



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

August 22

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20
Title: Ambassadors

Sermon Series:

A Book of Straw

August 29

Scripture: James 1:17-27
Title: Doers of the Word

September 5

Scripture: James 2:1-17
Title: Partiality and Practice

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Brothers and sisters,

I hope that the Illuminator this week finds each of you happy and healthy. The last two weeks have been eventful! We have made yet another delivery to the folks at McDougald Terrace and are planning to make one more. We have begun, in earnest, a school supply drive to benefit the teachers and students over at Parkwood Elementary School (be sure to check the list of needed supplies here in the Illuminator!). And we have wrapped up our sermon series on King David, "The Man After God's Own Heart." This past Sunday, August 15, and next Sunday, August 22, we're taking some time to read a couple passages from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and then, starting the next Sunday, August 29, we will begin a whole new series, entitled, "A Book of Straw." So, I wanted to take some time and cast a little bit of a vision of our next sermon series.

First of all, this series will be shorter than the series on David. With David, we were looking at the highs and lows of a person's entire life. In the new series, we will be looking at some of the most famous passages from one of the shortest books in the Bible—the Letter of James. Since the letter is so much shorter than the accounts of David's life, we'll only be in this series through the month of September, but I like the idea of moving through a letter like this because we can get a much fuller understanding of James' beliefs in a shorter amount of time. And James' ideas about God and the Christian life are wonderful and life-giving.

So then, you may be wondering, "Why call the series 'A Book of Straw'? What does that mean?" The title of the series comes from Martin Luther's famous (or infamous) opinion of James' letter. He believed that there was nothing worthwhile in it, so he deemed it a "book of straw." He particularly disliked James' idea that "faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (James 2:17). Luther much preferred Paul's letter to the Romans and Paul's emphasis on faith alone, "For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law" (Romans 3:28). Luther also preferred Paul's writing style and abilities to James' style. Paul writes long, eloquent essays on complex theological topics, using complex Greek words and sentence structure, with soaring rhetoric that inspires and informs his reader. James writes very plainly. He writes in short sentences. He does not use long words. And his insights are incredible.

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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
Marilyn Flanary—recovery from foot surgery
Heidi Hall - spinal muscular atrophy (daughter of Sandra & Rick Hall)
Woody Harton
Kaye Jenkins - recovery from knee surgery
Jane Liske - under hospice care
Linda Marshall
Nancy Michal - in rehab
Brenda Morton - recovery from fall
Keith Packer - dialysis
Frank Pokorny - stomach pains
Carol Rigsbee
Barbara Sanders
Faye Shelton - blood cancer
Mary Summerlin - recovery from shoulder surgery
Jerry Tew - Parkinson's
Carolyn Tippet - leukemia
Shelby Yates - recovery from surgery

Senior Living Centers:

Family Care Home: Fadine Harris - under Hospice care
Durham Regent: Marcella Jerdon
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)
Jimmy Bolick - stroke (uncle of Amy Herring)
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)

Betty Ann Dickerson - feet & leg problems (friend of Carol Atkins)

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 (daughter of Gary & Mary Kyles)
Kathy Goodfellow - cancer, under hospice care (cousin of Scott Rose)
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)
Jimmy Hill - COVID (father of Amy Herring)
David Hill - COVID (brother of Amy Herring)

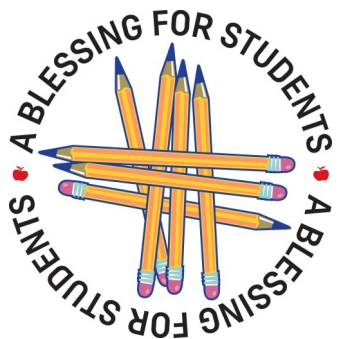
PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

Tom Jackson - health problems (former interim Pastor)
Dana Kelly - heart issues (father of Don Kelly)
Kaylee Bigger Kuzbary - COVID (daughter of Leigh Bigger)
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)
Bill & Nadine Loftis - he has cancer (friends of the Bowen's)
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)
Family of Rondo McIntosh (friend of Leigh Bigger)
Lauren Minotti - recovery from surgery (granddaughter of Barbara Sanders)
Hallie Moore (friend of Sean Timmons)
Hazel Norman - recovery from 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 (son of Jerry & Idell Tew)
Ronnie Thompson - cancer (son of Marie Thompson)
Heath Tuttle - 13-year-old with cancer (friend of Linda Ward)
Elaine & Tom vanDalen - health concerns (sister & brother-in-law of Karen Bolton)
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)
Tommy Wilson - heart issues (brother 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)

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Here's the thing—I think the ideas of Paul and James are *both* correct. I love the way that Paul can write such beautiful works about the boundless love and grace of God. I also love the way that James can speak so simply about how Christians can live in ways that testify to that love. James is an incredibly practical book. It is wonderfully relatable. A few years ago, I had a church member who told me that James' letter was his favorite book in the Bible. When I asked him, "Why is that?" he responded, "Because he tells it like it is. *I feel like he's actually talking to me.*" So, over the next five weeks, we're going to read through this letter and see what James has to say to us. We're going to look at the simple, practical, insightful advice he gives to all Christians. And we're going to see how James affirms the idea that God's love is unending, God's grace is boundless, and God's mercy knows no end. We will see that it is a book of wisdom, not straw.

