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# VHBC Connections

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL  
WEEKEND AT VHBC!**

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## THIS WEEK AT VHBC

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

continues on Tuesdays at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm

### NEW ROUND OF WEDNESDAY SESSIONS AT VHBC

Check page ... for more details!

### GOLDEN VOICES CHOIR

from Miles College performing this Friday at 10 am in the sanctuary.

### VHBC GIVING

October Budget Needed:	\$146,768.00
October Offering to Date:	\$65,494.00
YTD Budget Needed:	\$1,422,498.00
YTD Offering:	\$1,296,255.00
Difference:	(\$126,273.00)

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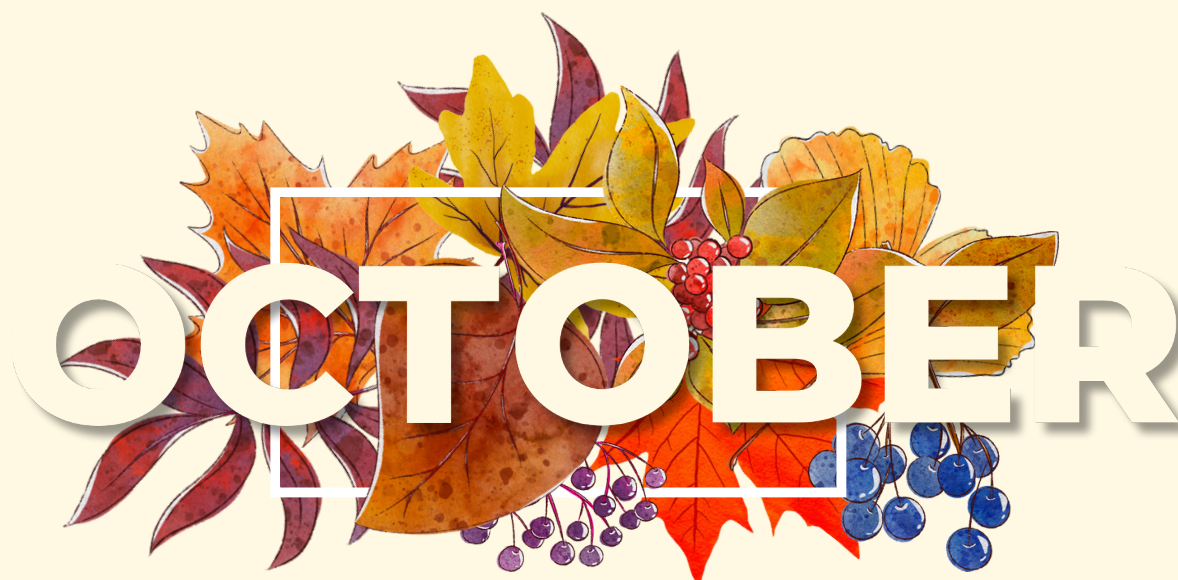


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YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL WEEKEND IN



AT VHBC

OCTOBER 22 & 23

## FALL SERVE

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2022

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9 AM - NOON  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Families are invited to participate in multiple areas including a Rise Against Hunger 10,000 meal prep at the church!

\*Childcare available for ages 4 and under by online reservation only.\*



SCAN ME

## CHILDREN'S SABBATH

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2022

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10 AM  
SANCTUARY

This is a special day to celebrate children as gifts from God and a day for children to serve as our worship leaders.

## FALLFEST

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2022

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4-6 PM  
VHBC PARKING LOT

Invite your friends, wear your best costume, and bring a bag/bucket OR decorate a trunk to give away candy and or **ADD A GAME** and give away prizes! We're also going to have hot dogs & chips AND an **INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE!**



## → FEATURED ARTICLE

# THE GOOD OL' DAYS

by *Eric Spivey*

DURING THE FINALE OF THE **NBC** SITCOM *THE OFFICE*, ANDY BERNARD (ED HELMS), THE LOVEABLE MANAGER WHO REPLACED MICHAEL SCOTT, WISTFULLY OFFERS THIS NOW FAMOUS QUOTE IN HIS CONFESSIONAL, "I WISH THERE WAS A WAY TO KNOW YOU WERE IN THE GOOD OL' DAYS BEFORE YOU ACTUALLY LEFT THEM."

