



Hope Valley
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

May 30

Trinity Sunday

Scripture: John 3:1-17

Title: The Community of God

**Sermon Series: The Man
After God's Own Heart**

June 6

Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:1-22

Title: Rejection

June 13

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:34-16-13

Title: On Eyes

CHURCH STAFF

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Brothers and sisters,

It is incredible to me to think that my first month as your Senior Pastor has almost already come and gone! I am enjoying getting to meet new people and getting to know everyone here more fully. Thank you all for continuing to be patient with me as I learn names and learn how different things operate here at Hope Valley. I am grateful to be a part of this community of believers.

As we do get to know each other better, I wanted to give you all a bit of a preview of what's to come in worship during this summer. All my life, the churches that I have either attended or worked in have had pastors who preached sermon series. Typically, a series would last anywhere from four to twelve weeks, depending on what the topic being considered was. I, myself, tend to think that sermon series are really helpful in worship because it allows us all to spend a longer period of time considering either an important figure in the Bible, an important image or set of images, or an important idea. I have always felt that sermon series give us a way to think about our faith together as a church family.

So, over the next nine weeks, we will be taking a look at King David. The series will be entitled, "The Man After God's Own Heart" and will be a series focused on the complexity of David's character and the goodness and mercy of God's character. To me, David is such an interesting figure because he so fully embodies what it means to be human. David is someone whose actions can reach the heights of goodness and faithfulness, but can also fall to the depths of corruption and sin. And yet, somehow, David is still referred to as "the man after God's own heart." He is still included in Jesus' genealogy to the point that Jesus is sometimes referred to as, "the son of David." He ends up embodying this tension that Christians always live in—that while we are saved, we are still sinners.

Thus, David's character ends up asking us a lot of interesting questions that I hope we can explore over the next nine weeks. What does it mean to be human? What does it mean to be faithful? What does it mean for God to be faithful to us? How should our faith affect our relationships with other people? How should our faith affect our relationship with God? These are not always easy questions to answer, but I think that so much of growing in our faith and learning to be disciples comes from wrestling with tough questions.

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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
Doug & Peggy Bidy - Doug under Hospice care
Karen Bolton - flare up of trigeminal nerve pain
Joan Burke
Rachel Dossett - recovery from leg surgery
Marie Bush - recovery from shoulder replacement
Laura Gentry - recovery from fall
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 - chemo treatments
Jerry Tew - Parkinson's
Carolyn Tippet - recovery from hip surgery, leukemia
Wayne Webster - recovery from fall, in rehab
Shelby Yates

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 Bidy - seizures (daughter-in-law of Peggy & Doug Bidy)
Hayley Brady - blood clots in lungs (sister of Ginger Rose)
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)
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)
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 Soltz (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)
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)
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 - has COVID, missionary with ServeTrust working in India; Pastor Koteswarao & Chowtu Palem Church (our partner church in India)



**Memorial Day
May 31**



**Hope Valley Baptist Church
Blood Drive**

Will be held in the Fellowship Hall
6900 Garrett Road, Durham NC 27707

**Friday, June 11, 2021
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Schedule a blood donation appointment today:
Download the Blood Donor App | Red-CrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767



Dear Church Family,

We are very grateful and humbled by the many ways you've supported us during this past year. We're thankful Grant continues to make progress as he copes with cancer and that Jerry can maintain some stability in his ongoing struggle with Parkinson's. Your prayers are a source of strength to us and may each of you be equally blessed.

Praise be to God,
Idell and Jerry Tew

Friends,

As you probably know by now, I have finished my chemo treatments. I do say this with much excitement in my voice. We met with the surgeon and he will perform lumpectomies on June 11. It will be outpatient surgery, which I am thankful for. I have a few weeks to continue to recuperate from the chemo treatments.

On an unbelievable note, I received **142** cards since January from my friends at HVBC. These cards have brought joy to me every time I received one. I am blessed and I pray for my full time return soon.

Peace and Love,
Robin Wimberley

Celebration of Life

for

George Hunt

Sunday, June 6, 2021

1:00 pm

Triangle Grace Church

5001 Tudor Place, Durham

Visitation afterwards



Hello all!

As the summer has arrived and a new academic year will be starting in a couple short months, we are looking for new members to join the Hope Valley Baptist Youth Team! The aim is for the team to be a diverse group with two focuses: 1) love God 2) love students. As such, members should have active spiritual lives and be willing to connect with students. They are a phenomenally fun and wise group, and it is a treat to get to know them!

Serving on the Youth Team is a great way to plug into the church! If you are interested, know someone who may be interested, or know someone who would be good at serving students in this way, reach out and let Sean know! He can be reached at sean.timmons@duke.edu or (757)771-4904.

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As we move into this series and into the summer, my prayer is that we will be able to glean wisdom and instruction from the life of David. My prayer will also be that we will continue to meet the challenges posed to us by the pandemic. Even as things begin to open back up and life begins to resemble something like normal for us, let us continue to pray for those in our own society for whom the dangers of the pandemic are still very real. And do continue to pray for health and peace for all God's children in every nation.

Grace and peace to you all,
Ben



Attention Graduates

Please contact the church office **by June 7** if you are graduating this year or have a family member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school. We will be recognizing and honoring graduates on June 13.



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.



The CDC, in its May 13 Guidance advises that in most settings, fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing face coverings or physically distancing. On May 14, NC Governor Roy Cooper lifted NC's mask and social distancing mandates in many settings to reflect the CDC's latest Guidance.

Based on this information as well as comments and questions from our church family, the Church Council has approved the following:

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

- People continue to wear masks inside the sanctuary building until further notice.
- People do NOT need to wear masks outside while on the church campus.
- Seating restrictions in the sanctuary have been mostly eliminated, but we encourage distancing.
- Hymnals and Bibles have been replaced in the pews.
- Congregational hymn singing with masks is now allowed.
- We will discontinue dismissing of congregation at the end of the service.
- We will continue to monitor attendance for contact tracing purposes.

Sunday School and HVBC Group Meetings:

- As of July 4, 2021 Sunday School classes may begin meeting in classrooms in the Education Building. Each class will decide whether to meet in person or continue meeting virtually. The regathering committee, with input from Sunday School Leadership, will discuss the details between now and the reopening of the building.
- As of July 1, 2021, HVBC groups who wish to meet in person in the Education Building are permitted to do so. As always, the person responsible for the meeting must notify the church office to reserve the room at the time requested.

Kathryn Bunch for the Regathering Committee