

VHBC connections

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**TIME TEAM HEADS  
TO SLOVAKIA**

Be in prayer this week for  
our team as they serve in  
Slovakia in June.

**TAKE ME OUT TO  
THE BALLGAME**

Mark your calendars  
for this special  
churchwide event!

**FIVE YEARS WITH  
MARTY WATTS**

Let's celebrate with the  
Watts family this Sunday!

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This past Sunday our IME team trained with our VHBC children on their English as a second Language in preparation for their IME trip to Slovakia this week. Please be in prayer for this team as they leave Wednesday, May 31st and return on Saturday, June 10th. **Read more about it on pages 3-5.**



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## VHBC Giving

May Budget needed: \$148,531.00

May Offering to date: \$159,102.00

YTD Budget needed: \$754,072.00

YTD Offering: \$665,644.00

Difference: (\$88,428.00)





# INTENTIONAL MISSIONS

## VHBC YOUTH IME TEAM

Tomorrow afternoon, fifteen youth and five adults will be leaving for our International Mission Experience in Slovakia. Our youth have been hard at work over the past six months to prepare for this trip, and it has been an honor to watch them grow individually and as a group during this process.

Once we arrive in Slovakia, we will be staying in a town called Lučenec in the southern part of the country. We will be partnering with a local Baptist church and long-term ministry partners Shane and Dianne McNary. Shane and Dianne have lived and worked in eastern Europe as CBF field personnel since 2004. They have worked primarily with the Romani people in Slovakia and the Czech Republic, helping to provide resources, opportunities, and community to a group of people who have experienced centuries of discrimination. As Shane and Dianne wrap up their time in Slovakia before heading back to the United States, I am so thankful that our group gets to experience their ministry in person in the coming weeks.

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While in Slovakia, our group will split into two teams; one will be working in Lučenec, while the other will be heading to a nearby village called Cinobaňa. These teams will rotate daily, and each student will spend two days in each place. Both teams will spend the mornings speaking and teaching English to students in local schools. In the afternoon, our Cinobaňa team will lead an afternoon kids' bible study program and fun activities they have planned over the past few months.

Meanwhile, those in Lučenec will be spending time with different groups of people each day; we will lead activities and spend time in fellowship with local families, Ukrainian refugees, and Autistic children. There are so many things that make us feel disconnected from people we do not know. We will experience language and age barriers and differences between our culture and theirs that might feel like an obstacle. I look forward to seeing how our youth find ways to seek out similarities and a sense of community with the people we meet.

Of course, we are not going to go to Europe without having some touristy fun. Our team will spend two days in Vienna, Austria navigating a beautiful city together as we conquer jetlag and nerves. We will also spend a day in Budapest, Hungary, during which we have the opportunity to take a boat tour of the city and learn about its history. These days will be a lot of fun and will be a great time of fellowship with our team as we prepare ourselves for an exciting and intense week ahead.

