

NEWS & VIEW

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December 10 Luncheon Holiday Program: Liberty Park Middle School Choir

The Liberty Park Middle School Treble Choir is made up of 7th and 8th grade female students. In the context of a non-auditioned treble choral ensemble, the students become musically independent in the areas of reading music, aural skills, choral blend, composition, performance etiquette, and appreciation of treble choral literature through theory study and performance. Special attention is placed on the development of the adolescent female changing voice. These students perform at the LPMS winter concert, spring concert, various school assemblies, and one adjudicated state-level assessment each year. Six of these ladies were just selected by audition to sing in the 2025 Alabama All-State Choir.

OnTime Service

I'm Kerry Adkins, the president of OnTime Service. Thank you for your interest in our company. Here's a little about who we are and what we are about.



My father, George Adkins, began the business in 1975. Eight years later, I joined him as an apprentice electrician. For almost four decades, we focused primarily on residential electrical service, repair, and construction. In 2014, we opened a heating and cooling division. In November 2016, we expanded again by adding plumbing services. And in 2019, we opened a second OnTime Service location to serve Alabama's Eastern Shore and Gulf Coast.

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Shades Mountain Baptist Church

Shades Mountain Baptist Church is proud to sponsor the December Chamber lunch-



We know the holiday season is busy for everyone, but we want to make sure we take time to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Shades offers three Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on December 24 at 1:00pm, 3:00pm and 5:00pm. These services are open to the public and are a great way to pause and reflect on the great gift of the birth of Jesus.

Our mission at Shades is to leverage our lives for the sake of the Gospel, wherever we are and wherever God

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On-Site Productions/Next Level AVL

On-Site Productions has been delivering professional production services since 1991. In 2009, Jared Redman took over ownership of the company from his father and relocated it from Atlanta to Birmingham. Under his leadership, the company has expanded its offerings to include not only audio/visual services for corporate events but also a diverse range of ser-



vices such as custom lighting, drapery, special effects, power solutions, and luxury restroom trailers. Our top priority at On-Site Productions is to deliver exceptional customer service and to ensure the seamless execution of events from start to finish. As a family-owned small business, we take immense pride in our services and building lasting relationships with our clients, many of whom return to us for their event needs.

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It is hard to believe this will be the last monthly newsletter that I will write for 2024. I look forward to sharing my annual recap at the appropriate time, but for now, the time has indeed flown quickly by, and I have truly had a lot of fun. The privilege of being the Chair of the Board this year has been a very humbling honor and a great opportunity to continue to serve our chamber members, businesses, and citizens.

As we turn our attention to the holiday hustle and bustle, I am reminded of the amazing abundance of opportunities we have to shop local and keep our monies funneling through our numerous small businesses.

There are plenty of places to grab a midday lunch or snack as well as



grab dinner while shopping in neighboring boutique clothing, sporting goods, outdoors, and home decor stores. Once you reach that shop 'til you drop feeling, there are many places for a stress relieving workout and and self-care, plus a major grocery store in each of our respective Vestavia Hills business districts for hosting or being a guest of those holiday get togethers. I hope that despite the temptations and convenience to pull out our phone and have gifts dropped off at our doorstep, we will remember to support our friends and neighbors who own and manage our local Vestavia stores.

During this season, I want to encourage all of our friends, neighbors, and citizens to stop and take a few moments to remember what this season is all about. There will be plenty of opportunity to celebrate the season, and enjoy time with friends and family, but I hope we will all take a moment to realize that being kind, giving of our time and talents in service to others will pay long returning dividends that will make our homes, our families, and our Vestavia Hills Community continue to be the place where we all can live "The Life Above."

As always if our Chamber can be a resource in anyway, please do not hesitate to let us know how best to serve you.

All my best,

Clabe Dobbs Board Chair, 2024

Hello and Happy Holidays!

It's truly the most wonderful time of the year. Here at the Chamber, December brings an array of business networking events, community partnerships, and fun festive events all this month.

