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SPRING SERVE

Thank you to all who served on April 23rd!

SHRIMP BOIL

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120 members served on Spring Serve Sunday!



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE



8:45 AM SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

- 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.

10:00 AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

- 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.

5:00 PM YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENING

- All youth meet in the Student Building to play games, listen to a devotion, and prepare for the upcoming week.

4:45 PM FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

- Meet us in the Fellowship Hall starting at 4:45 every Wednesday.
- Register online weekly at vhbc.com to reserve your meal!
- Adults/Youth \$8 per person
- Kids (K-6th) \$6 per person
- Preschoolers & College Students eat free!

4:45 PM HANDBELLS

5:30 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

6:00 PM YOUTH ACTIVITIES

6:00 PM ADULT SESSIONS

6:15 PM CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

7:00 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR



My friend, author, and congregational coach, Mark Tidsworth wrote a book several years ago, which he titled *Shift: Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church*. In the book Mark uses the word

SHIFT

to describe faith-centered, future-oriented changes taking place in congregations.



The word shift helps us embrace change as an evolution, a movement from one thing to another. Rather than something to be feared, shift focuses us on the adventure of what comes next.

Look around the month of May. Shifts are taking place all around us. The seasons are shifting from spring to summer with fewer days in the 70's and more days in the 80's by the time June shows up. Schools are shifting. College students are arriving back in church, end of the year banquets fill our calendars and kids (and teachers) are anxiously counting down the days to the end of school.

Beyond these annual shifts, life impacting shifts are also occurring. Every graduation is a shift from one existence to another – from high school to college, from college to work, from one home to another.

May also begins wedding season as families shift from one to two. Move season has also arrived. More people will move homes over the next 4 months than throughout the rest of year. Lives are shifting all around us.

Beyond intentional shifts, I am also aware of unexpected shifts which take place in our lives. A death, a diagnosis, a car wreck, a fall – our lives are going in one direction and suddenly without warning, we shift to a new existence. One phone call can shift our lives forever.

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ERIC SPIVEY
PASTOR

All these shifts in our lives can feel overwhelming. Each shift means saying goodbye to one thing and hello to something else. Whether shifts are expected or unexpected – it creates a loss. Let's give ourselves time to grieve them. In our grief, give thanks to God for the blessings we received from the season now ending. As we say goodbye, let's also say hello to the new season arriving. Look for new opportunities for adventure and growth in the season ahead. Give thanks to God for the opportunity to live into what comes next.

The longer we live the more we understand we cannot stop shifts from taking place. Instead of trying to stop them let us say goodbye and hello. As we do, our lives will grow fuller with God's work among us.

Our family will experience a major shift on May 13 when our youngest daughter, Sydney, graduates from Western Carolina University. I am grateful to our own Lucas Dorion who will preach for me on May 14th as we pack Sydney's North Carolina Apartment and move her to Birmingham for the summer.

I'll see you on Sunday for our Anniversary Sunday.



Join us on Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 14th as we honor our high school and college graduates and welcome Lucas Dorion, VHBC member & Executive Director for Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as our guest preacher!



GRADUATES BEING RECOGNIZED ON SUNDAY, MAY 14TH

- **Reese Brownell** Pelham High School
- **Adie Carter** Spain Park High School
- **Audrey Hankins** Hoover High School
- **Dylan Jaquess** Vestavia High School
- **Will Jordan** Vestavia High School
- **Henry Maddox** IMG Academy
- **Maggie McBayer** Vestavia High School
- **Kate McGinnis** Vestavia High School
- **Jack McMurray** Vestavia High School
- **Olivia Milstead** Homewood High School
- **Sarah Page Harvey** Xavier University
- **Collins McMurray** Auburn University
- **Sydney Spivey** Western Carolina University
- **Alex White** Florida State University

If we missed you, please email brittni@vhbc.com and we will add you to our May 14th worship guide. Thanks!

VHBC

KIDS

MAY

EDITION

5.10

**MUSIC &
MISSIONS**

Join us on this special Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall to listen to our VHBC kids share their music & experiences from this past year!

Have you registered for vacation bible school yet? Hop on over to vhbc.com to sign up today!

**VBS
6.12-15**

DONATIONS FOR VBS NEEDED!

Have any empty 12-pack soda boxes? Bring them up to the church before VBS begins!

Refreshments needed for our VBS volunteers! Bring them by the church during VBS week!

