

Village Church of Barrington  
Minutes of the Congregational Meeting of February 3, 2013

Meeting was opened by Chairman David Norbeck at 12:40 PM with a time of small group prayer.

A Quorum was achieved at the time of the opening.

Minutes from November 2012 Congregational Meeting approved.

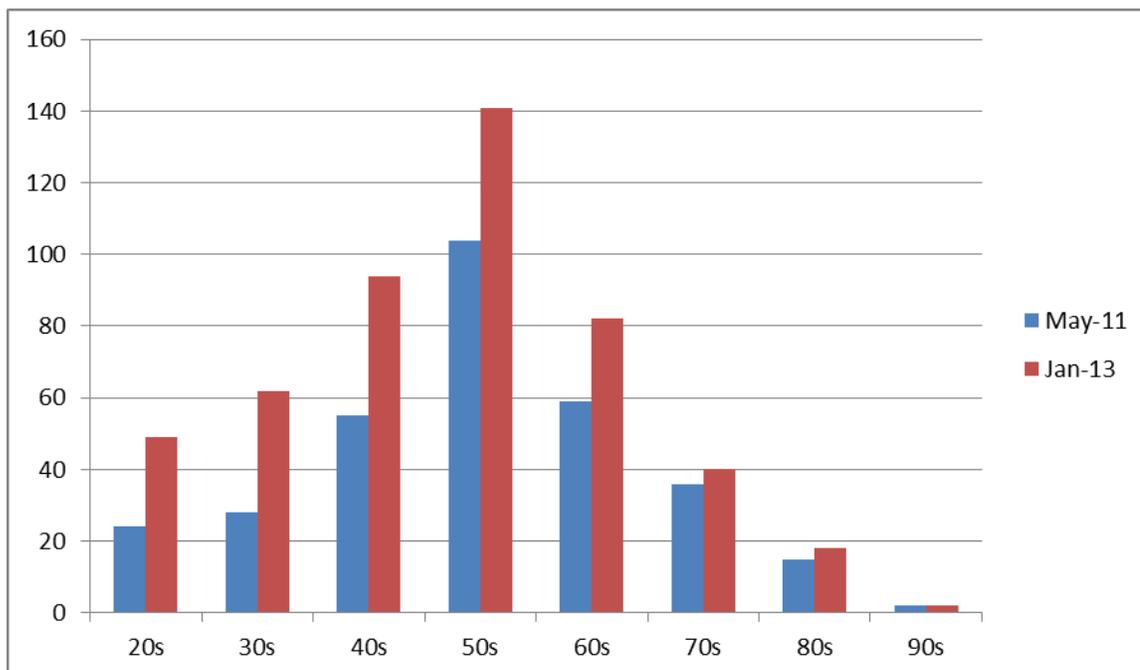
Senior Pastor Report – Dave Jones:

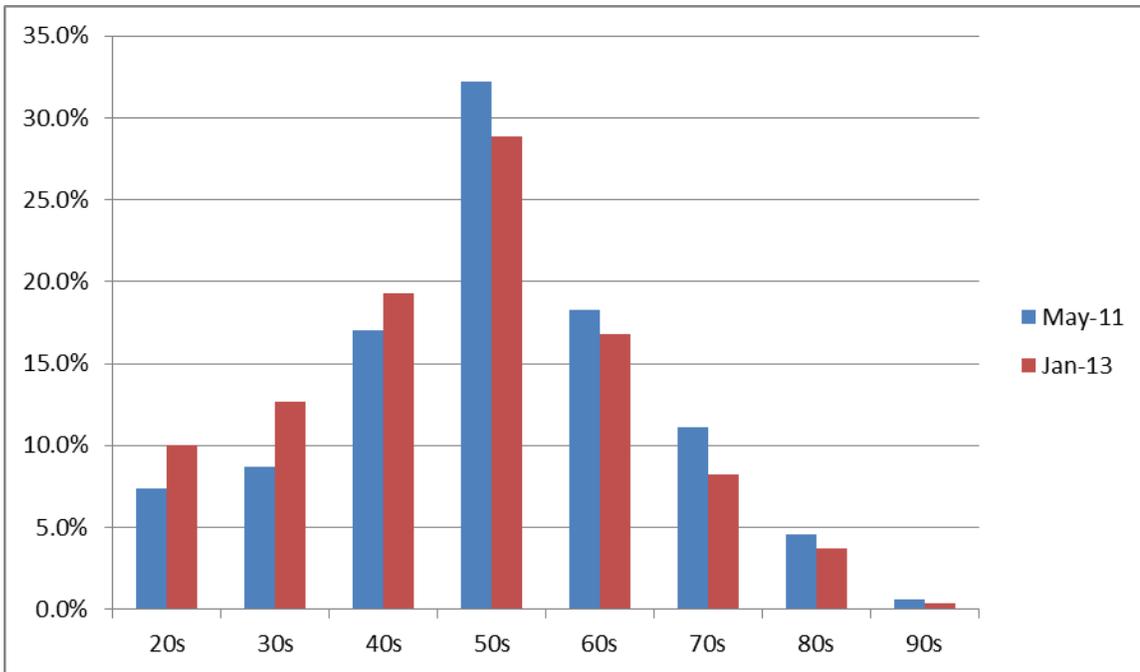
**Demographics.** Selected results from the January congregational survey.