You are invited to celebrate with us at our Christmas Chamber Luncheon on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. We are excited to have a special performance from our Liberty Park Treble Choir. Remember to bring cash or check to play in the Wine Game. Networking begins at 11:30 AM and the buffet will open at 11:45 AM. Register at vestaviahills.org.



Michelle Hawkins

Ribbon Cuttings are a fun networking time but most importantly we are welcoming new businesses into Vestavia Hills. Our next ribbon cutting is:

Upward Behavioral Health Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, December 12th, 12:00 PM Vestavia Hills Chamber Office

HOLIDAY IN THE HILLS

Join the festivities this holiday season! Check out our Events Calendar on our website there are SO MANY fantastic holiday events throughout Vestavia Hills.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW for VIVA Vestavia Hills!

Get ready to celebrate the 20th annual food and wine event - VIVA Vestavia Hills! Join us for a fun evening high-lighting restaurants, food, wine and beer. There will be samples of food and beverages for you to try, plus a silent auction! Proceeds benefit the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce Foundation General and Scholarship Funds.

Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 6:30PM – 9:00PM Vestavia Hills Civic Center 1090 Montgomery Highway Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

The Chamber office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 1st for the Christmas holiday week and New Years Day.

As always and especially this Holiday Season SHOP. DINE. PLAY. In Vestavia Hills! It is my honor and joy to serve all our Vestavia Hills Chamber members.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Michelle Hawkins President

December 10 Luncheon

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM Thursday, December 5, 2024 and cost \$25. Late reservations will cost \$30. Make your reservation by visiting www.vestaviahi lls.org or by calling 823-5011.

Please Note:

- Reservations that are made and not cancelled by 4:00 pm Thursday, December 5 must be paid for, as we must pay for the number reserved.
- Please pay online or call the office with a credit card prior to the luncheon, or we can send you an invoice afterwards.
- Please make every effort to make your reservation on time. The number of reservations
 we have by the deadline is the number that we and the Vestavia Country Club prepare for.

(Continued from page 1) Shades Mountain Baptist Church takes us. That mission starts right here in Vestavia.

Shades members serve our community in many ways, most notably through our schools and in our police department. We have four School Care Teams that provide support and encouragement to the teachers and staff members at Vestavia Hills Elementary East, West and Dolly Ridge schools and at Pizitz Middle School. Our families also open their homes and host Cop Stop meals for our police officers every month.

This year is our second year of our Gift of Hope initiative. Through the Gift of Hope campaign we seek to help provide Christmas gifts for families in need through our local schools. Last year we served over 125 families and we anticipate serving even more this year. In addition to clothing articles each recipient will get an age-appropriate hygiene kit, a Christmas stocking and a bible.

We are also proud to support the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce by sponsoring several community events including the Dogwood Prayer Breakfast and I Love America Night. Shades has also served as a sponsor of the Vestavia Hills Police Foundation's Community Night Out event.

At Shades we provide excellent Sunday School classes and groups for all ages, with a special emphasis on children. Our Preschool and Kid's ministries have fun activities for children, and our Student Ministry provides opportunities for bible study and recreation for 6th Graders through high school seniors. Adults from college age through those age 60 and better have bible study groups and activities for fellowship and service.

Worship at Shades includes uplifting songs and practical application of scripture through the preaching of our Senior Pastor George Wright. Worship Services and Sunday School groups are at 9:00am and 10:30am each Sunday. If you don't have a church home we welcome you to join us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

(Continued from page 1) On-Site Productions/Next Level AVL

While audio/visual services have been a cornerstone of the On-Site Productions brand, the COVID-19 pandemic prompted us to reassess our A/V and installation services. Many churches sought innovative live-streaming options to safely connect with their congregations, leading us to establish a sister company, Next Level AVL. In addition to providing live streaming services, Next Level AVL offers comprehensive audio, video, and lighting system design, sales, installation, and training services tailored for churches. We also specialize in LED video wall design, live sound mixing and tuning, video production, theatrical lighting programming and installation, and security camera installation and building access control.

