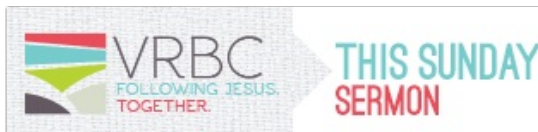


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"Ananias and Paul and
the Power of Forgiveness"
September 25, 2022
Acts 9:10-18

VOLUNTEER AT OUR CHRISTMAS STORE REGISTRATION | SEPTEMBER 25 AND 28

For the last 22 years, one of VRBC's most beloved traditions has been the annual Christmas Store. At the Christmas Store, we have the opportunity to share hope with hundreds of families in Coppell, Valley Ranch, and South Dallas by providing Christmas gifts for their kids and by visiting with them, praying with them, and sharing the gospel with them.

This year, registration will take place from 2:00 to 4:00 pm THIS Sunday, September 25, and from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 28, and we have spots for LOTS of volunteers! Volunteers are needed both for English speakers and for Spanish speakers, and training will be provided. (Not for learning Spanish — you're on your own for that one!) For more information or to volunteer, please click [here](#).



PROPOSED 2022-23 ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE | SEPTEMBER 21 - 25

Over the last few months, our HR/Finance Team and staff have been hard at work prayerfully preparing the VRBC Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This proposed Annual Budget is available for review [here](#).

Official voting on the budget by the congregation is now open online [here](#) and will continue through Sunday, September 25. Hard copy ballots will also be available during the September 25 worship service for those who prefer to vote in person. If you have further



questions about the budget, please feel free to contact John Hewlett at jhewlett@vrbc.net or Donna Blankenship at dblankenship@vrbc.net.


VRBC WOMEN: PIGSKIN PREVIEW!

TONIGHT | SEPTEMBER 21 | 6:00 PM

The VRBC Women's Ministry presents "Pigskin Preview," and we would love for you to join us! Tonight, Wednesday, September 21, at 6:00 pm, we're gonna talk football! Whether you're a complete novice, would love a football refresher, or would just like to get together with other women, make plans now to join us.

Led by our very own Jim Zoda, take advantage of this fun opportunity to build relationships and share laughter with women in our church and community! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Childcare will be available.

To register, click [here](#) and click the "Register" button. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Lonborg at kathy.lonborg@verizon.net.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

THIS SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 24 | 7:45 AM

Join us THIS Saturday, September 24, at 7:45 am for a breakfast with other VRBC guys of all ages! You'll have the chance to have a great breakfast, connect with other men, learn a little, and laugh a lot. Bring a friend! (Teenage sons are welcome as well!) No RSVP is necessary.

For more details, contact Arthur Mendes at amendes@vrbc.net.

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COMMUNION

THIS SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 25 | 9:30 AM

During our worship service this Sunday, September 25, we will be celebrating Communion. All our wafers are now gluten-free. To participate at home, you'll need to have just a couple of things on hand: bread or crackers and grape juice or water.




PRAYER GATHERING

SEPTEMBER 28 | 6:00 TO 7:00 PM

As followers of Jesus, prayer is at the very heart of who we are. The opportunity to pour out our hearts to the Creator of the universe, knowing that he hears us, is a blessing beyond description. Each

month, our church gathers on the last Wednesday evening of the month to spend time praying together. We use a variety of techniques and cover a variety of topics, but the heart of this gathering is simply to talk with our Heavenly Father together. Please join us next Wednesday, September 28, in the seminar room, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm! Looking forward to seeing you!



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DROP YOUR PANTS: WE'RE VIRTUAL! NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

Every year, VRBC partners with 1310 The Ticket to participate in the annual "Drop Your Pants" clothing drive benefitting the Cornerstone Clothes Closet, which serves hundreds of homeless men every month. Given the success of the previous couple of years, DYP 2022 will continue to be a virtual event, just like it's been since 2020.



Since many of you are already on your computer working from home, DYP has set up a simple online option for you to participate. Instead of dropping off clothing donations in person, you can just click a button and make a financial contribution from the comfort of your home! The money collected will be used to purchase clothing items such as blue jeans, underwear, t-shirts, golf shirts, winter jackets, and so much more from wholesale vendors.

The need for clothes at the Cornerstone Clothes Closet has not diminished, so this fundraiser is more important than ever! If you would like to donate, please click [here](#).

SERVE DAYS! OCTOBER 1 THROUGH 30

At VRBC we understand that your time is valuable and that jumping into a regular commitment can feel overwhelming. With that in mind, VRBC offers "Serve Days," a low-pressure way for you to preview serving.



This fall, from October 1 through 30, we invite you to test the waters of serving by doing a "ride-along" experience with someone who is already serving in that role. Super easy. No guilt. Just an opportunity for you to give serving a try! Click [here](#) to check out some of the opportunities available. If you have questions, please contact Arthur Mendes at amendes@vrbc.net.

SPANISH WORSHIP NIGHT OCTOBER 1 | 6:00 PM | STUDENT AUDITORIUM

Come join us at our VRBC Spanish Worship Night! On October 1 at 6:00 pm in the Student Auditorium, we will worship together with music, a message in Spanish, and fellowship with one another! Invite your friends and join us for an amazing experience!


