



# Hope Valley

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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

# *Illuminator*

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### **UPCOMING SUNDAYS:**

#### **Sermon Series:**

#### ***We Are How We Eat***

#### **November 14**

Scripture: Mark 2:13-22

Title: *Eating with Sinners*

#### **November 21**

#### **Christ the King Sunday**

Scripture: John 18:33-38a

Title: *If*

#### **Sermon Series:**

#### ***Incredible***

#### **November 28**

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

Scripture: Luke 1:5-25

Title: *Believing the Unbelievable*

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Brothers and sisters,

Believe it or not, we are less than three weeks away from the beginning of Advent! It amazes me how, each year, November just seems to melt away. Regardless, we've got a lot of really exciting services coming up throughout the rest of the year. This coming Sunday, November 14, will be the close of our sermon series, "We Are How We Eat." Then the next Sunday, November 21, will be Christ the King Sunday, a day on which we celebrate the royal, regal nature of Christ's character. The Sunday after that, November 28, is the First Sunday of Advent—the Sunday of Hope—and our Hanging of the Greens Service. I'm excited for this Advent season. I'm excited for this season of preparation as we await the celebration of Christ's birth. I'm excited for the simple fact that this is our first Advent together! In another part of the Illuminator we've printed the schedule of services for the Advent season with times so everyone can be sure to make plans to be here for those services.

As we move closer to the season of Advent, I did want to go on and tell you all about our Advent and Christmas sermon series, "Incredible". I know that may sound like an underwhelming title for a series, but as I sat here and thought about the different passages we're going to look at, the different people we'll meet, and the way that God brings it all together, the only word that kept coming to mind was, "Incredible." And for this sermon series, I want us to think of the word *incredible* in all its different meanings. Most of the time, when you hear the word *incredible* you think of something being great, right? Krispy Kreme Doughnuts? Incredible! *The Sound of Music*? Incredible! Spending time with loved ones? Incredible! And I do think that applies to the season of Advent as well. The Savior of the world is coming? 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  
Phyllis Edwards - surgery recovery  
**LaVerne Ellis - home after hospital stay**  
Marilyn Flanary - recovery from foot surgery  
Heidi Hall - spinal muscular atrophy (daughter of Sandra & Rick Hall)  
Woody Harton - recovering from a recent fall  
Kaye Jenkins - recovery from knee surgery  
Bonnie Lyon - recovery from fall  
Linda Marshall  
Nancy Michal - in rehab  
Brenda Morton - recovery from fall  
Mary Myers - cataract surgery  
Keith Packer - dialysis  
Frank Pokorny - recovery from surgeries  
Carol Rigsbee  
Barbara Sanders - family members  
Faye Shelton - blood cancer  
Mary Summerlin - recovery from shoulder surgery  
Jerry Tew - Parkinson's  
Carolyn Tippet - leukemia  
Emmett Ward - hurt right hip  
Phil Woodell - recovery from knee surgery

**Expectant Families:**

Kaylee & Daniel Kuzbary (daughter of Leigh Bigger)  
Hannah & Chase Thompson (daughter of Julie & Dave Stoops)

**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 Biddy - seizures (daughter-in-law of Peggy Biddy)  
Jimmy Bolick - recovery from 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)  
Betty Ann Dickerson - feet & leg problems (friend of Carol Atkins)  
Carolyn Draper - COVID (friend of Susan Bentley)  
JaQuavion Ervin - young boy in foster care with no family (from Scott Rose)  
Amy Eubanks - 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)  
Hazel Graham - COVID  
Greg - blood clots (son-in-law of Linda Marshall)  
Phyllis Griffiths - lupus (sister-in-law of Terry & Betty Griffiths)

***PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)***

Jackie Harris - dementia (aunt of Julie Stoops, sister of Tommie Calhoun)  
David Hayes - pacemaker (brother of Julie Hayes)  
Alphus & Sherri Herndon - he has cancer & she has Alzheimer's (cousin of Brenda Morton & Irene Barnes)  
Tom Jackson - health problems (former interim Pastor)  
Bob Johnson - under hospice care (cousin of Scott Rose)  
Dana Kelly - heart issues (father of Don Kelly)  
**Rich Kilbride - recovery from surgery (uncle of Amy Herring)**  
Mike Layne - heart attack & surgery (family member of the Dossett's)  
Paul Lemay - cancer (uncle of Kevin Simone)  
Lindsey - anorexia (friend of Jonathan Herring)  
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)  
Lauren Minotti - recovery from surgery (granddaughter of Barbara Sanders)  
Hallie Moore (friend of Sean Timmons)  
Faye Myers - grandchild of Laverne Ellis' neighbor  
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)  
Andy Sikes - health issues (grandson of Dawn Sikes, former member)  
**Cheryl Skinner - health concerns (daughter of Barbara Rowley)**  
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)  
**Adam Stoops - Hodgkins Lymphoma (nephew of Dave Stoops)**  
Irene Taylor - heart & bladder issues (mother of Rachel Dossett)  
Matthew Taylor - salvation & direction (request by the Dossetts)  
Grant Tew - cancer (son of Jerry & Idell Tew)  
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)  
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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But the word *incredible* also means, “difficult or impossible to believe; too extraordinary and improbable to be believed.” And as we read through the passages I’ve chosen for this sermon series, I think you’ll find that the people in these stories believed that what they were hearing was incredible too. It was impossible to think that this was happening. The plan God was setting in motion was too improbable, too unlikely to work. And yet, time and again, we see the people have faith. We see people trust in God. And, of course, we know that doing *incredible* things—that’s God’s specialty. So I want us to take some time this Advent to think of the incredible things God has done for humanity. I also want us to take some time to think of the incredible things God has done for each of us.

This will be the last Illuminator before Thanksgiving, so I would encourage you to think about these things over the Thanksgiving holiday as well. What are the things you’re thankful for? What are the things God has done that amaze you? How can you do something *incredible* for your friends, your family, your neighbors?

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ben



**Sunday, November 14,  
after morning Worship**

The Finance Team will present the 2022 Proposed Budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available in the church vestibule.

## **Deacon Ordination December 5**

Please be sure to join us as we have a deacon ordination for the following:

Scott Rose  
Mary Summerlin  
Rhonda Welfare

We are asking for church members to write letters or cards of encouragement to these new deacons. You can leave your letter or card to the new deacon at this service.



From the  
**Deacons**

**Please contact Robin if you would  
like to have a CD of the worship  
services delivered to you.**

### ***DEACONS OF THE WEEK***

11/14—Mike Bunch & Johnny Bush  
11/21—Mike Dossett & Brenda Doyle  
11/28—Phyllis Edwards & Linda Hall

### **SHOEBOXES FOR APPALACHIA**

Thanks to your generosity, 37 well-packed shoeboxes (each including a Bible) and \$1,130.00 were donated to Olive Branch Ministries' Shoeboxes for Appalachia Project. We appreciate your support and pray that these gifts will bless the children, youth, and adults who receive them and help them experience God's love.



As Christmas approaches, the deacons will again be organizing our Christmas Card Exchange for church members. There will be a box in the vestibule on Sunday mornings and outside the church office during the week for people to drop off their cards with the member's name on the envelope. Please have all cards to the church by December 5. On December 12, the sorted cards will be bagged and waiting for pick up in the vestibule before or after morning worship. The deacons will deliver any cards not retrieved by December 19. If you know that you will not be at church on either of those Sundays, please let the church office know and we will arrange delivery of your cards after December 5.

If you wish to make a contribution to the Missions Offering in honor of the Christmas Card Exchange, we suggest a donation of 25 cents per card "mailed." Your donation can be dropped off with your cards or donated through the usual options of online, mail, or in the offering on Sunday mornings.



