

VHBC

Connections



Growing
Together

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Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

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Giving

Aug Budget Needed: \$148,531.00
Aug Offering to Date: \$126,971.00

YTD Budget Needed: \$1,199,660.00
YTD Offering: \$1,090,693.00

Senior Adult Ministry

A FALL FULL OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP

SAM (Our Senior Adult Ministry) is back and they would love to invite you to be a part of a wonderful season of events and activities!



Sept 29th at 11:30 am

SAM hosts a
Speaker's Luncheon
with Chuck Poole

Come for lunch and hear
about his new book
The Path to Depth.

Sign up online at vhbc.com
or in the church office.

\$10 for lunch – cash or
check at the door.



Dec 1st at 11:30 am

SAM Christmas Luncheon

Lunch provided by Ann
Franklin and entertainment
with Jan Hunter & Kristi
Tingle Higgenbotham

\$10 for lunch – cash or
check at the door.



Oct 20th at 10 am

SAM Game Day
in the Fellowship Hall

Bring your own lunch
(Drinks/Snacks provided)



Dec 16th at 2 pm

SAM sponsors
a trip to see
Red Mountain Theater's
HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

\$35 for the show
Please send cash/check to
the church office.
Sign up at vhbc.com



A new season of *Worship*

*Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

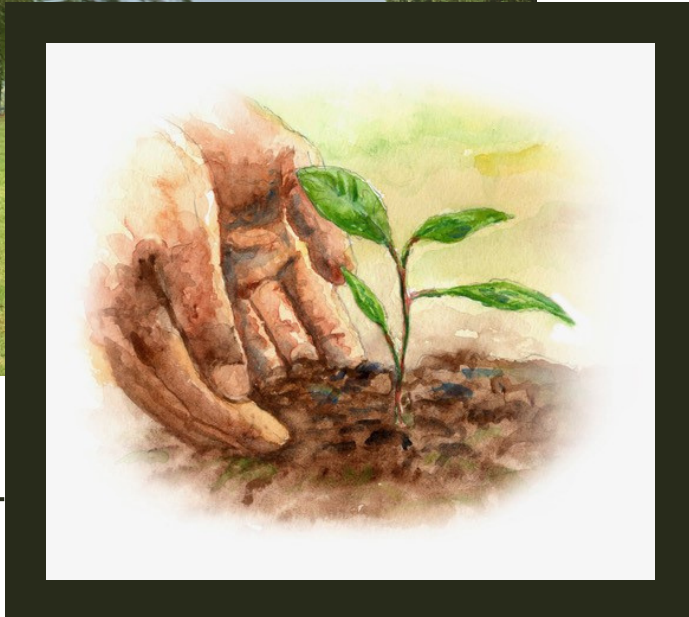
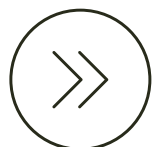


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Have you noticed the amount of scripture we read in worship? Each week we take valuable moments of our lives to slow down and listen to God's Word read aloud by men and women, & boys and girls of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church.

Normally, these passages of scripture – usually from the Hebrew Scriptures, a Psalm, the Gospels, or the Epistles – come from the Revised Common Lectionary. The lectionary is a table of readings from the Bible appointed to be read in public worship.

Over the coming months, we will depart from the Ordinary Time lectionary readings to focus on two specific scripture passages: 1 Thessalonians and Psalm 119. Over eight Sundays we will read our way through Paul's epistle and most of the Psalm (it is the longest chapter in the Bible!).

