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# Variations

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VESTAVIA HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

# Notice of Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 6:00pm

This week, our members received notice by email about a special business meeting being held tomorrow night by conference call. The dial-in number and brief description about the meeting was included. If you did not receive this email and you are a member, please contact the church office.

Online  
Giving  
@ VHBC



Many options are available to give online to VHBC!  
Please visit [VHBC.com/stay-connected](https://www.vhbc.com/stay-connected) to find the links to our Online Giving page and tutorials on how to use our ShelbyNext giving portal on the app and desktop.

# Shepherd's Encourager

by Dr. Gary Furr

What a time this has been. We have gone from a gathered church to a virtual congregation, at least for now. So much has changed. And yet amid the upheaval, so much stays together. And so many new good things have happened. I shared with our deacons in our online meeting on Sunday evening that in the services we've done online since mid-March (not counting our Wednesday evenings), our Sunday services and Holy Week services have passed six thousand viewings. The Good Friday service, which involved fifteen of our members (counting John Pleasant's amazing artistic presentation), was viewed eight hundred times. We are reaching out with the gifts of our congregation.

And there is terrible disruption everywhere we turn. And uncertainty. A good time for a resurrection people.

The filter through which the early church understood the story of Jesus was the resurrection. The early Christians were convinced that Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified by the Romans, had been raised to life by God. The entire story of Jesus, then, is understandable only in reverse. By viewing it through the conviction born on Easter, we understand the whole meaning of his life, his teachings, and even his death.

After Easter, we have not only the reflections of the church about Jesus before the resurrection—we have accounts of the teachings and sayings that the disciples claimed to have heard from the Risen Lord. Now, from this new vantage point, the disciples were able to understand the past.

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I will be preaching from some of the post-resurrection sayings of Jesus. As we look at the things Jesus said to his disciples after that wonderful day, we find some profound guidance for this moment. Please join us online for these services.

*Gary*

## Upcoming Sermons

"All Authority Has Been Given to Me"

**MATTHEW 28:18**

"It Was Necessary That the Messiah  
Should Suffer"

**LUKE 24:26**

"Do You Love Me"

**JOHN 21:15-19**

"Follow Me"

**JOHN 21:19-23**

"I Am Sending Upon You  
What My Father Promised"

**LUKE 24:49**

"I Am With You Always"

**MATTHEW 28:20**



A close-up photograph of several interlocking puzzle pieces on a light-colored wooden surface. Two pieces in the center are painted red and form a heart shape, while the surrounding pieces are white.

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## **Prayer List**

**If you missed watching our Holy Week services with us last week, look for our Holy Week Resources and find our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services with worship guides.**



**Also, you can find our services on our YouTube channel and Facebook page, as well as updates and reminders on our Instagram page.**





# vhbc kids

## THIS WEEK

### CHILDREN ZOOM!

#### wednesdays

- Kindergarten Friends 3:30 pm
- Girls, grades 1-3 4:00 pm
- Girls, grades 4-6 4:30 pm
- Boys, grades 1-6 4:30 pm

#### sundays

- Sixers 5:00 pm

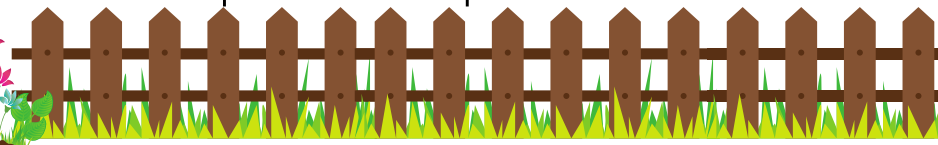
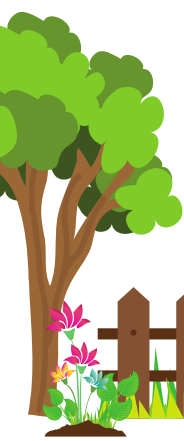
This is the day  
**the Lord**  
 has made  
 We will  
**REJOICE**  
**AND BE GLAD**  
 in it.

PSALM 118:24

### OTHER FELLOWSHIPS & GATHERINGS FOR TEACHERS & MOMS

Preschool & Children's Teachers are invited to gather Saturday mornings on ZOOM at 10 am.

**Moms!** Look for an email next week from Ms. Nancy about 4th Thursday Online Fellowship on April 23rd at 7 pm!



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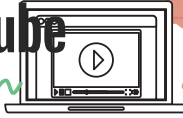
YOUTH

quarantine

SCHEDULE



YouTube  
lesson



Zoom hangout

7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Digital Sabbath



BAKE  
A CAKE!

THURSDAY

Insta Story  
Challenge

11:30

PRIZE  
GIVEAWAYS!

FRIDAY

Family Time!

SATURDAY

Insta Story  
Sunday School

9:30 PM



Zoom hangout

6:00 PM

SUNDAY

**zoom** with



## What is Zoom?

Zoom is a cloud-based video conferencing service you can use to virtually meet with others - either by video or audio-only or both, all while conducting live chats.

## Who is using Zoom?

- Our VHBC ministry staff
- Youth Group
- Sanctuary Choir
- Children's Ministry
- And more!

## How do I use Zoom?

You can join a meeting by clicking the meeting link sent to you by your group leader or going to [join.zoom.us](https://join.zoom.us) and entering in the meeting ID. You can use either your desktop, laptop, or smart phone as long as they have both working audio and video.

## Zoom FAQs