

Variations

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

A Bi-Weekly Message from Vestavia Hills Baptist Church



The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a snow day—a day of beautiful Sabbath given to us all by the Creator. I hope you were able to worship in simplicity and beauty, rest from your labors and bless God for all the goodness. Interruption of routine can be a reminder of what matters most.

Incredibly, so many of you have brought or sent your financial gifts to this church so that on Monday, we already had many in hand. ***Please remember to help us this week by giving faithfully to make up for a missed Sunday.*** Drop your gift by the office or put it in the mail. You are so faithful to this ministry! I thank God every day to serve here.

Wednesday Night Series

I hope you join me Wednesday, when we will have special presentations entitled, “Science, Faith, and the God Debate”. Drs. Gregory and Tarvin will talk about their vocation as both Christian and scientist in the areas of Chemistry and Physics. I will interview and lead a discussion with the professors about the challenges to Christian faith presented by the sciences. Then, on March 18, Dr. Fisher Humphreys will come and summarize the work of three popular atheists, Sam Harris, Christopher Hitchens, and Richard Dawkins. All have recently written widely about the negative aspects of religion and the question of the existence of God. (Hitchens is appearing in a debate over religion at Samford this week.) In addition, our own Birmingham Chamber Chorus will present a concert on March 15 of music of faith from the Age of Enlightenment (see info inside).

I hope you will consider inviting a friend to dinner on these Wednesday nights as we think a little about the faith we hold and why it matters.

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| Wed. March 4 | Dr. Brian Gregory,
Professor of Chemistry |
| Wed. March 11 | Dr. Tommy Tarvin
Professor of Physics |
| Wed. March 18 | Dr. Fisher Humphreys,
Professor of Theology (retired) |

In the first two sermons of my series, “Christian Virtues and the Deadly Sins They Defeat” I discussed two of the seven deadly sins from early Christian tradition (Pride and Sloth—available under my section on the

Youth Week

March 2-8

Youth Week is a time to celebrate and affirm our youth. They contribute much to the church and the community. This week is both a reminder of what they mean to us and an opportunity to renew our commitment to love and support them.

Our youth will participate in a variety of meaningful events throughout the week. From serving our community to worshipping with one another, they will exemplify the Body of Christ.

We ask that you participate by praying for our students during this important week in the life of our church.

Schedule

- Monday Evening: Youth Fellowship
- Wednesday Evening: Youth Bible Study
- Thursday Afternoon: Meet at Back Yard Burger
- Saturday Morning: Community Ministry
- Sunday Morning: Youth Sunday
- Sunday After Worship: Youth Ministry Luncheon
- Sunday Evening: Mission Night

Adults Serving in the Youth Ministry

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| Jane Bowick | Andrew Farrell |
| Michaela Bundon | Linda Griggs |
| Clark Cameron | Lauren Hartzog |
| Robin Cameron | Jennifer Jaquess |
| Laura Chaires | Kevin Jaquess |
| John Chandler | Cameron Johnson |
| Kristie Chandler | Terre Johnson |
| Allison Dearing | Taylor Ross |
| Jason Dearing | Fran Stafford |
| Emily Edmondson | Kathryn Stewart |
| Andy Farmer | |

website if you missed them in the sermon archive). Here are the sermons for the coming weeks:

Sun. Mar. 8	<i>Youth Sunday (Lent 2)</i> "Sexual Character" 1 Thessalonians 4:3-10	Lust
Sun. Mar. 15	<i>Lent 3</i> "Getting Your Anger Straight" Romans 13:2; Hebrews 12:1; Romans 5:1-6	Anger
Sun. Mar. 22	<i>Lent 4</i> "Turning Loose" John 12:1-8; 1 Tim 6:6-12; Psalm 37:14-27	Avarice/ Greed
Sun. Mar. 29	<i>Lent 5</i> "A Healthy Appetite" Matthew 6:16-18; 1 Tim. 4:1-5	Gluttony/Abstinence
Sun. Apr 5.	<i>Palm Sunday</i> "Safe and Secure from All Alarms" Romans 12:3	Envy



Betty Sue SHEPHERD Memorial Scholarship Fund

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church established the Betty Sue Shepherd Memorial Scholarship Fund in 2007, as a way to commemorate her great contributions to the church and to music students. As a means of continually funding the scholarships, an annual concert is planned, whose proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

This year's Shepherd Memorial Concert will take place at 7 PM on Sunday May 3, at the Alys Stephens Center. The concert program will consist of Felix Mendelssohn's great Biblical oratorio, *Elijah*. Bill Bugg will sing the title role of the prophet Elijah. Other soloists will include Stan Nelson, Tenor, Gloria Parvin, Mezzo-soprano, and Mildred Lanier, Soprano. A festival chorus of 200 voices will include singers from Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, the Birmingham Chamber Chorus, Vestavia Hills High School, Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church, The Episcopal Church of the Ascension, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Mississippi University for Women, South Highland Presbyterian Church, Bluff Park United Methodist Church, and Birmingham Concert Chorale.

