



VERSE BY VERSE  
*fellowship*

*A Church For People Who Love The Word*

**A New Church Community  
Coming Soon to San Antonio**

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# Welcome

November 10, 2017

Thank you for attending our kick-off meeting for **Verse By Verse Fellowship**, a church for people who love the Word (*John 1:1*). We're conducting this meeting to give you a better idea of who we are and what we're hoping to accomplish with your help.

The vision for Verse By Verse Fellowship (VBVF) is simple: to create a community dedicated to growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, living with eyes for eternity and being equipped to reach the world for Christ. We're seeking men and women like you to help us in making our vision a reality.

In this packet you will find the following helpful information:

- A **Personal Information Form** to help us get to know you and your interest in this project.
- Answers to **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** to address the most common questions.
- **Invitation cards** you can share with neighbors, friends, and family to invite them to join this work.
- Instructions on how to make tax-deductible donations to support VBVF.
- A **How I Can Help** form to guide you in supporting our project.
- Contact information for key members of this church planting effort.

Please read through these items carefully and prayerfully, seeking the Lord's will to know if He is calling you to participate in this planting effort.

If you're interested in supporting this work, you'll be invited to attend prayer and planning meetings, where we'll organize the first phase of our church planting effort. Later, we'll divide into teams with assigned responsibilities for preparing for worship services beginning in early 2018.

Will you join us in this exciting opportunity? Even if you aren't able to participate in the planting effort, please consider praying for our effort and sharing the news of **Verse By Verse Fellowship** with your friends and associates. And of course, when we open our doors, we welcome you to become part of our body.

Once again, thank you for taking time to learn about VBVF, and I look forward to ministering with you in the years to come.

**Stephen Armstrong**

Pastor, Verse By Verse Fellowship

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# Leadership

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# How Can I Help

## WAYS TO HELP

### **PRAY** daily for our needs:

- For our church to proclaim the word of God boldly to the edification of Christ's body and the salvation of the lost (Col 1:28; Luke 24:47).
- For God to provide the workers and resources we need to establish this congregation (Matt 9:37-38; 2Cor 8:1-9; Acts 4:34-35).
- For wisdom and energy for our leaders as they lead this work (Heb 13:18; Col 4:2-4).
- For a strong turnout at our planning meetings and our church services (Acts 6:7).
- For God to provide an acceptable facility for the church body to occupy (Acts 7:48-49).

### **SAY** something to others:

- Word of mouth is the most powerful tool God uses to grow the church. Please consider sharing the news of VBVF with at least **ten people**. List ten people below you know who might be interested in helping plant our church. Pray about speaking to them about joining VBVF.

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### **Help us PAY** for our expenses:

- Planting a new church is an expensive endeavor. If you feel called to support this church planting work, please consider directing your monthly giving to support VBVF. You may donate through the VBVM website at <https://www.versebyverseministry.org/donate>. Please designate your donation for VBVF (church). All donations are tax deductible as charity.



# Questions

## VBVF Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### ***What is Verse By Verse Fellowship (VBVF)?***

Verse By Verse Fellowship is the name of a new church that will begin meeting in San Antonio, Texas, in the near future. The church will be organized as a nondenominational, independent body of Christians dedicated to growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, living with eyes for eternity and being equipped to reach the world for Christ.

### ***Who is starting the church?***

Verse By Verse Ministry International (VBVMI) is planting the church. To learn more about VBVMI, please visit [www.vbvmi.org](http://www.vbvmi.org).

### ***Why is VBVMI starting a church?***

The Board of Directors voted to plant a church in San Antonio to further the mission of the ministry and promote its future growth. By planting a home church, the Board believes the ministry can provide even more and better Bible teaching to the city of San Antonio and to the world through the VBVMI website.

### ***We already have many churches in San Antonio...why plant another church?***

First, planting new churches lies at the heart of our mission as disciples of Christ. Christ commanded His followers to carry the Gospel to every corner of the world, establishing communities to win new converts to the faith and to train up believers to obey Christ's word (Matt 28:19-20). We're acting in obedience to that calling.

Secondly, even in the internet age, the local church remains the principle means God uses to reach the lost and disciple the saved, and VBVMI believes an opportunity exists to establish a unique church community in San Antonio that embraces verse-by-verse teaching of the word of God.

