



# Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

*Loving, Serving and Reaching out in Christ's name.*

## *Illuminator*

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### **UPCOMING SUNDAYS:**

**May 16**

**Ascension Sunday**

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Title: "Looking Up"

**May 23**

**Pentecost**

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Title: "Sounds Crazy, Right?"

**May 30**

**Trinity Sunday**

Scripture: John 3:1-17

Title: "The Community of God"

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Benjamin J. Wines  
Senior Pastor

Rev. Amy Herring  
Minister to Children & Families

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Brothers and sisters,

At the time that I am writing this article, I have officially been the Senior Pastor here at Hope Valley for a little over a week. And what an eventful week it has been! Between preaching twice, moving from Raleigh to Durham, and meeting so many of you, I have had a wonderful start to May! As I am settling into my office and my apartment, as well as settling into the rhythm of Hope Valley, I would greatly appreciate your prayers. I am so grateful to be here. I am looking forward to getting to know you all better and walking alongside you as we seek to serve God faithfully each day.

I did want to let you all know some of the ways to get in touch with me if you need me during this time of transition. My cell phone number is (919) 922-7774. That is the quickest way to reach me, either by phone or especially by text. My office email address has gone live now, so you can email me at [ben@hvbc.org](mailto:ben@hvbc.org). I check my email throughout the day, so if you want to send me something feel free to send it to my office email. As we continue to be cautious in regard to the virus, please feel free to reach out to me and let me know about any cares and concerns you have within our community. I am still learning people's names, trying to figure out family connections, who is in the hospital, who is in extended care, etc. Any help you can offer me to help me learn where the cares and concerns are in our congregation would be greatly appreciated!

I know that this has not been an easy time for any of us as we continue to deal with the challenges presented by the pandemic. I am so hopeful, though, that we are getting closer and closer to turning an important corner in all of this. As we do, I am looking forward to getting to meet you all under more normal circumstances. Until then, I continue to have faith that the Holy Spirit will connect us and draw us closer together. I am reminded of the old Baptist conviction that the church is not a building. It is not four walls and a roof. It is the people of God, worshiping in truth and goodness. As Paul writes to the church in Ephesus, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). Even in the midst of this pandemic, as we continue to keep some distance between ourselves, we are connected to each other. We are bound to each other by the God "who is above all and through all and in all." The miracle of the Holy Spirit maintains that bond and will continue to refresh and revitalize it as need be.

Grace and peace to you all,

Ben

**PRAYER CONCERNS**  
**(new additions/updates in bold)**

Unemployed Individuals  
Valle De Esperanza Iglesia Bautista  
Our Nation

Health Care Professionals  
COVID-19 Pandemic

**Church family with Health Concerns:**

Kaye Baggett  
Irene Barnes - heart issues  
Sam & Pat Beasley  
Peggy & Doug Biddy  
Karen Bolton - flare up of trigeminal nerve pain  
Joan Burke  
Rachel Dossett - recovery from leg surgery  
**Marie Bush - upcoming shoulder replacement on 5/17**  
Laura Gentry - recovery from fall  
Heidi Hall - spinal muscular atrophy (daughter of Sandra & Rick Hall)  
Woody Harton - stroke  
Julie Hayes - eye problems  
Kaye Jenkins - recovery from knee surgery  
Linda Marshall  
Kendra Merritt - blood clot issues  
Nancy Michal - in rehab  
Brenda Morton - recovery from fall  
Keith Packer  
Frank Pokorny - stomach pains  
Carol Rigsbee  
Barbara Sanders  
Faye Shelton - blood cancer  
Mary Summerlin - chemo treatments  
Jerry Tew - Parkinson's  
Carolyn Tippet - recovery from hip surgery, leukemia  
Wayne Webster - recovery from fall, in rehab  
Robin Wimberley - chemo treatments

**Senior Living Centers:**

Family Care Home, Raleigh: Fadine Harris  
Durham Regent: Marcella Jerdon  
Brookdale, Chapel Hill: Jane Liske  
Emerald Pond: Lee Schevill  
Universal Health Care: Marie Thompson

**HVBC friends and family:**

Candy Arnold - brain tumor, chemo (niece of Carol Atkins)  
Phil Atkins (friend of Carl & Carol Atkins)  
**Britt Bentley - waiting for heart and kidney transplant (son of Susan Bentley)**  
Rebecca Biddy - seizures (daughter-in-law of Peggy & Doug Biddy)  
Austin Blake - immune system/nerve disorder (friend of Linda & Emmett Ward)  
Hayley Brady - blood clots in lungs (sister of Ginger Rose)  
Brent Cail - COVID (family of Linda Ward)  
Sherry Carter - in ICU (friend of Linda Ward)  
Ruby Chumney - heart & lung problems (mother of the Dossett's neighbor)  
Ray Clayton - at memory care facility (brother of Linda Kyles)  
Joan Cozart - brain tumor (friend of Joan Burke)  
Laura Beth Crance - 6-year-old with health concerns (relative of Jonathan Herring)  
Fulton de La Morton - back issues (friend of Dossett's)  
Josh, Jamie Denton & their 2 daughters - COVID (son of Connie Bass)  
JaQuavion Ervin - young boy in foster care with no family (from Scott Rose)  
Amy Eubanks - COVID & back problems (former member)  
Grayson Evans - health issues (grandson of Ron & Gail Templeton)  
Paul Fain - stomach cancer (friend of Steve & Karen Bolton)  
Lori Gentry - home after hospital stay (daughter of Gary & Mary Kyles)  
Phyllis Griffiths - lupus (sister-in-law of Terry & Betty Griffiths)  
Jackie Harris - dementia (aunt of Julie Stoops, sister of Tommie Calhoun)  
Aaron Haupt - health issues (grandson of Barbara Sanders)  
Alphus & Sherri Herndon - he has cancer & she has Alzheimer's (cousin of Brenda Morton & Irene Barnes)

**PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)**

David Hill - foot issues (brother of Amy Herring)  
Jim Hitch - recovery from heart replacement (friend of Amy Herring's parents)  
Crystal Hutchens - upcoming surgery (niece of Laura Gentry)  
Lee Hutchens - COVID & pneumonia (sister of Laura Gentry)  
JoAnn Ivey - cancer (sister of Fred Ivey)  
Tom Jackson - health problems (former interim Pastor)  
Dana Kelly - heart issues (father of Don Kelly)  
Karen Key - cancer (family of Linda & Emmett Ward)  
Annie Bell King - recovery from fall (grandmother of Andy Wimberley)  
Mike Layne - heart attack & surgery (family member of the Dossett's)  
Paul Lemay - cancer (uncle of Kevin Simone)  
Lindsey - anorexia (friend of Jonathan Herring)  
Bob Liske - cancer (son of Jane Liske)  
Tim Liske - seizures (grandson of Jane Liske)  
Doris Lynch - health issues (stepmother of Rick Lynch)  
Junior Martin - cancer (friend of Joan Burke)  
Judah Mathis - one year old with kidney & bladder problems (great grandson of HVBC first pastor, Bill Pearson)  
Mark May - autoimmune disease (nephew of Linda Kyles)  
Hallie Moore (friend of Sean Timmons)  
Hazel Norman - upcoming back surgery (friend of the Dossett's)  
Juliet Atieno Otieno - 15-year-old with Lupus (friend of Scott Rose)  
John Pierce (grandson of Carl & Carol Atkins)  
Sheri Raspberry - cancer (sister-in-law of Michelle Hunt)  
Weston Raspberry - health issues, lost of sight in eye (nephew of Michelle Hunt)  
Jane Righter - cancer & shoulder replacement (friend of Mary Myers)  
Payton & Brittany Rigsbee - both have health concerns (granddaughters of Carol Rigsbee)  
Ashley Robbins - cancer (granddaughter of Brenda Morton)  
Bill Roberson (friend of Scott Rose)  
Connie Robertson - COVID & pneumonia (friend of Linda Ward)  
Joe Rollins - recovery from fall (cousin of Carol Atkins)  
Robbie Sanders - kidney stones (son of Barbara & Sandy Sanders)  
Susan Smileowicz - COVID & stroke (friend of Steve & Karen Bolton); daughter, Amy also has COVID  
Charlotte Soltes (mother of Jessie Lynch)  
Karen Stewart - stem cell procedure (friend of Cindy Horton)  
Irene Taylor - heart & bladder issues (mother of Rachel Dossett)  
Matthew Taylor - salvation and direction (request by the Dossetts)  
Woodrow Taylor - recovery from shoulder surgery  
Grant Tew - cancer, recovery from surgery (son of Jerry & Idell Tew)  
Ronnie Thompson - cancer (son of Marie Thompson)  
Elaine & Tom vanDalen - both have health concerns (sister & brother-in-law of Karen Bolton)  
Michael Van Pelt (son of Kendra Merritt)  
Clifton Walker - COVID (friend of Linda Kyles)  
Tommy Walker - recovery from heart surgery (brother of Mary Myers)  
Chris Ward - recovery from cancer surgery (son of Emmett & Linda Ward)  
Jake Ward - (13-year-old grandson of Emmett & Linda Ward)  
Lisa Ward - cancer (niece of Brenda & Joel Pendergraft)  
Jeff Webb - brain tumor (friend of Scott Rose)  
Diane Wichmann - recovery from gall bladder surgery (family of Linda Marshall)  
Fred Wilkie - recovery from heart surgery (father of Jerry & Idell Tew's daughter-in-law)

**Military Service Personnel:**

Amos (son of Hector Corchado)  
Chris Buchanan (nephew of Barbara Rowley)  
Clayton Davis (grandson of Linda Marshall)  
Travis Hayes (nephew of Ginger Hayes)  
Blake Smith (son-in-law of John & Mary Myers)

**Around Our World:**

Leena Lavanya - has COVID, missionary with ServeTrust working in India; Pastor Koteswarao & Chowtu Palem Church (our partner church in India)



## Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven

By Dr. David Jeremiah

Start Date: Tuesday, September 14  
at 9:30 am

End Date: Tuesday, November 16  
at 9:30 am

Total Cost: \$37.75

Right now we are trying to get an idea of how many participants we anticipate. Please let Robin or Linda Ward know if you are interested.

