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VHBC  
*Connections*

**Vestavia Hills Baptist Church  
Bi-Weekly Newsletter**

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## Easter Afterglow

Wow, what a Sunday! Beautiful music, new beginnings, and resurrection power.

The resurrection changes lives.

From Easter to Pentecost on June 5, we celebrate the Easter Season in worship. The season is focused on the long term effect of Resurrection in our lives, the church and the world. Nothing is the same because Jesus came back to life. The Apostle Paul says it this way, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where O death, is your sting?"

As we live into the Easter season, let us live with gratitude for all the Lord is doing in our lives and our church.

I am overflowing with gratitude for my first Sunday and first Easter as your new pastor. It was a glorious day of worship. I will be living in the afterglow of this Easter for years to come.

Marcia and I are back in Gainesville this week packing. I'll return to Birmingham next week to move into the Hardy House and my office. I will see you on May 1st.

This Sunday we will celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter with Dr. Ken Roxburgh in the pulpit. I am grateful our paths crossed briefly before he and his wife, Gwen, move back to Scotland. Please join him in worship and bless them as you say goodbye.

As we begin our lives together as pastor and church in this Easter season, please know...

You are loved.

Eric



## ***Welcome to New Members***

Marcia and Eric Spivey



# Sundays at UHBC

Sunday Morning Bible Study begins at 8:45 am!

- Children's Sunday School meets in the Children's Building. Please sign your child in at the front reception desk.
- Find our Welcome Team in the main foyer if you need assistance looking for a class for you and your family.

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10 am!

- Worship guides and hymn sheets are available at the sanctuary entrances.
- If you are unable to worship in person with us, please join us online or over the radio at 91.1 FM.
- Worship Care for babies through Kindergarten begins at 9:45 am.



JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 1ST for our church's 65th anniversary. Our charter members will be recognized as we worship together.

Plan to remain at church for lunch following the service. We will have a time during lunch to welcome our new pastor, Eric Spivey. *No charge for lunch!*





## **Wednesday Night Dinners**

- Meet us in the Fellowship Hall starting at 4:45 every Wednesday.
- Register online weekly at [vhbc.com](http://vhbc.com) to reserve your meal!

### **Menu for April 20**

Adults/Youth: Lemon Dill Chicken, Broccoli, cheese, and rice casserole, field peas, roll, and dessert

Kids: Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Dessert

### **Menu for April 27**

Open-faced red peppers with shrimp or chicken, black bean and corn salsa, chips, salsa, guacamole, and dessert

KIDS: Beef tacos, chips, salsa, and dessert

## **Wednesday Night Sessions**

- Contemplative Prayer with George Van Kirk as facilitator will continue at 6pm on Wednesdays in the chapel through May.
- April 20 - Business meeting
- April 27 - Focus on international missions partner - Africa Exchange- Sam Harrell will be sharing about this new mission partner and ways we can engage this ministry as a community of faith
- May 4 - Focus on Local missions Urban Ministry Birmingham - director Casey Hobbs will join us to share the vision of this local ministry and how we might partner with them here in our hometown
- May 11 - Children's Music & Mission program
- May 18 - Shrimp boil featuring String Theory

# VHBC Child Development Center

*celebrates*

**week of the  
young child**

**woyc**

The Child Development Center will observe the **Week of the Young Child**, April 18-22. During this week, we have the opportunity to recognize that the early years lay the foundation for a child's success in school and later life. We believe that each child is a unique individual, growing and developing physically, socially, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.

The **Week of the Young Child** also lets us recognize the team of parent and teacher, the responsibilities of teachers, and for us to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each child receives a quality experience at the CDC.