October through December are the months that Hope Valley is assigned to provide food for the Yates Association Food Pantry. Everyone is encouraged to pick up a few grocery items for this needed ministry. The pantry depends on the churches of the Association to keep this project going. You may place your donations in the brown bins in the vestibule and in the children's hallway or bring them by the church office. Thanks for your support!

#### Items Needed:

Peanut Butter	Mustard
Jelly	Mayonnaise
Rice	Miracle Whip
Instant Potatoes	Canned Soup-
Mac/Cheese	Oatmeal
Grits	Juices
Canned Meats	Cereal

## Thanksgiving Dinner

Spending Thanksgiving without friends and family? You may be alone but you don't have to be lonely. Join members of the Hope Valley Baptist Church family and invited guests for a Thanksgiving potluck at the church at **1:00 pm on Thursday, November 25**. We will supply the meat and you bring a side dish, bread, or dessert — or all three!

Guests attend at their own risk, but appropriate COVID control measures will be taken during the event. Masks must be **CORRECTLY** worn at all times unless you are in the process of eating, and social distance should be maintained. Tables will be carefully spaced, and participants will be seated in family groups or with others with whom they have interacted during the Pandemic. If eligible, participants are encouraged to be vaccinated prior to the event.

Please do not attend if you have been diagnosed with COVID within the last 14 days or if you or anyone in your household is quarantined or is exhibiting symptoms.

For more information or to sign up, contact Rhonda Welfare, [rwelfare411@gmail.com](mailto:rwelfare411@gmail.com) or 919/599-7367. **Reservations MUST be made by Wednesday, November 17.**



## Trunk-or-Treat

On Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, the HVBC community came together to “TREAT” our neighbors to a tangible expression of God’s love as we welcomed over 200 people (over the course of two hours) to the church campus for Trunk-or-Treat 2021. A big thank you to those who made the event possible—whether you packed goodie bags, welcomed guests, donated money, candy, or decorations, decorated a pumpkin, a trunk, or a table, handed out treats, collected tickets, directed traffic, set up decorations, or helped clean up afterwards!

Also, congratulations to the following Trunk-or-Treat contest winners:

## Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest:

“The Raven” pumpkin-carving by Sarah Maureen Bowen

## Trunk Decorating Contest:

“Train” by the Bowen Family (Toby, Jennifer, Helen, and Sarah Maureen)

Take a look below at some of the pictures from this event!





**Join us at Hope Valley Baptist Church as we celebrate  
Advent and Christmas 2021**

November 28, 11:00 am: First Sunday of Advent and **Hanging of the Greens**

December 5, 11:00 am: Second Sunday of Advent and **Deacon Ordination**

December 12, 11:00 am: Third Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, December 15, 6:30 pm: **A Service of Lament**

*We gather to grieve our losses and reaffirm God's promise of hope as we worship through Scripture, prayer, and music.*

December 19, 11:00 am: Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 5:00 pm: ***Sing We Now of Christmas***

*Christmas music and Scripture presented by the singers and instrumentalists of HVBC.*

December 24, 5:00 pm: **Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service.**

December 26: First Sunday after Christmas

**All services will be held in the sanctuary as we follow Covid protocols.  
You may also go to [hvbc.org](http://hvbc.org) to view the services.**

**RED CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - Beautiful red poinsettias will decorate our Sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas season. To order your poinsettias, please complete the form below, attach your check made out to Hope Valley Baptist Church, and drop it in the offering plate or bring (or mail) it to the church office. (Please note on your check that it is for poinsettias). All orders must be received no later than Sunday, December 5.

I will provide \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) @ \$12.00 each      ( ) In honor      ( ) In memory

Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Hope Valley Baptist Church is attached.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Brenda Morton Mary Myers	11
12 Tom O'Briant	13 Woody Harton Moria Packer	14	15	16	17 Mary Summerlin	18 Ellie Summerlin
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Bobby Hunt
26	27 Sarah Maureen Bowen Kaye Jenkiins	28	29 Jessie Kelly	30	31 Maggie Hunt Kevin Simone Sean Timmons	