

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

VHBC

CONNECTIONS

STAFF UPDATE

One of our staff is taking on a new role in the church!

LUNCHEON

Our Senior Adult Ministry invites you to a special event next Friday!

FALL SERVE

It's not too early to find out where you can serve in October!

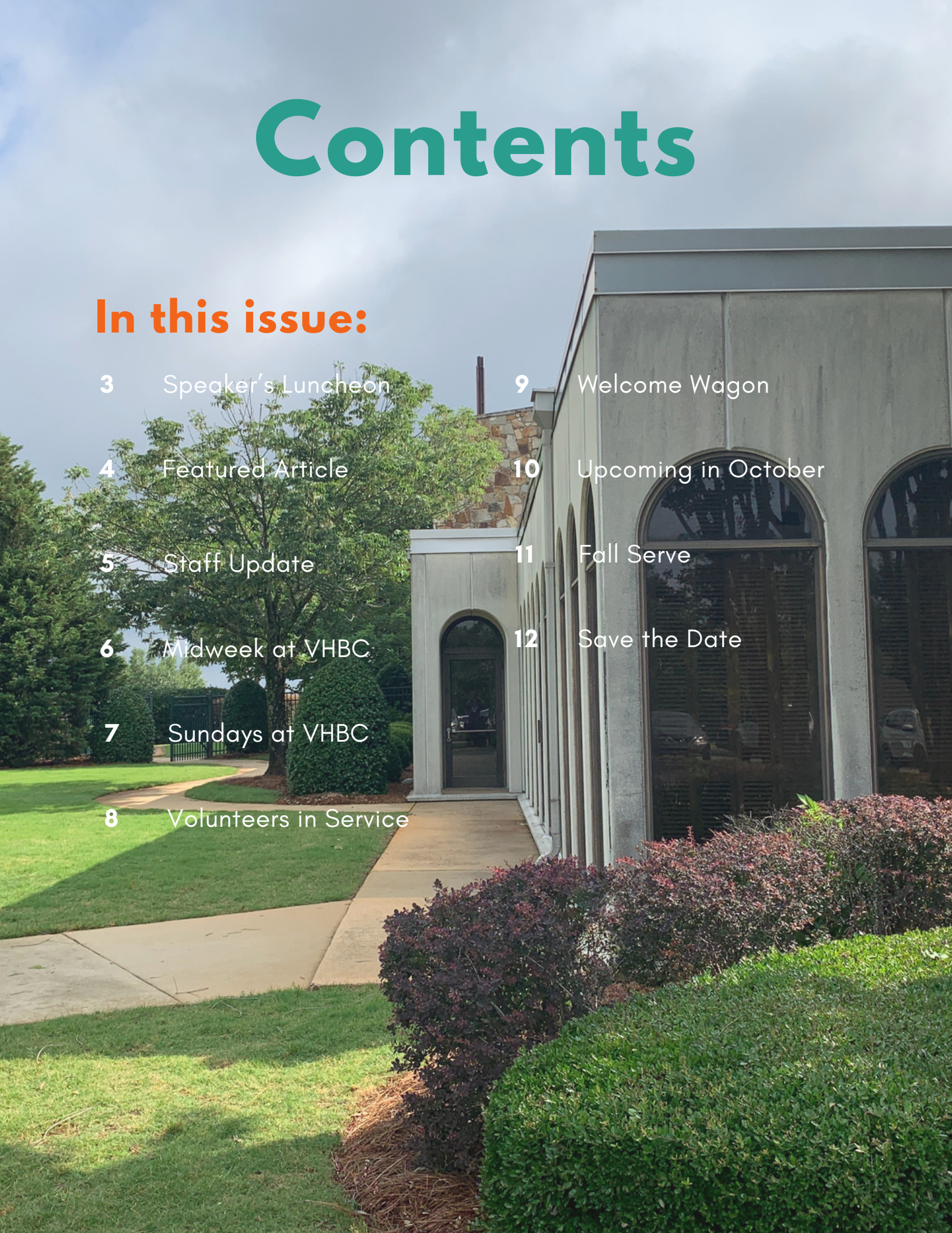


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Save this date in
October!

