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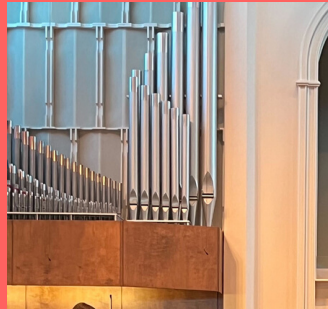


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YTD BUDGET NEEDS	\$846,725.00
YTD BUDGET OFFERING	\$855,849.00
UKRAINE OFFERING	\$23,690.00

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GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

By Dr. Eric Spivey

THE MINIVAN PASSED A HORSE DRAWN CART AS WE DROVE THE TWO-LANE BYPASS HIGHWAY AROUND SOPHIA, BULGARIA.

We were headed to the village of Lom on the Danube River just south of Romania. Over the next two hours we passed fields of Sunflowers and ruins of Soviet era factories. In 2006 memories of life under a communist dictator still filled the stories of our guide. In Lom, we visited with Baptist leaders – both Bulgarian and Roma, a significant event – listening to stories from the church. Baptist missionaries arrived in Bulgaria in the late 1800's. We heard how the Baptist pastor in Lom was arrested and placed in prison after the Soviet takeover of the country. In worship that night, we listened to a European Baptist layperson who smuggled bibles into Bulgaria during the Cold War and became friends with the Lom Baptists. He had returned after all these years to celebrate the church's freedom and the power of God's Word.

As a young, Baptist, mission pastor at the time, I realized two things very quickly. First, Baptists are Baptists now matter where we are in the world. I felt at home instantly and felt a familiar sense of community even though I had never been there. Second, my connection to the global Baptist family expanded my understanding of the Church, God's Kingdom and my friendships around the world. I came home humbled and thankful for the Baptist witness.

I also came home with my first experience with the Baptist World Alliance. This organization brings Baptist organizations around the world together for evangelism, ministry, and fellowship. It remains a goal for Marcia and me to experience one of the BWA Congresses which happen every five years around the world.

Gratefully, this year we don't have to travel to a BWA event. The BWA is coming to Birmingham for its annual gathering of global leaders. The focus of the gathering will be racial justice around the world. Birmingham will be a teaching lab for global Baptists for how we can be leaders in racial justice. ☺

➔ PASTOR'S ARTICLE CON'T

I look forward to introducing our church to the BWA while its leaders meet at Samford University July 11-15th. First, we will host the BWA First Vice-President Rev. Karl Johnson, a pastor in Jamaica, on Sunday, July 10th as our guest preacher on BWA Sunday. I hope you will join us. Second, let me invite you to experience our global Baptist family by joining us for the Opening Worship Service of the BWA event. This will be held in the Wright Center of Samford University on Monday, July 11 @ 7:00 pm. Come worship with our global Baptist brothers and sisters.

The Spirit of God is moving around the world. Let's join in celebrating the great parts of being Baptist.

This week I am in Dallas, Texas with another of our Baptist connectors, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. After two years of being apart, I am grateful we can be together again.

I'll see you on Sunday.

Eric

**BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY
JULY 10, 2022**



On Sunday, July 10th, we will celebrate the Baptist World Alliance and our participation in the global Baptist community. The Baptist World Alliance is global network of 49 million Baptists in 128 countries and territories unified by a mission to impact the world for Christ. During the week of July 10, the BWA will gather for its first in person annual meeting at Samford University as Baptist leaders from around the world meet for a powerful time of prayer, fellowship, learning, and planning together.

The highlight of Baptist World Alliance Sunday will be the preaching of **Rev. Karl Johnson, BWA 1st Vice President.**

Rev. Johnson is the pastor of the historic Phillippo Baptist Church in Spanish Town, St Catherine, Jamaica. Before assuming this historic pastorate, he led the Jamaica Baptist Union (JBU) as its general secretary for 20 years.

Rev. Johnson is a graduate of the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) and is a much sought after preacher/teacher nationally and internationally. The Rev. Mr. Johnson is known as a public theologian who is a committed ecumenist, passionate nationalist and regionalist and whose views on topical issues are sought regularly.

His service extends beyond the church and religious circles in Jamaica and touches the wider Caribbean and the world through his leadership in many spheres and membership on several international bodies including the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) and the World Council of Churches (WCC). He is married to Yvette and they have three sons, Nicholas, Joel and Nathan.



**REV. KARL JOHNSON,
BWA 1ST VICE PRESIDENT**

Join Baptists from around the world in worship as the Baptist World Alliance gathers at Samford University for the 2022 Annual Gathering Meeting. Our Vestavia Hills Baptist Church staff will participate in the Opening Worship Service, and you are welcomed to join us. The BWA gathers annually around the world and meets in congress every 5 years. What a special gift to join our global Baptist fellowship in worship just down the mountain from our church.