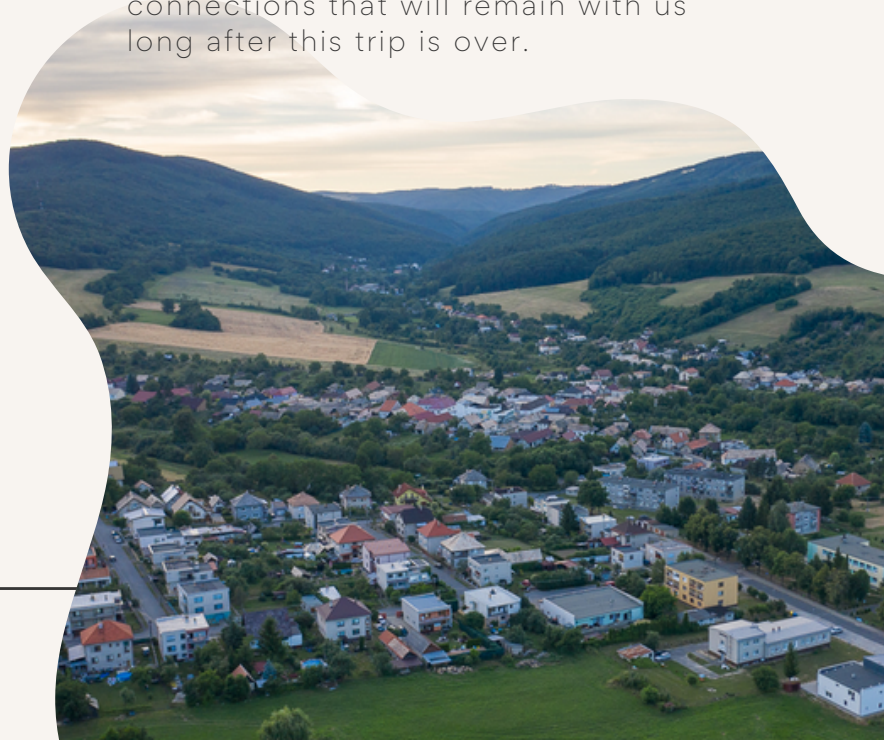
Our team will be in Slovakia to give, to receive, and to be the spirit of Christ to each other and to those we meet. I am so proud of all the work they have accomplished in preparation of the days to come, and I have no doubt that they will navigate the challenges with courage and with grace.

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*Sara Binet*

I am also thankful for a congregation that has shown their support in endless ways; your love for these students is evident in all of your kind words and generosity over the past year. Keep us in your prayers as we spend the next ten days traveling, leading, listening, and forming connections that will remain with us long after this trip is over.



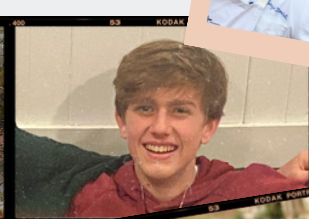
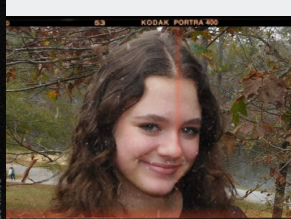
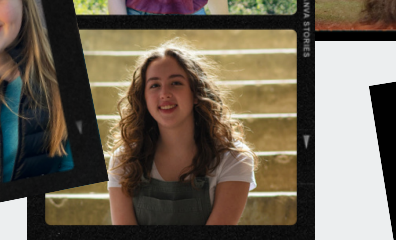
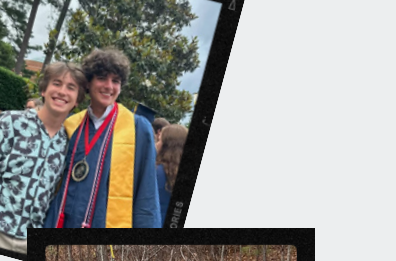
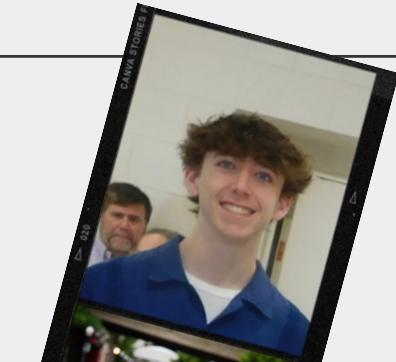


# IME in Slovakia

May 31-June 10, 2023

## The Team

Grace Baker  
Sara Binet  
Luke Binet  
Adie Carter  
Finn Carter  
Emily Cooper  
Bennett Dearing  
Audrey Hankins  
Tommy Henry  
Matt Hutcheson  
Isabel Jaquess  
Will Jordan  
Maggie McBrayer  
Mike McBrayer  
Christopher McCarty  
Kate McGinnis  
George Phillips  
Amelia Grace Stewart  
Kathryn Stewart  
Holland Warren



## The Ministries

In conjunction with Shane & Dianne McNary, CBF field personnel, the team will be leading ESL lessons for children in Cinobaňa & Lučenec, as well as afterschool & evening activities for youth and refugees.



