



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21

Title: "First"

May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

Scripture: John 15:9-17

Title: "Chosen"

May 16

Ascension Sunday

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Title: "Looking Up"

While it is generally true that life seldom turns out like we expected, it is particularly true with Interim Ministry. I am always entering a church where the richness of their fellowship can only be discovered by being a part of the group. And even though my assignments are limited and short, I have the opportunity to learn the congregation, as individuals and as a group. And during the interim time, there are always unexpected events that occur and congregational dynamics that emerge. It is always a learning experience for me. I experience the life of one particular group and I learn a little more about how congregations work.

I have never been a part of a congregation during a global pandemic before. I had no experience or training that provided a blueprint for pastoral leadership during this extraordinary time. At times it felt like we were building the bridge while we were crossing the canyon. One colleague has described this experience as building the plane while in flight. We all had to learn a lot; and learn it quickly. One thing that I have learned about Hope Valley is that you are resilient and adaptive. And that is an extremely important trait during a crisis. You had the flexibility to discover new ways to fellowship, learn, worship, and serve. We passed a budget, elected officers, supported ministry outreaches, worshipped, and called a new Pastor. And none of it was done like we have always done it before. You were resilient, flexible, and adaptive. When faced with unprecedented obstacles, you innovated. And the experience of surviving this pandemic will remain in the collective memory of the congregation. And as you face the challenges that the future will bring, you will be able to remember Covid-19 and the remarkable resilience you demonstrated. And you will step up and face the challenges of that day, because that is who you are. You are people of Hope, the people of Hope Valley.

Bill Pyle

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Bill Pyle
Interim Minister

Rev. Amy Herring
Minister to Children & Families

Kathryn Bunch
Director of Music Ministries

Barbara Rowley
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Sean Timmons
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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
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)
Susan Bentley's son - waiting for heart transplant (Susan visiting)
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)
David Hill - foot issues (brother of Amy Herring)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

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)
Carolynn Loftin - heart problems (cousin of Marie Bush)
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 Rasberry - cancer (sister-in-law of Michelle Hunt)
Weston Rasberry - 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)
Jimmie Tomlin - stroke, renal disease (friend of the Bushes)
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.



Another Step Forward!

You may now attend church services on Sunday morning **WITHOUT** signing up in advance. We will continue to identify attendees for contact tracing purposes. The Family Life Center and the outside areas of the church will also reopen on May 1st. Please remember to **wear masks** and **practice social distancing** while on the church campus.

The Regathering Committee

To Friends at Hope Valley:

*The Administration, Trustees,
Faculty and Graduating Class
of
Methodist University
announce that*

*Margaret Renae Hunt
is a candidate for the degree of
Bachelor of Science/A. T.
in*

*Athletic Training
Cum Laude*

*To be awarded at the
Graduation Ceremony
Spring, Two Thousand Twenty-One*

MISSIONS
Easter Offerings

Hope Valley's Goal: \$2,000

Received:
Annie Armstrong: \$955
Global Missions: \$1,975
Total — \$2,930

**Thanks to your generosity, we
exceeded our Easter Missions
offering!**



HONORING OUR MOMS

We would like to include some photos in the Online Worship Service on Mother's Day. If you would like to share pictures of your Mom, you and your Mom, you and your children/grandchildren, etc., we would love to add these photos as part of the online Worship Service. Please note that your pictures **will** be available to be viewed online as part of the Worship Service on HVBC's YouTube Channel and via www.hvbc.org.

Please email photos to Robin at robin@hvbc.org as soon as possible. Pictures must be received **by Friday, May 7 at 10:00 pm**. If you received the photo in an email, you can forward the original message to Robin.

In the case of pictures that are not available as a computer file, you can take a picture of the photo using your phone, tablet, etc., and email that to Robin. If you need help converting a photo, contact Rhonda Welfare, 919-599-7367.

Thank you!



THANK you.

I want to Thank You for each expression of love that I received this past weekend as I ended my Interim at Hope Valley. Thank You for the kind words of affirmation. I have enjoyed reading the notes and cards and have been celebrating our time together. May God's richest blessings fall on you individually and as a congregation as you move forward!

Bill Pyle