

A stylized landscape illustration. The top half features a bright yellow sky with a sunset or sunrise over a range of hills. The hills are rendered in shades of orange and blue. The foreground is dominated by dark green foliage and trees, with black silhouettes of branches and leaves framing the scene. The entire illustration is enclosed in a thin white border.

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VHBC  
*Connections*

JUNE 29, 2021

VESTAVIA HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

# STAY CONNECTED

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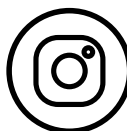
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WORSHIP & PRAY WITH US

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](http://www.vhbc.com/prayer-list) to view and contact us for updates.

*Come  
join!  
us!*



# STAY UPDATED

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JULY

Stuart Collier will lead this year's combined Sunday School series in July. The lessons will be drawn from Zechariah. The ministry of Zechariah takes place shortly after the first exiles returned to Jerusalem. Into this context of weariness and uncertainty, Zechariah presents God's message of comfort and hope.

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## CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

Join us at the close of worship on Sunday, July 18th for a Called Business Meeting. Our nominating committee will present their recommendation for the Pastor Search Committee.

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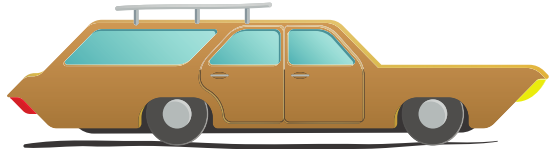
## RETREAT FOR WOMEN IN NOVEMBER

VHBC women are invited to attend ***Breathe: A Retreat for Women*** on November 4-6th, 2021 at The Lodge at Gulf Shores State Park. Get away for a couple of days by yourself or with a friend to feel the sand beneath your feet and the ocean breeze on your face.

***Breathe*** is designed to nurture your soul, encourage renewal for your body and spirit, and to spend time with God who knows you and loves you. For more information about this retreat, contact Mike McBrayer or Terri Byrd, Coordinator of Alabama CBF, at [terri@alabamacbf.org](mailto:terri@alabamacbf.org).



# welcome wagon



Stuart Collier may be best known by many at VHBC as the son-in-law of Dr. Otis Brooks, but let's get to know more about Stuart as he returns to VHBC after an interim position with another church.

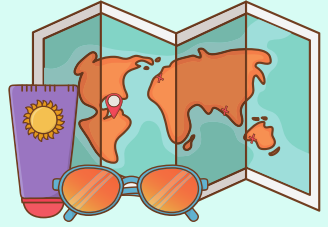
Stuart left Atalla, AL to attend the University of Alabama and met Leigh Brooks on a blind date. Otis officiated their marriage here at VHBC. Soon after, they moved to Massachusetts for his four years of service in the U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets). They returned to Alabama before their children Ginny and Robert were born. Both adult children now live out of state.

Stuart holds an MA in American History, but in the middle of his Ph.D. American History comprehensive exams he had his calling to the ministry and immediately moved to attend The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and there earned MDIV and Ph.D. degrees. His first sermon was at VHBC on the Good Shepherd. He calls this "a daunting task" but one Dr. Brooks insisted new seminarians from VHBC do.

He enjoys studying theology, backpacking, beekeeping, wondering, and pondering. He is happy repairing things to help them work again (this is out of necessity, he adds). Stuart laughed and said, "That Leigh married me is all that really needs to be said for me, and that I am a graduate of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary which trained Otis Brooks."

Stuart will lead the adult Sunday School gatherings in July on the prophet, Zechariah's book. **Welcome back, Stuart!**

# vhbc kids



## SUMMER 2021

### Sunday School **IN-PERSON AT 8:45 AM**

Please enter the children's building, check in at the front desk, and make sure to wear your mask.

### Worship Care **AT 10 AM**

Worship care is available for children (babies - kindergarten) during Sunday worship. Reservations are no longer required.

## ALL AROUND THE TOWN

Let's meet at the church at 9 am to go around Vestavia, VHBC kids! Please register by 9 am the day before your trip! Parents need to pick up children by 2:15 pm from Vestavia Bowling Alley. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29 COMPLETED 1ST & 2ND**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 COMPLETED 4TH & 5TH**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 COMPLETED 3RD**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 30 COMPLETED SIXERS**



**VHBC** YOUTH

**SUMMER 2021**



## **SUMMER SMALLS**

**Sundays in July**

July 11th

July 18th

July 25th

**529**

July 26th



## **SEED CAMP**

July 11 - 14

## **PASSPORT CAMP**

July 12 - 17





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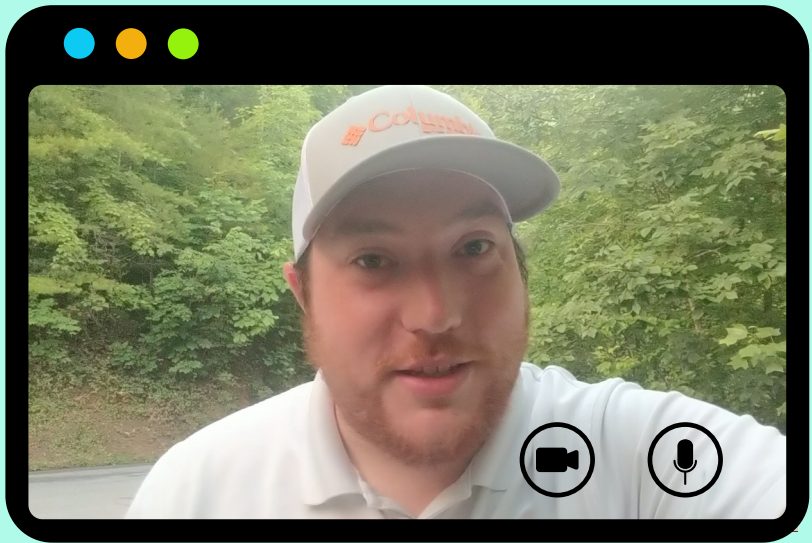
YOUTH



GATLINBURG

UPDATES

Tyler and some of our youth embarked on a *wonderful* trip to Gatlinburg, TN June 23-30! Check out Tyler's video at the link below to hear about what they've experienced this week!



## **MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL**

Carolyn Cain - Brookdale, Rm. 130  
Bob Hardy - Grandview, Rm. 537 ICU  
Peggy Jones - UAB West  
Kathy Brownell - Shelby Baptist - Rm. 214

## **MEMBERS AT HOME**

Maxine Ammons	Charlotte Kyser
Karen Anderson	Al Lowery
Dave Bamberg	Samson Mathangani
Gerry Bragdon	Leon Nix
Libby Brown	June Ousley
Zelle Buckner	Gaynell Pinson
Jason Cooper	Carol Porter
Geri Dodson	Judy Schlegel
Julia Duffy	Emma Jean Sleeman
Esther Evans	Faye Spear
Milton Fullman	Alicia Stigler
Jim & Natalie	Hazel Turner
Garland	Margaret Walker
Cordy Grigsby	Bobbye Weaver
Mavis Hardy	Doris Wilson
Ruford Hodges	

## **IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

Daniel & Shirley Tilford in the death of their son,  
Bradley Tilford, on June 20th.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Gary & Vickie Furr on the birth of a  
granddaughter, Wallena, on June 24th. Proud parents  
are Katie & Hector.

*Prayer List*





# 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

# VHBC GIVING

YTD Budget Needs: \$875,966.00  
YTD Budget Giving: \$787,921.00