



Hope Valley
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Sermon Series: **A Book of Straw**

September 5

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

September 12

Scripture: James 3:1-12
Title: Words Have Meanings

September 19

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

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Brothers and sisters,

I wanted to write to you all this week and tell you about one of my friends and the way that friend has affected my faith. Most of you will remember that my birthday was in July and that I had some friends who were visiting from Pennsylvania. Well, this is a story about one of those friends, Adam, who I've known since college. Adam and I met during a summer camp between our Junior and Senior year in high school, but we didn't really spend much time together then. Once we got to UNC, however, we became really good friends. Adam is the type of person that I can talk about anything with. Sometimes, we have deep discussions about subjects we're passionate about (for me, it's theology; for him, it's English literature). Other times, we talk about our hopes and dreams for the future. Other times, we talk about frivolous things or we crack inside jokes.

One of the things that I've always admired about Adam is his open and welcoming attitude toward other people. Adam is incredibly hospitable, always looking to invite folks into whatever he's doing. I saw that happen most often at meals and celebrations. Adam is the type of person who is always looking for an excuse to invite folks over. And what's more, Adam is always looking for more people to bring to the party. If he's having a birthday party and has invited friends over, he'd love nothing more than for them to bring *their* friends. If he's made a bunch of food, he's going to go knock on his neighbor's door and see if they want some. He sends food home with people, makes plates for folks that have to leave a get-together early, and makes a point to speak to everyone. Hospitality is something that comes naturally for Adam. He is always looking for ways to bring people into his circle of friends and I admire that about him.

I tell that story because this Sunday, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper in worship. Communion is a constant reminder, for all of us, of the way that Jesus constantly brings people into his circle. It is a reminder that Christ loves people and that Christ is always looking for chances to know them. Communion ends up being this wonderful glimpse of the kingdom of God because all are welcome to come to the table. All are welcome to partake of the bread and the cup. Communion ends up acting as a beautiful reminder of the generosity and abundance of God, of the love that God has for each of us. Communion also acts as a challenge to each of us, reminding us that our tables should be open. We ought to be sure that we are reaching out to people and letting them know that they are loved, regardless of who they are or what they have done. At Christ's table, all are welcome, all are fed, all are loved.

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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
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
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 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)
Lloyd Braswell (former pastor) & family in the loss of his mother
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)
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 Griffiths - lupus (sister-in-law of Terry & Betty Griffiths)
Steve Hannaman - heart attack (brother-in-law of Frances Smith)
Jackie Harris - dementia (aunt of Julie Stoops, sister of Tommie Calhoun)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

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)
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 Otiemo - 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)
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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I also want to be sure and let everyone know that we are going to be taking Communion in as safe a way as possible on Sunday. We have purchased special Communion cups that will allow everyone to partake of the elements in their seats. Simply put, the cups we have purchased have both the wafer and the juice packaged together. So, when you come to church, you will pick up one of the cups on your way into the service, hold onto it during the service, eat the bread and drink the cup at the right time, and then dispose of the cups on your way out. In this way, we can still take time to celebrate the love and hospitality of our Lord, while faithfully loving our neighbor in the midst of the pandemic.

Grace and peace to you all,
Pastor Ben



Church *Family Meeting*

**Sunday, September 12,
after morning Worship**

- The Nominating Team will present their report of members willing to serve for the coming church year.
- We will have our election of Deacons.

**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

9/5— John Myers & Joe Story
9/12—Linda Ward & Rhonda Welfare
9/19—Scott Rose & Toby Bowen



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

Please let Robin or Linda Ward know if you are interested.

**Deadline to register:
Sunday, September 5**



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.



**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

All donors will receive a limited-edition T-shirt!
Plus, you'll receive a coupon via email for a
FREE haircut from Sport Clips Haircuts!

The American Red Cross continues to have an ongoing, critical need for life-saving blood as blood product distributions to hospitals remain higher than anticipated. In recent months, the Red Cross has sent 12% more blood products to help hospital patients in need, including higher distributions to hospitals in areas where the pandemic continues to disrupt normal blood collection operations. **They need your help!**



I have been working on updating our directory. If you know of any changes in your address, phone number, or email address, please let me know.

Thank you!
Robin

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Lemonade on the Lawn, Student Prayer Partners, Trunk or Treat, Valentine's Banquet, Easter "Egg-stravaganza," 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.



SCHOOL SUPPLY *Drive*

School Supply Results

Thanks to everyone for helping with donating school supplies! Take a look below at what we were able to take to children & teachers in need at Parkwood Elementary.

35 backpacks	1 art book
6 binders	11 music books
11 pocket folders	1 basketball
13 packs loose leaf paper	8 pool noodles
30 composition books	4 rolls of scotch tape
35 glue sticks	5 packs of craft sticks
6 rulers	1 bag cotton balls
16 packs of crayons	1 pack of straws
18 sets of markers	4 paper towel rolls
2 packs of playing cards	453 pencils
38 pairs of scissors	8 highlighters
68 large erasers	4 bottles of glue
229 pencil cap erasers	3 paintbrushes
39 spiral bound notebooks	
3 packs of Dry Erase markers	
4 rolls of aluminum foil	
4 packages of antibacterial handwipes	
17 bottles of hand sanitizer	
27 containers of Clorox wipes	
27 packages of baby wipes	
25 boxes of facial tissue	
20 sets of colored pencils	

PLUS \$700!!

Great job HVBC!