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UHBG Connections

**LET'S CELEBRATE 20 YEARS
WITH JENNIFER COX**

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AT FALL SERVE ON OCTOBER 22ND!**

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starts a new book on November 15th!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 6 during worship

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

Friday, November 11 - Sunday, November 13
Worldsong at Cook Springs

VHBC GIVING

October Budget Needed: \$146,768.00
October Offering to Date: \$124,413.00

October Budget Needed: \$1,490,236.00
October Offering to Date: \$1,355,143.00

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AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETREAT ANEW



THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE, JESUS RETREATS FROM THE CROWDS AND BUSYNESS OF LIFE TO FIND PEACE OF MIND AND BODY AND SPIRIT.

He gathers in homes with friends or seeks time in God's creation to find respite. **We have an opportunity** to follow Jesus's model and **Retreat Anew** this coming **January 28th & 29th, 2023**. We have the hope to slow down, find fellowship, enjoy nature, and reflect on our spiritual journey.



Meg Lacy Vega will return to VHBC to lead the adult sessions calling us to rest and fellowship and abide anew with God. Meg received her BA in Religion from Samford University and MDiv from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Meg is passionate about sharing her faith journey and helping others to experience God Anew!



The beauty of this retreat is the inter-generational presence and participation of VHBC members. From children to senior adults, we experience the fullness of the body of Christ anew. Relationships are forged, memories are shared and deep abiding fellowship with one another and God is experienced.



So now it's your turn to say "Yes!" Say "Yes!" to fellowship, fun, and faith anew in 2023! Don't delay, say "Yes!" today! Go to vhbc.com and follow the **Retreat Anew 2023** link to sign up today!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT SHOCCO SPRINGS IN JANUARY!

Laura Tadlock

Ministry Assistant, Discipleship & Missions

CHURCHWIDE

A Retreat Anew

AT SHOCCO SPRINGS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

JANUARY 28-29, 2023

**PRICING
FOR ADULTS**

**DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
SINGLE OCCUPANCY
DAY PARTICIPANT
COLLEGE STUDENT**

**\$100
\$140
\$25
\$30**

**PRICING FOR
CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Ages 3-8: \$20
Ages 9-12: \$25
Youth: \$110 (2-nights)

REGISTER ONLINE

WWW.VHBC.COM/2023WINTERRETREAT

Deadline: Friday, November 18th



A NOTE

FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend, Marcia and I will celebrate Homecoming at Western Carolina University with our youngest daughter, Sydney. We had so much fun last year when she was crowned their Homecoming Queen. We return to the mountains of North Carolina to celebrate her once again as she bestows her crown on the next Queen.

While we are away, Vestavia Hills will celebrate All Saints Sunday. Marty and I have been working on this service for months. I regret I will miss it. The service will be an opportunity to connect to the losses in our lives and in our congregation. Along with naming the individuals within our church who have passed away, we will give each worshipper the opportunity to write their loss on a paper dove and place it on a wreath. If you are worshipping from home, let me encourage you to worship with your journey beside you and name your loss before God.

I am grateful one of our newest sacred partners (members) Rev. Ronnie Brewer, has agreed to preach while I am away. Ronnie has preached in our church in the past. I know you will enjoy the message the Lord places on his heart.

Finally, let me encourage you to join Marcia and me at the Churchwide Retreat on January 28th & 29th, 2023 at Shocco Springs. We've heard great stories of the retreat and cannot wait to experience it ourselves. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to spend quality time with many of you - in worship, play, and hanging out. On the Sunday of the retreat, I will return to lead worship here on Shades Mountain while the retreat attendees worship together. Now is the time to sign up for this great event. Do not miss it. I'll see you next Sunday. You are loved.

Eric

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN NOVEMBER

All Saints Sunday



During worship on **November 6th**, Vestavia Hills Baptist Church will remember All Saints Sunday. As part of this worship experience, we will remember each sacred partner (member) of our church who died over the last year. During this remembrance we will invite family members to light a candle on the communion table as their name is called.

Family members and friends of these sacred partners are invited to join us in worship on this Sunday. Also, during this worship experience, we will provide an opportunity for each worshipper to remember the losses and griefs we have experienced over the last year.

PERFORMANCE DURING WORSHIP

We welcome to worship on Sunday, **November 13**, Tiffany Bostic-Brown and Terrance Brown. Dr. Bostic-Brown, soprano, is Artist-in-Residence at Western Kentucky University and Dr. Brown, baritone, is dean of Potter College of Arts and Letters at Western Kentucky University. In addition to their work in academia both are active performers. You will not want to miss the opportunity to hear them share their gifts with our church in worship.