**Age and gender distribution of VCB**

Category	VCB	Barrington	Difference
Median Age	42.0	42.9	(0.9)
Under Age 18	28.7	28.5	0.2
Males	47.7%	47.1%	0.6%
Females	52.3%	52.9%	(0.6%)

In May 2011 the average age of those 18 years and older was 55. If you added the twenty-, thirty- and forty-something's together, they equaled the number of people in their fifties. As of January 2013, the average age of those 18 years and old was 50.2. God has graciously answered our prayers of reaching younger families (to a greater extent) and singles (to a lesser extent).





### Marital status of VCB congregants age 25 or older

Status	Number of adults	% of adults
Married	395	86.6
Single—Never Married	27	5.9
Divorced	21	4.6
Widowed	13	2.9

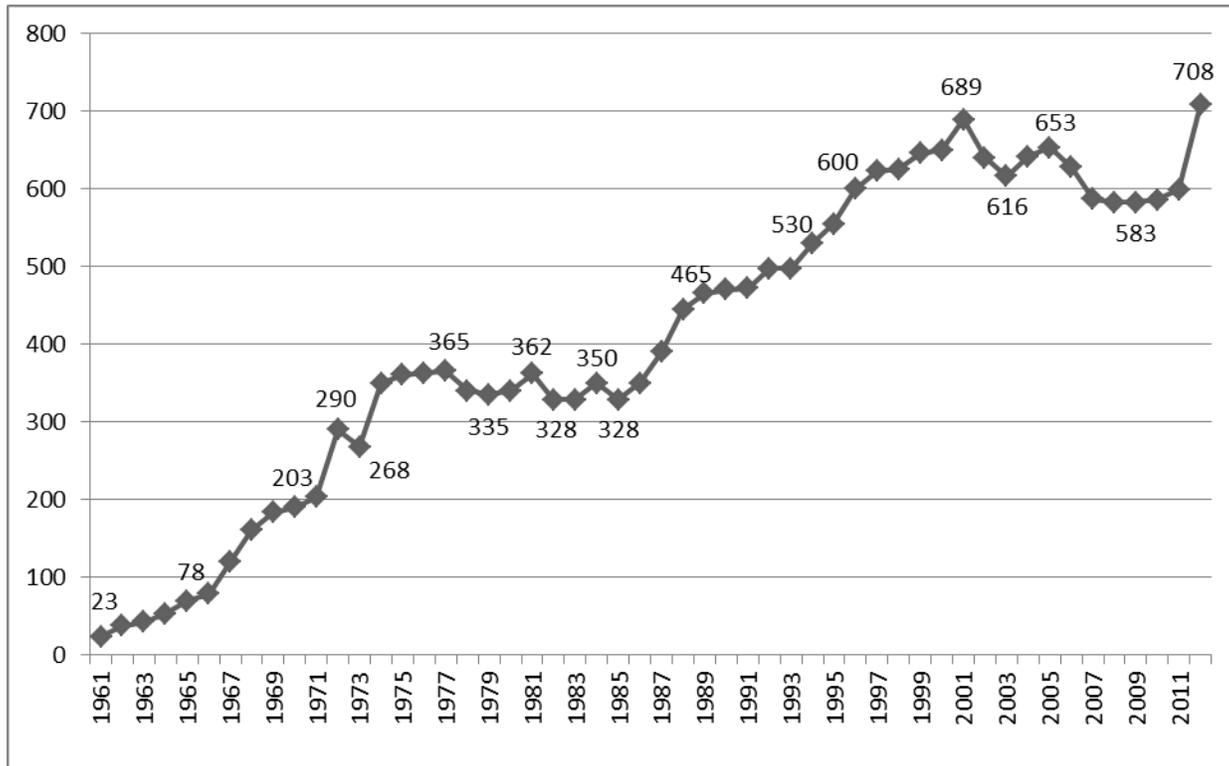
Whereas seven-out-of-ten (69.7%) households in Barrington are family households, nearly nine-out-of-ten (86.6%) adults age twenty-five or older at VCB are married (see table below). In the last two years, we have been trying to launch a singles' ministry in order to reach more singles, but it has been difficult to gain momentum. When singles do visit, they look around and see couples everywhere. Many do not return for a second visit. For instance, we did a study of 22 single people who visited our church between August and October, 2012. Only one returned after the initial visit. That is a 4.5% retention rate, compared to the married retention rate of 32% during that same period.

