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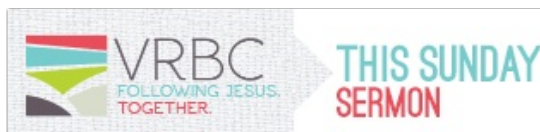
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"A Better Hope"
July 31, 2022
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

BACKPACK DRIVE: IT'S NOT TOO LATE! **A FEW BACKPACKS STILL AVAILABLE**

Each year during VRBC's Backpack Drive, we deliver backpacks filled with school supplies to students at nearby Tom Landry Elementary School and in the surrounding area who need assistance. This year, as we strive to meet the ever-changing needs of our community, we are changing our process a little but keeping the goal the same.

Instead of asking volunteers to shop around for various items, this year we will provide both the backpacks and the contents to be donated. This will include 180 backpacks that contain school uniforms for students at Tom Landry Elementary. We will also provide another 80 backpacks filled with school supplies that will be given to students from five nearby schools and the families we have been serving through Sack Summer Hunger. The backpacks will already be filled—there's no shopping required!



To participate, just click [here](#), click the "Register" button, and follow the instructions for your backpack sponsorship. You'll make a small donation of \$40 per backpack and write a note of encouragement to the student who will be receiving the uniform or school supplies. It's an easy but meaningful way we can bless more than 200 children in our community. Feel free to sponsor as many backpacks as you would like! For more information, contact Arthur Mendes at amendes@vrbc.net.

BETTER TOGETHER

SUNDAY | AUGUST 28 | 11:00 AM


Join us on Sunday, August 28, at 11:00 am, for a workshop that will help you love like never before as you establish healthy rhythms in

your marriage. Dr. Byron and Carla Weathersbee, founders and executive directors of Legacy Family ministry, will lead couples through an interactive, engaging workshop where we will laugh together, share conversations around God's call to selflessness, acceptance, perseverance, and intimacy, and be equipped with tools for a healthier marriage.

Our world, our church, and our families need Godly marriages. Whether your marriage is struggling and in need of hope, or strong and flourishing, all couples can benefit the encouragement and resourcing you'll receive in this workshop.

We will have separate activities for children and students, so that you can spend this time as adults focused on becoming "Better Together"!




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WISDOM WARRIORS

THURSDAY | AUGUST 11 | 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

Wisdom Warriors is a ministry for senior adults to build community and fellowship together. Join us on Thursday, August 11, in the VRBC Seminar Room to share a delicious meal and sing hymns together. All ages are welcome and there is no cost to attend. Please click [here](#) no later than August 8 to register. If you have any questions or would like to request transportation to the event, please contact Ann Kelly at anntkelly@verizon.net.



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20 YEARS OF TERESA!

SUNDAY | AUGUST 14 | 10:45 AM

For the last 20 years, our staff and congregation have been immeasurably blessed by Teresa Brundige, aka Mother Teresa, Mama T, TB, or "The Beast." Over those years she has filled countless administrative and leadership roles, including assisting multiple staff pastors, managing various parts of office life, coordinating weddings and funerals, teaching thousands of kindergartners, keeping Pastor Larry in line, and loving everyone extravagantly.



After the service on Sunday, August 14, we will have a reception to honor Teresa on her 20th anniversary of serving on our staff. Join us to give Teresa a hug or high five and tell her how much she has meant to you! You can also send Teresa a note of thanks and encouragement by clicking [here](#).


PARENT CHILD DEDICATION

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 4 | 9:30 AM

At VRBC, we believe children are a gift from God, and Parent Child Dedication provides an opportunity to express publicly the desire to lead and spiritually nurture our children, in cooperation with the Holy Spirit, so that our children will develop a desire to love God and love others.

Our next Parent Child Dedication will take place during the worship service on Sunday, September 4, at 9:30 am. The deadline to register to participate in this dedication is **August 24**. To sign up up, click [here](#). Please register the child being dedicated, as well as any parents and siblings who will be participating. To learn more, please contact Priscila Mendes at pmendes@vrbc.net.



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