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## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS:**

<u>Sermon Series:</u> A Book of Straw

Scripture: James 3:13-4:10 Title: Choosing God

Scripture: James 5:13-20 Title: Prayers of the People

<u>Sermon Series</u>: We Are How We Eat

October 3 World Communion Sunday Scripture: Mark 6:30-44 Title: Twelve Baskets Full

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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## Brothers and sisters,

Early on in my time here at Hope Valley, I mentioned that I love coffee. I love the smell of coffee brewing. I love the rich taste of a good dark roast. I love coffee shops and the atmosphere they cultivate. There is a buzz in the air-though that could just be the caffeine! My favorite thing to order at a coffee shop is always a pour-over. A pour-over, for those that may not have ever ordered one, is essentially just a cup or two of coffee. But pour-overs take time and attention from the barista. The coffee beans have to be ground to a specific size. The water has to be heated to a specific temperature based on the roast of the bean. The grounds need to be "bloomed" with a little bit of water and then the barista must slowly pour the hot water over the grounds to ensure a smooth. silky texture to the finished coffee. It takes time, but my goodness it is worth it!

I actually have all the equipment I need to make pour-overs at home. I've got a burr coffee grinder so I can get the *exact* grind I want, a digital gooseneck kettle so I can heat the water to the *exact* temperature I want and control the flow of the water once it's been heated, and a glass Chemex to hold the coffee (glass is preferred since it imparts no flavor of its own to the brewed coffee). From start to finish, it takes about ten minutes to brew one cup of coffee. As a coffee-drinker, I love every step of the process and my friends who are coffee-drinkers enjoy it as well. But I do surprise some of them, because even with the Chemex and all the special equipment I own, I still have a Keurig machine. Within the coffee community, Keurigs are looked down upon. They are not as exact as a pour-over. K-cups are filled with pre-ground coffee, meaning it isn't as fresh as possible. And the machine forces the water through the grounds, rather than letting it work its way slowly through them. And so, I've overheard coffee-drinkers at my beloved coffee shops saying things like, "Ugh. I'd rather have nothing than have to drink Keurig coffee." But on a weekday morning, when I'm heading out the door to work, I don't have time to heat water to a specific temperature and set my grinder to a specific size. I don't have time to "bloom" my grounds. I just need coffee.

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#### PRAYER CONCERNS (new additions/updates in bold)

Sympathy is extended to:

- Rachel Dossett & family in the death of her brother, Keith.
- Marie Thompson & family in the death of her son, Ronnie Thompson.
- Mary Myers & family in the death of her sister, Esther Pitzer.
- Linda Marshall & family in the death of her brother, Gary Selig

Valle De Esperanza Iglesia Bautista COVID-19 Pandemic

## Church family with Health Concerns:

Irene Barnes - heart issues Sam & Pat Beaslev Karen Bolton - flare up of trigeminal nerve pain Joan Burke Rachel Dossett - recovery from leg surgery Phyllis Edwards - surgery recovery 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 Tippett - leukemia Phil Woodell - recovery from knee surgery 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 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 - COVID & back problems (former member) Grayson Evans - health issues (grandson of Ron & Gail Templeton) Greg - blood clots (son-in-law of Linda Marshall)

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 Griffitts - lupus (sister-in-law of Terry & Betty Griffitts) Steve Hannaman - heart attack (brother-in-law of Frances Smith) 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) 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) 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) 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 Rasberry - cancer (sister-in-law of Michelle Hunt) Weston Rasberry - 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) 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)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

## 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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Our faith can be like that too. It is wonderful to be able to take time to slow down, read the scriptures, pray over them, and spend time speaking to God and with God. Those dedicated times of prayer and reflection are incredible and I would not trade them for anything. They can be soul-nourishing and invigorating, the types of moments that help us to build strong faith. But sometimes life is hectic. Sometimes you just have to get out the door. Sometimes you just have to make a meeting or get to an appointment or get on the road. And so sometimes all we have time for is a quick prayer, a quick, "God, be with me," or, "Help me, God." Sometimes we can pour over the scriptures and sometimes we only have time for a quick reading. Both are valid. Both are faithful. Both are good. The important thing is that we find some time, any amount of time, to speak to God. If you can dedicate some time to an in-depth reading of the scripture, filled with prayer and contemplation, I would encourage you to do so. If you can't, I would encourage you to try and steal a minute or two here or there where you can say a quick prayer or reflect on your faith. Regardless, I would encourage you to spend whatever time you can with God. It will always be worth it.

Grace and peace to you all, Pastor Ben



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.



