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Ukrainian Refugee Offering

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, for the end of war, for the afflicted to be comforted, and for peace and justice to prevail. We give thanks to God for those who are giving hands-on support to the Ukrainian people, including the churches of Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Your gifts to date to the Ukrainian Refugee Offering of **\$23,690.00** are already at work through our partners, Shane and Dianne McNary.

The McNarys are grateful to be in a position to support the work of churches in Poland and Slovakia as they respond to those fleeing the war in Ukraine. Click [HERE](#) for a video update from the McNarys.

Give Online Here

Note "Ukraine Offering" with your gifts or give through Shelby Next and designate the Ukraine Offering.



FAMILY FUN FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

VESTAVIA HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

JUNE 16, 2022

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church
2600 Vestavia Dr.
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Invite your friends to help us celebrate our great week of VBS at VHBC!



Doodle's
Homemade
Sorbets and Ices

AND MORE!



**STACKED &
STUFFED**



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

- With the recent decreases in transmission and test positivity rates in our community, the COVID Response Committee is shifting its guidance to **masks encouraged** for activities at the church.
- It's our hope that these trends continue as we experience this exciting time in the life of our church.

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!
- Adults/Youth \$6 per person
- Kids (K-6th) \$4 per person
- Preschoolers & College Students eat free!

Menu for June 29th

Adults/Youth: Tuscan Chicken Casserole, Jasmine Rice, Roasted Veggies, Roll, Dessert
Kids: Chicken Fingers, Fries, Dessert

Summer Nights at VHBC

VBS
FAMILY FUN
NIGHT

JUNE 16
5-7 PM
VHBC PARKING LOT

BARONS
VS.
TRASH PANDAS

JUNE 22
7PM
REGIONS FIELD

MISSIONS
POSSIBLE

JUNE 29
6PM
VHBC FELLOWSHIP HALL

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
VISIT WWW.VHBC.COM**

Holy Experiments

by Pastor Eric Spivey

This Sunday, June 19, I'll try a holy experiment.

It's a simple experiment, really. I'll preach in a different way, a monologue. I will tell a contemporary parable of Luke's prodigal son story from the father's perspective. It's one of my favorite stories.

I wrote the story of the Loving Father about 20 years ago when I was a resort missionary. I first told it at a cookout for lifeguards on Hilton Head Island. The names in the story came from a book I was reading at the time.

Over the years, I've preached this monologue in all kinds of settings and congregations. It is fun to share because the story speaks to all of us who are lost, angry or self-righteous. I am in prayer this week for our church as I share this story with us.

This will be a holy experiment because this form of preaching will be new to some of us. Trying anything new can be a little intimidating. We don't know how others might respond. We don't know if it will work.

I like to use holy experiments in my leadership ministry. Experiments are tests. We try them and see how if something works. Scientists use experiments to test hypotheses. The experiment lets them know whether the hypothesis is correct or not. The word Holy connects our experiments to the work of God in our church and community.

When we attempt Holy Experiments, we looking to discover where God is at work. They are helpful in a fast-changing world when we don't know the best ways forward. We use them to stretch ourselves to see if something will work in the Kingdom of God. We try something, we evaluate it, and then we decide the next best steps.

In terms of my sermon this Sunday, my monologue will be a holy experiment. I'll preach in a new way to see how you respond. I'll listen to your responses and use them as I make my sermon plans over the next few years.

In a broader way, we will use holy experiments in our ministry as a church in the coming years. None of us knows exactly what ministry in the post-covid 2020's will need to look like. So, our staff and ministry leaders will attempt some holy experiments in our efforts to grow and follow God's spirit in the community and world.

I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday morning. I'll trust this holy experiment with you. It will be a great day of worship.

I'll see you on Sunday,
Eric

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2023 **June 26 - July 9, 2023**



Eric and Marcia Spivey invite you to join them and friends from Florida on a Holy Land Pilgrimage to Israel next summer. After a 2-year pandemic delay, the opportunity for us to journey to Holy Land has arrived. We hope you will join us next summer.

