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Come early for dinner, starting at 4:45 pm!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Moai small group with Melody Harden meets
this Friday from 11 am - 1 pm at Newk's Vestavia

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COMMIT ANEW

by Ryan Hankins

MY WIFE, MEREDITH, AND I JOINED THE CHURCH IN OCTOBER 2001. AS IT WAS OCTOBER, IT WAS THE CHURCH'S SEASON OF PLEDGING, I'D ALREADY BEEN A PART OF SEVERAL CONGREGATIONS, AND I'D NEVER BEEN A PART OF A PLEDGE EMPHASIS. I HAD NO IDEA WHAT WE WERE DOING OR WHY.

Twenty-one years later, as we enter another season of pledging, I've come to appreciate this part of our church life as another of those practices that make Vestavia Hills Baptist Church rare, if not unique. We are a thoughtful congregation. We like to reflect and deliberate before we act. The season of pledging gives us time to reflect, deliberate, and seek God's direction in the financial lives of our families and our congregation. Our pledges are simply an outward statement of our internal commitment to support our church's mission and ministries.

Making a financial commitment is something we ask ourselves - each household or member - to do. It is not just something for longtime members, older members, wealthier members, or even adult members. It is for us all. And it is not just something we do when we are sure about the future. **When are we ever sure?** Just like singing, prayer, Scripture reading, and communion, **giving** is an act of faith, discipleship, and worship.

The theme for our season is **Commit Anew**. This season invites us to think deliberately about commitments in 2023. All our resources - time, skills, relationships, knowledge, money - are gifts from God. They are also finite. What will our stewardship of these gifts look like in 2023?

Last month, your budget committee, on which I serve alongside Brandon Bates, Dick Bodenhamer, Ashley Hattaway, Dan McMurray, Becky White, and Kay Wilburn, asked committee chairs, ministry leaders, ministers, and staff to share their hopes and dreams for ministry in 2023.

This month, the committee asks all of us to seek God's guidance about how we will steward - how we will manage - our resources in the year ahead. Will you **Commit Anew** to the life of the congregation and **Commit Anew** your financial support of the congregation's missions and ministries?

In the coming days, each household will receive a pledge card. Between now and October 24, you can make your commitment by placing a pledge card in the offering plate or dropping it by the church office. You can also make your commitment online www.vhbc.com/2023budgetpledge or email Jamie Ambrose in our Financial Office at jamie@vhbc.com.

Next month, the committee will put together the goals of our ministry leaders and the total financial commitments made (we never see individual pledges) to create **2023 ministry budget**. We will present this budget to the church for approval later in the year.

God does not need our help. Instead, he invites us to join him in making all things new. Giving generously through our congregation is one way we live out the words of the prayer we pray every Sunday: *"thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven."*



A commit
A new

VHBC YOUTH Oct 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/9 Fall Break begins
- 10/16 IME Interest Meeting 11am & YOSE Mission Night
- 10/21 Tailgate at VHHS from 5-7:30 pm

YOSE MISSION NIGHT



On **October 16th**, we'll be hearing from Allison Dearing and the work she does at One Place!



KEEP UP WITH ALL THE THINGS ON GROUPME!

VHBC

children's ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

GA SELLING ORNAMENTS

Starting Wednesday, October 5 on a table in the foyer, GA will be selling handmade ornaments to raise money for Christmas gifts for two children in foster care through AL Baptist Children's Homes.



FALL FLOWER ARRANGING & BRUNCH

On Saturday, October 15 moms are invited to join us for a delicious brunch followed by fall flower arranging with Becky Griffith, Sharon Hartzog, & Millie Ehrett. [RSVP Here!](#)

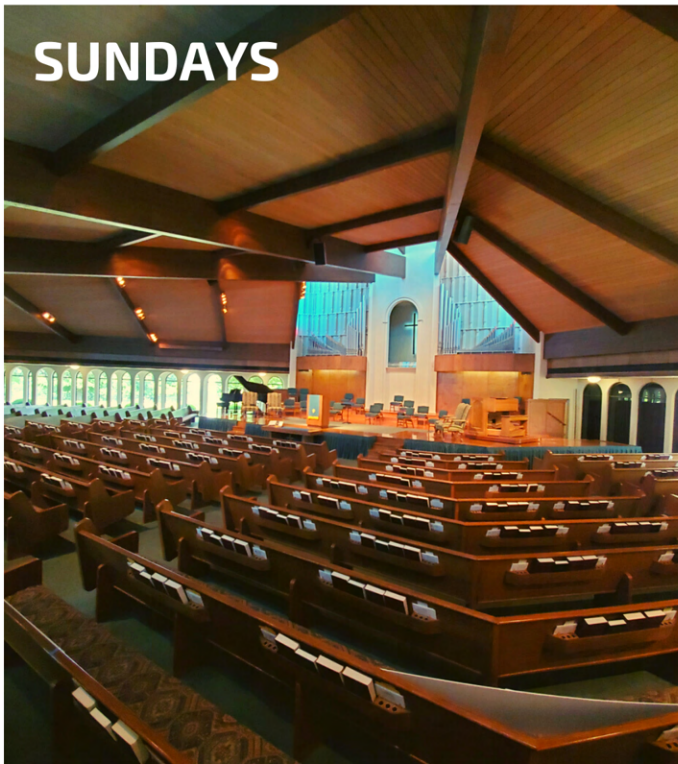


CHRISTIAN DISCOVERY CLASS

Sunday, October 16 at 10am in the Children's Activity Room, 4th-6th graders are invited to our Christian Discovery Class.