Over the past six weeks we have invested ourselves in God's future as individuals and a church as we have focused on New Creation scriptures in our worship experiences. Our Anew Initiative has invited us to consider what God is about to do in and through us. While we have focused on God's future, I have become especially aware of God's presence in this moment. Extraordinary things are happening right now. Something new is being born.

Each week during our Sunset Vespers, I invite our attendees to consider the movement of God in their lives as the sun goes down. Join me in looking around our Church to witness the movement of God right now.

I see God moving in our children's ministry. On Monday, Nancy could not stop smiling as she shared the great questions and interest of our children during the Christian Discovery Class on Sunday.

I see God moving in our student ministry. Not only did we get a chance to baptize three students in September, this week parents and students gathered to begin planning for their International Mission Experience in Slovakia with the McNarys.

I see God moving with our senior adult ministry. Our Senior Adult Ministry Team with the leadership of Laura Tadlock is meeting again after Covid and planning for a gathering during the holidays.

I see God moving in our ministry to parents. Last Saturday an intergenerational gathering of moms came together for flower decorating, fellowship, and fun.

I see God moving in our discipleship ministry. Abbey Donze's and Dick Bodenhamer's faith story on Sunday was so powerful. Dick shared his new calling to leave his Bible group to help begin a new group for our young adults. Abbey shared her willingness to commit anew to VHBC as an adult.

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I see God moving in our mission ministry around the city. This Saturday as we gather for our fall mission serve, we join God's work already taking place in ministries around the city.

I could go keep going. I see God working in our ordinance team, our deacons, our CDC, our staff, and in individual church members. God's future is already breaking out around us. **Can we see?** Join me in celebrating God's work, joining God's work, and inviting us to come along beside us. This way, when we look back years and decades from now, we can celebrate we really did know we were living through some of the best of times! I'll see you on Sunday as we celebrate Children's Sabbath and our Fall Fest!

## ERIC

# 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.

Our guest preacher for All Saints Sunday will be Rev. Ronnie Brewer, our newest member and retired Baptist pastor.

*Ronnie & Janet Brewer have recently retired in Birmingham after 40 plus years of vocational ministry. On their journey Ronnie was the first & fourth pastor of Trinity Baptist in Madison, AL and the Senior Baptist Campus Minister at the University of Alabama.*



# VHBC YOUTH Oct 2022

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/21 Tailgate at VHHS from 5-7:30 pm
- 10/22 Fall Serve
- 10/23 Fall Festival 4-6p Afterparty 6-8p
- 10/30 YOSE Night Out at McCallum Park 4-6p

## CHURCHWIDE TAILGATE AT VHHS

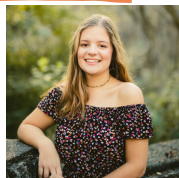


On **October 21st**, join us for snacks & games outside of the football stadium from 5:30-7pm!



### KEEP UP WITH ALL THE THINGS ON GROUPME!

## COMING SOON...



November 11-13, 2022  
Retreat Speaker:  
Milligan Burroughs



# VHBC *children's ministry* UPCOMING EVENTS

## OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

Do to others as you would have them do to you.  
Luke 6:31  
Bible thought: Treat others the way you want them to treat you.



## CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Sunday, October 23  
during worship  
This is a special day to celebrate children as gifts from God and a day for children to serve as our worship leaders.

## FALLFEST

Sunday, October 23  
4-6 pm  
Wear your costume, bring your treat bag, & lots of friends!