If you or friends have an interest in going, please join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, July 17th at 11:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will share details about the trip, costs, and experiences.

For more information about the trip, visit the following the online brochure click [>HERE<](#).

If you are interested, but cannot attend the meeting, contact Eric to get more information (etspivey@gmail.com).

Family Serve Day



COMMUNITY
foodbank
OF CENTRAL ALABAMA

Friday,
June 24, 2022
9:15 - 11:30 am

Join us as we serve
at the food bank!
We'll meet there
and then go to lunch
afterwards.

how we work:
at a
glance

1 Food is donated or purchased at a low cost from suppliers, community partners, and the federal government.



2 Food is delivered, then sorted and stored at the CFB warehouse. Volunteers and staff sort food, pack program boxes, and do quality control.

3 CFB distributes the food to partner agencies, who then give it to those in need in their area, free of charge. Program boxes and fresh produce are also prepared and distributed at Mobile Pantries throughout each month, open to the public.



All families with children ages 9+ (and other VHBC members) are invited! Meet us at the Food Bank at 9:15 and then we'll head to Firehouse Subs for lunch afterwards!

Sign up on vhbc.com & contact Nancy to let her know you'll be there!

CHILDREN'S ministry

summer
'22



Sunday Worship Care Schedule 6/19

Babies & Ones: Billie Lochamy, Stacey Sapp
Twos - K: Jennifer Carter, Melissa McBrayer
Reception Desk: Virginia Wood

6/26

Babies & Ones: Lisa Speegle, Brandi Brownell
Twos - K: Adam & Melissa Pouncey
Reception Desk: Dick Bodenhamer

WEDNESDAYS

Fun with Friends

June 29th 5:45 - 7pm

Preschoolers Rm. 216

Grades 1-6 Activity Room

VBS HIGHLIGHTS



VHBC YOUTH Summer 2022



Our 10-12th graders just returned from a great mission experience in Chicago, Illinois!



SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Our youth are having a super time at **VHBC VBS** this week! Thanks for being awesome!



JUNE EVENTS

13-16: VBS

19: YOSE

20: 529

22: Churchwide Barons Game

25-July 1: Passport

WELCOME

SARA BINET, SUMMER INTERN!



MAVIS HARDY

Missionary/Artist



NOTE CARDS FOR SALE

In appreciation for her many years of service on the foreign mission field spreading God's word and in recognition of her artistic skills. Three sets of note cards are prepared to encourage contributions to the mission activity of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church.

Set 1: Hardy House Dining Room

10 cards

\$30.00

Set 2: VHBC Lobby Wall Hangings

5 cards

\$15.00

Set 3: Private Residences

10 cards

\$30.00




100% of revenue will be dedicated to VHBC Missions

To order cards, please check out the link [HERE](#) and select one or more set of cards. Samples can be viewed in the church office during office hours. Once purchased cards will be printed and then delivered. Thanks!

Stay Updated



Afternoon at the Movies
Tuesday, June 21 12:30-3:30 pm



Rising 1st - 6th graders are invited to join Ms. Nancy & Ms. Lindsay at Vestavia AMC Theater to see **LIGHTYEAR!** Parents/Grandparents are invited but don't forget to make a reservation for your ticket [HERE!](#)

July Sunday Bible Study



Join on Sunday mornings in July in the Fellowship Hall as we read through Genesis on Jacob's sons.



Seed Camp 2022

July 5-8, 2022

Marion, AL

Please contact Laura Tadlock

laura@vhbc.com

with any questions or to register.

HELLO
MY NAME IS

Name Tag Sundays

Make sure to wear your name tag in

July & August at VHBC!