### Racial distribution of VCB

Race	VCB (%)	Barrington (%)	Difference (%)
White	95.4	89.4	6.0
Hispanic	1.8	4.5	(2.7)
Asian	1.1	3.7	(2.6)
African-American	0.7	0.9	(0.2)
Other	1.1	1.5	(0.4)

In terms of ministry area, not quite half of our people (42%) live within five miles of the church, and more than three-quarters (77%) live within ten miles. Looking at that through the lens of drive time, 72% live less than twenty minutes from the church. One out of sixteen VCB members (7%) drives more than thirty minutes to get to church.

1. *Attendance.* Explain trends throughout the history of the church.



So we have had a sixteen-year growth period (1961-77), followed by eight years of plateau (1977-85). Then we entered a second sixteen-year growth period (1985-2001), followed by eight years where we were plateaued and declining (2001-09).

Saturday night service is going strong with an average of 232 in the fourth quarter of 2012.

The children's ministry has grown significantly under Jennifer's leadership, from an average of 85 children per weekend at the start to a recent fourth-quarter average of 132 (a growth of 55%).

In the recent survey, only one person among 563 adult respondents indicated that he had been a believer for less than one year. That is less than 1% of our adults (several children did profess faith in Christ last year, for which we are thankful). Another 27 people (5%) indicated that they had been believers for 1-5 years. More than half (53%) had been believers for more than 25 years. So while our church has grown numerically, most of that growth has been transfer growth. This means we are merely moving Christians around from one local church to another rather than taking new ground. We did find one encouraging statistic, however, when we did our survey. A total of 68 people (12%) indicated that they had been saved at VCB. Most of these (56%) were under the age of 25, but some were seniors. We praise the Lord for those who were saved, but we also realize that—for a church our size—we should be seeing more conversions.

More than half of our people (52%) are shouldering weekly kingdom responsibilities.

2. *Church Planting.* VCB Elder Todd Berge and Rick George from Crystal Lake EV Free Church are to be trained. Rick Thompson recently directed a sharp young man to us from Trinity.
3. *Unreached People Group* (Turkey) has been identified.
4. *Greece-Turkey Study Tour.* Our provisional dates are May 23 to June 7, 2014. Projected cost: \$3,750 per person, based on double occupancy. 27 people have already expressed interest. We expect to have more than fifty. Provisional itinerary and promotional materials will be published soon.
5. *Staff.* Dick Ehrle was diagnosed with colon cancer. Operation is scheduled for Tuesday. Please pray for Dick's recovery. Long-term situation is not clear.
6. *Building Project.* A comprehensive building plan is being created. Funding is a major concern. We want to: 1) make sure this is from the Lord; and 2) that it is the right time.
7. *Security Situation.* Is this the time to develop a volunteer security staff?

#### Commissioning of Stephen Ministers – Julie Fischer

The following people have completed training and are being commissioned today:

Judy Babb	Toni Norbeck
Lisa Gabriel	Dan Reynolds
Jerry Jones	Jane Schwarz

#### Financial Update – David Cartwright

2012 Financial Statements (after surplus allocation)

- Contributions and other income \$1,689,945 [+11.6% over 2011]
  - Average Attendance 707 people [+17.8% over 2011]
  - Total Expenses - \$1,638,962 [6.3% over 2011]
  - Revenue over expenses was \$50,983
  - Transfers to Board Designated Funds - \$10,000.
  - Change in General Fund \$40,983
- Ending General Fund Balance was \$229,813

#### 2012 Surplus Fund Use

Local Impact – Coffee Maker	\$ 6,000
Global Impact – one time missionary support	\$14,000
Great Lake District Support	\$ 4,000
Church Plant Fund	\$10,000
Computer Server	\$ 5,000
Architectural Fees	\$30,852
Staff Increases (2012 impact only)	<u>\$ 9,017</u>
TOTAL Board Approved surplus allocated	\$78,869
Portion not allocated – increase in General Fund balance	\$40,983
Total “saved” – 42.5%	\$50,983

## 2012 Expense Variances and Surplus Allocation

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Surplus allocation</u>
Administrative Expense	947,426	938,849	8,577	\$9,017 increased staffing
Property Expense	170,229	135,776	34,453	\$30,852 arch fees, \$11K capital
Communications	19,973	10,500	9,473	
Children & Family Ministries	17,296	23,375	(6,079)	
Young Adult Ministries	19,181	23,700	(4,519)	
College & Career Ministry	2,015	2,000	15	
Worship Ministries	41,608	41,000	608	
Adult / Equipping Ministries	30,343	30,250	93	
Other Program Expense	3,863	6,000	(2,137)	
Denominational / Association Support	28,000	24,000	4,000	\$4K Great Lakes District
Local Impact	32,953	33,500	(547)	
Regional Impact	106,840	109,840	(3,000)	
Global Impact	219,236	207,710	11,526	\$14K GIT funds allocated
TOTAL GENERAL FUND NET EXPENSES	\$ 1,638,962	\$ 1,586,500	\$ 52,462	

### January Giving

2013 giving was \$105,591 compared to January 2012 giving of \$118,647. 2013 Budget target was \$124,579.

MOTION made to adjourn, seconded and approved.

Meeting ended at 1:35PM.