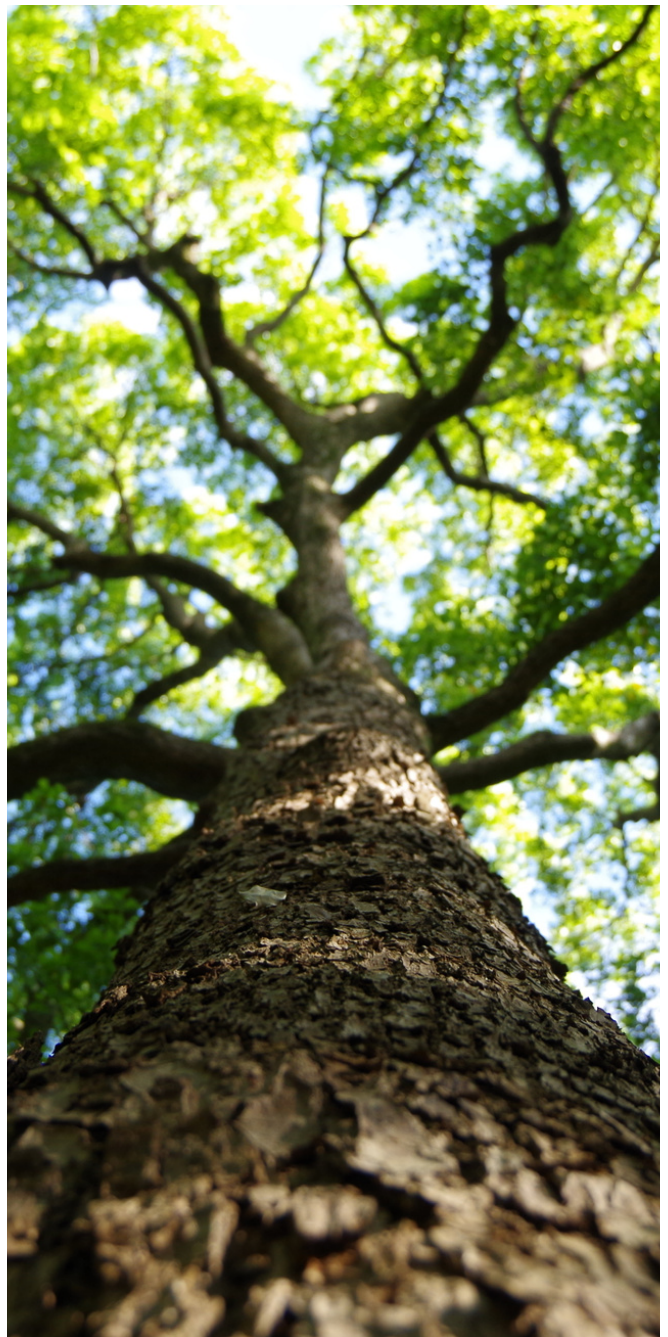


These passages, especially 1 Thessalonians, will guide my sermon series focused on our 2023–2024 VHBC Theme: **Growing Together**. During this season of worship, let me invite you to engage these passages of scripture outside of worship as well. Here are some ideas:

- Set aside 30 minutes to read 1 Thessalonians in one sitting.
- Set aside 30 minutes to read Psalm 119 to get a sense of its poetic framework. (Did you know each section begins with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet creating an alphabetic acrostic?)
- Take time to learn more of the story behind the epistle. Here's a video overview: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/1-thessalonians/>
- Meditate on different passages of Psalm 119. The Lectio Divina prayer is a great way to allow God's voice to speak to us in scripture. Here's an overview to begin: <https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/lectio-divina-beginners-guide>

I hope you will make the effort each Sunday to join us in worship as we engage these scriptures together. Below are the weekly passages and the sermon titles for each week.

I will see you on Sunday. – **Eric**



Growing Together Sermon Series

September 10

Growing Together

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Psalm 119:1–16

September 17

Shared Lives

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Psalm 119:17–32

September 24

Shared Faith

1 Thessalonians 2:9–16; Psalm 119:33–56

October 1

Shared Struggle

1 Thessalonians 2:17–3:13; Psalm 119:57–72

October 8

Grow Together

1 Thessalonians 4:1–12; Psalm 119:73–96

October 15

Grow Trust

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Psalm 119:97–120

October 23

Be Light

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Psalm 119:121–152

October 30

Pray

1 Thessalonians 5:12–28; Psalm 119:153–176



upcoming events

Wednesday, Sept 6th

Student building opens at 4:30 pm
Wednesday Night Live at 6 pm

Saturday, Sept 9th

Baby Steps Memorial Run,
benefitting the Amelia Center

Sunday, Sept 10th

Sunday morning Bible Study 9 am
YOSE, 5-7 pm

Wednesday, Sept 13th

VHBC Youth at Firehouse Shelter
from 5:30-8 pm or
Wednesday Night Live 6-7 pm

Saturday, Sept 16th

Girls & Guys Night Out
\$20 per student
Girls at Oak Mtn Lanes
Guys at The Bates' Home

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

Fellowship
Supper
4:45 pm

9/6 Menu: Shrimp & Grits,
Remoulade Slaw, French Garlic
Bread, & Apple Hand pies

9/13 Menu: Chef's Spaghetti,
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread
Crostoni, Chocolate Truffle

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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

NEW

SUNDAYS AT VHIBC

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 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.

