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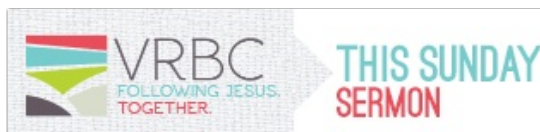
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**ROCKY ROAD**  
**"The Legacy"**  
**September 4, 2022**  
**1 Peter 5:1-4**

## **SIGN UP FOR A GROW GROUP**

**WE GROW BETTER TOGETHER!**

One of the many blessings of following Jesus is the privilege of being a part of a new family called the church. God never intended for us to follow Jesus alone — we grow better together! At VRBC, one of the primary ways we do that is through our Grow Groups.

Grow Groups are groups of 10 to 20 people who meet together each week to grow to be more like Jesus. We have groups that meet on Sunday mornings after the worship service, and other groups that meet at other times throughout the week. Our fall session of Grow Groups kicks off on Sunday, September 11, and registration is now open! You can get more information about Grow Groups and get registered on our website. Just go to [vrbc.net](http://vrbc.net) and select Grow Groups from the "Connect" menu. **Please note that to help us have the best possible information, we're asking everyone to register this fall, even if you've been a part of a group in the past.**



## **CHURCH FAMILY GATHERING**

**WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 7 | 6:00 to 7:30 PM**

We're inviting the entire church family to join us on Wednesday evening, September 7, as we kick off a new ministry year together! We will share a meal (free), talk about where the Lord is leading us as a church, and commit the coming year to him in prayer.

This will be an encouraging time of vision, celebration, and prayer, and will also serve as our official "Annual Church Meeting." Childcare will be available. We hope to see you there!



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## **SPIRITUAL PARENTING: FAITH TALKS**

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 14 | 6:00 to 7:30 PM

As parents, we spend a good portion of our time preparing our children for their future. But how can we be equally intentional to prepare them for a vibrant and growing faith in Jesus?

Deuteronomy 4:5-7 says:

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

How are we investing in their spiritual lives on a day-to-day basis? Come learn how to take advantage of both planned and spontaneous opportunities to have faith talks with your children, and we will hear what other parents in the church are doing too! Just click [here](#) and click the "Register" button to get signed up!



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## **COMMUNION**

THIS SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 4 | 9:30 AM

During our worship service this Sunday, September 4, 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.



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## **CHURCH LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS**

DUE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

One of the blessings of membership in a congregationally-led church is the opportunity to prayerfully select leaders to represent the church body. Now is the time for us to participate in that blessing! Each year, the Ministry Placement Team works with the church staff and lay leaders in identifying and selecting the candidates for Church Council, Deacons, and the HR/Finance Committee. As they facilitate this process, they rely on the wise and prayerful input of a multitude of church leaders and members. We would love for you to participate in this process!



Here's how you can help: Prayerfully think through the VRBC members you know at VRBC (perhaps in your Grow Group or on your Serve Team) and consider who you believe would be a good fit to serve on one of these three teams (Church Council, Deacons, HR/Finance). When you have names to suggest, submit them on our online form at: [vrbc.net/nomination2022](http://vrbc.net/nomination2022). A description of each team is included on the nomination form to help you as you make your suggestions. Please submit your nominations by Tuesday, September 20. Thank you for being a part of this important process!

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## ESL CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 19

REGISTRATION: SEPTEMBER 6 and 7

During the school year, VRBC offers beginner, intermediate, and advanced English classes for adult speakers of other languages on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Class and childcare (for children through age 3) are free; the textbook cost is about \$30. Registration for classes will take place at VRBC on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 6 and 7, from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Classes begin September 19. Questions? Please email us at [esl@vrbc.net](mailto:esl@vrbc.net).



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** This ministry is in place thanks to our many faithful volunteers and we couldn't do it without them. English is the only language you need to know to teach or help with ESL. If you would like to volunteer and help to make an impact in our community as a teacher, substitute teacher, or childcare helper, please email Arthur Mendes at [amendes@vrbc.net](mailto:amendes@vrbc.net).

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## MEALS WITH A MISSION SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10

Serving our community is part of VRBC's DNA, and one of our favorite ways to do that is through cooking! With that in mind, we are excited to invite you to join us for "Meals with a Mission." Every quarter, VRBC volunteers prepare and serve meals right here at VRBC to families in need in our community.



There are a variety of serve opportunities available — take a look [here](#) and find the one that suits you best. We would love to have you serving right along with us!

If you would like to give financially to support this ministry, please visit our [giving page](#) and select "Meals with a Mission" from the drop-down menu.

For more information, email Arthur Mendes at [amendes@vrbc.net](mailto:amendes@vrbc.net).

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## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS WEDNESDAYS | START SEPTEMBER 14

The VRBC Children's Choirs will begin Wednesday, September 14, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

### JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR


Kids 4 years old (by September 1, 2022) through kindergarten are invited to learn how to worship God, have fun with friends, and explore music in creative ways. *Rehearsal location: Room 107 in the Children's Ministry area*



### COOL CHOIR CLUB

Kids in first through fifth grade will have fun learning to worship God through music, learning more about Jesus, and sharing his love with others. This choir will have several performances during the school year, with the spring musical as the highlight. *Rehearsal location: "The Ranch" in the Children's Ministry area*

Contact Priscila Mendes at [pmendes@vrbc.net](mailto:pmendes@vrbc.net) for more information. Click [here](#) and click the "Register" button to get signed up.

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## **FOLLOW JESUS IN BAPTISM**

### **SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 18 | 9:30 AM**

On Sunday, September 18, we will celebrate baptism in our morning worship service at 9:30 am, and we would love for you to be a part of it! If you are a follower of Jesus but have never been baptized, this is a great opportunity to take that step. If God has been nudging you to be baptized, we'd love to visit with you about it! For all the details and to sign up, click [here](#). Questions? Contact Amy Wilkins at [awilkins@vrbc.net](mailto:awilkins@vrbc.net).



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## **VRBC WOMEN: PIGSKIN PREVIEW!**


### **SEPTEMBER 21 | 6:00 PM**

The VRBC Women's Ministry presents "Pigskin Preview," and we would love for you to join us! On 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](mailto:kathy.lonborg@verizon.net).



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## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

### **SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 24 | 7:45 AM**

Join us on 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](mailto:amendes@vrbc.net).



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## **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 on 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](#).



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## **LET'S GO CAMPING!**

### **FAMILY CAMPOUT | OCTOBER 7 AND 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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## **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 at [vrbc.net/give](http://vrbc.net/give).

On Wednesday, September 7, at the Church Family Gathering, you will have the opportunity to hear more about the Proposed 2022-2023 Budget.

The official vote on the budget by the congregation will be held online September 21-25; 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](mailto:jhewlett@vrbc.net) or Donna Blankenship at [dblankenship@vrbc.net](mailto:dblankenship@vrbc.net).



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