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SAM HOSTS

Fall

Speaker's

Luncheon

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 11:30 AM



FEATURING
CHUCK POOLE,
VHBC MEMBER
& AUTHOR OF



OUR SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THEIR FALL SPEAKER'S LUNCHEON AT VHBC ON SEPTEMBER 29TH! LUNCH WILL BE PREPARED BY OUR OWN ANN FRANKLIN AND WE WILL HEAR VHBC MEMBER AND AUTHOR, CHUCK POOLE DISCUSS HIS NEW BOOK, *THE PATH TO DEPTH*.

PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE AT VHBC.COM/EVENTS
OR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.
LUNCH WILL BE **\$10** AT THE DOOR.

"THE PATH TO DEPTH IS A SIMPLE NAME FOR THE LIFELONG JOURNEY TO A DEEPER LIFE WITH GOD; A THOUGHTFUL, PRAYERFUL, NARROW WAY WHICH LEADS TO A GENTLE, GENEROUS, WIDE PLACE."



NEVER STOP GROWING TOGETHER

One of the blessings of Vestavia Hills Baptist church is the intergenerational community experienced within its fellowship. From worship to meals to mission engagement, we are purposeful and committed to being a true full reflection of the body of Christ from little ones to seasoned saints of our faith. Now serving a diverse population of ages and needs can be challenging, but here at VHBC we have found a beautiful balance of connection and intention that allows us to stay an interconnected fellowship while meeting the needs of diverse populations in our congregation. One way we have been able to do this effectively is through the Senior Adult Ministry Team. This group of volunteers brings together a wide range of ages and experience so we as a church might better serve our older adults.

The SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) team seeks to plan and implement engaging events reaching a wide range of participants. This is why you will want to take note that sometimes SAM is hosting or sponsoring events to expand the participation. For example, SAM is hosting a Speakers Luncheon September 29th at 11:30am with Chuck Poole speaking about his latest book *The Path to Depth*. This event is open to **all** adults! No AARP card required! So sign up today! And be on the lookout...This fall many other events have been planned- Game Day, Red Mountain Theater Holiday Spectacular, Service projects and SAM Christmas Luncheon! SAM is active and thriving at VHBC!

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So you might be wondering, why is it important to have focused ministry opportunities for our senior adults? Just as we seek to serve our children and students, our young adults and families, we don't want to miss out on the gifts and experience of our older adults. There is no expiration date on service to God! As God's church, we are to never stop growing together in our faith and in our fellowship as a community of believers. Thus prayer, visitation, discipleship, attention and opportunity for service and fun are important to our senior adult ministry as well!

We are called to grow together as God's people, no age cutoff! So we will continue to be diligent in providing spiritual formation for senior adults through our vibrant discipleship ministry, personal attention through our WeCare ministry, and we will marry these with our intention to offer a welcoming gathering place of community for fun and fellowship for those recently retired and those well practiced at it!

Our senior adult members are a vital and healthy part of our church. Their participation, leadership and experience provide a foundation and opportunity for our church to continue to grow together in faith and practice. As I sit and listen to our SAM team plan, my favorite part is the inevitable story telling that happens around the table.

The seemingly divine inspired connections of friends and family and the comical and holy moments shared by a faith community that committed long ago to grow together. The lesson I leave with is there is beauty in lives connected by faith through love and loss, and a drive to continue growing together as the people of God.

Come join SAM this fall! And never stop growing!

**With thanksgiving,
Laura**

LAURA TADLOCK TO SERVE IN SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

As a result of the visioning work our church undertook this past spring, Senior Adult Ministry was identified as an area of focus for the immediate future. Our desire is to utilize the strong lay leadership already present in this area and direct additional staff time and attention to further develop our ministry to senior adults. After reviewing our resources and consulting with senior adult and staff leadership, the VHBC Personnel Committee has revised the responsibilities of Laura Tadlock to include senior adult ministry.

As you know, Laura has been serving on our staff in a part-time capacity since 2021, coordinating our discipleship ministries and mission engagement. Her new title is Senior Adult and Adult Ministries Coordinator. This past year, Laura has been supporting our senior adult ministry in a limited capacity and she is excited to have the opportunity to dedicate more time and effort in this area. Missional engagement is a vital part of our church's ministry. Our Missions Committee, with support from Mike McBrayer, will oversee the mission activities that reflect the commitments of our church.