## **THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDE**

- **THE SPRING ART SHOW**
- **TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY**
- **A HEALTHY BREAKFAST BAR**
- **OUR ANNUAL CDC FAMILY COOKOUT**
- **A FAMILY PROJECT - DONATING BOOKS FOR BETTER BASICS, AND CELEBRATING EARTH DAY.**

Join us in praying for each child and his family as well as each staff member. What an awesome opportunity for Vestavia Hills Baptist Church to invest in the lives of young children both in our church and community!

# *Farewell & Thank you!*

*Please join us*

*Sunday, April 24 for a*

## **Farewell & Thank You Reception**

*in the foyer for*

### **Gwen and Ken Roxburgh**

*following Ken's last sermon*

*with us before they*

*move back to Scotland.*

*Hosted by the Open Door Class  
and Lovelady Ministry Team*



## ***Save the Dates***

### **Spring Mission Serve Day**

May 14, 9 AM - Noon

More details to come!

Mark your calendar

and make plans to participate.

A black rectangular chalkboard with the word "SERVE" written in white, uppercase, sans-serif letters. The word is underlined with a single white line.



### **Seed Camp 2022**

July 5-8, 2022

Marion, AL

Please contact Laura Tadlock

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with any questions or to register.



# Lumen de Lumine

Shepherd Memorial Concert  
APRIL 24, 2022

On Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 pm, the Music Ministry of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church presents Lumen de Lumine ("Light from Light") for the annual Shepherd Memorial Concert. We have the opportunity at this special event to celebrate the legacy of our church's beloved organist Betty Sue Shepherd and to receive contributions to the scholarship fund bearing her name, which connects area college and university students with Vestavia Hills Baptist Church and the Music Ministry.

This special worship concert features our own Sanctuary Choir and string chamber ensemble made up of church members and community musicians. Poems by liturgical writer Susan Palo Cherwien will be interspersed with musical selections. Both familiar pieces and fresh selections will allow us to be "lost in wonder, love, and praise" as we consider light around us and the Light of the World. You'll no doubt be stirred hearing "Give Me Jesus," "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name," and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," among many others.

The Shepherd Scholar program not only enhances the musical excellence of our Sanctuary Choir in worship each Sunday, but these scholars are also a part of the larger Vestavia Hills Baptist Church family through their participation in other areas of church life. These students are indeed recipients of a scholarship, but they are, more importantly, the recipients of the blessings of fellowship and support that Vestavia Hills Baptist Church offers.

Each Shepherd Scholar is awarded \$1500 per academic year, half of which is applied to their school account at the end of each semester. Would you consider funding all or part of a student's scholarship? Gifts toward the Betty Sue Shepherd Memorial Scholarship Fund will be received during the concert itself on April 24 or they may be sent in directly to the Church Office. Contributions may also be made online at [www.vhbc.com/giving](http://www.vhbc.com/giving).

## 2022 Shepherd Scholars



Sam Phillips  
Jacob Joiner  
Graham Driskell  
Hooper Hammond  
Libby Criswell  
Margaret Kirby  
  
Not pictured  
Christina Haken

# VHBC CHILDREN



## *Sunday Worship Care Schedule*

**4/24**

Babies & Ones: Lisa Speegle, Brandi Brownell  
Twos - K: Adam Pouncey, Melissa Pouncey  
Reception Desk: Virginia Wood

**5/1**

Babies & Ones: Kristie Chandler, Amy Hamilton  
Twos - K: Jo Davis, Carolyn Slappey  
Reception Desk: Judy Schlegel

Our current  
memory verse:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."  
John 3:16

## *Second Sunday Pancakes - May 8*



## *Giving Thanks for God's Daily Bread*

### ***Music & Missions Night***

Wednesday,  
May 11

Vacation Bible School  
Monday - Thursday  
June 13-16, 2022

Register rising 1st Graders  
through Rising 6th Graders  
at [VHBC.COM!!](http://VHBC.COM!!)