Next year's scholarships will be entirely funded through the proceeds of this concert, so please participate by purchasing tickets for yourself and your family, inviting your friends to attend, and helping to publicize the concert throughout the community.

4th Annual Sing & Shout Sunday, March 8 at 5 pm The Alys Stephens Center

Mass choir under the direction of Joseph Hopkins, Dean, Samford University School of the Arts

Special Performance by M-POWER Afterschool Children, in partnership with the Children's Dance Foundation

Tickets available at the Alys Stephens Box Office or at: www.singandshout.org



Make Worship Part of Your Lenten Season

- ◆ Thursday Evenings in Prayer, in the Chapel, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Palm Sunday Worship Service, April 5, 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ Maundy Thursday Communion Service, April 9, 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Good Friday Service & Luncheon, April 10, 11:45 a.m.
- ◆ Easter Sunday, April 12, Bible Study, 8:45 a.m.,
Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Don't Forget!!!



The time changes this coming Sunday, March 8, so before you go to bed on Saturday night set your clocks forward one hour.



Easter will be here before you know it. Call Now!

This year we would like to decorate the sanctuary with White Hydrangeas. If you would like to place one or more Hydrangea in honor of or in memory of a loved one, you can call Martha in the church office at 979-5920 or email her at martha@vhbc.com by Sunday, April 5. The cost is \$20.00 each.

Remember in Prayer...

Members in the Hospital

*Norma Collier—Brookwood, Room 406

Members at Home

*Rosemary Bamberg	Nancy Lochamy
Grace Barnes	Fred McCrory
*Cappy Blackwelder	Doris McWaters
Irene Burton	Nora Ousley
Virginia Deaton	C.O. Paugh
*Bill Dupree	Elizabeth Quinby
Kathryn Eidson	Martha Ray
Martha Galyean	Ed Richardson
Elaine Goodwyn	Helen Rosenow
Leta Holliman	Velma Smyth
Mary Lou Hughes	Arthur Weeks
Emily Jones	Maxine Womble
Dorothy Lindsay	Edith Wood
Elizabeth Lindsey	Fred Wood
Sarah Little	Nettie Worrell

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy is expressed to:

- Betty Adderhold in the death of her mother.
- Esther Evans and family in the death of her son, Jim Evans, on February 21.
- Don Baker and family in the death of his sister, Barbara Baker Hull, on February 20.
- Lou McCracken and family in the death of his sister-in-law, Marina McCracken, in California.

THE ENLIGHTENED HEART

Our newest musical ensemble, the **Birmingham Chamber Chorus**, is an ecumenical and diverse chorus sponsored by the Music Ministry of VHBC and conducted by Terre Johnson. They present interesting programs of choral music in appropriate acoustical settings throughout the city. After beginning last fall, they have already performed at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and Alys Stephens Center. Their next concert, entitled *The Enlightened Heart*, will present music of the church from the Age of Reason.

The program will include: Lobet den Herrn - J.S. Bach; Little Organ Mass - Franz Joseph Haydn; and Mass No. 2 in G Major - Franz Schubert.

The concert will take place in the neo-classical sanctuary of the Southside Baptist Church at 4:00 PM on Sunday March 15. Please attend and invite!

Ministry Budget Offering

Budget Needs This Year	\$297,287
Budget Given This Year	\$235,394

Free the Future Capital Fund

Pledges	\$1,725,894
Given to Date	\$691,234

"Modeling Healthy Love in the Home"

Sunday night, March 29 at 4 pm; led by Dennis Anderson

Please RSVP with Betsy at 979-5920; betsy@vhbc.com.

- A snack supper will be served.
- Childcare is available by reservation only.
- Invite a friend!

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We Need YOU for Six Hours!

We have several preschool classes that need you on Sunday mornings from 10-11 am. Worship Care is the care of preschoolers each Sunday during morning worship. You can sign up to serve once-a-month, once-every-other month, or every fifth Sunday.

If you sign up for the once-every-other month rotation, that is just **SIX HOURS** per year! Please contact Miss Nancy to volunteer.