Midweek

at VHBC

Wednesday Morning Prayer
7 am
ZOOM

Midweek Bible Study
10 am
Seminar Room

The Book of Revelation
A 4-week study with Dale Tadlock
concluding on Oct. 4th

Fellowship
Supper
4:45 pm

9/20 Menu: Hamburger Steak,
Mashed Potatoes, Steamed
Broccoli, Cornbread Muffin

9/27 Menu: Pork Tenderloin, Mac
& Cheese, Baked Sweet Potato,
and Cookies

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Adult Sessions
6 pm

- The Life of Abraham with Jeff Leonard in the Fellowship Hall
- Contemplative Prayer in the Chapel
- Book Study of Nouwen's Life of the Beloved in the Wild Goose room

SUNDAYS AT VHBC

Sunday Morning Bible Study 8:45 am

Find our Welcome Team in the main foyer if you need assistance looking for a class for you and your family.

Children's Sunday School meets in the Children's Building. Please sign your child in at the front reception desk.

Worship in the Sanctuary 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.

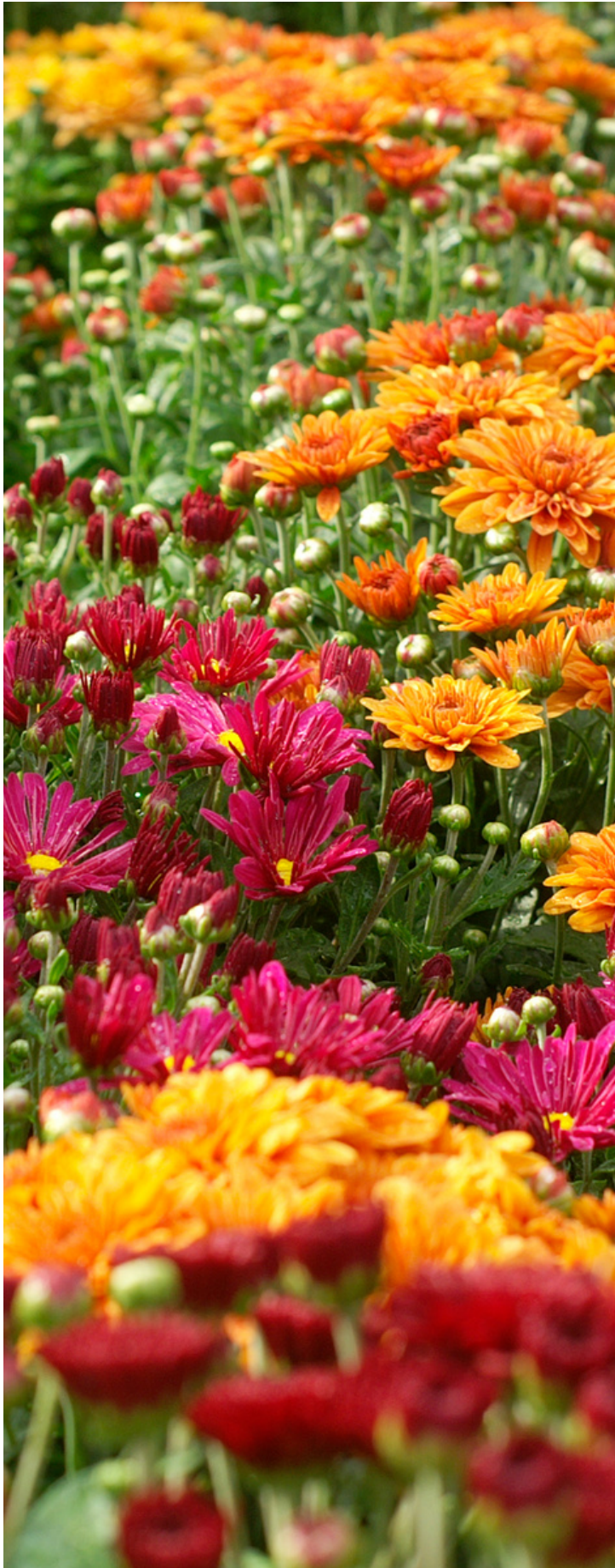
Worship Care for babies through Kindergarten begins at 9:45 am.

