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THE SHEPHERD'S ENCOURAGER

by Pastor Gary Furr

the **daytreat**...why do I need to go?

First of all, it won't be the same if you aren't here. Second, you won't be the same if you ARE here. Third, you'll love your church just a little bit more if you do.

You'll have a chance to sit with someone whose story you didn't know. Go to a fun afternoon event with a friend. Hang out with that staff member you keep meaning to get to know better. You'll have an opportunity to unplug from your TV, phone, and laptop for a Sabbath of the senses.

Koine is the New Testament word for *fellowship*. But it is deeper. It means *in common*. We have Christ in common, but we discover that there is so much more under the surface when we spend time in each other's company. This Sunday is the only opportunity this year to eat 3 meals in a day with your church family, and participate in worship, fellowship, excursions, and activities that will serve to unite us as one body.

It is a day of relationship building.

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VHBC PRAYER LIST

Members in the Hospital

Libby Brown
Lynn Owens

Fairhaven Rehab #6206
UAB Spain Wallace P932

Members at Home

Maxine Ammons
Rosemary Bamberg
Sam Brown
Zelle Buckner
Milligan Burroughs
Bob Bush
Carolyn Cain
Pat Cottrell
Louise Cunningham
Jimmy Daviston
Geri Dodson
Paul Edfeldt
Esther Evans
Milton Fullman
George Griffith
Ardath Grizzell
Marie Gwathney
Ruford Hodges
Charlotte Kyser
Betty Longshore
Al Lowery

Leon Nix
Margaret Northrup
Grace Oliver
Nora Ousley
Gaynell Pinson
William Poe
Sharon Repp
Faye Spear
Ron & LuAnn Smith
Alicia Stigler
Allison St. John
Iva Jewel Tucker
Hazel Turner
Sue Virciglio
Margaret Walker
Betty Wallis
Bobbie Weaver
Doris Wilson



welcome!

This past Sunday, January 19th,
VHBC welcomed three new
members to our congregation!

Hunter & Evelyn Hill

Ken Roxburgh



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Marie Hooks and family in
the death of her sister,
Nell England, on Saturday,
January 11th.

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE • SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

WEEK OF JANUARY 26

Deacons: Becky White, Craig Youngblood
Sunday Wednesday

Counting Team: David Compher, Mike Steppe

Flower Committee: Adie & Jennifer Carter, Jenny King

Shuttle Service: Tommy Cherry, Mike Craddock

Sound Technology: Pete LeBerte, Dan McMurray

Worship Care

Babies: Billie Lochamy, Stacey Sapp

Preschool 1-2: Alexis Johnson

PS 3: Scott & Jerolyn Phillips

4s/K: Keith & Daphne Williams

Preschool Desk: LaRue Speights

Children's Desk: Becky Best

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Menu: BBQ pork or chicken sandwiches,
baked beans, cole slaw, potato chips, cake

Volunteers: Marilyn Tinnermon, Jerri Pare',
LaRue Speights, Christina Ellis



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2

Deacons: Roger Bates, Mindy Bodenhamer
Sunday Wednesday

Counting Team: George Pare', Katherine Bear

Flower Committee: Melissa McMurray

Shuttle Service: John Wood, Bill Dupree

Sound Technology: Dale Tadlock, Dan McMurray

Worship Care

Babies: Jody Poe, Becky Bradley

Preschool 1-2: Dan & Gay Caldwell

PS 3: Kim Virciglio, Amy Benefield

4s/K: Brent & Lisa Warren

Preschool Desk: Laura Tadlock

Children's Desk: Mel Crowder

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Menu: Poppy seed chicken, rice, green
beans, apple ring, lemon pie

Volunteers: Sue Edfeldt, Jerolyn Phillips,
Bonnie Conn, Ann Steppe

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It's a great day as a newcomer or visitor to get to know some of the people who come to church with you. We need everyone to sign up so we can prepare the meals and plan for them and the activities. Go here www.vhbc.com/daytreat to sign up and to see the schedule and events for the day! But we need your commitment in order for koine, fellowship, to grow a little more among us.

Our last Daytreat was in 2018. The next day I wrote this:

Sunday was an extraordinary day. It was more than we hoped, as church members ate together, played, worshiped, talked and built relationships. A single person told me of the joy of spending a day with "family." Many had conversations with new friends whom they had spoken to or knew as acquaintances.