Grace and peace to you all,
Pastor Ben



As our students begin a new school year, we look forward to our annual **Blessing of the Students** on **Sunday, August 22**. As part of this special service, we will have a prayer not only for our students, but also for all those involved in their educational endeavors. Please plan to join us!

PRAY
for our
Students



For several years, the Student Prayer Partner program at Hope Valley has been an important part of the church's ministry to young people and families through strengthening the inter-generational relationships that are so necessary for church community and the passing-on of faith. If you are willing to make a commitment to pray for and to provide tangible expressions of love and support for a child, youth, or young adult in our church during the upcoming school year, please sign-up via the [Sign-Up Genius Link](#) (which will also be sent out via email), or by contacting Amy Herring (amy@hvbc.org) at the church office.

Once you have selected a student (or students), you will receive an email containing information related to your student including his/her birthdate, address (and email address if applicable), and phone number. You are encouraged to contact your student at least once a month—especially on holidays and his/her birthday. Contact can be as simple as a phone call, email, or letter or card dropped in the mail. You are also encouraged to occasionally mail or drop-off special surprises as appropriate (stickers, balloons/simple crafts for younger students; care packages for college students, etc.).

Student Prayer Partner Sign-Up Link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EAEA923A5F94-20212022>

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

8/22—Linda Hall & Johnny Bush
8/29—Keith Packer & Anne Pokorny
9/5— John Myers & Joe Story



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.



Please mark your calendars for our next Families Moving Forward on

September 21, 2021.

We will provide food for 12 individuals (parents and children) and need volunteers onsite to serve and clean up.

Please contact Anne Pokorny with questions.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE MINISTRIES

Interested? Help Wanted:

The Missions Team has heard about a new ministry possibility in our area and we would like to hear if YOU are interested. We may partner with another church, Durham World Relief or the NC Welcome House Network to help in already-existing English classes.

HVBC Volunteers can assist or teach in ESL Classes, participate in “Conversational English” groups for ESL students, or serve as a reading tutor for new English speakers. There may be other opportunities in language Ministries, depending on your interests and identified program needs. More details will be available depending on how many folks sign up **by August 31.**

Please pray about this potential new ministry opportunity. If you are curious and possibly available to assist in language ministries, please respond by calling the church office to let Robin or Ben know; or contact one of the missions team members: Julie Stoops, Barbara Sanders, Barbara Rowley, Amy Herring, Leigh Bigger.



August 29

Join the Family Ministries Team for our next Lemonade on the Lawn on August 29 as we enjoy a time of refreshment and community in the Rose Garden.

**Finance Report
Month Ending July 2021**

Accounts	Month	Year to Date
Income	\$21,339.40	\$138,823.40
Expenses		
Missions	2,633.25	12,185.75
Personnel	12,168.50	81,112.86
Training & Education	992.34	3,981.30
Worship & Music	100.00	1,111.03
Operating Expenses	1,210.06	9,422.61
Property/Maintenance	1,564.62	20,149.21
Service Contracts	2,338.46	14,868.34
Total Expenses	<u>\$21,007.23</u>	<u>\$142,831.10</u>
Net Income	<u>\$332.17</u>	<u>(\$4,007.70)</u>
Bank Balance		\$132,879.90
Less Designated Fund Balance		<u>(68,760.66)</u>
Operating Fund Balance		<u>\$64,119.24</u>
Designated Fund Beginning Balance		\$66,028.62
Revenue		3,683.00
Expenses		<u>(950.96)</u>
Designated Fund Ending Balance		<u>\$68,760.66</u>
Goodwin Fund		<u>\$41,491.85</u>
Total Designated & Goodwin Funds		<u>\$110,252.51</u>
Capital Campaign FUND Balance		\$22,656.33



The Missions team is sponsoring a school supplies drive for Parkwood Elementary School this year.

We would like to fill bookbags for those students with financial needs. Also, we hope to assist those Connect teachers with special needs.

Bookbag items that are suggested are:

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| backpacks | pencils |
| erasers | rulers |
| composition books | glue sticks |
| children's scissors | graph paper |
| expo markers | colored pencils |
| wide-ruled lined paper | |

You could buy any of these items and the team will fill the separate backpacks.

List of Connect teachers needs:

ART - markers, crayons, glue, paintbrushes

STEM - foil, tape, straws, popsicle sticks, glue, playing cards, cotton balls, LEGOs

MUSIC - storybooks about musicians for young students, pencils and markers

PE - air pumps, rugged playground balls and equipment, soccer balls, tennis balls, hula hoops, pool noodles (30)

All Connect teachers need baby wipes, clorox wipes, tissues, and large bottles of hand sanitizer.

Monetary donations are fine. Just indicate on the envelope "school supplies."

Collection deadline is **August 29**. You will find labeled bins in the Vestibule & in the back hall of the church in which to place your items.

Thank you for your generosity.



**American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

Give Blood • Give Life

**Hope Valley Baptist Church
Blood Drive**

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

**Friday, September 17, 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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Lisa Russell	6 Peggy Bidy Rhonda Woodell	7 Jonathan Herring Marie Thompson	8	9	10 Betty Holt	11 Julie Stoops
12 Phil Woodell	13	14 Richie O'Briant	15	16	17 Sandra Aldridge Pat Beasley Candy Taylor	18
19 Janet Zarea	20	21	22	23	24 Danielle Myers	25 Frank Pokorny Faye Shelton
26 Rachel Dossett	27	28 Faye Finch Shelby Yates	29 Tommie Calhoun	30		