# 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](http://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







## ***Ministry Anniversary***

This Sunday, June 4th, we will celebrate the fifth anniversary of Marty Watts' ministry at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church. His contributions leading our music ministry, as a member of our pastoral staff, and as a friend and servant among us have been a blessing to us all. Marty is an integral part of our worship, consistently exhibiting thoughtfulness in planning. He also demonstrates exceptional leadership, not only directing our adult choir, but also our handbell choir and providing leadership to our overall children's choir program. In addition to his musical giftedness, Marty provides invaluable pastoral care to our members across the breadth of our congregation. He coordinates the reception of those new to our church and manages a variety of teams that intersect with our worship experience such as the Worship Technology, Flower & Decorations, Ushers, Ordinance, and Worship Ministry Teams. Our church is blessed by knowing Marty's family, Karyn and Duncan. Join us on Sunday, June 4th, for a special recognition in worship of Marty's ministry anniversary and a church-wide reception following the service.

## ***Youth Choir Performance***

The youth choir from First Baptist Church of Roswell, GA will be performing on Sunday, June 18th at 4:30 in the Sanctuary. This is a free event for all!



# WEDNESDAYS AT VHBC

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**Wednesday, May 31**

**Dinner at 4:45**

**\$8/adults, \$6/children**

Hot Dogs, Chips, Baked Beans,  
Coleslaw, Dessert

**Wednesday Sessions with Casey  
Hobbs from Urban Ministry at 6 pm**



**Wednesday, June 7**

**Dinner at 4:45**

**\$8/adults, \$6/children**

Chicken Salad, Pimento Cheese,  
Fruit Salad, Crackers, Dessert

**A Night of Prayer with Eric Spivey**

Join us at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
as we pray for our summer programs  
and mission engagements.





## VOLUNTEERS AROUND THE CHURCH

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

**GALATIANS 6:10**

### WORSHIP CARE

June 4: Laura Tadlock, Sara Taylor, Libby Pittman, Emily Dorion, Dan & Gay Caldwell, Becky Best

June 11: Prissy Sumners, Ashley Hattaway, Anna Claire Bailey, Taylor Davis, Mary Grace Cox, Shawn Owens, Jay McFarland

### WELCOME TEAM

June 4: Sharon Hartzog, Lauren Hartzog, Joe Perez, Dan Caldwell, Chuck & LaRue Gillespie, Sharon Repp, Fred Olive

June 11: Sharon Hartzog, Lauren Hartzog, Brandi & Larry Brownell, Dan Caldwell, Sharon Repp, Fred Olive

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

June 4: Carolyn Slappey, Logan Taylor

June 11: Brent Warren, Steve White

### TRANSPORTATION TEAM

June 4: Mike Craddock, William Dupree

June 11: Julia & Barton Duffy

### WORSHIP TECH TEAM

June 4: Norfleete Day, Hal David, Dan VanGiessen

June 11: Greg Ruff, Hal David, Peter LeBerte

## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER THIS SUMMER

Wednesday, May 31st will be the last in-person meeting for our prayer group this summer. However, our group plans to meet on ZOOM beginning Wednesday, June 14th at 6 pm. We will continue online through July 26th. Please use the link on our events page or contact George VanKirk for more information at [vankirkg@gmail.com](mailto:vankirkg@gmail.com).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

VHBC IN THE SUMMERTIME

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## **VBS AT VHBC JUNE 12-15, 2023**

Join us this summer for the most fun four days at church! Sign up at [vhbc.com](http://vhbc.com) and let Ms. Nancy know if you'd like to volunteer! There's still space for more children and more volunteers! We can't wait to see you!



## **AROUND THE TOWN JUNE 21 AT 5:30 PM**

Join a staff member for dinner out & about! Pick a spot and enjoy a time of food, fellowship, & fun!

- Five Guys Burgers in Riverchase with Eric
- Moss Rock Tacos in Hoover with Mike
- Martin's BBQ in Cahaba Heights with Nancy
- Newk's in Vestavia with Marty
- Davenport's at City Center with Sara B.