Youth on Sunday Evening 5 pm

All youth meet in the Student Building to play games, listen to a devotion, and prepare for the upcoming week.
(During the Fall/Spring)



VOLUNTEERS at VHBC



● **Worship Care**

9/24: Jan Dulin, Stacey Sapp, Becky Atkinson, Trisha Balius, Dianne Horn, Laura Griffio, LaRue Gillespie

10/1: Laura Tadlock, Sara Taylor, Libby Pittman, Emily Dorion, Dan & Gay Caldwell, Becky Best

● **Worship Tech Team**

9/24: Greg Ruff, Hal David, Dan McMurray

10/1: Lilie Van Giessen, Hal David, Dan Van Giessen

● **Welcome Team**

9/24: Joe Perez, Sharon Hartzog, Howard Finch, Dan Caldwell, Lauren Hartzog, Kathy Finch, Sharon Repp

● **Deacons**

9/24: Sara McFarland, John Chandler

10/1: Mary Grace Cox, Julia Duffy

● **Flower & Decor**

9/24: Mary Cherry, Becky Best

10/1: Becky Griffith, Sharon Hartzog, Millie Ehrett

● **Transportation Team**

9/24: Craig Youngblood, Cris Speegle

10/1: Scott Phillips, Mike Craddock

● **Counters**

9/24: Bob Booth, Lisa Speegle

10/1: David Compher, Charles Evans



Chuck and Marcia Poole both grew up in Georgia; Chuck in Macon and Marcia in Augusta. They met while they were both religion majors at Mercer University. After seminary at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, Chuck had a long career in pulpit ministry, serving churches in Macon, GA, Washington, DC, and Jackson, MS.

Marcia served as both teacher and administrator in kindergarten through 4th grade at St. Andrews Episcopal School in Jackson, MS. After retiring they moved to Birmingham in March of this year.

CHUCK & MARCIA POOLE

They were drawn to VHBC by family ties and through prior knowledge of the church. The Poole's daughter, Maria Madden and her husband, James are parents of five of the Poole's ten grandchildren. Son, Joshua, and his wife, Bett live in Jackson with the other five grandchildren. The Pooles enjoy activities with all the grandchildren and walking outdoors when weather permits. They both volunteered during our VBS this year. Marcia has become active on the Flower Committee, and Chuck preached one Sunday during worship, when Eric was away. We welcome Chuck and Marcia to our fellowship and look forward to many years of ministry together.





HELLO OCTOBER!

WEDNESDAYS FOR ADULTS

*Pastor Eric Spivey and others will be organizing another **Sunset Vespers** this fall for two weeks in October.*

*Join us on the lawn at 6 pm on October 4th & 11th! If sitting still is not up your alley, join Laura Casey for **Walking in Prayer** those same nights walking the grounds and praying together.*

DIAPER DRIVE CONTINUES

Don't forget to purchase boxes of diapers and wipes for our Bundles of Hope collection! Children and families are encouraged to bring boxes on Sunday, October 29 as well as part of Children's Sabbath.

ADAM KING PERFORMS

*We warmly welcome pianist, Adam King to VHBC on **October 1st** for worship! He is currently the resident music director for EverBlue Arts and travels with a New York City based performing group "Shades of Buble" serving as the production manager, conductor, and pianist.*

MOMS BRUNCH

Moms of VHBC are invited to enjoy a brunch in the activity room on Saturday, October 21 from 9:30-11 am. We will enjoy some great food and create some lovely pumpkin floral arrangements. Sign up online & contact Nancy if you're able to bring a dish!

fall serve

**Saturday
October 14th
9 am - Noon**



Who's ready to join a team and help serve our community in October?

Our missions committee is excited to invite everyone to sign up for a team either on-site at VHBC or off-site in the local community.

Rise Against Hunger

Bundles of Hope

Dolly Ridge Elementary

Lovelady Center

are just some of the mission partners for this event.

Sign up today, join a team, and make a difference in our local community!

Find the sign up at vhbc.com/events and invite your friends to join us.

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Sara Binet	Interim Student Coordinator
Mike McBrayer	Administrative Pastor
Dr. Eric Spivey	Senior Pastor
Laura Tadlock	Senior Adult & Adult Ministries Coordinator
Marty Watts	Minister of Music & Worship

SAVE
THE
DATE
FOR

CHILDREN'S SABBATH & FALLFEST AT VHBC

Sunday, October 29

10 am Worship (Children Leading in Song)
4 pm Hot Dogs, Treats, Music, Face Painting,
and more!