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VESTAVIA HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

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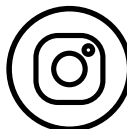
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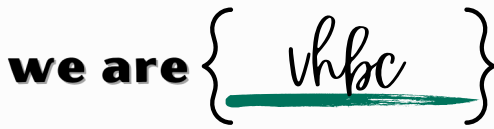
Our services have resumed in-person with weekly limited capacity registration for the next 4 Sundays!

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!*



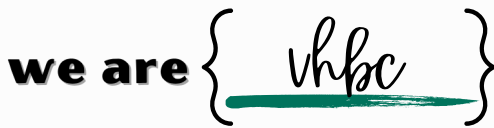
Dear VHBC member,

If you were with us at the initial Church Conversation last month, you already know how good it feels when a large group of us once again gathers in one place! You likely have warm feelings about the great stories that were shared and the spirit of renewed fellowship that was present. If you weren't there, we sincerely hope that you will choose to attend the remaining conversations, beginning with the next one on May 23 at 5:00 pm.

At the initial conversation, we identified one of the primary values of our church is the care and support that unites us as a fellowship of believers even while some of our views may differ. As a congregation we strive to seek common ground by allowing the Holy Spirit to guide our actions rather than letting cultural forces divide us. This guiding principle is important to keep in front of us as we continue our journey through the transition.

The second conversation will be similar to the first one, yet significantly different in several ways. Your Transition Team wants this event to be conducted in a manner that allows the entire assembled group to be in one room to hear reports from the first conversation and to provide a small group setting for intimate conversation. Given the need to accommodate physical distancing, there is no single room in our church building where this can happen. Therefore, our next conversation will take place in the Ballroom of the Vestavia Country Club.

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At this conversation, we will, as Transition Pastor Bill Owen has often said, “look in the mirror and out the window” as we plumb the depths of our membership’s understanding of our priorities on several key topics. We will collectively discuss social and cultural matters that affect our community. Our discussions may be frank at times, but the information gathered will be invaluable during the pastor search process. With that in mind, we pledge that every comment and opinion will be heard and valued in this sacred and safe space among members united in their love for each other.

As you prepare for the next conversation, will you prayerfully read Acts 2:42-47 and reflect on the timeless elements of a healthy and growing church—discipleship, evangelism, fellowship, missions, and worship—and how they still guide and shape us today? As we collectively explore the current state of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, we invite, encourage, and welcome your input. These conversations will shape the future of our congregation and help us identify the pastor whom God calls to lead our church.

We look forward to gathering, sharing, and fellowshiping with you on May 23 at 5:00 pm!

Your Transition Team,

Dick Bodenhamer

Gilda Coker

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Brad Farley

Nicole Hutcheson

Jay McFarland, co-chair

Scott McGinnis

Dan McMurray

Jess Nix

Priss Pittman

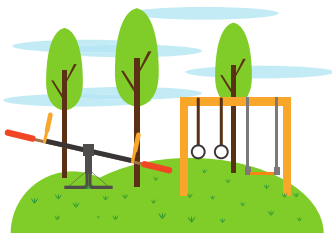
Melissa Pouncey, co-chair

Michael Thomas

Becky White

vhbc kids

SPRING 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**

Please register for worship care for your child(ren) on our worship registration by Friday noon before each Sunday service. For ages birth - age 5.

Coming Soon!



VHBC VBS 2021

June 14-17, 2021

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



Sundays

- Bible study at 8:45 am in the Student Building
- May 16 - IME Training 11:30 am
- YOSE from 6-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays

- Wednesday Night Live at 6 pm in the Student Building

MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL

Maggie McBrayer - Surgery 5/11
Gaynell Pinson - Brookwood, Rm. 649
Emma Jean Sleeman - Rehab in Atlanta
Faye Spear - Brookdale Rehab Rm. 103

MEMBERS AT HOME

Bob Anderson	Ruford Hodges
Maxine Ammons	Charlotte Kyser
Karen Anderson	Al Lowery
Dave Bamberg	Samson Mathangani
Gerry Bragdon	Sarah Moreland
Libby Brown	Marty Mullins
Zelle Buckner	Leon Nix
Carolyn Cain	Margaret Northrup
Jason Cooper	June Ousley
Geri Dodson	Greg Pruitt
Paul Edfeldt	George Ritchey
Esther Evans	Alicia Stigler
Milton Fullman	Hazel Turner
Jim & Natalie Garland	Margaret Walker
Cordy Grigsby	Bobbye Weaver
Mavis Hardy	Doris Wilson

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

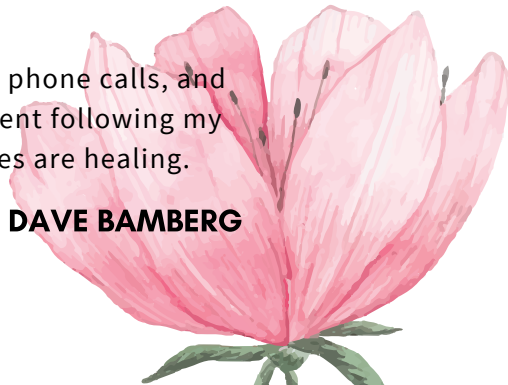
Danny, Jennifer, & Mary Grace Cox, and family in the loss of their niece/cousin, Grace Arello on May 3rd.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to all for the cards, phone calls, and prayers with notes of encouragement following my accident in late January. My injuries are healing.

DAVE BAMBERG

Prayer list



VHBC GIVING

YTD Budget Needs: \$640,129.00
YTD Budget Giving: \$551,765.00

THE HOPEFUL HEART

John R. Claypool

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 9:30 am or
Tuesdays at 6 pm

Join us as we continue a new Bible
study for women at VHBC!
Register online [HERE](#).
We hope to see you there!

SEPTEMBER 20-24, 2021

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

SAVANNAH, JEKYLL ISLAND,
ST. SIMONS ISLAND, & BEAUFORT, SC

The cost is \$549 for double and \$728 for
a single. Please contact John Bell if you
would like to go or call the church office
(205) 979-5920.



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