GLOBAL BAPTIST WORSHIP SERVICE

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022
7 PM
SAMFORD UNIVERSITY
WRIGHT CENTER

PARTNER WITH US IN PRAYER

Please remember the VHBC team headed to Perry county for Seed Camp July 5-8. We will be serving in two schools providing enrichment activities for Grades 1-6. We embrace Jesus' Commandment to go and love and serve as the hands and feet of Christ to this neighboring community.

VHBC TEAM

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| Dick Bodenhamer | Mike McBrayer |
| Mindy Bodenhamer | Beth McGinnis |
| Emily Cooper | Scott McGinnis |
| Merryl Cooper | Jerolyn Phillips |
| Taylor Cooper | Sharon Repp |
| Emily Dorion | Lisa Speegle |
| Lucas Dorion | Amelia Grace Stewart |
| Nash Dorion | Kathryn Stewart |
| Maggie McBrayer | Laura Tadlock |



VHBC YOUTH Summer 2022

summer highlights

Some of our youth went to cheer on the Barons last week! It must've helped because the Barons defeated the Trash Pandas 10-8!



The youth left for Passport in Greenville, SC on Saturday morning (with a stop along the Nantahala River) and they are already having a great time!



WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT VHBC



SUNDAYS

8:45 AM SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

- 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.

10:00 AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

- 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.

5:00 PM YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENING

- All youth meet in the Student Building to play games, listen to a devotion, and prepare for the upcoming week.

4:45 PM FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

- Meet us in the Fellowship Hall starting at 4:45 every Wednesday.
- Register online weekly at vhbc.com to reserve your meal!
- Adults/Youth \$6 per person
- Kids (K-6th) \$4 per person
- Preschoolers & College Students eat free!

4:45 PM HANDBELLS

5:30 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

6:00 PM YOUTH ACTIVITIES

6:00 PM ADULT SESSIONS

6:15 PM CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

7:00 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR



WEDNESDAYS

(no Wednesday activities in July)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Many of you knew our daughter, Amelia, from the time she was in the church's nursery to seeing her smiling and laughing as she danced around the church to watching her grow up into a fine young lady who was very active in our church's youth program. In truth you were her village and helped raise her. And, in 1995, when she died, you grieved with us and held us up with your prayers and love and still do, and our family will be forever grateful. In 1997, the doors of The Amelia Center opened at Children's Hospital as a place of hope for children and grieving families, and you prayed for its success.

You have supported the fine work that its compassionate staff has done for individuals and families whose worlds have been ripped apart and saddened by the loss of a child or parent. Over the years you have held up The Center as Amelia's legacy and continued to support it, and we thank you. It's hard to believe, but The Amelia Center will be **25 years old this July.**



THE AMELIA CENTER

Over that time period it has helped more than 20,000 individuals, including our family, following our grandson, Tyson's death in 2020.

The Center has become a well-respected community resource. To celebrate this 25th Anniversary milestone, Children's of Alabama will hold an Open House from 4-6 pm on Thursday, July 14, and we'd like to invite our church's members to drop by and see the Center's facilities and learn more about its work. The Center is located at 1513 Fourth Avenue South. Dress is casual. We hope you can join us, but, if not, we invite you to visit the Center's website, www.ameliacenter.org, to learn about its activities.

JERRIE & GEORGE ELLIOTT

THANKS & BLESSINGS FROM THE MCNARYS



Dear church,
Greetings from Slovakia! Thank you so much for your very generous contribution to our ministry programming. We're working closely with Slovak Baptist & Apostolic Roma churches as they minister to Ukrainian refugees and internally-displaced peoples. your gift helps them fulfill their calling.



NEWS & EVENTS

AROUND THE CHURCH



LAST WEDNESDAY SESSION

of the summer is June 29th! Laura Tadlock will be hosting Missions Possible and talking about our current and upcoming mission offerings at VHBC! We'll have a few projects for our groups to complete for summer missions!



CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, July 3rd at the close of worship to hear reports from the ordination councils.



HELP WANTED

for a **GREETER** each Sunday morning from 9:40-10:00 am at the Children's reception desk. Please contact Nancy to volunteer!



NAME TAG SUNDAYS

Wear a name tag each Sunday morning through July & August!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE JUNE 26-JULY 9, 2023

Eric & Marcia Spivey invite you to join them and friends from Florida on a Holy Land Pilgrimage to Israel next summer. After a 2-year pandemic delay, the opportunity for us to journey to the Holy Land has arrived. We hope you will join us next summer.