### Regathering Team Update

If COVID-19 metrics in our area continue to improve, we hope to be able to offer childcare during the worship service for infants and young children (up to age 6) sometime in the next month or so. Protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our building will be in place—including mask requirements for all adults and children 1<sup>st</sup> grade and older.

In order to open the children's area, however, we are in need of 2 volunteers to serve each Sunday of the month. *If you have any questions or are willing to assist by serving in the Sunday rotation (or are willing to serve on an as-needed basis), please contact Amy Herring or the church office.*

Thanks,  
Amy



### Welcome to the following new members:

Susan Bentley  
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Durham NC 27713  
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susanwbentley46@gmail.com

Kendra Merritt and son Michael Merritt  
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919-360-6397 (Kendra phone)  
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### Financial Report For Month Ending April 2021

Accounts	Month	Year-to-Date
Income	\$13,807.00	\$76,106.00
Expenses		
Missions	2,578.25	7,354.50
Personnel	11,151.84	44,607.36
Training & Education	972.42	2,394.67
Worship & Music	511.93	761.93
Operating Expenses	1,062.78	3,545.66
Property/Maintenance	1,757.88	11,646.73
Service Contracts	1,876.85	7,119.73
Total Expenses	<u>\$19,911.95</u>	<u>\$77,430.58</u>
Net Income	<u>(\$6,104.95)</u>	<u>(\$1,324.58)</u>
Bank Balance		\$130,921.79
Less Designated Fund Balance		<u>(62,100.77)</u>
Operating Fund Balance		<u>\$ 68,821.02</u>
Designated Fund Beginning Balance		\$ 62,632.34
Revenue		\$ 4,593.00
Expenses		<u>(5,124.57)</u>
Designated Fund Ending Balance		<u>\$62,100.77</u>
Goodwin Fund		\$ 41,489.79
Total Designated & Goodwin Funds		<u>\$103,590.56</u>
Capital Campaign FUND Balance		\$18,431.33



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Anne Pokorny	2	3 Hansel Ngeve	4	5
6	7	8	9 Barbara Barbee	10	11 Irene Barnes	12 Linda Hall
13	14	15 LaVerne Ellis	16 Herb Finch Ben May	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Michelle Hunt	24 Carl Atkins Steve Bolton	25 Barbara Sanders	26 Heidi Hall
27 Linda Ward	28	29	30 Amy Herring			

## 10 Questions about Pastor Ben

Hey everyone! Due to the pandemic, we haven't had the usual opportunities to get to spend time with each other and get to know one another, so I thought it might be fun and helpful if I answered some "Getting-to-Know-You" questions. So, I went on over to Google, typed in "getting to know you questions," and picked ten of my favorites!



### **Favorite type of food to eat out?**

All different kinds of Asian food—Thai, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, etc. Though the best dessert I've had in a while was the Apple Crisp at Trali Irish Pub in Raleigh.

### **Beach or Mountains?**

Definitely the beach. I love the relaxed mindset—that a day spent on the beach walking or playing or reading is a day well-spent. My family typically stays in Emerald Isle, but I always insist that we spend some time walking around the waterfront in Beaufort.

### **Coffee or tea?**

Coffee. Typically, I drink it black and—if I have time—I love to make pour-over coffee at home.

### **What is your favorite book?**

Fiction—*The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger  
Non-Fiction—*Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

### **What is your favorite movie? Why?**

Either *The Princess Bride* or *The Sound of Music*. *The Princess Bride* is goofy and funny and so quotable—I love it! *The Sound of Music* is just a delightfully simple story, told well, and wrapped up in so much nostalgia for me.

### **If you could take one week off from your regular life to immerse yourself in learning something new, what would it be?**

Woodworking. The natural beauty of wood and the things people are able to make out of it fascinate me.

### **If money were no issue and you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?**

England, Scotland, and Ireland. There is so much history in those countries and so much beauty in the landscape and the architecture.

### **Best purchase? Worst purchase?**

Best—Recently, it's been a Nintendo Switch and *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild*. The *Zelda* series are some of my favorite video games and *Breath of the Wild* is perhaps the greatest video game ever made. The story, the music, the themes—near perfection!

Worst—An FM/AM iPod adapter I bought back in high school. Spent \$100 thinking it would let me play my iPod over the car radio. All I got was the most expensive static I've ever heard!

### **Favorite quote?**

"Opinions may be mistaken; love never is." -Harry Emerson Fosdick

### **What would your perfect Saturday look like?**

Sleeping in till about 10:00 and making pancakes and coffee when I wake up. If there's a game on, I'd watch that. If not, I'll do some reading or I may go explore somewhere I haven't been locally. I'd finish the day with dinner at a friend's house with other people, playing board games or chatting around a fire pit.

Those are my answers! Let me know over the next few weeks if there were any you agreed with, any you disagreed with, or if there were any answers that just perplexed you. Also, feel free to let me know how you'd answer these same questions! My office email is live now, so feel free to email me at [ben@hvbc.org](mailto:ben@hvbc.org).

Grace and peace,  
Ben