Lemonade on the Lawn, Student Prayer Partners, Trunk or Treat, Valentine's Banquet, Easter "Eggstravaganza," Ice Cream Social. What do all of these activities (and more!) have in common? They're all activities sponsored by the HVBC Family Ministries Team!

At HVBC, Family Ministries is not just about children or youth ministry. Rather, it's a ministry that seeks to build intergenerational relationships not only within our church family through "inward-focused" activities like Lemonade on the Lawn and Student Prayer Partners, but also with the greater community around us through more "outward-focused" activities like Fall Festival, and other holiday events around Christmas and Easter.

Interested in learning more? Contact Amy Herring or Frances Smith. Or simply sign-up to join us for the 2021-2022 church year by reaching out to the church office or a member of the Nominating Team.

Finance Report August 2021							
Accounts	Month	Year to Date					
Income	\$22,117.10	\$160,940.50					
Expenses							
Missions	1,071.50						
Personnel	12,168.50						
Training & Education	301.34	<i>'</i>					
Worship & Music	120.25	,					
Operating Expenses	704.65	-, -					
Property/Maintenance	3,241.45						
Service Contracts	2,339.17	17,207.51					
Total Expenses	<u>\$19,946.86</u>						
Net Income	<u>\$2,170.24</u>	<u>(\$1,837.46)</u>					
Bank Balance	\$136,202.86						
Less Designated Fund Bala	<u>(69,961.69)</u>						
Operating Fund Balance	<u>\$66,241.17</u>						
Designated Fund Beginning E	\$68,760.66						
Revenue	3,381.00						
Expenses	<u>(2,179.97)</u>						
Designated Fund Ending Bala	<u>\$69,961.69</u>						
Goodwin Fund	<u>\$41,491.85</u>						
Total Designated & Goodwin	<u>\$111,453.54</u>						
Capital Campaign FUND Bala	\$23,771.33						



Odette Nyantore and her children, John and Joyce, came to live in our Hope House when she needed serious surgery at Duke. We learned that her husband Shabani, a pastor in the Conflict Zone of the Congo, had not been able to come with them. Finally, his turn in the US State Department's Refugee Program has come and he has arrived in Chapel Hill to be with his family. Church World Service is the local social service agency which is helping him to adjust to American life. They have already started him in a zoom group learning English.

Let us all thank God for this great blessing.



I appreciate so much all of the cards, emails, texts, food and phone calls during my knee replacement surgery and recovery.

Most of all, I appreciate and covet your prayers during this time. My church family means so much to me and I am so fortunate to have you near me.

Phil Woodell

# **DEACONS OF THE WEEK**

9/19—Scott Rose & Toby Bowen 9/26—Jennifer Bowen & Mike Bunch 10/3—Johnny Bush & Brenda Doyle





Last week, Duke Divinity School announced Field Education placements for the 2021-2022 academic year - I will be returning to FBC Henderson where I served over the summer. With that being said, I am happy to share that I am *continuing* my time at HVBC, albeit with some limitations and changes.

First, since I cannot be in two places at once and field education is the priority, you will not see me on Sundays. I will need to be at FBC for worship and all Sunday programming. I encourage students to volunteer and fill some of the roles I would normally fill in worship!

Second and related to the first point, Youth Bible Study times and days will be changing. The exact day of week and time will be announced soon.

This year will feel strange, at least in different ways from the previous year and a half. Yet, I am excited to spend the final year of my graduate program with everyone at HVBC. I anticipate that each of us will grow in knowledge, wisdom, and nearness to God as we commune with one another when we are able!

If at any point you have questions/concerns about what I've written here or Youth group happenings, don't hesitate to give me a call or send a text/email.

Thank you for supporting my endeavors and the youth program!

-Sean Timmons



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	<b>2</b> Derek Arkenberg
3	4	5	6	7 Rick Lynch	8	9
<b>10</b> Eowyn Rose	11 Cassie Hall	<b>12</b> Georgia Summerlin	13	14	15 Cindy Horton	<b>16</b> Sandra Hall
17 Marie Collins	18	19 Mike Bunch	<b>20</b> Betty Griffitts	21	<b>22</b> Jane Liske	23
24	25 Karen Fritsch	26	27	<b>28</b> Marilyn Flanary Lee Schevill Wayne Webster	<b>29</b> Bella Rose	<b>30</b> Genevieve Mua
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**THIS SUNDAY, September 19** Lemonade on the Lawn is a great way for all ages to serve and to get to know others.

Join the Family Ministries Team for Lemonade on the Lawn THIS SUNDAY, September 19 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 lit-tle bit of time after worship pouring and greeting, please contact Amy Herring or the church office.