# VHBC YOUTH

## *Sundays*

9 am Bible Study in the Student Building  
5 pm YOSE (Youth on Sunday Evenings)

## *Mondays*

4 pm 428 on May 2

## *Wednesdays*

6:00 pm Wednesday Night Live

## **Youth Week, May 1-8**

May 1: Laser Tag YOSE 6-8

May 2: Messy Games 428

May 3: Afterschool milkshakes/desserts

May 4: Wednesday Night Church

May 5: Afterschool Tacos

May 6: At Home Family Game Night

May 7: Surprise Outing

May 8: Senior Rec Sunday/Youth Sunday, No YOSE

# Prayer List

## MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL

David Towns - STVHS, SICU

Linda Whitt - UAB Spain, Rm 614

## MEMBERS IN RECOVERY & ONGOING TREATMENTS

Linda Anderson      Buddy McGohon

Don Baker             Bonnie Perez

John Bell              Eddi Riley

Jenna Cassese        Linda Whitt

Jason Cooper

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Maxine Ammons

Juanita Blackburn

Libby Brown

Ann Bush

Esther Evans

Milton Fullman

Pat Gillespie

Sandy Gillis

Bob & Mavis Hardy

Ruford Hodges

Peggy Jones

Charlotte Kyser

Dot Lowe

Al Lowery

Samson Mathangani

Kitty Newell

Leon Nix

Margaret Northrup

Gaynell Pinson

Jerry & Lorelle Singleton

Alicia Stigler

Hazel Turner

Bobbie Weaver

Doris Wilson

**PLEASE SEND UPDATES TO THE CONTACTS BELOW**

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**DAILY UPDATES CAN BE FOUND AT [VHBC.COM/PRAYER-LIST](http://VHBC.COM/PRAYER-LIST)**



# Ukrainian Refugee Offering

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, for the end of war, for the afflicted to be comforted, and for peace and justice to prevail. We give thanks to God for those who are giving hands on support to the Ukrainian people, including the churches of Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Your gifts to date to the Ukrainian Refugee Offering of **\$16,525** are already at work through our partners, Shane and Dianne McNary. The McNarys are grateful to be in a position to support the work of churches in Poland and Slovakia as they respond to those fleeing the war in Ukraine.

[Give Online Here](#)

Note "Ukraine Offering" with your gifts or give through Shelby Next and designate the Ukraine Offering.





# Stay Connected

## FIND US ONLINE

at [vhbc.com](http://vhbc.com)

## WATCH RECENT SERVICES

and other updates on [YouTube](#)

## STAY UPDATED ON

our [Facebook](#) page

## CONNECT WITH US

on [Instagram](#)

## LISTEN TO OUR PODCAST

[In Tune with VHBC](#)

## GIVE ONLINE

on the ShelbyNext app or [vhbc.com](http://vhbc.com)



## Weekly Schedule at VHBC

### Sunday

- 8:45 am Bible Studies for All Ages  
10:00 am Worship  
5:00 pm YOSE - Youth on Sunday Evening

### Wednesday

- 7:00 am Prayer Breakfast on ZOOM  
4:45 pm Fellowship Dinner until 5:45 pm  
4:45 pm Handbells  
5:30 pm Children's Choirs,  
Childcare for Babies - Twos  
6:00 pm Youth Activities  
6:15 pm Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Royal  
Ambassadors  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Online Calendar at [vhbc.com](http://vhbc.com)

## ***Firehouse Shelter Desserts***

Remember church lunches where we'd have tables of different desserts from which to choose? Well, we'd like to give a similar experience to the men at the Firehouse Shelter. Interested?

Please bring a homemade dessert with a minimum of 12 servings (like a cake, or two pies, brownies or cookies) to the CHURCH'S MAIN LOBBY by 5:15pm on the second Wednesdays of May, June, or July. We hope meeting this need will nourish a sweet spirit in you as you bake! Please label your container if not disposable, and we will gladly return it to the front office.

Sign up here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c094da8a723a20-desserts>

Questions? Contact Merryl Cooper at  
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