

Pastor's Message

Dear Members and Friends,
Did you know that faithfulness can be measured and studied? Yes, faithfulness does have in our lives definite means and evidence. What if you were going to build a house, what would it take? Would the measure of each board, room, door, window, etc. really matter? Is it important to a carpenter to have the right measurements? It would make no sense, and certainly would bring about disaster, for a builder to say "measurements do not matter; just cut the board to any old size!" The whole building would be a mess.

That same truth applies to our lives. Measurement counts! Measurement is important! It is important in our lives to examine our faith and to see how we are measuring up to the standard of faithfulness set forth in Scripture. One measure of faith is stewardship. Is stewardship important? Only if you really care about being faithful to the Lord. Everything belongs to God and comes from God—we are only stewards. A steward is entrusted with that which belongs to another. And God blesses good stewardship. We dare not rob God or withhold from Him what we should give. We are to give in proportion to how He blesses us; and the proportion taught in Scripture is a minimum of ten percent or our tithe. Every believer should tithe because God did not withhold His best from us when Christ died for our salvation. There is a lost world that needs to be reached with the gospel and we are to be a part of reaching that world through our tithes.

Measurement counts! Faithfulness counts! Your giving counts! And God blesses faithfulness!

Because of Him, Pastor Kirt



Beginning this month, the Church Newsletter will be mailed out once a quarter (August, November, February, May). Any other announcements, additions or corrections will be made through the Sunday bulletins and on the website (www.vhbc.net).

Children and Youth Safety Program Meeting
for ALL those working with Minors
(Children-Youth)
Sunday, August 12th
4:30 p.m.
(Sanctuary)



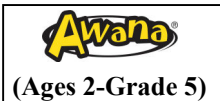
The Record Speaks

(Weekly Budget: \$9,614.21)

July 1	168	\$ 9,743.77
July 8	173	\$ 8,601.50
July 15	181	\$ 8,005.75
July 22	162	\$ 6,276.34
July 29	172	\$ 6,927.95

"Note" Worthy

The Choir Directors are now choosing their Christmas Music. If you are interested in joining one of the Choirs, let me know. The Sanctuary Choir welcomes John Sosebee to our tenor section.



AWANA starting back up
Wednesday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m.
We had a great year ending. I want us to start with a record breaking attendance. See you soon!

SENIOR ADULTS:

We have had a great summer! We always enjoy helping out in VBS. We were blessed by our guest speakers from Martha Franks Retirement Center (in June) and also Carol Goldsmith from Channel 4 News (in July).
Aug. 28, 11:30 a.m.—Covered Dish Luncheon (Speaker: Woody Simpson)
Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m.—Day Trip to Western Sizzlin in Clemson for lunch and on to Longcreek to get apples.
Oct. 23, 11:30 a.m.—Covered Dish Luncheon (*Program: Seniors on the Go*)

Great is the Lord and worthy of Praise!

FURMAN

Next Membership Class
Sunday, August 19th
4:30 p.m. (Conference Room)



This class is being offered to anyone who is interested in learning more about or joining the church. For more information and/or to sign up, please stop by the Welcome Center.



Summer Wednesday Night Meals
Continue through August 22
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Cost: Ages 11—Adults \$3; Ages 10 & Under \$2

Check bulletins for upcoming menus and sign-up sheets.

Ladies Ministry

Fall Retreat — Friday-Saturday, October 26-27
At the Hartwell Mennonite Center in Hartwell, GA



Total cost: \$40 per person (includes meals & lodging). In order to know how to plan, an "Interest" Sign-up Sheet is at the Welcome Center. Please sign up. Make plans now to attend. This year, some of our own ladies will be speaking. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare. We are looking for a great time together! **Watch for upcoming details.**



Holiday Fair — Saturday, November 10, 9:30 a.m.
(Church Fellowship Hall)

Menu: Breakfast Casseroles, Fruit, Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk
If you have a craft you would like to demonstrate or a recipe you would like to share, please sign up. Also, if you would provide a casserole, please let us know. **Sign-up sheets will be available soon.**

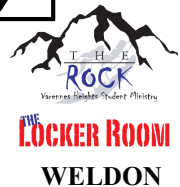
Libby Wooten, Ladies Ministry Director

Youth Ministry

The Locker Room each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



Back to School Bash
Tuesday, August 7
at 5:30 p.m.



Children's Ministry



Happy Birthday to:

Isabella Holdbrooks	Aug. 13	Gracelyn Bratcher	Oct. 6
Erica Cook	Aug. 17	Andrew Johnson	Oct. 18
Bryson Beard	Sept. 4	Justin Burton	Oct. 23



King's Kids is going great; we are averaging 30 each week.

