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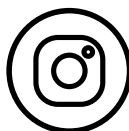
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WORSHIP & PRAY WITH US

Our Sunday morning worship has resumed in-person
at 10 am with no reservation required!

You can also join us every Sunday at 10 am on YouTube,
Facebook, or the VHBC.com Live Stream!

If you'd like to see the prayer list, please visit

www.vhbc.com/prayer-list to view and contact us for updates.

Ties That Bind

A 2022 Churchwide Retreat at Shocco Springs January 8-9, 2022

VHBC families are invited to participate in our upcoming Churchwide retreat on January 8-9, 2022!

Registration fees:

Adult - Double Occ: \$75/ea

Adult - Single: \$110/ea

Youth: \$50

Children: \$15

Daytime Participant: \$20

**Deadline to Register has
been extended!**

**SCAN
TO
REGISTER**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

AT VHBC

Register online
weekly at vhbc.com!



FELLOWSHIP
HALL

WEDNESDAYS

4:45-5:45
PM

Menu for Dec 15: Breakfast for Dinner --
Scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, grits, biscuits,
fresh fruit

Dinners will return on January 5th!

Celebrate the Season

Wednesday,
December 15th

Together for Christmas
presented by the VHBC Ministers
6pm

Sunday,
December 19th
Christmas Caroling
5:30 pm

Friday,
December 24th
Come See the Baby
4:30 pm
Christmas Eve Service
8:00 pm



Welcome Wagon



NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT WELCOME, BEAU BARNETT!

Beau is eleven years old and was born in Birmingham, AL. His parents are VHBC members Brad and Bridget Barnett, and he has an older sister, Leah. Their family includes five cats and two dogs.

Beau is a 6th grade student at Pizitz Middle School. His favorite subject is science, and he hopes to be a software engineer. He enjoys camping and camps frequently with his family. He also enjoys playing basketball, golf, and video games.

In addition to his other talents, he plays trombone. During COVID, Beau and his dad began building with LEGOs. They built a 3' x 3' replica of Rickwood Field which is now on display at the historic Rickwood Field museum.

Beau is beginning his 7th year of participation with Trail Life, a Christian outdoor adventure organization.

As a service project for Trail Life, he conducted a canned food drive and collected 85 bags of pet food, toys, and supplies which were donated to the Shelby Humane Society!



vhbc kids

WINTER 2021



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 am Bible study in the Children's Building on December 19th. No SS on Dec 26th & Jan 2nd.

10:15 am Worship Care for Babies - K

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

5:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

5:45 pm Childcare for babies - threes

6:15 pm RAs, GA, & Mission Friends

SUNDAY WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

12/19

Babies & Ones: Billie Lochamy, Mindy Bodenhamer

Twos - K: Jennifer Carter, Adie Carter

Reception Desk: Dick Bodenhamer

12/26

Babies & Ones: Lisa Speegle, Brandi Brownell

Twos - K: Alexis Johnson, Scott McGinnis

Reception Desk: Jay McFarland

ARE YOU LOOKING TO SERVE AT VHBC?

Worship Care might be just the place for you! It's an important ministry in our church. Volunteers sign up to work once a month, once every other month, every fifth Sunday, or as a substitute. Prayerfully consider signing up today! Talk with Nancy - nancy@vhbc.com or 205-907-6446 to sign up!

The logo features the text "VHBC" in white inside a teal shape that resembles a stylized leaf or a drop with a small white leaf-like detail. To the right of this shape, the word "YOUTH" is written in a teal, sans-serif font. Below "YOUTH", the text "DEC 2021" is displayed in a large, bold, black font with a white halftone dot pattern.

