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Vestavia Hills Baptist Church*

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SUNDAY, FEB 9

I love Nancy Day!

**This Sunday we're celebrating 30 years with our
Minister to Preschool & Children, Nancy Akins!**

10:00 am Recognition during morning worship with
special music from our children's choirs

3:00 pm Ice Cream Social with games, face-painting,
balloons, and fun for all ages!

THE SHEPHERD'S ENCOURAGER

by Pastor Gary Furr

Better Reasons to Believe

Yesterday I began a new series of messages entitled, *Better Reasons to Believe*. By that, I do not mean, "These are arguments that will convince someone that they are wrong and we are right about everything in the world." Rather, it is to put forward those most needed and attractive truths of the Christian faith in this present moment. There are many more "reasons" we could offer in explanation of "why do you believe? Why do you give your life to this cause?"

So why does it matter whether we offer better reasons for our culture? Because there are a lot of bad reasons that we offer. At this moment, our witness, or if you prefer, our brand, is in the ditch. Maybe these will be helpful to spiritual seekers out there. And perhaps they will help those in the church find some words for the question, "So why do you do this?"

Sermons in the Series:

"Because God is Love"	1 John 4: 7-10; Romans 5:8
"Because God Wills for All to be Saved"	1 Peter 3:-15
"Because Christ Sets Us Free"	John 8:31-38
"Because Grace Makes Forgiveness Possible"	Romans 6:1-11
"Because It Brings Us into Loving Community"	John 13:31-35
"Because God Offers Us Eternal Life"	John 17:3; 1 John 5:6-13
"Because He is the Way to Truth and Life"	John 14:1-6
"Because God Gives Our Lives Purpose"	Mark 10:35-45
"Because Jesus Brings Reconciliation"	2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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VHBC PRAYER LIST

Members in the Hospital

Libby Brown	Fairhaven Rehab #6206
Lynn Owens	C342 Spain Rehab
Crawford Taylor	STVHS, Rm. 456W

Members at Home

Maxine Ammons	Betty Longshore
Rosemary Bamberg	Al Lowery
Sam Brown	Leon Nix
Zelle Buckner	Margaret Northrup
Louise Burton	Grace Oliver
Bob Bush	Nora Ousley
Carolyn Cain	Gaynell Pinson
Louise Cunningham	William Poe
Geri Dodson	Alicia Stigler
Paul Edfeldt	Iva Jewel Tucker
Esther Evans	Hazel Turner
Milton Fullman	Sue Virciglio
George Griffith	Margaret Walker
Ardath Grizzell	Betty Wallis
Ruford Hodges	Bobbye Weaver
Charlotte Kyser	Doris Wilson

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

LuAnn Smith & family in the death of her brother, Gunter Livingston, of Huntsville, on January 25th.



Cathy Stewart & family in the death of her father on January 26th.

welcome!

This past Sunday, February 2nd, VHBC welcomed two new members to our congregation!

Jim & Dana Basinger



for VBS at VHBC!

June 1-4, 2020

Preparations have already begun for this summer's Vacation Bible School.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Nancy at nancy@vhbc.com!

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE • SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9

Deacons: Brandi Brownell, Sheryl Buckner
Sunday Wednesday

Counting Team: Craig Youngblood, Kay Wilburn

Flower Committee: Donegan Memorial

Shuttle Service: Tony Giles, Sharon Hartzog

Sound Technology: David Philpot, Adam Pouncey

Worship Care

Babies: Carolyn Slappey, Lisa Speegle

Preschool 1-2: Brandi Brownell, Betsy Stockdale

PS 3: Julia Vines, Ashley Hattaway

4s/K: Kathryn Stewart, Cathy Donze

Preschool Desk: Virginia Wood

Children's Desk: Jay McFarland

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Menu: Taco salad, fruit cup, & moon pies

Volunteers: Pat Cooper, Ann Steppe



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16

Deacons: David Compher, Mel Crowder
Sunday Wednesday

Counting Team: Ann Holt, Mary Cherry

Flower Committee: Marsha Baker

Shuttle Service: John Wood, Bob Simpson

Sound Technology: David Philpot, Adam Pouncey

Worship Care

Babies: Mindy Bodenhamer, Becky Bradley

Preschool 1-2: Jack & Tricia Stevens

PS 3: Brad & Rachel Farley

4s/K: Craig & Allison Youngblood

Preschool Desk: Dick Bodenhamer

Children's Desk: Caroline Nordlund

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Menu: Ham, sweet potato casserole, steamed cabbage, cornbread & rolls, cobblers

Volunteers: Judy Schlegel, JoAnne Delohery, Lisa Speegle, Mindy Bodenhamer



lenten SCHEDULE *the calling that found me*



February 26 Ash Wednesday Communion Service, 6pm

March 4 Speaker: Dr. Cecelia Walker

Rev. Cecelia Walker is Director of Pastoral Care for Princeton Baptist Medical Center and Director of Clinical Pastoral Education for the Baptist Health System in Birmingham, AL. She also has a compelling story of God's grace and calling.

