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Variations

VESTAVIA HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Shepherd's Encourager

by Dr. Gary Furr

REMEMBERING ROSEMARY BAMBERG

I am so grateful for the privilege of knowing Rosemary. She died on Saturday afternoon and I was with David and the family there. One of the beautiful gifts of the prior week was a surprise phone call from Rosemary. She had been in the hospital for a while, and even David was not able to get in to see her. She had made a list of things and I was one of the items.

She called to tell me the news that she didn't have long to live, although it happened faster than expected. She wanted to tell me about it and we had a good conversation. She was aware and we had a very meaningful prayer time together by phone. I did not know when we hung up that it would be our last conversation.

Rosemary and David Bamberg have been active and deeply committed to our congregation for all of their years here. They both went on mission trips, Rosemary was faithful in the choir, and she also enjoyed volunteering, gardening, and sharing time with friends. She was very proud to have been a nurse for forty years at Princeton Baptist Hospital, some of that time as a staff nurse for Cardiac ICU.

It was a life well lived. We held a small family memorial service on the prayer point behind the sanctuary. Even with the restrictions of this time, it is important to ritually mark the transitions of life, including death. We need moments to remember, to celebrate, to grieve, and to hope.

I will miss Rosemary, as will our church. She was a blessing. We are thankful for David, who has a gift of service. He has given so much time to service in missions and helping wherever needed. We will love him as his church and I know you will offer your prayers and fellowship in his journey ahead.

THE CONTINUING JOURNEY OF CHURCH IN A DIFFERENT TIME

Our staff continues to try to carry on our ministries in a time of great disruption. We are having ongoing conversations with our church leaders about the path forward. No one across our nation, as we survey fellow churches and pastors and leaders, knows what the coming weeks will bring as the nation *opens up* economically. We have to balance safety for our members with the needs of fellowship, ministry, and our tasks of worship and prayer.

We are meeting with a group of key leaders to continually assess our way forward and will communicate our course ahead when we have consensus. Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity, and patience, church family. It is showing.

Gary



Upcoming Sermons

"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

**PAST SERMONS & SERVICES CAN BE
ACCESSED ON VHBC.COM ON OUR SERMON
ARCHIVES & VIDEO ARCHIVES PAGES.**



CHILDREN ZOOM!

wednesdays

Kindergarten Friends 3:30 pm

Girls, grades 1-3 4:00 pm

Girls, grades 4-6 4:30 pm

sundays

Sixers 5:00 pm



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



Today

VBS WITH VHBC!

June 8-11, 2020

Put on your hard hats and get ready for VBS@Home. VBS is under construction and will be ready for our children on June 8-11. We hope to offer meaningful activities for our children even though we will not meet at the church. **Stay tuned!**

Building on the love of Jesus.

Philippians 1:6



announcements



**HEY,
2020
GRADUATES!**

We want to hear from you! Are you graduating in May, this summer, or in the fall? Send us your name, school name, and your degree. We want to recognize you for Graduate Recognition Sunday on June 7th!

**PIERCE
PETTIS
CONCERT
JUNE 11TH**



**7TH-9TH GRADE
YOUTH TRIP
CANCELLED**

stay connected

Visit yhbc.com and click the stay connected button to find updates for our prayer list, online worship schedule, ShelbyNext giving, family resources, and more!

Watch the latest episode of Pastor Furr's "Looking Up" series on our website, Facebook, or YouTube!



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



Prayer List

Online Giving

Many options are available to give online to VHBC. Please visit 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.

May Needs

145,113.00

May Offering

41,004.00

Your faithful giving has provided the ability to support our community during this time!