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VHBC Connections



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Starting Tuesdays this fall at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, women's Bible study will meet in the Children's Activity Room. They will be studying *Elijah* by Priscilla Shirer. We hope to see you there!

CONNECTIONS LUNCH

Have you visited VHBC recently or maybe for awhile, but want to learn more about the church? Stick around for lunch after church this Sunday to hear from our staff.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2, we will gather in worship around the Lord's table as we celebrate with Christians around the globe on World Communion Sunday



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TO SERVE & BE SERVED

By Eric Spivey

OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN TO AND CELEBRATE THE DEACON MINISTRY OF VESTAVIA HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH. I HAVE DISCOVERED A ROBUST GROUP OF LAY MINISTERS, CALLED AND ORDAINED TO SERVE OUR CHURCH, WORKING DILIGENTLY TO SERVE EACH ONE OF US.

After serving four different Baptist churches, I have learned the ministry of deacons in Baptist churches is unique to every Baptist church. Yet, the biblical purpose as servants - like waiters serving a meal - remains the same. The unique DNA of each church has led to specific, local expressions of service.

At Vestavia Hills Baptist Church our deacons serve us in four specific ways: leadership, family ministry, administration, and outreach.

As leaders in the church, our deacons work with the pastor and staff in the growth and development of the church, develop their life with Jesus through intentional spiritual disciplines, lead in worship, and accept leadership roles throughout the congregation. You will find our deacons on committees, teaching Bible study, leading mission projects, and leading our youth and children's ministries.

As ministers to our families, our deacons divide the congregation into groups of families to care for us. Each deacon provides pastoral care, serves as a hub of information, and works as a liaison for questions for our families. Next week, I will send each family an email introducing you to your deacon - helping you get to know them as they serve you. Let me encourage you to make the effort to get to know your deacon as they work to get to know and serve you.

Along with these ministries, our deacons meet monthly hearing reports from our church staff, our finance committee, and our family ministry; they reach out to guests attending worship; and they work to assimilate new sacred partners into the life of our church.

Our deacons serve us and give us the opportunity to be served. As each church has a unique expression of deacon ministry, each deacon ministers in our church through their own giftedness. Each deacon is their own masterpiece of God's creation.

Let me invite you this year to get to know your deacon, encourage them in their ministry, and celebrate their unique ministry expression. You will find a listing of 2022-2023 deacons on the next page. Take time to pray for each one of these men and women and when you see them in church, thank them for serving us and giving us the opportunity to be served.