From Seattle to Charlotte, and Orlando to Bryant Denny, On-Site Productions and Next Level AVL welcome the opportunity to collaborate with you on your next event!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please support our newest Chamber members and remember to 'Shop Vestavia Hills First'!!

Assisted Living Locators

Susan Kendrick (205) 821-9995 2 20th Street N., Suite 1315 Birmingham, AL 35203 assistedlivinglocators.com Category: Senior Services

Stretch Zone Birmingham

Beth and Kevin Marlowe (205) 509-2349 3056 Healthy Way, Suite 120 Vestavia Hills, AL 35243 stretchzone.com Category: Gym/Health Club

Mr. Electric of Birmingham
Summer Blain
(205) 208-7479
660 University Blvd, Suite H
Birmingham, AL 35233
mrelectric.com/Birmingham
Category: Electrical Service

◆ ARC Realty Liberty Park-Rosalie Baxter
 Rosalie Baxter
 (205) 777-1282
 3215 Endeavor Lane, Suite 113
 Vestavia Hills, AL 35242
 (205) 777-1282
 libertyparkliving.com
 Category: Real Estate (Agent)

CollabCare Concierge & Consultant
 Lynnda Gaines
 (205) 931-9020
 300 Vestavia Parkway, Suite 2300
 Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
 collabcareconcierge.com
 Category: Senior Services

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To better reflect our commitment to arriving at a customer's home or business on time, we changed the company name to OnTime Service. We back up that commitment with this promise: We show up on time or we pay you \$59!

We are very picky about the heating and cooling technicians, electricians and plumbers we hire. We conduct extensive background checks on prospective employees and we perform random drug tests. We insist that our employees are professional, neat and clean, that they have no visible tattoos or piercings and that they are non smokers. If an OnTime Service employee ever smokes, swears or leaves a mess in your home, our service will be free.

We love to support local charities. If you are aware of a worthy and effective local charity please contact us with their information. We host representatives from charities periodically to educate our team about their work and then we decide as a team which charity we will support. We really enjoy hearing firsthand about the great work some of these organizations are doing in our community.

My wife, Carol, and I are Christians and are actively involved in our local church, so our business is based on Christian principles and ethics. We are honest and upfront with everything we do. That is why we quote all jobs before we start and offer a 100 percent satisfaction guaranty. We are not perfect but we make every effort to take responsibility for our mistakes and correct them. I believe it is possible to operate our business in a way that creates a win, win, win situation. That is, our client wins by receiving outstanding service and value, our team member wins by earning a good wage and having a positive, supportive work environment and our company wins by earning a reasonable profit for our effort which allows us to grow and provide more opportunities.

Carol and I are blessed to have a team of professionals who work with us. And we are humbled by the thousands of homeowners who have entrusted us to take care of their heating, cooling, electrical and plumbing needs. Call either our Birmingham or Eastern Shores office and talk to us today for your next Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling job.

Thank you very much.

Kerry Adkins

To: Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce Members

From: Nominating Committee

Subject: Election of 2025 Board of Directors

In accordance with the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce By-Laws the Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of candidates for Officers and Directors for 2025. Serving on the committee were Chairman Keri Bates, Clabe Dobbs, John Henley, Beth Moody and Scott Perry. Michelle Hawkins served as Ex-Officio.

Chair: Keri Bates, Rocky Ridge Drug Co. Chair Elect: Taylor Burton, Taylor Burton Co.

