be talking from his experiences both from homeschooling seven children, and from his pastoral experiences.



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He will cover the practical 'how-tos' regarding the spiritual formation of children. Also he will explain how our Cover-to-Cover Bible Survey class can be a helpful resource both to parents as disciple-makers, to high schoolers, and to young adults headed for College. Students can earn college credit through Cover-to-Cover.

Warren's presentation dovetails well with speaker Cheri Frame's talk at MÂCHÉ on *Earning College Credits in High school*. Cheri runs a ministry called *Credits Before College* to advise parents and students how to minimize college debt. We're pleased to be working with Cheri to get the word out on these important topics.

We hope to see you at Warren's workshop or at our booth.

MÂCHÉ Conference | River Center, St Paul | April 21 & 22

Why take Cover-to-Cover ONLINE?

Cover-to-Cover equips believers of all ages, high school and up, with a firm biblical foundation **and** it can be used to fulfill high school and college credits. We study the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, literally Cover-to-Cover. The traditional class format is now also available in an online format. Same great teaching from Warren Coe, same 16 week semester structure, with an online mentor to guide you, and input from a class of fellow students.

Here are some of the benefits of Cover-to-Cover:

Christian Education. Are you a home-schooler? Would you like a Cover-to-Cover class just for your group? Get a cohort of students together and we're good to go. Cover-to-Cover can help you fulfill high schools credits. Headed for college and need an inexpensive way to earn college credits? Cover-to-Cover can earn you college credits at the University of Northwestern—St Paul.

Church Small Groups. Are you a small group leader? We'll run a class just for your group. Perhaps ask two or three Bible study groups to combine. We'll run a course especially for you, according to your specific schedule.

Discipling Ministry. Are you or anyone you know in any sort of discipling ministry? Prison ministry? Recovery ministry? Why not use Cover-to-Cover to help with deep spiritual formation? We have the mentors and online capabilities available to make this happen.

Limited Access. Know anyone who lives in a remote location, or just cannot get to an on-campus live class? Cover-to-Cover Online is available to you.

Missionaries or Mission Organizations. Need help discipling new Christians through the entire Bible? Or getting existing Christians deeper into God's Word? We'd love to help.

Are you discipling others? Do your children, grandchildren, new believers, or other Christians you know need mentoring? We'd love to get you equipped and confident about discipling others through God's Word.

Just let us know. We're here to help. Call Trish at 952.540.9460 or email trish@villageschoolsofthebible.org.

Teacher News

Bruce Pinke

Please pray for Bruce as he faces a serious health issue. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in February. He is trusting the Lord day by day for healing. He is at peace knowing God is in control and his life is in His hands. *But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "you are my God." My times are in your hands.*" Psalm 31:14-15



Teachers' Travels

Village Schools is proud to have teachers who are leading tours to Israel and going on missions trips.

Harvey Martin

Dr. Martin recently returned from leading a trip to Israel, a land he loves dearly. First hand knowledge of the Holy Land enriches teaching of Cover-to-Cover.



Ryan Habbena

Ryan went to Thailand and Myanmar (Burma) recently on a mission trip, using his teaching gift to disciple and equip believers and pastors in both countries.



Disciple-making and Biblical leadership development are important aspects of our mission.

Student Testimonies

I took this course because there are entire books of the Old Testament I've never read, and I didn't really understand ...how the events all fit together. I now feel like I have a much better grasp of how God moved and directed events in history.

OT Student, Rochester, Fall 2016

I have heard all the stories separately but have never had a great understanding of the Bible as a whole.

OT Student, Wayzata, Fall 2016

I have really enjoyed learning more about the Scarlet Thread of Redemption and how the Bible is one story from beginning to end. Writing papers has really challenged me to study scripture in a new way.

OT Student, Wayzata, Fall 2016

This course has been amazing! I have read the Bible through in a year a few times...Still, to get a full view of Scripture and looking at how it ties into Jesus has been so exciting! Answering the questions for the pa-

pers helped me think about how it all fits into Scripture, applies to my life, and how it fits into history. ... Kids and college students would benefit from this class to get an overall view of how the Bible fits into the history of the world and that reaffirms the Bible's authenticity. ...I appreciate that I can do it online too. With 2 boys in sports, it is pretty hard for me to dedicate one night to going to class.

Carie J, OT student, Online, Fall 2016

Summer Class

Appearances of Christ in the Old Testament

Ryan Habbena

Thursdays | June 1-August 10 | 6:30-8:30 pm | Burnsville

One of the aspects of our Cover-to-Cover classes that graduates stress as revolutionary is the realization that Jesus Christ is in the Old Testament in both prophecy and person. In this 10-week class, Ryan Habbena will tour the Old Testament and survey the many places where Jesus himself appeared, acted, promised, judged, and fought in salvation history. This class will aim to revolutionize your understanding of the person and work of Christ in both testaments, as well as energize your faith in walking with the mighty Messiah and Lord today. (NOTE: there will be no class on July 6)

Summit Offices Party Room | 1500 McAndrews Rd W | Burnsville, MN 55337

REGISTER on our website or call or email the office.

Notable Quotes about the Bible

"So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society. I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once every year." John Quincy Adams

"Bible reading is an education in itself." Lord Tennyson

Paper or E-Mail?

Help save resources! Sign up to receive your VSBS Update via email.

Call or email us to change your address or unsubscribe.

Special call to Pray

Monday, April 3, 7 pm

Sometime ago Marlys and I faced four tough and painful years. We camped in Philippians 4:5-7. We talked about these verses. We prayed through these verses—they served as God's mighty sentries around our heart and mind.

That was then and this is now. One of our teachers faces stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Bruce Pinke is at peace with God's will but asks for prayer. Village Schools of the Bible is facing a financial shortfall. Our 2016 November-December Appeals season was lighter than we expected. We have cut expenses. We are prepared to cut salaries and staff, if needed.

Would you join us in prayer? On the evening of April 3, 7 pm the VSB board will gather at the Village Center to labor in prayer on behalf of Bruce, our teachers, mentors and students and financial needs. You don't need to leave your home to join us. Just mark your calendar on April 3, 7 pm and pray with us in your home or join us at Village Center in Minnetonka (13815 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55305).

Philippians 4:5-7 is God's wonderful promise to His people. *"Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* (Phi 4:5-7 ESV)

Thank you.
Warren, Executive Director

VSB UPDATE

April 2017

Annual Celebration & Graduation

Sunday, May 7, 6-9 pm

Hope Presbyterian Church,
Richfield

Theme:

Discipling through the Bible

Student Testimonies

MC: Jim Sandberg

Special Music with

Jill Sandager & Mary Fadden

Recognition of 2016/17 Students

Desserts

Join us as we praise God for His
discipleship through
Village Schools of the Bible.

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