You are loved.
Eric

MEET OUR DEACONS

2022-2023



Howard Finch

***Deacon Chair**
Member since 2012
Hometown: Atlanta, GA



Dennis Anderson

Member since 1985
Hometown: Roswell, GA



Brandon Bates

Member since 1994
Hometown: Birmingham, AL



Jennifer Binet

Member since 2009
Hometown: LaPlace, LA



Dick Bodenhamer

Member since 1979
Hometown: Phenix City, AL



Bruce Burson

Member since 2014
Hometown: Selma, AL



Jennifer Carter

Member since 2000
Hometown: Blakely, GA



John Chandler

Member since 1989
Hometown: Vestavia, AL



Mary Grace Cox

Member since 1999
Hometown: Birmingham, AL



Elizabeth David

Member since 2014
Hometown: Birmingham, AL



Norfleete Day

Member since 1997
Hometown: Wilton, AL



Jan Dulin

Member since 2011
Hometown: Birmingham, AL

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Brad Farley

Member since 2014
Hometown: Jackson, TN



Becky Griffith

Member since 1994
Hometown: East Lake, AL



Sharon Hartzog

Member since 1995
Hometown: Birmingham, AL



Todd Jordan

Member since 2005
Hometown: Vestavia, AL



Ann Knight

Member since 1994
Hometown: Birmingham, AL



Sara McFarland

Member since 2016
Hometown: Birmingham, AL



Marty Mullins

Member since 2004
Hometown: Elyria, OH



Jess Nix

Member since 2004
Hometown: LaGrange, GA



Caroline Nordlund

Member since 2015
Hometown: Hartsville, SC



Milburn Price

Member since 1994
Hometown: Ellisville, MS



Carolyn Slappey

Member since 2010
Hometown: Marion, AL



Logan Taylor

Member since 1975
Hometown: Vestavia, AL



Brent Warren

Member since 2004
Hometown: Florence, AL



Steve White

Member since 1988
Hometown: Birmingham, AL



VHBC YOUTH sept 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

9/24 Girls/Guys Night Out

10/2 Deadline for Fall Retreat Sign-up

GIRLS/GUYS NIGHT OUT Saturday, Sept. 24th
5-8 pm

\$20 per person



KEEP UP WITH ALL THE THINGS ON GROUPEME!

VHBC *children's ministry* UPCOMING EVENTS

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Sunday, September 25 during worship
Our VHBC children will be singing "Come, Thou Fount."



SPECIAL GUEST FOR GA & RAS ON SEPT. 28TH



We are excited to welcome Daniel Mathangani, a lifetime church member and former RA, who will be speaking about his job as manager for Chick-Fil-A. Daniel is engaging and fun AND will have CFA samples! Don't miss it!

GA SELLING ORNAMENTS

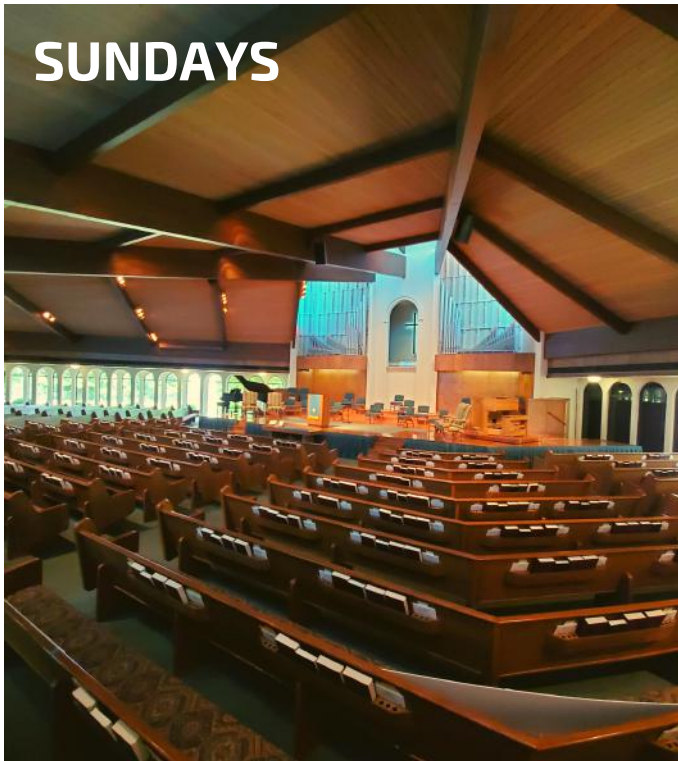
Starting Wednesday, October 5 on a table in the foyer, GA will be selling handmade ornaments to raise money for Christmas gifts for two children in foster care through AL Baptist Children's Homes.

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!](#)



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

Sept 25 LaRue Speights
Oct 2 Mel Crowder

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

Sept 25
 Babies & Ones: Alexis Johnson, Stacey Sapp
 Twos-K: Jo Davis, Laura Griffo

Oct 2
 Babies & Ones: Laura Tadlock, Sara Taylor
 Twos-K: Dan & Gay Caldwell

WELCOME TEAM

Sept 25/Oct 2
 Sharon Hartzog Lauren Hartzog
 Howard Finch Kathy Finch
 Brandi Brownell Sharon Repp
 Larry Brownell Lisa Speegle
 Dan Caldwell

TRANSPORTATION TEAM

Sept 25 Craig Youngblood
Oct 2 Brent Warren



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



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays at 9:30 am & 6:30 pm Sept 20th-Nov 8th

**Elijah: A 7-Session Study on
 the Prophet of Elijah by
 Priscilla Shirer
 Book: \$17**



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, October 3rd at 10 am in the Seminar Room.

Help us show appreciation for Gary's service to VHBC!

