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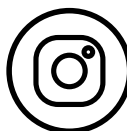
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WORSHIP & PRAY WITH US

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.

*Come
join
us!*

**Thank you for
wearing your
mask.**

**If you are not fully
vaccinated, we appreciate
you continuing to wear a
mask at all church events.**



VHBC COVID RESPONSE

vhbc kids

SUMMER 2021



Sunday School IN-PERSON AT 8:45 AM

- Kindergarten with Gilda Coker and James Carr
- 1st/2nd Grades with Sandra Bates and Gay Caldwell
- 3rd Grade Class with Marie & Leigh Gwathney
- 4th/5th Grade Class with Liz David and Jenny Henry
- Sixers with Lucas Dorion and Mindy Bodenhamer

Worship Care AT 10 AM

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



VBS @ VHBC

June 14-17, 2021

Open to VHBC children & VBS Alumni
(completed K through 6th grade)



YOUTH

SUMMER 2021



Sundays in June

- Bible study at 8:45 am in the Student Building
- YOSE from 6-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall on June 6th & June 27th

Mondays in June

- 529 on June 21st from 5-9 pm

Wednesdays in June

- Wednesday Night Youth on June 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and 30th

8TH-10TH GRADERS
GATLINBURG, TN

June 23-30, 2021



READ ON FOR UPDATES FROM OUR
PUERTO RICO IME TEAM!

IME PUERTO RICO

JUNE 2-9, 2021

TEAM LEADERS

Tyler Johnson

John Chandler

Mike McBrayer

Elise Pittman

Lisa Speegle

Mike Thomas

Stephanie Thomas

STUDENTS

Wesley Chandler

Camille Cooper

Sara Jane Hamilton

Alice Hattaway

Sara Hattaway

Lawson Henry

Corinne Phillips

Hayden Speegle

Porter Speegle

Lindsay Tadlock

Kendall Warren

Our VHBC youth IME team departed for Puerto Rico last Wednesday and is serving alongside Iglesia Bautista de Metropolis, a CBF congregation located just outside of San Juan. They are supporting the church's COVID relief efforts and working with their partners at a local seminary and farm! Please be in prayer for them as they partner beside such a mission-minded church and pray for them to see God working in unique and special ways outside of their context. Keep reading for Tyler's daily updates from each day of the trip!



THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021

After a great travel day, and dinner by the beach, everyone is getting settled in well.

Today we are working with a local chef and minister who prepares meals for vulnerable populations around the city. We are also doing some light yard work around that facility.

Pray that we continue to hear stories of God is working here, and that we are changed for the better because of this experience.



TYLER JOHNSON



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FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021

From our work yesterday, we packed over 700 bags of food for families, children, and other vulnerable populations in the community. We also sorted through donations (and found some ...interesting items), and cleaned the facility in order for operations to work smoothly and safely.

Today we are traveling to a seminary to make some improvements to student housing. This particular housing is reserved for those who cannot afford rent, traveling a long way, or leaving home situations that are less than ideal.

Tonight the church is surprising our group with a water balloon fight with their youth group. I'm excited to see the fun and excitement for both youth groups.

Your prayers for strength, encouragement, and endurance are very much needed. We are doing well thanks to you all and the amazing team of adult leaders we have here.



TYLER JOHNSON



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SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021

Yesterday was a great day of work and play! We worked at the largest seminary in Puerto Rico, which is the main theological school in the Caribbean. We were serving in the same place where MLK Jr once gave 2 speeches.

We went on a tour of the First Baptist Church in Puerto Rico and learned how their mission changes by the needs of the community around them, and that their sanctuary is not only a place for worship but the heartbeat of their service for the community.

Lastly we worshipped alongside the youth group of our partner church and we sang songs in English and Spanish. After worship was "Goofy Games Night" where we got to play and be silly with our partner youth group.

Today we are going back to the seminary to finish some facility projects, and there is a slight possibility that we will be going to the beach today.

All is well and good here, thank you for your prayers. We certainly will ask for more!



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JUNE 2-9, 2021

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

Yesterday was a wide mixture of experiences for our group. In the morning we served at a place called "The Table of Love". They provide over 150 meals a day to hungry college students from the University of Puerto Rico, along with meeting other basic needs like clothing and other essentials.

Our students were able to get away to the beach for a couple of hours and decompress from all that they have seen and done. We ended the evening with fajitas and salsa dance lessons. To truly serve in Puerto Rico, you have to love the Island and culture of Puerto Rico.

