



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Sermon Series: The Man After God's Own Heart

July 11

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-22
Title: Undignified

July 18

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Title: A House that Saves

July 25

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:1-15
Title: Fidelity

CHURCH STAFF

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Brothers and sisters,

Can you believe we are already over halfway through 2021? I know that, for me, a lot has happened since the year began! I started out the year working with the City of Raleigh's Parks department, answering phones and assisting guests. Eventually, I began speaking with the Pastor Search Team here at Hope Valley about the possibility of serving this church as Senior Pastor. And now, after two months as your Senior Pastor, I ask myself, "What defined the first half of 2021 for me? How would I describe it?"

For me, the word that comes to mind is *opportunity*. During the first half of this year, I had the opportunity to read widely about all manner of subjects from American history to writing to technical religious scholarship. I had the opportunity to read and reread works of fiction that reminded me of how wonderful and creative we can be as human beings. And as I did that, it gave me the chance to take a step back and ask myself about my own spiritual, theological, and vocational passions. I was reminded of the wonder of God's creation as these different authors wrote so beautifully about the world around them or about the worlds they saw in their imaginations. I was reminded of the wonderful community of God as I worked at the community center, as families and groups of friends would come in after spending the day together, as strangers struck up conversations, and I got to know new people. And when the opportunity to serve God's people at Hope Valley came, I heard my call to ministry spoken to me in new, refreshing ways. I heard that call spoken to me in ways that were good and life-giving. I felt good about the opportunity to dive back into church-work, to begin serving God through ministry with God's people once again.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Valle De Esperanza Iglesia Bautista COVID-19 Pandemic

Church family with Health Concerns:

Irene Barnes - heart issues
Sam & Pat Beasley
Karen Bolton - flare up of trigeminal nerve pain
Joan Burke
Rachel Dossett - recovery from leg surgery
Heidi Hall - spinal muscular atrophy (daughter of Sandra & Rick Hall)
Woody Harton - stroke
Julie Hayes - fire at apartment complex, staying at hotel
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 - recovery from shoulder surgery
Jerry Tew - Parkinson's
Carolyn Tippett - recovery from hip surgery, leukemia
Wayne Webster - recovery from fall, in rehab
Shelby Yates - upcoming surgery

Senior Living Centers:

Family Care Home: Fadine Harris - under Hospice care
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 Bidy - seizures (daughter-in-law of Peggy Bidy)
Hayley Brady - blood clots in lungs (sister of Ginger Rose)
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)
Fulton de La Morton - back issues (friend of Dossett's)
Josh, Jamie Denton & their 2 daughters - COVID (son of Connie Bass)
JaQuavon 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 - (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)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

Alphus & Sherri Herndon - he has cancer & she has Alzheimer's (cousin of Brenda Morton & Irene Barnes)
Tom Jackson - health problems (former interim Pastor)
Dana Kelly - heart issues (father of Don Kelly)
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)
Payton & Brittany Rigsbee - both have health concerns (granddaughters of Carol Rigsbee)
Ashley Robbins - cancer (granddaughter of Brenda Morton)
Bill Roberson (friend of Scott Rose)
Joe Rollins - recovery from fall (cousin of Carol Atkins)
Robbie Sanders - kidney stones (son of Barbara 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 & direction (request by the Dossetts)
Woodrow Taylor - recovery from shoulder surgery (father of Jennifer Bowen)
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)
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)
John Williams, Senior and family - under hospice care (uncle of Linda Ward)

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 - missionary with ServeTrust working in India;
Pastor Koteswarao & Chowtu Palem Church (our partner church in India)



LOCAL MISSIONS

Missions Opportunity: Summer Snacks Project

The Missions Team has kicked off a project to provide some easy lunch or snack items for families at McDougall Terrace in Durham. **We will run this project through August 19.** Our goal is to make deliveries every 2 weeks to the community. Here is a list of specific food items that would be appreciated:

- Cups of fruit – peaches, applesauce, etc.
- Pudding cups
- Peanut butter (small jars, not glass)
- Granola bars
- Jelly (small jars, not glass)
- Nab Crackers
- Individual sized animal crackers
- Individual cups of macaroni & cheese, ravioli, spaghetti

There are 3 different ways you can help!