Sponsored by VRBC en Español Ministry

NOCHE DE ALABANZA Y ADORACIÓN

OCTUBRE | 6:00 PM | VRBC

Con música, enseñanza y compañerismo. ¡Invita a tus amigos y únete a nosotros para una experiencia increíble! *Un evento del Ministerio VRBC en Español*



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EXPLORE MEMBERSHIP

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 2 | 11:00 AM


There are many benefits to becoming a VRBC church member! If you or someone you know would like to explore church membership, make plans now to join us for an Explore Membership gathering on Sunday, October 2, at 11:00 am. It is THE BEST way to find out what VRBC is all about! We'll enjoy some refreshments and get to know each other a bit better. We can then interact with church leaders about what it means to be a VRBC member.



Click [here](#) and click the "Register" button to sign up. Once you submit your registration, you will also be asked to complete a brief "Getting to Know You" form (one per adult). This allows us to tailor the content more specifically to registered participants.

Childcare is provided for children 5th grade and younger through our regular Sunday morning ministries. Students in 6th-8th grade can attend Middle School Grow Groups during this time in our Student Auditorium. High school students are invited to come with you to this event, so please include them in your registration.

If you have any questions, please email Amy Wilkins at awilkins@vrbc.net.

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VRBC PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

TUESDAYS | OCTOBER 4 - NOVEMBER 8

Join us this fall for what is quickly becoming one of our favorite VRBC traditions — playing pickleball! Whether you've never played before and would like to learn, or this is a game you already love, this is a great way to spend time with friends, with lots of fun and fellowship thrown in! Beginning Tuesday, October 4, and running weekly through Tuesday, November 8, we'll be meeting at Wagon Wheel Tennis Center in Coppell, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, to play this funny-sounding-but-great-to-play sport.



If you're not familiar with the game, click [here](#) to watch a short video to get you up to speed. No experience is required, and all skill levels are welcome to join the fun. The cost per person is \$20 for six weeks of play; scholarships are available and paddles and balls are provided if needed. Space is limited to the first 72 adults who register. Click [here](#) and click the "Register" button to get signed up. Questions? Contact Ted and Sharon Bartley at ted@nrjventures.com.

LET'S GO CAMPING!


FAMILY CAMPOUT | OCTOBER 7 & 8

Is camping your thing? Join us! Have you never camped but always wanted to? Join us!

Now is your chance to join other VRBC families and go camping together just 25 minutes west of VRBC at Meadowmere Park on Lake Grapevine! The campground offers swimming, fishing, volleyball, a playground, and many other family-friendly activities. The cost is \$10 per family and includes your campsite reservation and campfire s'mores. We have a limited number of spots so register today!



Click [here](#) for more details and to get signed up.

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PRAY FOR OUR KENYA MISSION TEAM!

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 2

We are sending a team of VRBCers to Nairobi, Kenya, to serve alongside VRBC-supported missionaries Tom and Kerry Stickney in their ministry, African Christian Outreach (ACO). Started by Tom's parents over five decades ago, ACO is discipling university students on college campuses throughout Kenya and in several neighboring countries, and investing in their communities through ministries like crisis pregnancy centers, orphan ministry, seminary training, and more. Our team will be leading worship and training at a conference for ACO staff and doing kids ministry. Please pray for these team members over the next two weeks:



Tom Stickney	Dave Barnett
Kerry Stickney	Donna Eberhardt
Micah Blalock	Ron Eberhardt
Kristen Blalock	Tony Howard
Mike Blalock	Zach Welke
Sheri Blalock	Willa Zandi

In addition to sending a team, through your generous giving of tithes and offerings, we were also able to send a financial gift to help purchase iPads for the ACO staff. During the trip, one of our team members will lead training for the staff on how to use these iPads to better collaborate and accomplish their ministry goals. With these iPads, they will have access to Bible software, the daily Bible study app they developed, and the online Bible training they use with university students. Thank you for helping multiply our Kingdom impact through your generosity!

FALLAPALOOZA 2022

OCTOBER 30 | 4:00 TO 6:00 PM | VRBC

Everyone is invited to enjoy a time of fall fun and fellowship! Fallapalooza is a churchwide event to invite friends and neighbors to come have fun together as a family, eat delicious food, and get to know others from our church and community.

The festivities begin at 4:00 pm on October 30 on the north lawn of the church. There will be a Trunk-or-Treat, games, food, and inflatables. Come ready for fun, and remember to invite your neighbors and your friends! The festival will conclude at 6:00 pm.




VOLUNTEER TO SERVE!

There are plenty of opportunities to serve at Fallapalooza!

- Get together with your Grow Group or a group of friends and host a trunk with decorations, candy, and a fun game!
- Work your muscles and serve at the same time by helping with set-up or clean-up.
- Love on families and kids by serving at registration or monitoring the inflatables.
- Show off your extroverted side by serving as a greeter, or your logistical skills by serving on the parking lot team.

Click [here](#) to sign up for these and other fun serve opportunities!

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