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# VHBC Connections



Vestavia Hills  
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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 \$16,990.00 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.



# 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](http://vhbc.com) to reserve your meal!

### Menu for May 4th

Adults/Youth: Salisbury Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert  
Kids: Chicken Fingers, Fries, Dessert

### Menu for May 11th

Adults/Youth: Caprese Chicken Breast, Parmesan Garlic Orzo, Roasted Lemon Rosemary Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Dessert  
Kids: Pizza, Fries, and Dessert

## Wednesday Sessions for Adults

- **Contemplative Prayer with George Van Kirk** as facilitator will continue at 6pm on Wednesdays in the chapel through May.
- **May 4 - Focus on Local missions Urban Ministry Birmingham** - director Casey Hobbs will join us to share the vision of this local ministry and how we might partner with them here in our hometown
- **May 11** - Children's Music & Mission program



Shrimp  
**BOIL**

May 18th

**Sign up!**



**Cost: \$10 per person**

**Time: 5 pm**

**Place: VHBC Lawn**



- Kids Eat Free!
- Yard Games for all ages!
- Music by String Theory featuring our own Caroline and Samuel Nordlund

# The Holy Work of Moving & Change

Pastor Eric Spivey

I hate moving! And yet, Marcia and I have moved 10 times living in 7 SEC states since we married in 1992! I thought about all these moves over the last two months as we planned our move to Birmingham. My thoughts went to calling and vocation.

I realized Marcia and I have a dynamic view of calling. Over our adult lives, we have actively sought to follow God's Spirit - wherever she led. We have moved to do ministry. We have moved to further our education. We have gone back to school as adults. We have shifted careers from missionary and event planner to pastor and teacher - all while raising kids.

None of these moves came easily. Each step of faith required us to change something - our city, our house, even our income stream. And ... at least 10 times we packed our belongings and moved. While each change has been demanding work and emotionally taxing, the experience of being in the center of God's call for our lives has been extraordinary. God made moving and change holy work.

While I still hate moving, I have become efficient and fluent in the work of getting from one place to another. I am grateful for the men who helped me move my things into the Hardy House last week. I have made plans to move Mama Jean here on May 21st, to pack our belongings in pods, and to move Marcia here on the first of June. While our life will be unsettled for a little while, I know the disruption will be worth it. God's future has already begun. The joy God has planned for us goes through each box, each moving van, and each mile of the journey.

I expect I am not the only one who hates moving and change. God's calling, though, for each one of us - even our church - remains dynamic. The Spirit is alive in us, calling us forward into the hope of God's future. As we move towards this future, let us remember the sacredness of the demanding work it takes to get there.

I am grateful to be your pastor. I request your continued prayers over the coming days as our family moves, gets settled and we get start our ministry. I look forward to seeing where the Lord leads us.

You are loved,  
Eric



# VHBC KIDS

Spring  
'22



MS. NANCY

## Sunday Worship Care Schedule 5/8

Babies & Ones: Millie Ehrett, Sharon Hartzog  
Twos - K: Kevin & Isabel Jaquess  
Reception Desk: Brenda Ammons

## 5/18

Babies & Ones: Alexis Johnson, Sara McFarland  
Twos - K: Emily Key, Laura Griffo  
Reception Desk: Jerri Pare'

## WEDNESDAYS

5:30 pm

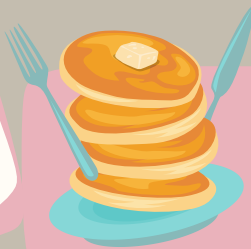
Children's Choir  
Rehearsal

5:45 pm

Childcare for babies-3s.

6:15 pm

Mission Friends,  
GA, & RAs



See you in the  
children's activity  
room this Sunday!

*Second Sunday Pancakes* May 8th at 8:45 am



As for me and my house,  
we will serve the LORD.

*Joshua 24:15B*



June 13-16, 2022

*Help us stock the snack room for VBS!*

Drop off in the seminar room during  
VBS week!