My favorite moment of the day was walking through the building just before dinner: a circle of women were crocheting and talking together in the conference room where the staff meets on Mondays. People in the fellowship hall were simply sitting and talking together as friends, new and old. As folks entered the hall from afternoon activities to have our third meal together, you'd have thought we'd been away for a long, long time. Laughter and listening were everywhere. It was a taste of the Kingdom of God.

Now, do you want to miss out on that?

Gary

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT VHBC?

Wednesday, January 22

6:30am Prayer Breakfast
 10:30am Pastor's Bible Study
 4:30pm Fellowship Supper
 5:00pm Handbell Practice
 5:30pm Children's Choirs Practice
 6:00pm Mission Friends, GA, RAs
 6:00pm Adult Sessions
 6:15pm Youth Activities
 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice

Sunday, January 26



Monday, January 27

9:30am Women's Bible Study
 10:00am Lovelady Ministry
 Tuesday, January 28

9:30am International Friends
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 29

6:30am Prayer Breakfast
 10:30am Pastor's Bible Study
 4:30pm Fellowship Supper
 5:00pm Handbell Practice
 5:30pm Children's Choirs Practice

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6:00pm Mission Friends, GA, RAs
 6:00pm Quarterly Business Meeting
 6:15pm Youth Activities
 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice

Sunday, February 2

8:45am Sunday Bible Study
 9:30am Orchestra
 10:00am Worship Service
 5:00pm YOSE

5:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, February 3

9:30am Women's Bible Study
 10:00am Lovelady Ministry
 10:00am We Care Ministry
 1:00pm Alabama Artist Guild
 4:00pm 428 - Youth

Tuesday, February 4

9:30am International Friends
 10:30am Roundtable Book Club
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study

MINISTRY BUDGET OFFERING

Budget Needed 2020

1,741,360.00

Budget Given 2020

126,047.00

Roundtable Book Club

Tuesday, February 4 at 10:30 am
 Fireside Room

Martha Eskew will review the book, *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens. Join us to take a look at this touching coming-of-age story set in a region of wild natural beauty.



Great News from the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee

The PEF ended 2019 with \$688,017 in assets. Because of that, the committee will be able to make grant distributions this year of \$20,640 to enhance our Missions projects, ministry activities, and capital needs. This is an increase in grant money of \$2,640 from 2018.

During the month of February, the committee is receiving grant requests from staff members, organization heads, and committee chairs. The deadline for grant requests is Sunday, March 1. The grants will be presented during the worship service on Anniversary Sunday, May 3.



Collection for Firehouse Shelter

The RAs are collecting canned goods (meat, vegetables, fruit) and shelf staples (cereal, cereal bars, pasta) as part of their study on World Hunger. These will be used to stock the food pantry at the new Firehouse Shelter.

Any size is accepted and will be used. If you shop at Sam's or Costco, please buy #10 (large) cans. Look for brightly colored bins around the church to leave your donations. You'll hear more in a few weeks about donating spare change to go to the Global Hunger Relief Fund.

Stay tuned!

#tacklehunger

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Mark your Calendar!
Sunday, Feb. 9th
is
I Love Nancy Day!

2020 marks 30 years that Ms. Nancy has served
VHBC as our Minister to Children and Preschool
and we want to celebrate **HER** with an
ice cream social in the fellowship hall at 3pm!



winter daytreat 01.26.20

This Sunday, our church family will gather together for worship, fellowship,
excursions, and activities that will serve to unite us as one body.

daytreat schedule

- 8:30** Breakfast & Combined SS
- 10:00** Worship*
- 11:05** Lunch
- 11:50** Optional Outings
- 2:30** Onsite Activities
- 5:00** Dinner
- 5:45** Small Groups*
- 6:35** Fellowship

outings & activities

- Coffee & Dessert
- Vestavia Bowl
- High Point Climbing
- Civil Rights Institute
- Makers DIY
- Top Golf
- Hiking at Red Mtn.
- RA's/GA Pine Car Workshop
- 9 Square
- Yoga
- Video Game Tournament
- Cooking
- Mug Painting
- Board Games
- Walking Group

register now at vhbc.com/daytreat

\$20 for adults; \$10 for college and youth; no charge for 6th grade & younger.

*Childcare available