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Weekly Schedule at VHBC

Sunday

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| 8:45 am | Bible Studies for All Ages |
| 10:00 am | Worship |
| 5:00 pm | YOSE - Youth on Sunday Evening |

Wednesday

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| 7:00 am | Prayer Breakfast on ZOOM |
| 4:45 pm | Fellowship Dinner until 5:45 pm |
| 5:00 pm | Handbells |
| 5:30 pm | Children's Choirs |
| 6:00 pm | Youth Activities |
| 6:15 pm | Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors |
| 7:00 pm | Sanctuary Choir |

Online Calendar at vhbc.com

Sundays at VHBC

Sunday Morning Bible Study begins at 8:45 am!

- 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.

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 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.

COVID Response at VHBC

- In line with CDC recommendations, our COVID Response Committee has adjusted our mask guidelines to strongly recommended.
- Remain mindful of distancing and mask wearing, during the current spike in cases, will better position us to avoid cancellations of onsite activities.

Wednesdays at VHBC

Wednesday Night Dinners

- Meet us in the Fellowship Hall starting at 4:45 every Wednesday.
- Register online weekly at vhbc.com to reserve your meal!

Menu for February 9th

Adults/Youth: Chicken Divan, Green Beans, Fingerling Potatoes, Roll, Dessert

Kids: Chicken fingers, Fries, Dessert

Menu for February 16th

Adults/Youth: Teriyaki Chicken, Caribbean Confetti Rice, Jamaican Baked Sweet Potatoes, Roll, Key Lime Pie

Kids: Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Dessert

Wednesday Sessions for Adults

- February 9th - April Robinson continues her *Joy in Connections* series through February 16th
- February 23rd - Marjorie White, Author, [Birmingham: The City Beautiful, Compliments of G. Ward](#) will be sharing the history of the property during the George Ward era.

Henry White to Retire as Facilities Manager

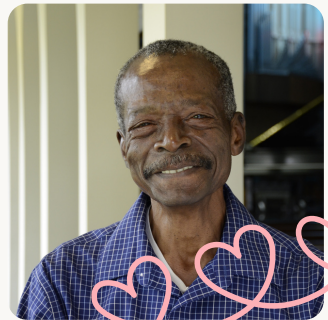
TO REMAIN ON FACILITIES STAFF IN A PART-TIME CAPACITY

Where were you in June of 1980? Henry White was beginning what has become a 42-year career at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church. Through the years, Henry has been a reliable and invaluable contributor to most every element of our church's ministry. He has repaired what's needed fixing, setup for all our programs and special events, ensured the building has looked its best, assisted staff and laity at every turn, offered his friendship to us and our children, and exhibited a kind and helpful spirit through it all. We have always been able to rely on Henry, his joyful spirit, resourcefulness, patience, and dedication.

There is no adequate way to express all that Henry means to us. We are so grateful for his friendship and his commitment to VHBC. Though Henry is retiring from his full-time position with us, his desire is to continue on a part-time basis, working a few hours a week. Henry will end his full-time employment at the close of February.

We are looking forward to celebrating Henry's years of service. Plans for a recognition event are underway and details will be forthcoming. Love offering contributions may be made through the church office. In the meantime, be sure to express your gratitude to Henry in the coming days.

— HAPPY —
Retirement



Special Events

Take a Peek at the Hardy House



Sunday, February 13th
11 am

Take a walk through VHBC's hospitality house, our "Hardy House," and see what's new! Members and crews have sanded, painted, wired, sewn, deconstructed, and rebuilt in the past several months. There's still more work ahead!

Save the
date

Blood Drive at VHBC

April 3, 2022

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

MOM'S RETREAT

An Invitation to Rest

Details:

- February 25-26, 2022
- \$35
- Meals provided: Dinner, Breakfast, & Lunch at the church
- Bring your Bible & your favorite mug/tumbler
- Wear comfy clothes
- Bring a comfy sports chair
- Bring a wrapped \$10 gift -- something that's a favorite item

Register!

www.vhbc.com/momsretreat

VHBC KIDS

Winter
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MS. NANCY

Sunday Worship Care Schedule 2/13

Babies & Ones: Melissa McMurray, Ashley Hattaway

Twos - K: Todd & Rachel Jordan

Reception Desk: Jay McFarland

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Babies & Ones: Billie Lochamy, Mindy Bodenhamer

Twos - K: Jennifer Carter, Melissa McBrayer

Reception Desk: Dick Bodenhamer

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 pm
Children's Choir
Rehearsal

5:45 pm
Childcare for babies-3s.

6:15 pm
Mission Friends,
GA, & RAs

I give you a new
command.

Love one another.

You must love one another
as I have loved you. If you
love one another, everyone
will know you are my
disciples.

John 13:34-35

Second Sunday Pancakes Feb 13th at 8:30 am

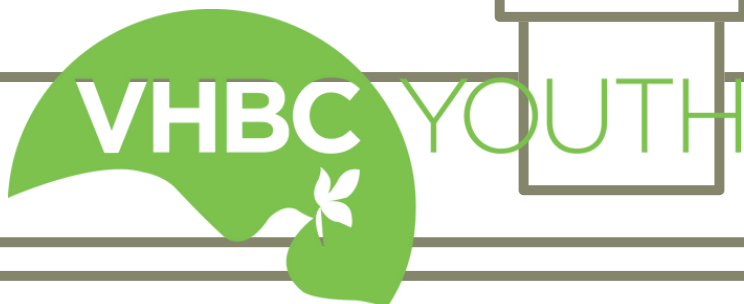
Help
NEEDED

contact ms. nancy
nancy@vhbc.com or 979-5920

Worship Care is the care of preschoolers on Sunday mornings during the Worship service. Adults can volunteer to work once a month, once every month, or every fifth Sunday.