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Thirdly, by establishing a local church in San Antonio, VBVM will be strengthened in its own mission to share Pastor Armstrong's Bible teaching with an international audience via the internet, enabling the two ministries to work together to accomplish even more for Christ.

### ***Why did you select the name Verse By Verse Fellowship?***

The name Verse By Verse Fellowship was selected to reflect the church's parent organization, VBVM, and to emphasize our dedication to studying the whole counsel of God's word verse-by-verse. Many Christians today are hungry to learn the Bible, and our church hopes to reach that community by making verse-by-verse Bible teaching the cornerstone of all we do.

### ***Who will pastor and lead VBVF?***

The pastor of VBVF is Stephen Armstrong. Steve will serve as the executive leader of the church and will be the primary teacher/preacher. The Board of Directors for VBVM will act as the governing elder board for the church. In the future when feasible, the VBVM Board will appoint an independent elder board to govern the church and may hire additional pastors and staff.

### ***When will VBVF begin meeting?***

Our church planting effort will take place in three phases. Phase I is a planning and organizing period expected to last several weeks or months, beginning with this kick-off meeting. Phase II will be a "soft launch" of weekly church services in a temporary facility expected to last 3-6 months. Phase III will be the formal launch of the church in a permanent location.

### ***Where will the church meet?***

During Phase I, the church will conduct organizing meetings at the offices of Ariel Ministries (dates and times TBA). Our meeting locations for Phases II & III are TBD. Ariel Ministries is located at:

**Ariel Ministries  
11926 Radium St  
San Antonio, Texas, 78216.**

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### ***How can I get involved?***

1. Begin by completing an information form ([www.vbvmi.org/download/vbvinfo.pdf](http://www.vbvmi.org/download/vbvinfo.pdf)). You will be invited to join ongoing prayer and planning meetings in the near future.
2. Pray regularly for our church planting effort.
3. Recruit friends, family and neighbors to join the church. After prayer, word of mouth is the most powerful tool you have for helping grow our church.
4. Redirect your monthly tithing/giving to VBVF to help fund the planting effort. Donations to VBVF are tax-deductible and may be submitted through the VBVMI website donation page at:  
**<https://www.versebyverseministry.org/donate>**. Please designate your donation for VBVF (church).

### ***How will the church planting effort be financed?***

VBVMI will provide some initial funding to support the planting effort, including Pastor Armstrong's salary, however the Board of Directors has stipulated that VBVF must be financially self-sustaining prior to launch, meaning the individuals and families involved in planting the church must fund the operations of the church. Therefore, it's critical we recruit a core team of families to assist in planting the church.

### ***What are the beliefs of this church?***

The church will be founded on the same core beliefs held by VBVMI, which you can find at: [www.versebyverseministry.org/about/doctrinal\\_beliefs](http://www.versebyverseministry.org/about/doctrinal_beliefs).

### ***What style of worship music will the church use?***

To reach the culture around us, we will feature contemporary worship music.





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# GET INVOLVED

## CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

Preferred Method  
of Contact:

email

phone

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

**Just Curious**      **Offer Prayer or  
Financial Support**      **Will Attend  
Regularly**      **Volunteer to  
Serve**      **Leadership  
Role**

Which number best describes your level of interest in VBVF?

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

**5**

*(circle a number)*

## Areas of Interest & Church History

When and where did you profess your faith in Jesus Christ? (approximately)

Are you currently a member of a church?  
If so, which church?

Are you currently employed at a church? If so, which church?

Describe your previous experience(s) serving in a church: *(check all that apply)*

- Pastor
- Worship leader
- Elder/deacon
- Missions & outreach
- Life/Adult group teacher
- Life/Adult group leader/host
- Youth group leader/teacher
- Finance & budget
- Administrative office staff
- Legal counsel
- Marriage counseling
- Facility maintenance
- Graphics design
- Worship team member
- Audio/video technician
- Computer & It support
- Nursery/childcare worker

What areas of church leadership and/or volunteering interest you at VBVF?

What if your spiritual gift (if you know)?

Have you ever held a position of leadership in another church. If so, what position?

Are you familiar with Verse By Verse Ministry International? How?

How did you hear about the new church plant and this meeting?





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