BUSH HILLS MUSIC CLUB INVITES YOU TO HEAR

*Miles College*

**GOLDEN  
VOICES  
CHOIR**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST**

10 AM / VHBC SANCTUARY

VESTAVIA HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH  
2600 VESTAVIA DR. VESTAVIA, AL 35216  
[WWW.VHBC.COM](http://WWW.VHBC.COM)

# 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](http://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



# NEWS & EVENTS

## VOLUNTEERS AROUND THE CHURCH

### CHILDREN'S RECEPTION DESK

**Oct 23** Virginia Wood  
**Oct 30** Barbara Kimbrel

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

**Oct 23**  
 Babies & Ones: Lisa Speegle, Brandi Brownell  
 Twos-K: Adam & Melissa Pouncey

**Oct 30**  
 Babies & Ones: Amy Gillis, Caroline Nordlund  
 Twos-K: Jan Deagon, Brenda Ammons

### WELCOME TEAM

**Oct 23/30**  
 Sharon Hartzog  
 Carolyn Slappey  
 Brandi Brownell  
 Larry Brownell  
 Dan Caldwell  
 Lauren Hartzog  
 Cappy Blackwelder  
 Joe Perez  
 Fred Olive

### TRANSPORTATION TEAM

**Oct 23** Craig Youngblood  
 Richard Horn  
**Oct 30** Brent Warren  
 Scott Phillips

## 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

### Blessing Our Community

**October 27th**, VHBC will be providing a meal for the UAB Spiritual Health Department, who is celebrating Spiritual Care Week at UAB, thanking the Chaplain staff, including our own Rev. Alexis Johnson and Rev. Haley Seanor, for their pastoral care and support of patients and their families.

**October 28th**, we will be providing a luncheon for teachers and staff at Dolly Ridge Elementary, thanking them for their good work with children and families in our community!

### GIFTS FROM YOUR OVEN TO OUR COMMUNITY'S TEACHERS

You can contribute by preparing 2 dozen brownies or another of your favorite bar desserts. Sign up [here](#), and deliver in a disposable container to the church foyer by 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 27.

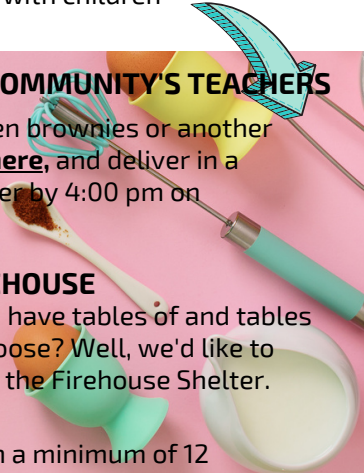
### NOURISH OUR NEIGHBORS AT FIREHOUSE

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!](#)



## October & November COLLECTION!



**THANK YOU!**

**DEAR VHBC FAMILY,**

Once we discerned that it was God's will for us to marry, we both knew that we wanted our entire church family to celebrate with us. After all, you had walked with us through the darkest periods of our lives; how then could we not invite you to share in one of the most joyous events of our lives, our wedding? We wanted you present, and we especially wanted everyone to "pass a good time" with good food and sweet fellowship.

It took many people to make this happen, far too many to thank in this short note. However, know this: We will treasure the memories we all made together, Sunday, October 2, 2022. We love you, we are grateful, and we look forward to continuing to serve our Lord and our God alongside you. It took many people to make this happen, far too many to thank in this short note. However, know this: We will treasure the memories we all made together, Sunday, October 2, 2022. We love you, we are grateful, and we look forward to continuing to serve our Lord and our God alongside you.

**MUCH LOVE, CHUCK & LARUE GILLESPIE**



**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**

BMBA WMU would like to invite you to join us as we pray together for our Baptist sisters around the world! There is no cost for this meeting but registration is requested. Also, please bring an offering to support the Baptist World Alliance's women's department. You may attend either of these events in person or online. If online, please email [wmu@bmbaonline.org](mailto:wmu@bmbaonline.org) to request a meeting for the event. Contact Sheryl Buckner for more info.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT VHBC**

**Connections Luncheon**  
**October 30 at 11:15**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**New members & Visitors Welcome!**

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

**SIGN UP FOR BOTH EVENTS AT**







## 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.

### OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MENU

- 19th:** Chicken Divan, Seasoned New Potatoes, Roll, & Dessert
- 26th:** Spaghetti with Sausage & Meatballs, Spinach Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert (Kids: Pizza & Fries)
- 2nd:** Scrambled Eggs, Sausage & Biscuits, Potato Casserole, & Orange Rolls