Recognition of Retirement for Jennifer Cox

Join us on Sunday, **November 20** as we recognize and honor Jennifer Cox for her 20 years of service as our VHBC Child Development Center Director. See **page 14** for more details about this special time during worship.

We will also take an opportunity during worship to partake in communion. We hope to see you there.

VHBC YOUTH *November*

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11/2** WNL 6-7pm
- 11/6** YOSE GAME NIGHT 5-7 pm
- 11/9** WNL 6-7 pm & Firehouse Shelter
- 11/13** NO YOSE
- 11/14** 428

FOCUS FALL RETREAT



November 11-13
Retreat Speaker:
Milligan Burroughs



November 9th
5:30 pm
Youth Serving Dinner



KEEP UP WITH ALL THE THINGS ON GROUPME!



VHBC

children's ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE
-THE-
DATE

Bethlehem Morning
Sunday, December 4th
8:45 am

NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE

REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY CONTINUALLY, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT VHBC



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



NEWS & EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS AROUND THE CHURCH

CHILDREN'S RECEPTION DESK

NOV 6

Judy Schlegel

NOV 13

Brenda Ammons

WORSHIP CARE (9:45 am until end of worship)

NOV 6

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

NOV 13

Babies & Ones: Millie Ehrett, Sharon Hartzog
Twos-K: Kevin Jaquess, Isabel Jaquess

WELCOME TEAM

NOV 6/13

Sharon Hartzog
Carolyn Slappey
Brandi Brownell
Larry Brownell
Dan Caldwell
Lauren Hartzog
Kathy Finch
Sharon Repp
Lisa Speegle

TRANSPORTATION TEAM

NOV 6 Mike Craddock
William Dupree

NOV 13 Julia Duffy
Barton Duffy

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

June 26-July 9, 2023

There is still time to register to join Eric and Marcia in Israel next summer. Now is the time to start registering for the trip.

For an overview of the trip, registration form, and any other questions, please visit

<https://questtravelgroup.com/pastorspivey>.

As you decide, feel free to reach out to Pastor Eric for even more questions or information (eric@vhbc.com).

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

NOURISH OUR NEIGHBORS AT FIREHOUSE

Remember church lunches where we'd have tables of and 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 to the church's main lobby by 5:15 pm on the second Wednesday of each month. Sign up [HERE!](#)



BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

Victorious Life!
2 Corinthians 2:14

Sunday, November 6th, Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, 1101 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Birmingham, AL, **3pm**

Monday, November 7th, Grantswood Baptist Church, 4850 Grantswood Place, Irondale, AL, **10 am**



Please place your donations in the colorful bins around the church!

October & November COLLECTION!

THANK YOU!

Rise AGAINST HUNGER wants to thank Vestavia Hills Baptist Church for hosting another meal packaging event with us!

Your community has packaged over 50,000 meals with us! What an amazing impact you have all made! Thank you so much for your continued support of our mission. We look forward to partnering with you again in the future.

 **RISE AGAINST HUNGER**
THE ATLANTA TEAM



Thank you!

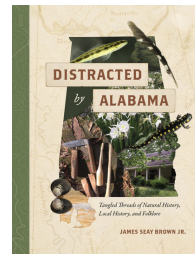


Please join the Women's Bible study group as we meet 4 weeks around Advent to discuss Tsh Oxenreider's book "Shadow & Light: A Journey into Advent!"

"Advent is not meant to be a season of doing more or having more. Instead, accept the gift of a slow and meaningful season to rest in God's nearness-and ready yourself for the miracle that Christmas brings, year after year." We will meet on Tuesdays at 9:30 am & 6:30 pm; Nov. 15, 29, Dec 6, & 13.

There is no homework or group videos with this study; simply daily devotions which will take us through the Advent season, so our meetings will be discussion based. **Please sign up at vhbc.com.** Books at **\$16** and can be paid for through the form or in the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT VHBC



**Senior Adult Luncheon
November 10 at 11:30
Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Jim Brown**

SIGN UP AT

VHBC.COM





WEDNESDAYS THIS FALL



Reserve meals for your family online, join our standing reservation list, or come when you can for dinner at 4:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

NOVEMBER MENU

2nd: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage & Biscuits, Potato Casserole, & Orange Rolls

9th: Sliced Turkey and Ham, Dressing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Dessert

16th: Lemon Pepper Chicken, Baby Baker Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Rolls, Dessert

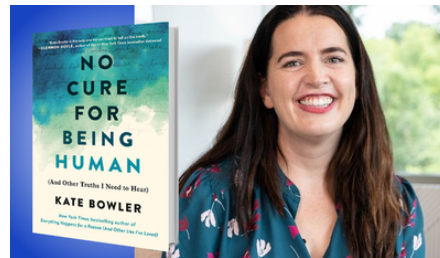
23rd: No Dinner This Week (Thanksgiving Break)



Contemplative Prayer

continues in the Chapel at 6 pm through the month of November

Kate Bowler Book Study



Fall Speaker Series: Faith In Action



Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we hear from our members doing good work in the community for the next few weeks.

