

Bible Classes

Bible classes are a teaching ministry of VBC. These classes aim at *building* the believer in the Word of God by teaching sound doctrine. *Equipping* the disciple of Christ for works of service is also a purpose of Bible Classes.

Women's Ministry

Realizing that men and women each have unique needs, the women's ministry at VBC endeavors to meet women at their point of need and *build* them up in Christ. There are classes covering various subjects, special events and retreats throughout the year.

Senior's Ministry

Also known as Keenagers, this group is for anyone 50+. A potluck dinner and special program are held monthly in the church Fellowship Hall. Special bus trips and outings are also scheduled.

CELEBRATION MINISTRIES

Sunday Morning Celebration

Declaring and extolling the worth and holiness of God, that is why we meet every Sunday at 10:30 am for the preaching of God's Word, prayer and singing a blend of traditional and contemporary songs in worship to our God. These are the under girding elements to our Celebration Services.

The Worship Team

Our Worship Team consists of a full praise band and ensemble to lead in congregational singing, special music, and solos. God has blessed this ministry by supplying many gifted and talented musicians and singers who alternately participate in leading worship. We encourage anyone led of the Lord and appropriately gifted to participate in this ministry.

Support Ministries

The Lord has blessed us with state of the art sound, visual projection, and recording equipment to enhance our times of celebration. Audio recordings of each week's service are available. These ministry areas continue to grow as the Lord leads and supplies workers.

PASTORAL STAFF

Philip Schmunk - Senior Pastor

Phil was installed as Senior Pastor in August of 2006. He has his education from Taylor University (B.A. Bible Literature); Denver Seminary (M.A. Systematic Theology) and Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary (D. Min. Church Leadership). He was ordained in 1980 and has served churches in Denver, CO; Minneapolis, MN; Longview, WA; and Rochester, NY.

Travis Reynolds-Youth Minister

Travis has been attending Venice Bible Church since 1990. Having been raised in VBC's youth ministry under Rich Hart, he graduated from Venice High School in 1997 and from the University of Central Florida in 2002 with a degree in Social Science Education. Travis attended a one-year discipleship program under Tom Nelson at Denton Bible Church and was trained in youth ministry there. He has been the Youth Pastor at Venice Bible Church since July 1, 2005. He has been happily married to Sarah Mae Reynolds since May 6, 2000. Hannah Mae joined the family on August 18, 2006. James Robert joined the family on November 13, 2008.

Joel Thayer - Worship Minister

Originally from NW Pennsylvania, Joel and his wife Erin were married 2002 and moved to Florida 2003. Joel joined staff in 2008 and likes to incorporate a variety of songs and suitable styles - traditional and contemporary. He has a degree in Bible (Music Emphasis) from Moody Bible Institute and has led worship for a number of years. Joel and Erin have two children, Sadie and Simon.

Kathy McKellar - Interim Children's Minister

Kathy has been on staff since 1998. She is currently our Interim Children's Minister and has served over the past 13 years in the roles of Early Childhood Director, Leader and Director of Pioneer Clubs, Director of Mom's Morning Out program, Director of STARS and has also been a Girl Scout Leader for 20 years. Her passion is to see children come to know Christ, to grow in Him, to know who He is and live in His love. Kathy has been married for 29 years and has 5 children.

Welcome and thank you for visiting!



Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.

Celebration Service 10:30 a.m.

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VENICE BIBLE CHURCH began its ministry in 1959, an independent, evangelical church committed to preaching and teaching the Bible. We exist as a church because *we see everyone partnering in this unique ministry of reconciliation and transformation through disciple making for Christ beginning in Venice to impact the world.* It is our passion to see Jesus reign supreme in every facet of our lives, church, community and world. We are committed to *Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples.*

VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME?



Welcome!

If you're seeking more out of life, and are looking for a church that will help you find more purpose and meaning in daily living, we hope you'll join us for worship and fellowship at Venice Bible Church (VBC). We're passionate about being a church that connects you to the things that really matter, and we hope you'll be our guest and find out first hand what we're all about.

Sunday Service Times

When you visit VBC for the first time, Bible classes are available for all ages at 9:00 am followed by the worship service at 10:30 am. In the pews in the worship center, you will find a Visitor information card. Please fill one out and turn it in either to the Welcome Center in our courtyard or in the offering plate so that we can add you to our mailing list for future updates and information.

Where to Park

When you first arrive, please feel free to utilize the parking spots located on the east side of the church across from the main entrance.

What to Wear

In preparation for your visit, you should know that the only aspect of your dress that is important to us is that you're comfortable and able to worship God in a manner that feels right to you. If that means wearing a tie, your favorite jeans, or something in between, rest assured that you'll fit right in.

The Welcome Center

Regardless of which service you attend we're looking forward to meeting you and we will do our best to make your first visit to VBC an enjoyable one! We recommend you arrive about fifteen minutes early and stop by the Welcome Center in the courtyard. You'll find a guest reception volunteer ready and willing to answer your questions, and fill you in on the many resources that are available at VBC to enrich your spiritual experience.

VBC strives to be a place where you can see, experience and practice fellowship, so please take the opportunity to mingle with others in the friendly atmosphere in our courtyard before and after services.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY



We Love Children!

At VBC your children are welcome to attend the worship service in the sanctuary with you, or join one of the children's classes for infants through 5th grade or the Youth classes for Middle school and High school-aged children. Please note our nursery is staffed at all services with a ministry coordinator in charge of it's operation. We offer a variety of programs for children designed to help them become more fully devoted followers of Christ.

At the Classroom

When you arrive, there will be someone at the door to help you find the classrooms for your children. Each room has a sign-in form and several in-room teachers that provide a fun and safe environment for your children.

It's a spread out campus!

YOUTH MINISTRY



Venice Bible Church has a reputation as a strong youth-oriented church. We help our youth seek Jesus' supremacy for His glory by developing their love for God and love for others.

Middle School

The Middle School youth invade the Shamrock House once a week for Route 68, a program specifically designed for those students in grades 6 through 8. We regularly break up into small groups for more effective mentoring as we discuss a variety of topics vital to the Christian life. This is interspersed with special activities. Bible classes are offered on Sunday mornings to deepen the students appreciation for, and application of Biblical truth. Youth activity calendars are available in the foyer and Shamrock House.

High School

Students in grades 9 through 12 meet every week for Road Trip. This is a special time of worship and sharing around the Word of God, which encourages them in their faith. Bible classes are offered on Sunday mornings to deepen the students appreciation for, and application of Biblical truth. Youth activity calendars are available in the foyer and Shamrock House.

S.A.L.T. (Servant and Leadership Training)

Those students that are growing spiritually and are sensitized to the needs of their peers are equipped to minister effectively for evangelism, discipleship, peer-counseling, etc. so they develop skills that last a lifetime.

Activities

A variety of wholesome activities take place throughout the year to promote the physical, social, and spiritual well-being of our youth. Some activities are used as a vehicle to bridge relationships to students' unsaved friends in a non-threatening environment.

ADULT MINISTRY



At Venice Bible Church, we seek to design all of our adult ministries in such a way that we seek God's supremacy for His glory, presenting everyone complete in Christ. We offer a number of ways for you to grow and to be a part of this body.

Small Groups

We desire for everyone to participate in small groups to experience the transformational work of Christ in the body that is found by being in community with other believers. They provide a place to *belong* in the church body, a place to *grow* as a believer, a place to *serve* the body of Christ and a place to *lead* others in their growth and development.