Today we are going to worship alongside our partner church at 10:00 AM (time sound familiar)? The church is fully contemporary and fully in Spanish, I believe our students are going to have a great time experiencing a different expression of worship. After church, we are going to Old San Juan and experience the beauty of the island.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers, they have been uplifting to us. Each of your kids is doing great, and I am proud of them in so many ways. I have pushed them thus far to grow in their faith, and I believe they are arising to the challenge. Growing in faith is never easy, and seldom feels good at the moment, but in the end, we can do more and experience God in ways that we could have never imagined before.



IME PUERTO RICO

JUNE 2-9, 2021

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021

Today is beach day! After some hard and good work these past few days, we are sleeping in and heading to the beach. We are excited about a day where we can relax and build fellowship together.

Yesterday, we worshipped alongside Iglesia Bautista de Metropolis, and while being a 100% contemporary church, they sang familiar hymns so that we could at least follow along with the tune (if you've never heard How Great Thou Art with a full rock band, you're missing out haha). We spent the rest of yesterday touring the forts and shops of Old San Juan and had dinner with our very own Lucas Dorian, who came down as a representative of Alabama CBF. Iglesia Bautista de Metropolis is also a CBF-affiliated church, so sharing that community has been wonderful!

Thank you so much for your prayers and well wishes for the trip. The students are tired, but good tired, a tiredness that comes from being the hands and feet of Christ. We will be back before you know it, but there's still more work to be done!



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JUNE 2-9, 2021

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

Today is the final day! After a day of rest at the beach, and a fun night driving in San Juan, we are excited to serve in our final location, which is on a farm!

The goal for today is to help guide each student towards their own conclusions of how they saw and experienced God on this trip, and what they have learned from this context and apply it to their own spiritual practice and expression of faith in daily life.

That might look like being a spiritual entrepreneur, and seeing needs and gaps in their community, and seeking to fill them for the purpose of showing God's love. That may look like open eyes to all circumstances to see where God is working, even in the most unexpected places.

Your students have done so well this week. They've been kind, polite, and most importantly for this trip, they have been flexible. Plans have changed at the drop of a hat, times in itineraries have at time been loose suggestions, and I each time our students have responded with grace and eagerness to serve. I am proud of them and believe you should be too. We will be home soon!



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MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL

Carolyn Cain - Brookdale, Rm. 130

Faye Spear - Brookwood Rehab, Rm. 619

Bob Hardy - Outpatient Surgery Grandview 6/10

Barbara Vandergriff - Cataract surgery 6/16

MEMBERS AT HOME

Bob Anderson Charlotte Kyser

Maxine Ammons Al Lowery

Karen Anderson Samson Mathangani

Dave Bamberg Sarah Moreland

Gerry Bragdon Leon Nix

Libby Brown June Ousley

Zelle Buckner Gaynell Pinson

Jason Cooper Carol Porter

Geri Dodson Emma Jean Sleeman

Paul Edfeldt Luke Smith

Esther Evans Alicia Stigler

Milton Fullman Hazel Turner

Jim & Natalie Margaret Walker

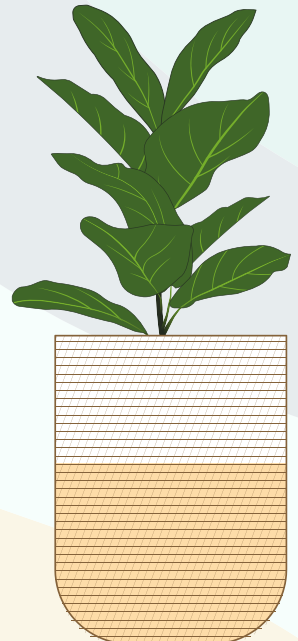
Garland Bobby Weaver

Cordy Grigsby Doris Wilson

Mavis Hardy

Ruford Hodges

Prayer list



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During our time of transition

- we discussed our *past* as a congregation,
- we examined factors that affect our church *today*, and
- at the next Conversation we will dream about our *future*.

Please join us for the third (and last) Church Conversation!

Sunday, June 13 at 5:00 pm

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

Register at vhbc.com or by calling the church office at 205-979-5920.

The information gathered during these sessions will help our search committee as they begin the holy task of seeking a new pastor for our church.

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: \$774,893.00

YTD Budget Giving: \$686,739.00