Our History Committee is working with Leon Loard Studio to produce a painted portrait of our retired pastor, Dr. Gary Furr. This same studio produced the portraits of our former pastors, displayed in the church's seminar room. Church members can donate to commission the portrait through our Finance office or the ShelbyNext giving portal. Donate online [HERE](#).

Guests & Visitors are invited to our Connections Luncheon on Sept. 25th!

RSVP on the form [here](#) and find out more about what you can learn from our staff and Vestavia Hills Baptist Church!



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!



WEDNESDAYS THIS FALL

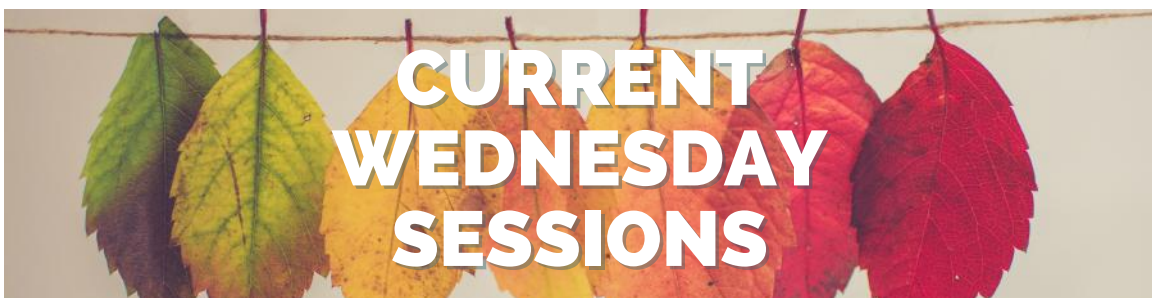


Reserve meals for your family online, join our standing reservation list, or come when you can for dinner at 4:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

SEPTEMBER MENU

21st: Chicken Salad Croissants, Pimento & Bacon Bites, Pasta Salad, Chips, & Lemon Bars (Kids: Chicken Fingers & Chips)

28th: Lasagna Rolls, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Salad, & Dessert (Kids: Pizza & Fries)



STARTING THIS WEEK AT VHBC

Sunset Vespers on the Lawn

6:15 pm

We will have special music, faith stories, and a short devotion as the sun sets. We will provide some chairs so feel free to bring blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy the evening. Arrive early on 9/21 for **free** Red Diamond coffee & tea!

Contemplative Prayer with George Van Kirk

continues in the Chapel at 6 pm.

Get Moving:

Flexibility & Mobility Class

POSTPONED
until 9/28

Led by trainer, Patrick Cook

Fall Flavors: Cooking with Dale Tadlock

Registration open, but spaces are limited because space is limited.

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 or prizes! We're also going to have an **INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE!**



CONNECTED IN PRAYER

IN THE HOSPITAL

Ed Whitfield - Brookwood Rm 465

UPCOMING PROCEDURES

Joan Crye - UAB 11/18

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

IN RECOVERY & ONGOING TREATMENTS

Becky Atkinson	Gay Thomas
John Bell	Barbara Vandergriff
Jason Cooper	Sarah Moreland
Mona Fisher	Gaynell Pinson
Barbara Price	

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



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

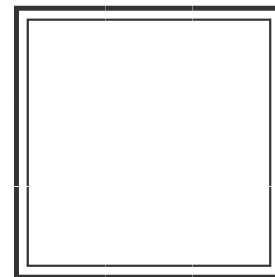


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Save the Date for VHBC
Churchwide Retreat
on January 28-29, 2023.



Ms. LaRue Speights and Colonel Charley Gillespie, USAF Ret.

JOYFULLY INVITE THE
VESTAVIA HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY
TO WITNESS THEIR MARRIAGE ON

Sunday, October 2, 2022

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

Following the postlude of the worship service,
there will be a brief intermission.

When the hymn "Amazing Grace" is played,
those attending the wedding ceremony should return to
their seats in the Sanctuary. After the exchange of vows,
LaRue and Chuck invite you to a brunch reception
in the Fellowship Hall.

Reservations are not required.