1. You can participate by purchasing any of these items and dropping them off at the church. We have a covered plastic bin outside the office door where they can be placed.
2. If you would rather participate by giving a monetary donation, the missions team will purchase the needed items. Please make checks payable to HVBC and designate - Summer Snacks Project.
3. If you would like to be a contact person to help with the delivery of the food, contact Julie Stoops, Leigh Bigger, or Barbara Rowley.

Thank you in advance for your help with this mission opportunity to serve others!



Effective Tuesday July 13,
the new church office hours
will be:
Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday from
10:00 am—2:00 pm.



Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven

By Dr. David Jeremiah

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

End Date: Tuesday, November 16

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.



Lemonade on the Lawn July 18

Join the Family Ministries Team for our next Lemonade on the Lawn on July 18th as we enjoy a time of refreshment and community in the Rose Garden.

If you would like to help with this time of fun fellowship by providing cookies or by spending a little bit of time after worship pouring and greeting, please contact Amy Herring or the church office.



Congratulations to Janet Zarea on the birth of a grandson! Rory Casper was born on Tuesday, June 29.

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I tell you all that in part because I want you all to know me better and have a better understanding of where I continue to feel my call to ministry coming from. It continues to come from God and it continues to come through my own interactions with other people. And now, at the beginning of July, I ask myself, "What will the second half of 2021 be for me? What will it be for us at Hope Valley Baptist Church? What word will I associate with it?" As I think about the ministries we are already engaged in—the Summer Snacks Program and Hope House—and I consider our most recent event, Lemonade on the Lawn, my hope is that word will be "hospitality." As the world continues to struggle with the pandemic, I am encouraged by the way that people in different communities, including our own, are reaching out and helping one another. I hope that we, as a church family, will continue to reach out to folks. I hope that we will continue to look for the image of God in each other and in our neighbors. I hope we will seek creative ways to love God's people during this second half of the year.

I hope you will take some time to reflect on this year—what it has been and what it can be. I hope you will join me in striving to be more hospitable to people. And I hope you will look for little ways to be good and kind to others. You may want to call a friend or neighbor to check on them. You may want to make a donation to a local non-profit. You may want to just spend some time in fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ over lemonade and cookies. Regardless, know that God goes with you through it all, faithfully calling you to do the work of God's kingdom.

Grace and peace to you all,
Pastor Ben



Dear friends,
Thank you so much for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and visits for the loss of my sister. It meant so much to me.

With Love,
LaVerne Ellis

Mike and I are very grateful for the many ways you have encouraged and supported us both since I broke my leg. I am happy to report I am progressing well. We would covet your continued prayers for my healing. It will take a year for the femur to heal and be fully stable.

Love and blessings to all,
Rachel Dossett

We would like to thank everyone for all of the support you have shown us during Marie's recent shoulder surgery. All of the thoughts, prayers and meals were very much appreciated. It is just wonderful to have a church family like Hope Valley. Thank you again.

Marie & Johnny Bush



The Nominating Team would like to thank the many members who have returned their nominating emails for the coming church year. We will publish an updated Nominating Report in the next Illuminator. In the meantime, the following teams can use more hands. If you have any questions about what is involved, please reach out to a member of the Nominating Team:

- Greeters
- Carolina Reserve Sunday School class
- Preschool Sunday School class
- Wednesday Meals
- Properties

Thank you for all the many ways in which you help our church serve as the hands and feet of Christ in our congregation and our community.

- Jennifer Bowen
- Johnny Bush
- Rachel Dossett
- Gail Templeton
- Linda Ward