VHBC YOUTH DEC 2021

SUNDAYS

9 am Bible Study in the Student Building
No Bible study on December 26th, but **Tyler will be preaching 10 am worship.**
5 pm YOSE (Youth on Sunday Evenings)
No YOSE on December 19th & 26th

WEDNESDAY

Together at Christmas in the Fellowship Hall
on December 15th

SPECIAL EVENTS

PJs & Pancakes on December 17th 6:30-8:30
Come See the Baby on December 24th at 4 pm
Christmas Eve Service on December 24th
at 8 pm

**MEMBERS IN RECOVERY &
ONGOING TREATMENTS**

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| Don Baker | Melissa McBrayer |
| John Bell | Christine Pridgen |
| Jason Cooper | LuAnn Smith |
| Chriss Doss | Linda Whitt |
| Pat Gillespie | Allison Youngblood |
| Lowell Hamilton | |
| Don Hooks | |

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Maxine Ammons | Peggy Jones |
| Libby Brown | Charlotte Kyser |
| Zelle Buckner | Al Lowery |
| Ann Bush | Samson Mathangani |
| Carolyn Cain | Leon Nix |
| Esther Evans | June Ousley |
| Milton Fullman | Jerry & Lorelle Singleton |
| Jim & Natalie Garland | Alicia Stigler |
| Mary Ann Goodson | Hazel Turner |
| Bob & Mavis Hardy | Bobbie Weaver |
| Ruford Hodges | Doris Wilson |

**DAILY UPDATES CAN BE FOUND ONLINE
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Prayer List



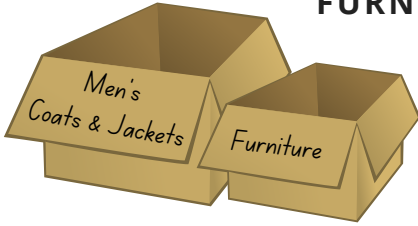
CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Mike Steppe and family in the loss of his wife, Ann on Monday, December 6th. The family is waiting until the end of January to plan a memorial service.

Barry Burton and family in the loss of his sister, Barbara McHugh on December 11, 2021 in Alpharetta, GA.

STAY UPDATED

FIREHOUSE MINISTRIES FURNITURE & CLOTHING DRIVE



We are collecting clothing and furniture to donate to the Firehouse Shelter throughout the month of December. Look for labeled boxes around the church for drop-offs!

SERVICE OF CONSOLATION

On Sunday, December 19th at 4 pm, VHBC will be offering a Service of Consolation. This service will offer worshipers to grieve and be offered hope, not only around death, but also job loss, illness, divorce, loneliness, strained relationships, etc. Chaplains from our church will share leadership in the service. Judy Sullivan Hicks, Principal Harpist of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, will provide music for meditation and reflection.

VHBC HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The VHBC church office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, December 23rd and 24th & Friday, December 31st. The financial office will remain open on the 31st, however.



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please note that there will be no Sunday School classes on December 26th and January 2nd.

January Dates to Remember



JANUARY 5TH - WEDNESDAY SESSIONS RESUME

- **Book Study in the Wild Goose classroom with John Chandler: Max Lucado's Anxious for Nothing.**
- **2022 New Year Together with Mike McBrayer in the Fellowship Hall**

JANUARY 8 & 9 - CHURCHWIDE RETREAT AT SHOCCO SPRINGS

JANUARY 12TH - WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

- **Book Study in the Wild Goose classroom with John Chandler: Max Lucado's Anxious for Nothing.**
- **Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall with Scott McGinnis: Paul's Advice to the Corinthians "Can't We All Just Get Along?"**

JANUARY 14-16 - YOUTH WINTER SUMMIT

JANUARY 19TH - WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

- **Book Study in the Wild Goose classroom with John Chandler: Max Lucado's Anxious for Nothing.**
- **Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall with Scott McGinnis: Paul's Advice to the Corinthians "Can't We All Just Get Along?"**

JANUARY 26TH - QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING 6 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



VHBC ministry team

NANCY AKINS, MINISTER TO PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN
TYLER JOHNSON, MINISTER TO STUDENTS
MIKE MCBRAYER, ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR
BILL OWEN, TRANSITIONAL PASTOR
MARTY WATTS, MINISTER OF MUSIC & WORSHIP