## **MOVIE MATINEE WITH SENIOR ADULTS JUNE 22ND AT 2PM**

The Senior Adult Ministry invites everyone once again to enjoy a matinee in the Fellowship Hall of The Pink Panther (1963).

## **A NIGHT WITH THE BARONS JUNE 28TH AT 7 PM**

Let's go to Regions Field for a Barons game as they take on the Rocket City Trash Pandas!

- \$10/per person (fee applied if ticket purchased online)
- Tickets available at [vhbc.com/events](http://vhbc.com/events)



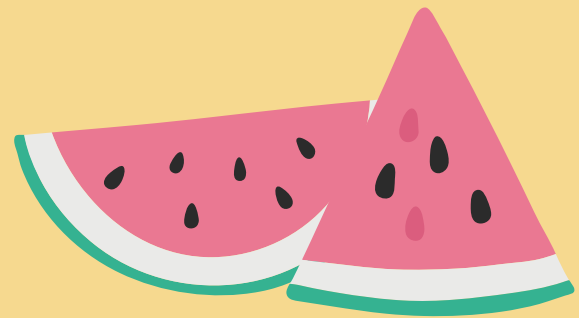


# YOUTH

# & Children

## June Events for Youth

- 6/5: 529 Pool Party at the McFarlands' House
- 6/7: Wednesday Night Live
- 6/12: Open Pool Time at the McFarlands' 1-4 pm
- 6/19: 529
- 6/25: Summer Smalls 2-4 pm



## June Events for Children

- 6/12-15: VBS at VHBC 9 am - 12 pm
- 6/15: VHBC Family Fun Night at 5 pm

More events coming this summer!



# VHBC

# family fun

# + *night*

Live Music  
Games  
Food Trucks  
Fun



JUNE 15

5PM-7PM

MEET US AT THE FRONT PARKING LOT AND  
LET'S CELEBRATE A GREAT SUMMER AT VHBC!

KONA ICE

HOLLYWOOD GRILL

GIVE ME SOME SUGAR

CANTINA ON WHEELS

SNOW CONES

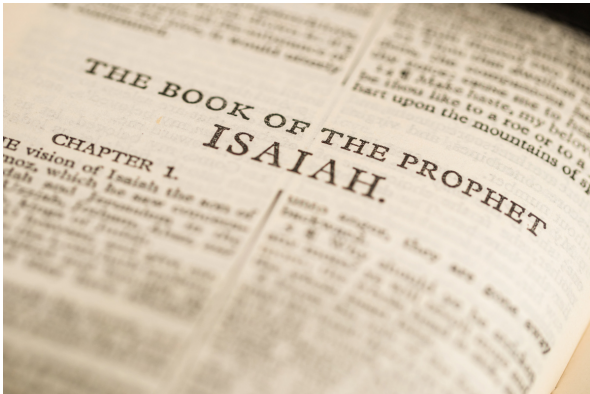


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LAURA TADLOCK, MINISTRY ASSISTANT  
MARTY WATTS, MINISTER OF MUSIC & WORSHIP



# July Adult Bible Study

Five Sunday Mornings Together  
July 2 - July 30  
9 am in the Fellowship Hall

The Prophet Isaiah - taught by Laura Tadlock  
As we study the book of Isaiah, we will examine God's message to Judah at a time of internal spiritual decay and external threats. Though all seems lost, and the people themselves seem unwilling to listen, God spoke through Isaiah. As we examine the past, we will open ourselves up to God's work in our lives today - listening for and recognizing the mysterious, powerful and grace-filled presence of our God. Make plans to be a part of this Sunday morning Bible study in July!

And for those that want to DIG DEEPER in the Word....  
Beginning Wednesday July 12 through August 2nd, we will take a deeper dive into the Book of Isaiah Wednesdays at 10am. We will build upon our Sunday morning lessons to better understand this prophetic book and it's purpose and relevance today. Come be a part of the discussion as we gather for Summer Adult Bible Study.

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Don't forget to buy your Barons tickets!