



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

June 27

Scripture: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Title: Grace Above All

July 4

Scripture: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 10

Title: Humility and Unity

July 11

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

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Brothers and sisters,

Over the last few days, I've been reflecting on some of the things we talked about this past Sunday. In particular, I've thought about the way Saul's armor constrained David, the way it prevented him from moving. Ultimately, David cast the armor aside because he knew it would prevent him from being faithful. It would hinder his ability to serve God. And it reminded me of a story from my time as a waiter.

After undergrad, I took some time off from school before heading to seminary. During that time, I worked for a few months as a waiter at Logan's Roadhouse in Goldsboro, my hometown. The job was good and the people I worked with were fun and interesting. And, honestly, most of the time the customers were fun and interesting as well—though a few tables I served still stick out in my mind. One of them in particular came in during a weekday lunch rush. The party consisted of four men and I quickly recognized what I was looking at. Three of the men had badges on their shirt pockets from the local mental hospital. One man didn't and I could tell by the way the other three were interacting with him that he was either a patient or someone they knew who lived with mental illness (I'll call him Harry).

That, in and of itself, was not all that unusual. What struck me about these four men was the way they so clearly cared about each other. When they sat at my table, one of the men, I'll call him Joe, sat directly beside Harry, wrapped his arm around him, and said, "Alright man, isn't this special? We're here at Logan's! What sounds good to you?" With that, Joe began to read the entire menu to his friend and describe everything to him. Harry was mostly non-verbal, but it didn't matter. His friends understood him. As those two worked through the menu, one of the other guys (Frank) ordered for himself and Joe. The fourth man (Tommy) was busy getting silverware allocated and making sure everything on the table was just right.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Sympathy is extended to LaVerne Ellis & family in the death of her sister, Sybil Hurst.

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 - upcoming shoulder surgery on July 8
Jerry Tew - Parkinson's
Carolyn Tippet - recovery from hip surgery, leukemia
Wayne Webster - recovery from fall, in rehab

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 Biddy - seizures (daughter-in-law of Peggy & Doug Biddy)
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)
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)

Tom Jackson - health problems (former interim Pastor)
Dana Kelly - heart issues (father of Don Kelly)
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 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)
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 and 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)
Tommy Walker - recovery from heart surgery (brother of Mary Myers)
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 would like to kick 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!



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.



Dear Ones,

Thank you seems so inadequate for the gratitude and love I feel for our church family. You have kept us covered in prayer and so many expressions of your love these past few years with all Doug's health problems. Your cards, calls prayers and support helped keep us going through this past, hard year of our move to Raleigh and then Doug's move to the memory care facility. I truly "Thank my God at every remembrance of you."

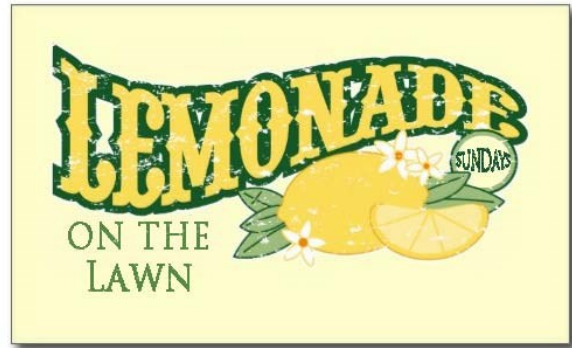
With love,
 Peggy Biddy

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Eventually, I got everyone's order, put it in to the kitchen, and brought the food out to them. The whole time, all four were carrying on a conversation and having a great time. When the food hit the table, the three workers set into helping each other. Joe kept talking with Harry, hyping up his food, and cutting Harry's chicken tenders and fries up so he could eat them easily. He asked for a side of barbecue sauce, Harry's favorite, and I quickly got some for him. While that was happening, Tommy immediately started eating so he could be done in time to switch out with Joe, and Frank was cutting up Joe's steak so he could eat it quickly after he switched out. All of this happened without a word of coordination between them. They had done this before. They knew how to care for each other. When Harry's food came and he danced, they all danced. When Harry wanted to speak, they listened. When Joe, Frank, or Tommy spoke, Harry would listen too. And when they each needed help from each other, help came without hesitation.

Saul's armor, that worldly armor, constrained David and did not allow him to move. David understood that the only thing he needed to carry with him was the grace of God. In a similar way, those four men wore no worldly armor. No pride. No anger. No impatience. No vanity. Instead, they were clothed in love and mercy, respect and dignity, joy and humility. I think about those four guys a lot because I am convinced that on that day, in a Logan's Roadhouse, I caught a glimpse of the kingdom of God. May we all seek to clothe ourselves in God's grace.

Grace and peace to you all,
Pastor Ben



Lemonade on the Lawn July 4th

Lemonade on the Lawn is a great way for all ages to serve and to get to know others.

Join the Family Ministries Team on July 4th for our first Lemonade on the Lawn of the year 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.



As the church is regathering, the Nominating Team will be contacting members about resuming their previous roles or taking on new ministries. Please prayerfully consider where you can use your gifts and talents within the church. We know that one area of need will be for more ushers, but an updated nominating report will be issued with the next Illuminator showing other areas of service that need more hands.

Thank you for your continued support for our church and its ministries.



Hello friends!

I received some excellent news from my surgery that I wanted to share with you. The surgeon is confident that he removed all of the cancer! I will be receiving radiation and other treatments for the next few months.

I thank you so much for your prayers and kindness. It means so much to me.

Peace & Love,
Robin

Finance Report Month Ending May 2021

Accounts	Month	Year-to-Date
Income	\$23,717.00	\$ 99,823.00
Expenses		
Missions	1,071.50	8,426.00
Personnel	12,168.50	56,775.86
Training & Education	499.71	2,864.38
Worship & Music	224.98	986.91
Operating Expenses	3,939.08	7,484.74
Property/Maintenance	1,744.15	13,390.88
Service Contracts	2,981.10	10,100.83
Total Expenses	<u>\$22,629.02</u>	<u>\$100,059.60</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 1,087.98</u>	<u>\$ (236.60)</u>
Bank Balance		\$128,553.12
Less Designated Fund Balance		<u>(60,476.40)</u>
Operating Fund Balance		<u>\$ 68,076.72</u>
Designated Fund Beginning Balance		\$ 62,100.77
Revenue		2,367.75
Expenses		<u>(3,992.12)</u>
Designated Fund Ending Balance		<u>\$ 60,476.40</u>
Goodwin Fund		<u>\$ 41,489.79</u>
Total Designated & Goodwin Funds		<u>\$101,966.19</u>
Capital Campaign FUND Balance		\$ 20,496.33





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 Jackie Russell Cheryl Wallace	7 Al Holt	8	9 Toby Bowen	10
11	12	13	14 Christiana Ngeve Mark Russell Ben Wines	15	16 Mary Kyles Chris Summerlin	17
18	19	20 Percy Horton Don Kelly	21	22	23	24 Kevin Bynog
25 Mike Dossett	26	27 Carolyn Tippet	28 Susan Bentley	29 Jennifer Bowen	30	31