We are still working on summer choir music through August — we will be singing at the Picnic. Christmas Musical rehearsals will begin the end of August and will be starting back our Sunday night practices.

Back To School Bash — Sunday, August 5th following the Evening Worship Service. Join us for fun & fellowship and receive some school supplies for the coming year.

We will be going to the **Pumpkin Patch** this year—watch for details.

Tiffany Bratcher, Children's Director



Week of Prayer for State Missions
September 9-15

Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions

Church Goal: \$2,000

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, MESSENGERS WILL BE ELECTED FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Saluda Baptist Association
Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 25th
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Belton

South Carolina Baptist Convention
November 13-14
Carolina First Center, Greenville

Quarterly Business Meeting
Wednesday, October 17th, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting
Sunday, October 14th, 4 p.m.



All directors and committee chairpersons are asked to be present to give their reports.

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2012

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the love and concern shown for me and my family during the death of my son, Scott Lecroy. We appreciate the cards and calls from everyone, as well as, the support and prayers shown to us by Pastor Kirt, Furman and Weldon. Thank you ladies for the delicious meal and we thank our Sunday School Class—the Auditorium Class—for their love gift. Please keep us in your prayers.

We love you, Juanita and Wayne Foust



Nursery Workers Needed

Would you be willing to stay in the nursery during any of the worship services? If so, please sign up on the Nursery Workers Sign-Up Sheet at the Welcome Center.

Staff Anniversaries

Dr. Kirt Mitchell August 24
(8 years as Pastor)

Rev. Weldon Sellers September 5
(7 years as Associate Pastor/Youth & Education)

Congratulations to

....Mr. and Mrs. Paul King on the birth of their son, Clayton Guy, who was born June 27 and weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. Proud great-grandparents are Harold and Anne Beard.

....Andrea and Michael Hicks on the birth of their son, Brady Calhoun, who was born July 16 and weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21¼ inches long. Proud grandparents are Greg and Rhonda Hanks and Larry and Molly Sears. Proud great-grandparents are James and Betty Taylor.



**"GO TELL" Visitation - Tuesdays,
Aug. 14 & 28; Sept. 11 & 25; Oct. 9 & 23**

Christian Sympathy

Dr. and Mrs. Kirt Mitchell and the entire church family wish to express their deepest sympathy to: **Jim Stidham** in the death of his brother, Bill, in West Virginia....**Charles Anderson** in the death of his brother-in-law, Robert Stansell....**Richard Burton** in the death of his brother-in-law, Stan Queen....**Jim Campbell** in the death of his aunt, Ann Watt....**Juanita Foust** in the death of her son, Scott Lecroy....**Barry McCorkle** in the death of his sister, Sandra Donnan, in Charleston....**Monte Todd** in the death of his cousin, Mike Kelley....and to **James Turner** in the death of his sister, Aileen Cheek, in Greenville.



**Given to Date:
\$277,073.08**

**Sunday School
Officers & Teachers
Meeting
Sunday, August 5th
9:00 a.m.**

Website: www.vhbc.net

FAX: (864) 225-2789

411 Visage Drive
Anderson, SC 29626
(864) 226-6919



Return Service Requested

To Worship God By:
Learning His Word—Living Out His Love—Leading Others To His Son

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**Church Office
Closed
on
Monday,
September 3rd**

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Welcome to Varenes Heights Baptist Church



DEACON ELECTION

Sunday, August 5th

IMPORTANT MEETING OF ALL WORKERS WITH MINORS

(Children-Youth)

Sunday, August 12th, 4:30 p.m.
(Sanctuary)

**2012-2013
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**
to be presented on August 12th
and voted on August 19th



Church Picnic
Sunday, September 9th
Sadler's Creek State Park
(Pavilion)

3:00 p.m. Activities
4:30 p.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Supper



**NO EVENING
SERVICES**

Menu: Hamburgers with all the Trimmings.
Ladies, please bring desserts.
Cost: \$2 per person (Ages 11-Adult); \$1 (Ages 10 & Under)
Watch for Upcoming Sign-up Sheets.



REVIVAL

SUNDAY EVENING—THURSDAY EVENING,
SEPTEMBER 16-20

WITH REV. DOUG FERGUSON

(SUNDAY—6 P.M., MONDAY—THURSDAY—7 P.M.)

NEW CHURCH YEAR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 2ND

Sunday
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship



Wednesday
6:30 p.m. AWANA
7:00 p.m. Bible Study/
Prayer Meeting/
Youth Bible Study