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

NEWS & EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS AROUND THE CHURCH

CHILDREN'S RECEPTION DESK

Oct 9 Jay McFarland
Oct 16 Dick Bodenhamer

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

Oct 9
 Babies & Ones: Prissy Sumners, Ashley Hattaway
 Twos-K: Mary Grace Cox, Shawn Owens

Oct 16
 Babies & Ones: Billie Lochamy, Mindy Bodenhamer
 Twos-K: Jennifer Carter, Melissa McBrayer

WELCOME TEAM

Oct 9	Oct 16
Sharon Hartzog	Sharon Hartzog
Howard Finch	Carolyn Slappey
Brandi Brownell	Brandi Brownell
Larry Brownell	Larry Brownell
Lauren Hartzog	Dan Caldwell
Kathy Finch	Lauren Hartzog
Sharon Repp	Cappy Blackwelder
Lisa Speegle	Joe Perez
	Fred Olive

TRANSPORTATION TEAM

Oct 9 Mike Craddock
Oct 16 William Dupree

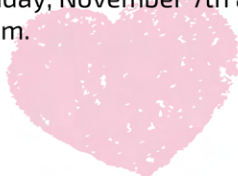


Do you want to be a driver? Contact Tyler Johnson (tyler@vhbc.com) for more info!

OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE CHURCH

We Care Needs You!

Our Homebound member ministry meets monthly on the first Monday to discuss visits & contacts with our homebound members. Want to learn more about this vital ministry? Their next meeting will be Monday, November 7th at 10 am in the Seminar Room.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY



TAKE A HIKE...

w/Margaret Winkler

Join Margaret at Red Mtn. Park two Sundays in October to hike through the wilderness.

Sign up today!

Oct. 9 & 30
3 pm

Meet at the main entrance and don't forget good hiking shoes/boots & a bottle of water!
 Different trails for all fitness types!

MOAI

(Mo-Eye) an Okinawan tradition of a group of people meeting with a common purpose

WHEN Friday, October 7 at 11 am - 1 pm

WHERE Newk's Vestavia

WHAT Are you a caregiver? Or a newcomer looking for fellowship? Join us for Community Connection and share a meal and conversation as we support one another in our daily lives.



GIFTS FROM YOUR OVEN TO OUR COMMUNITY'S TEACHERS

As a 2022-2023 Partner in Education with Vestavia Hills Elementary Dolly Ridge, our church is delivering lunch to Dolly Ridge teachers and staff in late October. 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.

Thank you for joining in this community partnership!



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!](#)



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 MENU

- 5th:** Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, & Bread
- 12th:** Chicken Divan, Seasoned New Potatoes, Roll, & Dessert (Kids: Chicken Fingers & Fries)
- 19th:** Spaghetti with Sausage & Meatballs, Spinach Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert (Kids: Pizza & Fries)
- 26th:** Scrambled Eggs, Sausage & Biscuits, Potato Casserole, & Orange Rolls



Sunset Vespers on the Lawn

6:15 pm with Eric

Get Moving: Flexibility & Mobility Class

Led by trainer, Patrick Cook in the seminar room

Fall Flavors

Cooking with Dale Tadlock in the Children's Kitchen

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



YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL WEEKEND IN



AT VHBC

OCTOBER 22 & 23

FALL SERVE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2022

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

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2022

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

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2022

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 an hot dogs & chips AND an **INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE!**



CONNECTED IN PRAYER

IN THE HOSPITAL

Virginia Stone - Grandview SICU

UPCOMING PROCEDURES

Jerrie Elliott 10/17 STVHS
Joan Crye - UAB 11/18

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

Becky Atkinson	Barbara Vandergriff
John Bell	Sarah Moreland
Jason Cooper	Gaynell Pinson
Mona Fisher	Virginia Stone
Barbara Price	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 Bobbye Weaver in her passing on September 29, 2022.

Shawn Owens & Mary Grace Cox in the death of Shawn's mother, Debbie Perkins on Saturday, October 1, 2022.



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

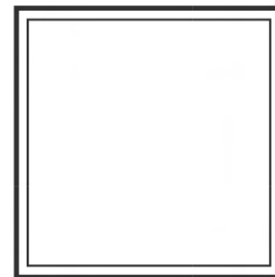


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Save the Date for VHBC
Churchwide Retreat
on January 28-29, 2023.



Fall Gathering
Alabama CBF

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

VISIT OUR LIBRARY!

Ever think of purchasing a daily devotional book but not sure it's for you? Visit the **Devotional Resources** section in our church library. Sit in a comfy chair and browse a book and/or check out a book at the self-check out desk.