Vacation Bible School at  
Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

June 13-16th  
9 am - Noon

Rising 1st Grade - Rising 6th

Grade  
Free lunch each day!

Food Truck Family Fun Party!

Thursday, June 16, 5-7 pm

Register today at [vhbc.com](http://vhbc.com)



# VHBC YOUTH

## Youth Week at VHBC

May 1-8, 2022

**May 1: Laser Tag in the Gym at 6 pm**

**May 2: Messy/Water Games (a) 428  
(Cost \$10 for dinner)**

**May 3: Ice Cream at Bruster's from  
3:30-5:00 pm**

**May 4: Q&A Session with Casey Hobbs of  
Urban Ministry in the Fellowship  
Hall. This is a Churchwide event!**

**May 5: Cinco de Mayo celebration from  
3:30-5:00 pm in the student building.**

**May 6: No activities**

**May 7: Bowling Night!**

**May 8: Senior Recognition Sunday.  
Lunch after church for grads &  
families. No YOSE.**

# Stay Connected

## FIND US ONLINE

at [vhbc.com](http://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](http://vhbc.com)

## HELP WANTED!



Golf cart drivers are needed for Sunday mornings! Please contact [Tyler@vhbc.com](mailto:Tyler@vhbc.com) for more information.

# Prayer List

## MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL

Linda Whitt - UAB, rm. 610

## UPCOMING PROCEDURES OR SURGERIES

Dave Balius - Nasal Surgery on 5/4

LaWayne Fleming - Knee Replacement on 5/12

## MEMBERS IN RECOVERY & ONGOING TREATMENTS

Linda Anderson      Buddy McGohon

Don Baker            Bonnie Perez

John Bell             Eddi Riley

Jason Cooper        Ron Smith

Neely Hughey

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Maxine Ammons

Juanita Blackburn

Libby Brown

Ann Bush

Esther Evans

Milton Fullman

Pat Gillespie

Sandy Gillis

Bob & Mavis Hardy

Ruford Hodges

Peggy Jones

Dot Lowe

Al Lowery

Samson Mathangani

Kitty Newell

Leon Nix

Margaret Northrup

Gaynell Pinson

Jerry & Lorelle Singleton

Alicia Stigler

Hazel Turner

Bobbye Weaver

Doris Wilson

## IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Brittini Scott upon the death of her father-in-law, Randy Scott.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jessie & Christopher Chandler in the birth of a son, Wyatt Byrne Chandler, April 30th. Proud grandparents are Tricia & Jack Stevens and Kristie & John Chandler.

**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



## Calling all Bakers!



### Desserts needed for Firehouse Shelter

Please bring a homemade dessert with a minimum of 12 servings (like a cake, or two pies, brownies or cookies) to the CHURCH'S MAIN LOBBY by 5:15pm on the second Wednesdays of May, June, or July. We hope meeting this need will nourish a sweet spirit in you as you bake! Please label your container if not disposable, and we will gladly return it to the front office.

Questions? Contact Merry! Cooper at [merry!\\_cooper@yahoo.com](mailto:merry!_cooper@yahoo.com) or 205-602-9984.



Did you graduate this semester? Let Tyler know, so we can celebrate you this Sunday! Please send your name and degree to [tyler@vhbc.com](mailto:tyler@vhbc.com) by Thursday!

## ConGRADulations!!



## Spring Mission Serve Day

May 14, 9 AM - Noon

Sign up at [vhbc.com](http://vhbc.com)

Mark your calendar

and make plans to participate.



## Seed Camp 2022

July 5-8, 2022

Marion, AL

Please contact Laura Tadlock

[laura@vhbc.com](mailto:laura@vhbc.com)

with any questions or to register.

LET'S ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM!

# Birmingham Barons

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Wednesday, June 22nd  
7:05 pm



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

**\$13 per person**

Food not included.

Sign up at [VHBC.com](http://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                     |
| 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](http://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