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VHBC GIVING

Many options are available to give 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.

MTD Budget Offering

20,016.45

MTD Budget Needs

33,485.00

YTD Budget Offering

989,575.22

YTD Budget Needs

1,038,128.00

Thank you so very much for your faithful giving. We continue to be able to operate because of you!

SHEPHERD'S ENCOURAGER

DR. GARY FURR



RECONCILIATION ILLUSTRATED

In the coming weeks, I will continue my sermons on “The Ministry of Reconciliation.” On Wednesday evenings, I will be doing a Bible study before each of those sermons that connect what we’re talking about to our ministry to our culture at this moment.

It is important because it rises above the vista of political divisions, ethnic and racial pain, family problems, and economic strife. There is a profoundly spiritual truth at this moment—a summons to be reconciled to God and one another.

At the core of so many struggles at the moment is the hunger for community and communion we all need. At the very time that we need one another, we find ourselves raw with uncertainty and anxiety. Contradictory information and conflicting prescriptions leave so many of us unsure where to turn.

I want to talk about the four dimensions of God’s reconciling work in Jesus Christ—in our spiritual lives, in our relationships with one another, in the divisions of our world, and the Kingdom vision of God for the whole of creation. I will reflect on this in biblical stories from the Old Testament and the New—Ruth, Jonah, the Samaritan Woman, Cornelius, and the Ethiopian Eunuch. I hope you’ll tune in!

NEED HELP?

In mentioning the Wednesday sessions, we are gratified to learn how many of you have learned how to access us online. However, if you would like to learn how and perhaps haven’t figured out how, we can provide someone to coach you on it! Just call the office and speak with Martha and we’ll arrange to have someone “get you better connected!”

SHEPHERD'S ENCOURAGER

DR. GARY FURR

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I want to also let you know that if you'd like to talk with someone on staff, contact us in the office. I am glad to make time, as are all our staff, to talk if you have a struggle, depression, sadness, or need prayer during this time. Our support staff can help schedule an appointment for you to speak with our ministers.

I am planning a series of online and small group in-person encouragement groups soon. One is a workshop on coping with loss and grief. I will have various counselors and resource people talk with us about the various dimensions of grief and strategies for living through it. If you are interested in signing up, contact Martha@vhbc.com and she will send more information.

Gary



**IN
TUNE**

with VHBC

New podcast from VHBC
premiering this Thursday,
August 6th!

"In Tune with VHBC" is a weekly podcast about music and worship at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church. Episodes will explore hymns we sing in worship and feature interviews with participants in Music Ministry ensembles.



vhbc kids

THIS FALL

Parents of children at VHBC -- this message is for you! Starting August 16th, VHBC kids are invited to Sunday School online.

9AM

- 3rd Grade Class with Leigh Gwathney and Marie Gwathney
- 4th/5th Grade Class with Liz David and Jenny Henry

9:30AM

- Kindergarten with Gilda Coker and James Carr
- 1st/2nd Grades with Sandra Bates and Gay Caldwell

11:00AM

- Sixers with Lucas Dorion and Mindy Bodenhamer

Don't forget to view worship at 10 am each Sunday in August to see these special children's features!

AUG 9

Recognition of our Sixers

AUG 16

Blessing of the Backpacks, as our children begin the 2020/21 school year

AUG 23

Bible presentation to First graders



WAGON

In the past year, we've welcomed several members to our VHBC church family. Our welcome wagon continues with Christopher McCarty!

Christopher McCarty joined the VHBC church family in October, 2019, but we already claimed as he has been active in our church since he was born to his parents, Will and Elizabeth, and his sister, Caroline. Christopher will be in the 9th grade at Oak Mountain High School this fall and right now his favorite subject is history. **Creating a pick-up soccer team?** Choose Christopher to play as he plays with



BUSA as well as Oak Mountain High School soccer programs! When he's not busy with soccer, he enjoys going to the lake and hiking. He looks forward to driving soon and making lots of high school memories! **What does Christopher like most about VHBC?** The YOUTH group!

Check out our next issue to welcome another new member at VHBC!



STAY CONNECTED

Visit vhbc.com and click the stay connected button to find updates for our [prayer list](#), online worship schedule, ShelbyNext giving, family resources, and more! Click the underlined words to follow each link.

WATCH VHBC ONLINE



MOMS' GATHERING MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH

Meet at the porte-cochère at 7 pm!
Limited to 10. Please contact Nancy to sign up.

SANCTUARY CHOIR RESUMES WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

Rehearsals will resume online at 7 pm every Wednesday night. Contact Marty for more info.



PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL

Don Ammons Brookwood SICU
Billie Pigford Chattanooga

MEMBERS AT HOME

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| Maxine Ammons | Charlotte Kyser |
| Barbara Bell | Leon Nix |
| Sam & Libby Brown | Margaret Northrup |
| Zelle Buckner | Nora Ousley |
| Bob Bush | Gaynell Pinson |
| Carolyn Cain | Ron Smith |
| Louise Cunningham | Hazel Turner |
| Geri Dodson | Rachel Turner |
| Esther Evans | Sue Virciglio |
| Milton Fullman | Margaret Walker |
| Jim Garland | Betty Wallis |
| Natalie Garland | Bobbye Weaver |
| George Griffith | Nancy Welch |
| Ardath Grizzell | Doris Wilson |
| Ruford Hodges | |

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Sara McFarland and family as they grieve the loss of her mother, Marsha Flurry on July 28th.



THANK YOU

Dear Precious Church Family,
Thank you for your tender, continuing care and concern for me following the death of my sister, Phyllis Darden. Although she had complications following hip surgeries, her death was unrelated and sudden. When you have siblings all the days of your life, their death leaves an empty spot. Heaven becomes more precious and is more frequently in your thoughts. Your terrific support has touched my deep grief and made it more bearable. Love and virtual hugs to all of you.

BARBARA VANDERGRIFF

YOUR MINISTRY STAFF

GARY A. FURR, PASTOR

NANCY AKINS, MINISTER TO PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN

TYLER JOHNSON, MINISTER TO STUDENTS

MIKE MCBRAYER, ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR

ELISE PITTMAN, MINISTRY ASSISTANT

MARTY WATTS, MINISTER OF MUSIC & WORSHIP

