



## WINTER TERM 2026

ALL SESSIONS MEET FROM 9:30 A.M. UNTIL 11:30  
*Monday Meeting meets by Zoom on Mondays at 10 AM*

Wednesday January 7	<b><u>WBHM Public Radio</u></b> Will Dahlberg, <i>Executive Director &amp; General Manager</i> <i>Stay for Lunch after the program!</i>	Moderator: Mary Pate
Thursday January 8	<b><u>100 Best Things to do in Birmingham</u></b> Verna Gates, <i>Author, Freelance Writer, Speaker, Storyteller, Educator</i>	Moderator: James Lowery
Friday January 9	<b><u>Exciting Things Happening at Samford University</u></b> Betsy Holloway, <i>Vice President for Advancement and Marketing</i> <i>Samford University</i>	Moderator: SuAnn Vandeveld
Wednesday January 14	<b><u>Rural Health Initiative at Auburn</u></b> Dr. Hollie Cost <i>Asst VP for University Affairs, Auburn</i>	Moderator: Marilyn Doss
Thursday January 15	<b><u>Current Situation in China</u></b> Keith Anderton, Ph.D. <i>veteran U.S. State Department diplomat</i>	Moderator: Bert Nettles
Friday January 16	<b><u>Convict Leasing in Birmingham Industry</u></b> Tyler Malugani, <i>Deputy Director, Sloss Furnaces</i>	Moderator: James Lowery
Wednesday January 21	<b><u>Mediterranean Diet</u></b> Sonthe Burge, MS, RDN, LD <i>School of Public Health, Samford University</i> <i>Lunch served following the program</i>	Moderator: Mary Pate
Thursday January 22	<b><u>Comeback Town</u></b> David Sher, <i>publisher</i>	
Friday January 23	<b><u>Saving Our Pets</u></b> Mark Nelson, <i>Exec Director of Ala Spay/Neuter</i> Ken Jackson, <i>Remy Fund for Pets &amp; Animal Services</i> Jeff Lyons, <i>Pilot with Pilots n' Paws</i>	Moderator: Sandra Vinik
Wednesday January 28	<b><u>Innovations in Entrepreneurial Education and Practice</u></b> Patrick J Murphy, PhD, <i>Professor,</i> <i>Collat School of Business at UAB</i>	Moderator: Andy Daniel
Thursday January 29	<b><u>Voting Rights and Democracy</u></b> Lisa Borden, <i>Deputy Federal Policy Director</i> <i>Southern Poverty Law Center</i>	Moderator: Bert Nettle
Friday January 30	<b><u>Discussion/Round Table</u></b> South African New Horizons members and Danese Knott Craig - <i>talking about how life in South Africa is different than US/Ala; why they moved here, and what puzzles/differences they found here.</i>	

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Wednesday February 4	<b><u>Understanding the Neurobiology of the Aging Brain</u></b> Rita Cowell, Ph.D. <i>Professor, Department of Neurology, UAB School of Medicine</i>	Moderator: Janice Williams
Thursday February 5	<b><u>Monet-Matisse Exhibit</u></b> <i>Birmingham Museum of Art</i>	Moderator: Marsha Asman
Friday February 6	<b><u>Samford Quartet</u></b>	Moderator: Gayle Flowers

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Wednesday February 11	<b><u>Establishing a Permanent Human Presence on the Moon and Mars Challenges and Opportunities</u></b> Larry DeLucas <i>Principal Scientist, Aerospace Corporation</i>	Moderator: Jim Schmidt
Thursday February 12	<b><u>The Evangelical Charismatic Christian Movement &amp; Politics</u></b> Andy Daniel, <i>New Horizons Member</i>	
Friday February 13	<b><u>Valentine Day Celebration</u></b> <i>Movie, Popcorn, and Pizza</i>	

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Wednesday February 18	<b><u>Developing Leaders of Character</u></b> Kevin Walsh, <i>Executive Director</i> <i>Youth Leadership Development Program</i>	Moderator: Jim Schmidt
Thursday February 19	<b><u>A Journey to the Great Temple of Travel, Birmingham's Terminal Station</u></b> Marvin Clemons, <i>retired rail operator and railroad historian</i>	Moderator: Rowena Teague
Friday February 20	<b><u>How &amp; What Ways is Russia's War Against Ukraine Different from Previous Wars? Why Does It Matter?</u></b> George Liber, PhD <i>Professor emeritus, Department of History, UAB</i>	Moderator: Bob Greene

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Wednesday February 25	<b><u>Big Jim Folsom</u></b> Richard Rhone, PhD, <i>historian</i>	Moderator: Sandra Vinik
Thursday February 26	<b><u>Navajo Nation Medical Care</u></b> Frances Baxley, MD <i>family physician</i>	Moderator: Robert & Ginny Baxley
Friday February 27	<b><u>Julius Caesar</u></b> Shannon Flynt, Asst. Professor <i>Classics &amp; Philosophy, Samford University</i>	Moderator: Bob Greene