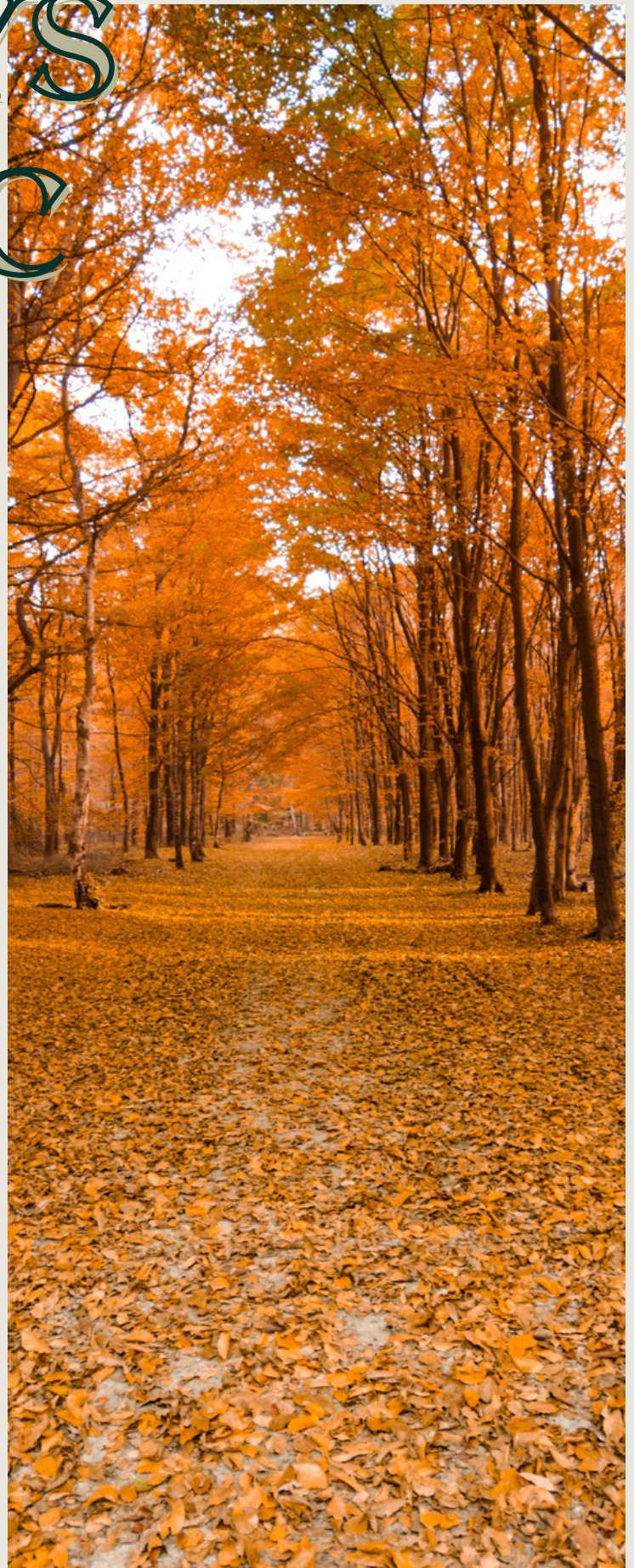
If you are unable to worship in person with us, please join us online or over the radio at 91.1 FM.

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

9/10: Millie Ehrett, Sharon Hartzog, Faye Suggs, Maggie Doss, Kevin Jaquess, Isabel Jaquess, Brad Farley
9/17: Sarah Carmichael, Sara McFarland, Samuel Nordlund, Rachel Farley, Evelyn Hill, Jan Deagon, Jerri Pare'

● Worship Tech Team

9/10: Greg Ruff, Dan McMurray, Norfleete Day
9/17: Hal David, Brent Warren, Dan Van Giessen

● Welcome Team

9/10: Joe Perez, Sharon Hartzog, Howard Finch, Lauren Hartzog, Sharon Repp, Fred Olive
9/17: Joe Perez, Sharon Hartzog, Howard Finch, Lauren Hartzog, Sharon Repp, Fred Olive, Dan Caldwell

● Deacons

9/10: Jennifer Binet, Dick Bodenhamer
9/17: Sheryl Buckner, Bruce Burson

● Flower & Decor

9/10: Becky White, Emily Davis
9/17: Sara Taylor, Sara McFarland

● Transportation Team

9/10: William Dupree, Cris Speegle
9/17: Ken Farley

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Dr. Eric Spivey	Senior Pastor
Laura Tadlock	Ministry Assistant
Marty Watts	Minister of Music & Worship

September & OCTOBER

Mission Opportunity

Have you seen the bins around the church yet? We are collecting diapers, wipes, and feminine products for our friends at



We would love to send a truckload of supplies to this wonderful missions partner at the end of October. Start collecting supplies today!