Baptist World Alliance Sunday

July 10, 2022



**BAPTIST
WORLD
ALLIANCE**

Guest preacher: Rev. Karl Johnson, BWA 1st Vice President (Jamaica)

On Sunday, July 10th, we will celebrate the Baptist World Alliance and our participation in the global Baptist community. The Baptist World Alliance is a global network of 49 million Baptists in 128 countries and territories unified by a mission to impact the world for Christ. During the week of July 10, the BWA will gather for its first in person annual meeting at Samford University as Baptist leaders from around the world meet for a powerful time of prayer, fellowship, learning, and planning together. The highlight of Baptist World Alliance Sunday will be the preaching of **Rev. Karl Johnson**, BWA 1st Vice President. Rev. Johnson is the pastor of the historic Phillippo Baptist Church in Spanish Town, St. Catherine, Jamaica. Before assuming this historic pastorate, he led the Jamaica Baptist Union (JBU) as its general secretary for 20 years.

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VHBC WELCOMES DAVE & TRISH BALIUS AS NEW MEMBERS!

Dave and Trish return to VHBC after being regular visitors 2013-15. They come from Briarwood Presbyterian Church. Married after graduation in 1976, they have two adult daughters and five granddaughters that all live in Alabama.

Vocationally, Trish was a stay-at-home home mom when the girls were preschool, then worked in church administration for 15 years before moving to medical administration from which she retired at the end of 2021. Dave spent two years in retail management before moving to broadcast advertising where he enjoyed a 30-year career working with personalities such as Coach "Bear" Bryant, Rich Little, Kate Mulgrew, Dick Clark and John Madden, among others. In 2008, he shifted from advertising to Communication Director at Briarwood Presbyterian Church, from which he retired also at the end of 2021. Avocationally, Trish enjoys sewing and Dave has sung with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra since 1997 in addition to other local choral groups.

Spiritually, both Dave and Trish were raised in the church. Dave's dad, though a career artillery officer in the Marine Corps, often served as choir director in churches they attended. It was while Dave was serving as choir director at First United Methodist Church in Calera in 1984 that he became born again, and later that same year Trish followed. Trish's "life advice" is to "Listen to your heart but wait on the Lord." Dave would say, "Do not neglect reading the Word regularly, for how can you live a life seeking God's will if you don't know Him?"

Prayer List



MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL

LaRue Speights - STVHS, Rm. 631 South

MEMBERS IN RECOVERY & ONGOING TREATMENTS

John Bell	Buddy McGohon
Jason Cooper	Bonnie Perez
LaWayne Fleming	Linda Whitt

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Danny & Jennifer Cox in the death of their nephew, Pete Petro on June 10th. Parents are Kathy (Danny's sister) and Paul Petro.

PLEASE SEND UPDATES TO THE CONTACTS BELOW

☎ 205-979-5920 ✉ martha@vhbc.com

DAILY UPDATES CAN BE FOUND AT VHBC.COM/PRAYER-LIST

LET'S ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM!

Birmingham Barons

Wednesday, June 22nd
7:05 pm



All VHBC families are invited
for a time of fun & fellowship
at Regions Field!

\$13 per person

Food not included.

Get your tickets at VHBC.com



Worship
with us!

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 |
| 4:45 pm | Handbells |
| 5:30 pm | Children's Choirs |
| 6:00 pm | Youth Activities |
| 6:15 pm | Fun with Friends (VHBC Children) |
| 7:00 pm | Sanctuary Choir |

Online Calendar at vhbc.com

VHBC Ministry Team

NANCY AKINS, MINISTER TO PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

TYLER JOHNSON, MINISTER TO STUDENTS

MIKE MCBRAYER, ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR

ERIC SPIVEY, SENIOR PASTOR

MARTY WATTS, MINISTER OF MUSIC & WORSHIP

VHBC GIVING

JUNE BUDGET NEEDED \$146,768.00

JUNE BUDGET OFFERING \$136,541.00

YTD BUDGET NEEDED \$812,856.00

YTD BUDGET OFFERING \$832,436.00