March 11 Speaker: Charlie Lucas

Charlie is a renowned contemporary sculptor and painter. His work has appeared at the New Orleans Museum of Art, Birmingham Museum of Art, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, and many other venues.

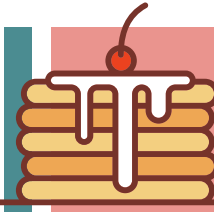
March 18 Speaker: Pierce Pettis

Pierce, adored by both critics and the public alike, is one of this generation's most masterful songwriters. He has appeared on NPR, VH1, CBS News, and the Nashville Network. Artists covering his songs range from Garth Brooks, Art Garfunkel, and Dion to Clair Lynch, Tim O'Brien, and Joan Baez. He will also be performing for us at a later date this spring.

March 25 No service, Spring Break 22-28

April 1 Speaker: Dr. Sharon Putt

Sharon Putt is a professor of Theology and Religion at Messiah College in Grantham, PA. She is a member of VHBC, and after being a stay-at-home mom of four boys, pursued her calling to teach theology. She will be sharing the story of that journey.



2ND SUNDAY *pancakes*

8:30 am in the
Children's Building

Our children are invited to a pancake breakfast in the children's building during Sunday school!

Prayer for Missions

Join us in prayer for missions in our community and around the world.

Meet us in the chapel at 11:30 am.
Bring your lunch and stay for fellowship.

SPRING SCHEDULE

February 11 & 25
March 10 & 24
April 14 & 28
May 12



Senior Adult Valentine's Luncheon

Friday, February 14, 2020
12 pm

VHBC senior adults are invited to a special Valentine's Day luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign up by emailing Martha at martha@vhbc.com or by adding your name to the sign up sheet in your Sunday School folder. Thanks!

MINISTRY BUDGET OFFERING

Budget Needed Jan 2020	145,113.00
Budget Given Jan 2020	147,058.00

WEDNESDAY *sessions* in February at VHBC

For the next three weeks, we are offering two options on Wednesday nights for adults!

JESUS CHRIST IN TODAY'S WORLD *Ken Roxburgh*

Come hear Ken Roxburgh, VHBC member and professor of Biblical studies at Samford University, share on the Person of Jesus and consider how our understanding of Jesus as human and divine, shapes our perceptions of grace, salvation, and so much more.

SACRED ENCOUNTERS *Various Speakers*

We will explore ways in which different church members experience Christ through "sacred encounters." Over 3 weeks, we will hear from multiple speakers as they elaborate on a unique hobby or interest in which they feel a connection with the Holy Spirit.

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*Do you have any news to add to
our bi-weekly newsletter?*

Email Brittini at brittini@vhbc.com

Next issue: February 18!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT VHBC?

Wednesday, February 5

- 6:30am Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30am Pastor's Bible Study
- 4:30pm Fellowship Supper
- 5:00pm Handbell Practice
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Mission Friends, GA, RAs
- 6:00pm Wednesday Sessions
- 6:00pm Youth Activities
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice

Friday, February 7

- 5:00pm Moms' Retreat

Sunday, February 9

- 8:30am 2nd Sunday Pancakes
- 8:45am Sunday Bible Study
- 10:00am Worship Service
- 3:00pm I LOVE NANCY DAY!
- 5:00pm YOSE
- 5:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, February 10

- 9:30am Women's Bible Study
- 10:00am Lovelady Ministry

Tuesday, February 11

- 9:30am International Friends
- 11:30am Prayer for Missions
- 6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 12

- 6:30am Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30am Pastor's Bible Study
- 4:30pm Fellowship Supper
- 5:00pm Handbell Practice
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Mission Friends, GA, RAs
- 6:00pm Wednesday Sessions
- 6:00pm Youth Activities
- 6:15pm RAs Firehouse Shelter
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice

Friday, February 14

- 12:00pm Senior Adult Valentine's Lunch

Sunday, February 16

- 8:45am Sunday Bible Study
- 10:00am Worship Service
- 5:00pm YOSE
- 5:00pm Deacons' Meeting
- 5:30pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, February 17

- 9:30am Women's Bible Study
- 10:00am Lovelady Ministry
- 4:00pm 428 - Youth

Tuesday, February 18

- 9:30am International Friends
- 6:30pm Women's Bible Study



Collection for Firehouse Shelter

The RAs are collecting canned goods (meat, vegetables, fruit) and shelf staples (cereal, cereal bars, pasta) as part of their study on World Hunger. These will be used to stock the food pantry at the new Firehouse Shelter.

Any size is accepted and will be used. If you shop at Sam's or Costco, please buy #10 (large) cans. Look for brightly colored bins around the church to leave your donations.

You'll hear more in a few weeks about donating spare change to go to the Global Hunger Relief Fund.