Vice Chair, Membership Development: Christina Babineaux, IRA Innovations

Vice Chair, Business Development: Andrew Burke, General Informatics

Vice Chair, Community Affairs: Kelly Atchison, TWO MEN AND A TRUCK Vice Chair, Programming: Jamie Black, McDonald's-Black Family Restaurants

Vice Chair, Public Education: Ashley Moss, Village Dermatology Treasurer: Roger Jackson, Jackson, Howard & Whatley CPAs Secretary/Legal Counsel: Mark Macoy, Mark Macoy LLC

Past Chair: Clabe Dobbs, Peoples Bank of Alabama

Directors include:

Bob Barker, Barker Advertising Brian Fisher, Community Bank

Bridgett Glasgow, ERA King Realty

Tyler Kime, Standard Heating, Cooling & Plumbing

Katherine McRee, The Lili Pad Roger Steur, Method Mortgage

Grant Thomas, ALFA Insurance-The Thomas Agency

Kevin Wade, ITAC Solutions

SELECTING AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Article IV - Section 2

- A. <u>Nominating Committee</u>: At the regular August meeting of the Board, the Chairperson shall appoint, subject to approval by the Board, an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee consisting of five (5) Members of the Chamber.
- (a) The Nominating Committee members shall be the current Chairperson of the Board, the current Chairperson-Elect of the Board, One (1) Director or Officer, and two (2) Members at large.
- (b) The current Chairperson-Elect shall serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee.
- (c) The President shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Nominating Committee.
- (d) The Nominating Committee shall present to the Board for approval prior to October 31, a slate of candidates to serve as Directors and Officers of the Chamber for the following year. Each candidate must be a Member in good standing and must have agreed to accept the expected responsibilities.
- B. <u>Publication of Nominations</u>: Within ten (10) days of receipt of the report of the Nominating Committee, the Chairperson shall give Notice to the general membership of the names of persons nominated as candidates for Directors and Officers and the right of petition as contemplated in these Bylaws.
- C. <u>Nomination by Petition</u>: Additional names of candidates for Directors and Officers may be nominated by a petition bearing the genuine signatures of at least fifteen (15) Members of the Chamber. Such petition shall be submitted to the presiding Chairperson within ten (10) days after Notice has been given of the original nomination as contemplated in Article IV(2)(B). The determination of the Board as to whether the petition(s) complies with these Bylaws for consideration shall be final.
- D. <u>Determination</u>: If no valid petition is properly submitted within the designated period, the nominations shall be closed and the nominated slate of candidates shall be declared elected by the Board of the Chamber at the November Board Meeting, regardless of whether a Quorum is present at such meeting.

If a valid, proper, and legal petition shall present additional candidates, the names of all candidates shall be arranged on a ballot in alphabetical order and applicable instructions for voting will be included. The Chairperson shall give Notice of this ballot to all Members within twenty (20) days of receipt of the valid, proper, and legal petition.

The ballots shall be marked by the Members in accordance with the voting instructions printed on the ballot and returned to the Chamber's office within ten (10) days of the date of the ballot. The members of the Chamber shall, at their Annual Meeting, declare the candidates with the greatest number of votes elected.

Cultivating Hiring & Revenue Success through Small Business Fellowship

We will dive deep into Michael Gerber's "The E-Myth Revisited" with fellow entrepreneurs and uncover transformative strategies to elevate your business. This mastermind will offer practical insights, collaborative problem-solving, and actionable steps to implement Gerber's principals effectively.

Meet Our Facilitator



Monica Drake
Pinnacle Financial Partners

Monica is currently the Community Development Coordinator and Vice President for Pinnacle Financial Partners.



- December 18, 2024
- **() 8:00 AM CDT**
- Breakfast will be provided.
- The event is free of charge!

Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce 1090 Montgomery Hwy, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

RIBBON CUTTINGS







Monday, December 2, 2024 5:00 pm 400 Vestavia Parkway, Suite 120 Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Join us in welcoming Green Acres Realty ENT to Vestavia Hills!

Refreshments will be served.



Ribbon Cutting



Wednesday, December 4 12:00 pm



2534 Rocky Ridge Road, Suite 100 Vestavia Hills, AL 35243

Join us to celebrate Noto Roofing's new office!