NEWS & events

VOLUNTEERS AROUND THE CHURCH

CHILDREN'S RECEPTION DESK

MAY 7

Judy Schlegel

MAY 14

Brad Farley

WORSHIP CARE (9:45 am until end of worship)

MAY 7

Kristie Chandler, Amy Hamilton, Abbey Donze, Marcia Spivey, Jo Davis, Carolyn Slappey

MAY 14

Millie Ehrett, Sharon Hartzog, Faye Suggs, Maggie Doss, Kevin Jaquess, Isabel Jaquess

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

May 7-13: Sharon Hartzog & Todd Jordan

May 14-20: Ann Knight & Sara McFarland

WELCOME TEAM

MAY 7

Sharon Hartzog
Carolyn Slappey
Brandi Brownell
Larry Brownell
Dan Caldwell
Lauren Hartzog
Sharon Repp
Kathy Finch

MAY 14

Joe Perez
Sharon Hartzog
Brandi Brownell
Larry Brownell
Dan Caldwell
Cappy Blackwelder
Lauren Hartzog
Lisa Speegle
Howard Finch

TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MAY 7 William Dupree
Cris Speegle

MAY 14 Tommy Cherry
Brad Farley

WORSHIP TECH TEAM

MAY 7 Lilie Van Giessen
Hal David
David Philpot

MAY 14 Dan McMurray
Hal David
Brent Warren

2023 PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND AWARD GRANTS

Because of the generous response of 167 of our families over the past seven years, the Permanent Endowment Fund ended 2023 with over \$724,000 in assets. Because of that, the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee was able to make grant distributions of over \$24,000 this year to enhance our Missions projects, Ministry activities, and Capital needs.

The committee is proud to announce that these groups in our church are the recipients of this year's grants:

- BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
- MISSIONS COMMITTEE
- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
- WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY TEAM
- YOUTH MINISTRY

The Permanent Endowment Fund has been able to make over \$115,000 in grants since the church created the fund in 2016.

Consider how you can give a gift now and through your estate planning to the church's Permanent Endowment Fund to ensure future grants.

Interested in more information? Through the church financial office, you can secure help and more information in a personalized confidential manner from Mike McBrayer and Jamie Ambrose. Also, feel free to contact any member of the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee: Dennis Anderson (Chair), Roger Bates, Howard Finch, Keith Hamilton, and Kay Wilburn.

Thank You

Dear VHBC family,

Eric often poses the question, "Where have you seen God"? We have seen Him in the phone calls, texts, cards and gifts sent to us from all of you these past months. We have felt Him as we were uplifted in prayer by this body of Christ. You have shown God's love to us, as you so often have, throughout our lives here at VHBC and for that we say, "Thanks be to God"! We look forward to the day when we can once again join you in person to worship our risen Lord.

Love,
Roger and Sandra Bates

WEDNESDAYS IN MAY AT VHBC

Schedule for May:

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- Contemplative Prayer in the Chapel at 6 pm
- Sunset Vespers on the Lawn at 6:15 pm

10

Music & Missions in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm

17

Shrimp Boil in the Fellowship Hall & Back Lawn at 5 pm



DINNER ON MAY 3RD

**Baked Potato & Salad Bar
with all of the trimmings**

\$8 for adults/youth

\$6 for children

Preschoolers & College

Students eat free

**Pre-order your meals at
vhbc.com/dinneratvhbc**

DINNER ON MAY 10TH

**Tacos, Tacos, Tacos
Dessert**

\$8 for adults/youth

\$6 for children

Preschoolers & College

Students eat free

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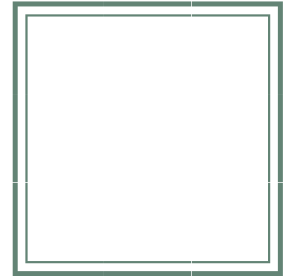
thank you!

**Provided lawn care for Bethany home
Worked in the Urban Ministries Birmingham Garden
Landscaping at FHS
Sunday Program at the Lovelady Center
Choir members travelled and sang at Alpine Baptist
Teacher Gifts for IME Slovakia
Flower arrangements and Homebound visits
CDC Building Cleaning
Over 500 Cookies baked for neighbors, community
helpers and homebound members.**

**It was a great day of mission service and fellowship!
Special thank you to grace baker and Katie Fletcher
for sharing their mission engagement testimonies.**



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YOU ARE INVITED

20 23

SHRIMP
BOIL

MAY
17
5 PM

Tickets: \$12
Kids eat free!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall & the back lawn for delicious food, great music, and fun yard games!

[Click here to register!](#)

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Don't miss our last Sunset Vespers this week at 6:15 pm on the VHBC front lawn!