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Agenda:

- Election of 2009 Nominating Committee
- Endorsement of Andy Farmer to enroll in Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond

Library News

You may obtain help and advice from your very own VHBC Library to raise any and all children/teenagers! We have been recently gratified to receive donated books from members who have already succeeded in raising our remarkable VHBC Kids:

- Tired of Yelling by Lyndon D. Waugh, M.D.
- Cleared for Takeoff by Wayne Rice
- Help! I'm a Volunteer Youth Worker! by Doug Fields
- This Too Shall Pass by Kel Groseclose

Thank You

Many thanks to the ministers and the members of the congregation for their ministry to me and my family during our recent loss.

A special "Thank You" to the Friendship Sunday School Class who lived up to their name. "A friend loveth at all times." Proverbs 17:17

Esther Evans

It's difficult indeed to put our thoughts into words, but we very much appreciate your kind and helpful prayers, words, deeds and gestures at a time when these things mean so much. We thank God for friends such as you. We will never forget your kindness and generosity.

*Fred McCrory, Clark & Debbie Watson,
Mike and Annette McCrory*

Week of March 5-11**Thursday, March 5**

- 3:30 Shake (Youth Activity)
- 5:30 Lenten Communion

Saturday, March 7

- 8:30 M3(Youth Activity)

Sunday, March 8

- 8:45 Bible Study
- 10:00 Worship Service-Youth Sunday
- 11:00 Second Sunday Coffee
- 11:00 Youth Ministry Lunch
- 11:30 Personnel Committee
- 4:00 Youth Choir
- 5:00 YOSE 120

Monday, March 9

- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, March 10

- 9:30 International Friends
- 11:30 Spring Prayer for World Miss.
- 6:30 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, March 11

- 6:30 Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 Pastor's Bible Study
- 4:30 Fellowship Supper
Library Open
- 5:00 Handbells
- 5:30 Music for PS 3's—6th Grade
- 5:30 Nominating Committee
- 5:45 Missions Committee
- 6:00 Prayer Service
Called Business Meeting
Youth Group
Financial Peace
- 6:15 Mission Friends, GA & RA's
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice

Week of March 12-18**Thursday, March 12**

- 5:30 Lenten Communion

Sunday, March 15

- 8:45 Bible Study
- 10:00 Worship Service

Wednesday, March 18

- 6:30 Prayer Breakfast
- 4:30 Fellowship Supper
Library Open
- 5:00 Handbells
- 6:00 Prayer Service—Youth Group
- 6:00 Financial Peace University
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**March 11**

Cubed Steak, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Apple Ring, Jello & Cookies—Volunteers—Marilyn Tinnermon, Lynn Giles, Bob Eskew, Mindy Bodenhamer

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**March 18**

Breakfast Food and PB & J.
Volunteers — Sybil Cox, Judy Schlegel, Bob Eskew, Janice Fulks

Volunteers in Service for the Week of March 8**Deacons of the Week:** * Gilda Coker, John Chandler**Counting Team:** Bob Bush, Mel Kukelhan**Sound Technology:** Pete LeBerte, Mike Wells**Shuttle Service Team:** Andy Brindley, Steve White, Tommy Cherry**Flower Committee:** Elizabeth Studinka**Library Committee:** Jackie Hughes (8) Liz Wells (11)**Worship Care**

Babies	Jane Bowick, Sharon Hartzog
Creepers	Ryan & Meredith Hankins
Ones	Pat Cooper, Kevin Jaquess
Twos	Leigh Whatley
Threes	Todd & Rachel Jordan
Fours	Andy Farmer, Emily Edmonson
4's-K	Bob & Mavis Hardy
Desk	Don Baker

Volunteers in Service for the Week of March 15**Deacons of the Week:** *Lyn Cone, Stuart Collier**Counting Team:** Ann Holt, Jason Dearing**Sound Technology:** Mike Wells, Dan McMurray**Shuttle Service Team:** David Bamberg, Bill Dupree, Bob St. John**Flower Committee:** Becky Griffith**Library Committee:** Martha Eskew (15) Lynn Taylor (18)**Worship Care**

Babies	Melissa McMurray, Robin Cameron
Creepers	Cris & Lisa Speegle
Ones	Rebecca McKinney, Alexa Brooks
Twos	Matt & Billie Caine
Threes	Mike & Jenny Henry
Fours	Sharon Maddox
4's-K	Ann Marie Harvey, Jason Dearing
Desk	Clark Cameron

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