Ribbon Cutting



December 12, 2024 12:00 pm Vestavia Hills Chamber Office 1090 Montgomery Highway

Join us for a ribbon cutting and light lunch as we welcome Upward Behavioral Health to Vestavia Hills!





2024-2025 Vestavia Hills Shares Card

On Sale Now at vestaviahills.org!

Shop Dine and Play Vestavia Hills!! Shop locally and support our schools while you support our community.

NEWS AND VIEWS Member Notes

- Shop Piddlin Art and Antique's selection of art, antiques, gifts, home décor, jewelry, stocking stuffers and more at their Christmas Open House on December 4 from 11 am-5 pm! 2025 Kentucky Avenue, Suite
- Santa Claus is coming to Unless U Scoops! Join us for ice cream and a picture with Santa on December 5th from 2:00 - 4:00!
- Join The Retreat Day Spa for our first Holiday Open House from 4-7 pm on December 5! We will have raffles of gift certificates and gift baskets to raise money for non-profits, free product giveaways, wine, chair massage, and more! 3920 Crosshaven Drive
- Join the Vestavia City Center on Thursday, December 5, from 6-8 PM for our annual holiday celebration, All Is Bright! Enjoy a festive evening featuring a screening of the holiday classic, The Grinch, with complimentary hot chocolate and popcorn. The movie starts at 6:30 PM! Santa and The Grinch will be on-site for fun photo ops, and there will be a photo booth, free activities for kids including balloon twisting, a bounce house, and more! Don't miss out on exciting giveaways from our retailers at the Vestavia City Center tent!
- Showcase your house at the 2024 Gingerbread Jam on December 14 from 8 am-12 pm at the Vestavia Hills Civic Center. This unique holiday event is currently the only Gingerbread House Competition in the Birmingham Area. If you love to build gingerbread houses, we invite you to enter the competition! All proceeds from this event will go to the Megan Montgomery Foundation to Prevent Domestic Violence, **Inc.** Reserve your spot at https://gingerbreadjam.swell.gives/
- Read the latest issue of *Birmingham Christian Family* magazine that features Chamber members The Trak Shak, Sav-A-Life, and more online at https://birminghamchristian.com/issues/.

If you have any news or events you would like to put in the News & Views, email it to chamber@vestaviahills.org.

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*Chamber Past Chair

2024 Chamber Champions

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Board of Directors Chair: Clabe Dobbs, Peoples Bank of Alabama		Upcoming Chamber Meetings
Chair Elect: Keri Bates, Rocky Ridge Drug Co.	Dec 10	Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 am, Vestavia Country Club
Vice Chair Membership Development: Katherine McRee. The Lili Pad	Dec 19	Board of Directors, 7:45 am, Chamber Office
Vice Chair Business Development: Taylor Burton,		
Taylor Burton Co., Inc.		Franta
Vice Chair Community Affairs: Christina Babineaux, IRA Innovations	D 0	Events Deaths 5
Vice Chair Programming: Tyler Kime,	Dec 2	Ribbon Cutting: Green Acres Realty, 5 pm,
Standard Heating, Cooling & Plumbing	Dec 3	Tree Lighting Festival, 6 pm, Vestavia Hills Civic Center
Treasurer: Ben Chambliss Iackson, Howard & Whatley, CPAs	Dec 4	Ribbon Cutting: Noto Roofing, 12 pm
Secretary/Legal Counsel: Mark Macoy	Dec 5	Biz & Fizz, 4:30-6 pm, El ZunZun
Mark W. Macoy, LLC	Dec 8	Vestavia Hills Holiday Parade, 2 pm, Liberty Park
Immediate Past Chair: Donnie Dobbins, First Horizon Bank	Dec 12	Ribbon Cutting-Upward Behavioral Health, 12 pm
Past Chair: Sandra Cleveland, BCR Wealth	Dec 18	Masterminds Workshop, 8 am, Chamber Office
Directors	Dec 10	Masternings Workshop, 6 am, Chamber Office
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