Current openings:

- 1 worker needed on the 2nd Sunday of every other month (even months) with Babies and Ones.
- 2 workers needed on the 2nd Sunday of every other month (even months) with Older Preschoolers.



Sundays

9 am Bible Study in the Student Building
5 pm YOSE (Youth on Sunday Evenings)

Mondays

4 pm 428 on February 21st

Wednesdays

6 pm Wednesday Night Live in the Student Building

Special Events

Sunday, February 13th - YOSE Bowl in the Student Lounge at 5 pm. Dinner, snacks, games, and door prizes while we watch the "Big Game."

VHBC Youth Basketball at Mtn. Brook Baptist February 8th - VHBC vs. IPC 6:30 pm

February 15th - VHBC vs. St. Luke's Episcopal 6:30 pm (Check the Shelby calendar for more dates in February!)

Stay Connected

FIND US ONLINE

at vhbc.com

WATCH RECENT SERVICES

and other updates on [YouTube](#)

STAY UPDATED ON

our [Facebook](#) page

CONNECT WITH US

on [Instagram](#)

LISTEN TO OUR PODCAST

[In Tune with VHBC](#)

GIVE ONLINE

on the ShelbyNext app or vhbc.com

CHECK OUT OUR PROGRESS!

Thankful for volunteers and crew who have made so many improvements in our church offices and youth lounge in the past weeks! The church offices are looking fresher with a new carpet and flooring and the youth lounge is a little cozier with a giant sectional and new tables and chairs!

Stay tuned for more!

Welcome Wagon



NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT **WELCOME, NICHOLAS WILLIAMS!**

Meet new member, Nicholas Williams. Nicholas is 13 years old and the son of Daphne and Keith. He is big brother to Carter and Morgan and beloved dog, Maybelle. Nicholas attends Pizitz where he plays football AND basketball. He shared that championships were won in both this year. Impressive! Besides sports, Nicholas enjoys video games, hunting and hanging out with friends, although he said sleeping is his all-time favorite activity.

Nicholas has been attending VHBC for a long time as he attended our CDC as a preschooler. He was seriously considering making a public profession of faith just as Covid hit, so he was happy to finally make it official a few weeks ago.

When I asked him what his favorite things about church are, he said he really likes the way the lessons in youth group relate to real life, and he loves the donuts on Sunday mornings!



Prayer List



MEMBERS IN RECOVERY & ONGOING TREATMENTS

Don Baker	Samson Mathangani
John Bell	Barbara Price
Cappy Blackwelder	Charles Serio
Jason Cooper	Marilyn Tinnermon
Pat Gillespie	Linda Whitt

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Maxine Ammons	Charlotte Kyser
Juanita Blackburn	Dot Lowery
Libby Brown	Al Lowery
Ann Bush	Kitty Newell
Carolyn Cain	Leon Nix
Esther Evans	Margaret Northrup
Milton Fullman	Gaynell Pinson
Jim & Natalie Garland	Jerry & Lorelle Singleton
Sandy Gillis	Alicia Stigler
Mary Ann Goodson	Hazel Turner
Bob & Mavis Hardy	Bobbie Weaver
Ruford Hodges	Doris Wilson
Peggy Jones	

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Matt Hutcheson and family in the death of his mother, Carol Hutcheson, who passed away Monday, January 24, 2022 in Columbus, GA.

PLEASE SEND UPDATES TO THE CONTACTS BELOW

☎ 205-979-5920 ✉ martha@vhbc.com

DAILY UPDATES CAN BE FOUND AT [VHBC.COM/PRAYER-LIST](https://www.vhbc.com/prayer-list)

Stay Updated

BEADS & TRINKETS NEEDED!

Ms. Nancy needs beads, trinkets, and jewelry for upcoming projects for the Children's Ministry. Drop off in the Children's foyer!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our Winter Women's Bible Study continuing until February 22nd. There will be a morning session from 9:30-11:30 am and an evening session from 6:30-8:00 pm, both meeting in the Children's Activity Room. Please register online at vhbc.com if you'd like to participate. We are reading *Breathe* by Priscilla Shirer.



CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 26, 2022
9 am in the Fellowship Hall

HOMEMADE DESSERTS NEEDED!

Fresh homemade desserts needed to send to the Firehouse Shelter on serve days in February, March, April, & May. Please contact Merryl Cooper to sign up! Email merryl_cooper@yahoo.com or call 205-602-9984.



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

VESTAVIA HILLS
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Can you keep a secret?

WE'RE CELEBRATING 20 YEARS WITH MIKE MCBRAYER THIS YEAR AND WE'D LOVE TO SHOWER HIM AND HIS FAMILY WITH A SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE SEND BY MAIL TO JAMIE AMBROSE OR ONLINE/SHELBY APP.