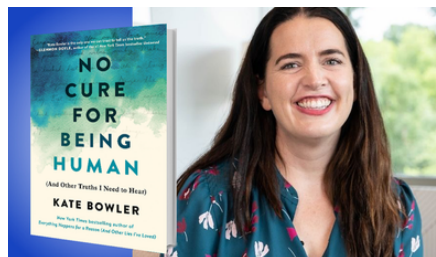


### Contemplative Prayer

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

### Kate Bowler Book Study

beginning October 19th  
Grab a copy before the first session



### 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.

# CONNECTED IN PRAYER

## UPCOMING PROCEDURES

Karen Anderson - 10/25 at STVHS  
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	

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

Ann Knight in the birth of her granddaughter,  
Avery Irene Knight to Zac & Krista Knight on  
October 12th.

## IN RECOVERY & ONGOING TREATMENTS

Becky Atkinson	Barbara Vandergriff
John Bell	Sarah Moreland
Jason Cooper	Gaynell Pinson
Jerrie Elliott	Virginia Stone
Mona Fisher	Ed Whitfield
Gay Thomas	

## 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

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO

The family of Susan Driggers in the passing of her  
husband, Bobby on Sunday, October 9th. Memorials  
to the VHBC Music Ministry are welcome.

Richard Horn and family in the death of his mother,  
Hazel Horn on October 12th. A graveside service will  
be held on Sunday, October 16th at 2pm at  
Magnolia Cemetery in Greenville, AL.



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



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# AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR VHBC CDC COMMITTEE



Dear VHBC Family,

As seasons inevitably change, people experience changes in their seasons of life. One of these changes is coming for our dear VHBC Child Development Center director, Jennifer Cox, in the announcement of her retirement on December 22, 2022, after 20 years of service.

As Jennifer makes this announcement, your Vestavia Hills Baptist Church Child Development Center Committee celebrates with her in this long-anticipated event. We have worked with Jennifer for several months to craft a seamless transition to a new director. As a part of this planning, we will hold several recognition events, both for the CDC staff and parents, as well as for the entire VHBC family.

We are also in the process of developing a recruitment campaign to secure the very best director candidate available. Please join us in prayer as we move through this work.

A center focused on the preschool years has been operated by VHBC in this location since 1978, and over these 44 years our commitment to early childhood education and care has not wavered. We are committed to continue excellent love-centered care for the children of our community as we enter a new era of leadership.

Thank you, Jennifer, for your ministry at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church.

Most Sincerely,

VHBC Child Development Center Committee

Amy Hamilton, Chair

Dick Bodenhamer

Todd Jordan

Elizabeth McCarty

Becky White

Nancy Akins, VHBC Minister to Preschool & Children, ex officio



**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)

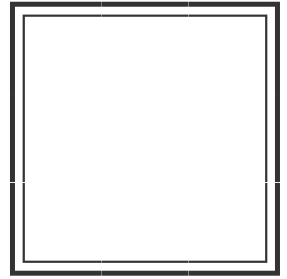
**REGISTER ONLINE**

**[WWW.VHBC.COM/2023WINTERRETREAT](http://WWW.VHBC.COM/2023WINTERRETREAT)**

Deadline: Friday, November 18th



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**DR. ERIC SPIVEY, SENIOR PASTOR**

**LAURA TADLOCK, MINISTRY ASSISTANT**

**MARTY WATTS, MINISTER OF MUSIC & WORSHIP**



Thursday, October 20 at Mountain Brook Baptist Church  
@7pm Alabama CBF Worship & Installation of  
our own Rev. Lucas Dorion as new Coordinator

# NOW AVAILABLE

Surfing the Waves of Alzheimer's: Principles of Caregiving  
That Kept Me Upright by Renee Brown Harmon, MD

*"My hands trembled, my heart raced, and I broke out in a sweat as I dialed the number. Who turns in their own husband as an impaired physician?"*

Are you or someone you know caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's? Check out this compassionate memoir of younger-onset Alzheimer's disease with thoughtful guidelines for caregivers.

Available in our church library today!