**Informational Meeting:
Sunday, July 17, 2022 at 11:15 am
Fellowship Hall**

For more information about the trip, visit the link to the brochure [HERE](#). If you are interested, but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Eric Spivey (etspivey@gmail.com).

JULY ADULT BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 8:45 AM

Our adult Bible study classes are invited to meet together in the fellowship hall and explore the sons of Jacob. These sessions will be taught by Laura Tadlock. Over the next five weeks, we'll look at some stories that are familiar but also some more obscure lessons about the children of Jacob. Come and join together **Sundays in July**, as we study Jacob's family and the important lessons we might glean from their lives.

<p>JULY 3 Reuben's Sin Genesis 35:22a; 49:1-4; 1 Chronicles 5:1</p>	<p>JULY 10 Simeon & Levi's Vengeance Genesis 34:1-5,8,13-17, 25-27,30-31</p>
<p>JULY 17 The Brothers' Jealousy Genesis 37:2b-4,17b-27</p>	<p>JULY 24 Judah's Repentance Genesis 38:13-17,24-26; 49:8-12</p>
<p>JULY 31 Joseph's Providence Genesis 45:1-15</p>	

VOLUNTEERS AROUND THE CHURCH

RECEPTION DESK

July 3 **July 10**
Judy Schlegel Millie Ehrett

SUNDAY SCHOOL

July 3
Babies & Ones: Kathryn Stewart, Jerolyn Phillips
Twos-K: Tye Hill, Donnetta Williams

July 10
Babies & Ones: Latesha Brown, Tara Pope
Twos-K: Tye Hill, Donnetta Williams

WORSHIP CARE

July 3
Babies & Ones: Jo Davis, Carolyn Slappey
Twos-K: Donnetta Williams, Tye Hill

July 10
Babies & Ones: Latesha Brown, Tara Pope
Twos-K: Tye Hill, Donnetta Williams

CONNECTED IN PRAYER

IN RECOVERY & ONGOING TREATMENTS

John Bell	Buddy McGohon
Jason Cooper	LaRue Speights
Mona Fisher	Linda Whitt
LaWayne Fleming	

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Maxine Ammons	Al Lowery
Juanita Blackburn	Samson Mathangani
Libby Brown	Kitty Newell
Ann Bush	Leon Nix
Esther Evans	Margaret Northrup
Milton Fullman	Gaynell Pinson
Pat Gillespie	Jerry & Lorelle Singleton
Sandy Gillis	Alicia Stigler
Bob & Mavis Hardy	Hazel Turner
Ruford Hodges	Bobbie Weaver
Peggy Jones	Doris Weaver
Dot Lowe	

MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD

Dianne & Shane McNary - Slovakia
 Awon Shanglai - India
 Marco & Omar Vallejo - Mexico
 Richard Owiti Kogola, Paul Mbogo,
 Benson Mwangangi, & Josphat Thiori - Kenya
 Chuck Tarter - Ireland

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Marianna Madden & family in the death of her mother-in-law, Nett Madden on June 25th.

PASSPORT CAMPERS THIS SUMMER

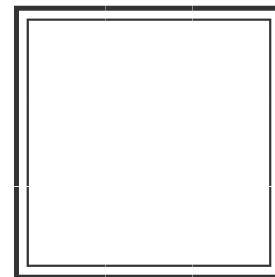
Youth & Adults at Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC June 25-July 1, 2022

Leah Barnett	Maggie McBrayer
Luke Binet	Christopher McCarty
Sara Binet	Hadley McFarland
Adie Carter	Jay McFarland
Finn Carter	Kate McGinnis
Emily Cooper	Sophie Milstead
Jason Cooper	George Phillips
Taylor Cooper	Lillian Sapp
Nash Dorion	Amelia Stewart
Audrey Hankins	Kathryn Stewart
Charlie Henry	Madeleine Taylor
Tommy Henry	Mike Thomas
Mitchell Hughey	Lilie VanGiessen
Isabel Jaquess	Hamp McMurray
Tyler Johnson	Holland Warren
Reese Jordan	Ella Youngblood
Allen Levio	

Children & Adults at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA July 17-20, 2022

Nancy Akins	Abigail Moran
Keller Brownell	Duncan Nix
Larry Brownell	Jasper Nix
Genevieve Gammell	Aubrey Payton
Lucy Hankins	Calvin Pouncey
Ryan Hankins	Melissa Pouncey
Collier Hughey	Benjamin Riley
Audrey McFarland	Matthew Riley

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MIKE MCBRAYER, ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR

DR. ERIC SPIVEY, SENIOR PASTOR

MARTY WATTS, MINISTER OF MUSIC & WORSHIP

Please note that the church offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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