November 2: Dr. Beth McGinnis
November 9: Rev. Lucas Dorion

CONNECTED IN PRAYER

IN THE HOSPITAL

Linda Anderson - Grandview 1214

UPCOMING PROCEDURES

Joan Crye - UAB 11/18

WE CARE HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Juanita Blackburn	Dot Lowe
Libby Brown	Al Lowery
Ann Bush	Mary Lysaught
Carolyn Cain	Samson Mathangani
Mary Creech	Rudy McMurray
Jane Deagon	Kitty Newell
Franciska Dyck	Leon Nix
Esther Evans	Margaret Northrup
Milton Fullman	Gaynell Pinson
Al & Shirley Furr	Jerry & Lorelle Singleton
Pat Gillespie	Jean Spivey
Sandy Gillis	Alicia Stigler
Bob & Mavis Hardy	Hazel Turner
Ruford Hodges	Betty Vanstrum
Peggy Jones	Doris Wilson
Charlotte Kyser	

IN RECOVERY & ONGOING TREATMENTS

Karen Anderson	Gay Thomas
Becky Atkinson	Barbara Vandergriff
John Bell	Sarah Moreland
Jason Cooper	Gaynell Pinson
Mona Fisher	Virginia Stone
Jim Hall	Ed Whitfield

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
Candy & Paul Huynh - Cambodia

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Sue and Stan Virciglio as they became great-grandparents to Stella Rosalie Virciglio on October 15th. Proud parents are Austin & Nicki Virciglio.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO

Bettye Smith and family in the passing of her brother, Raymond Fletcher.

Please send prayer requests or updates to Jennifer Tiehen or the church office at the contacts provided. Thank you!



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Let's Celebrate
Jennifer Cox

*Join us in celebrating Jennifer Cox as she retires from 20 years
of service as VHBC Child Development Center Director.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 10:00 AM

Join us for morning worship
as we recognize and celebrate Jennifer

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7:30-9:00 AM

"Giving Thanks!" Drop-in Breakfast
for CDC parents and alumni parents

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, NOON

Early pick up at noon!
The CDC will close early for a CDC staff luncheon honoring Jennifer.

~ Love Offering ~

You are invited to participate in giving a love offering
to Jennifer which will be presented on Sunday, November 20 during
morning worship. VHBC members and CDC families are invited to give.

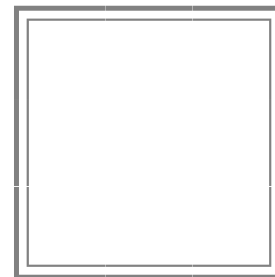
HOW TO GIVE:

Give through the VHBC Giving Portal.
Select "Love Offering" in the fund box
or write a check to VHBC and designate "Love Offering."

Join us as we say **Thank You to Jennifer**
for her 20 years of service
and ministry in our church!



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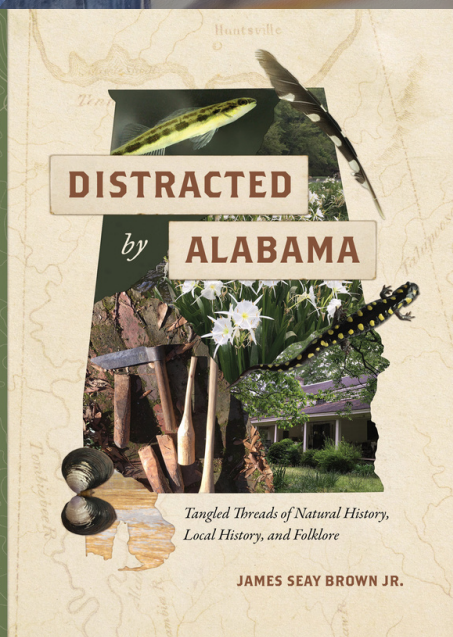
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**DON'T FORGET TO
FALL BACK ON
NOVEMBER 6TH!**

NOW IN THE LIBRARY



Do you have a copy of Jim Brown's new book, Distracted by Alabama? If not, stop by the VHBC library OR your local library and pick up a copy before Thursday, November 10th. Dr. Brown will be speaking at the Senior Adult Luncheon, starting at 11:30 am. Sign up at vhbc.com!

If you'd like to purchase a copy at the luncheon, local book shop, Thank You Books will have copies to sell on site!

