



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Sermon Series: Gifts and Glory

January 16

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Title: ***One and the Same Spirit***

January 23

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Title: ***Honored***

January 30

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Title: ***Face to Face***

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Brothers and sisters,

First things first, Happy New Year! This is the first Illuminator of 2022 and I hope that it finds you safe, happy, and healthy. I know that this year has started off rough with the continued presence of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, but my prayer is that 2022 will be a year in which we can return to some level of normalcy as a society and as a church. Regardless of what 2022 has in store, know that you are loved by your brothers and sisters in Christ here at Hope Valley. Know, as well, that you can call on any of us—both staff and church members—if you need anything! We want to be sure that we are all working together to love one another well.

As we start this new year together, we will be starting a new sermon series as well. There is always a bit of a lull within the church calendar between Baptism of the Lord Sunday (January 9th of this year) and Ash Wednesday (March 2nd), when the season of Lent begins in earnest. Over the next seven weeks, I wanted us to spend some time with the Apostle Paul, especially reading the latter part of 1 Corinthians. Paul's letter to the Romans typically gets revered as his masterpiece—his best writing and his most elegant argument—but Paul's letters to the Corinthian church contain elegant passages too. To read 1 & 2 Corinthians is to read letters between a church and an apostle who care deeply about each other. The Corinthians are unafraid to ask Paul questions about how to be faithful Christians and Paul is unafraid to tell the Corinthians exactly what he thinks! That relationship makes for a really interesting letter and so I wanted to spend some time with Paul and with the Corinthians, considering what it means to be Christian and what it means to be a part of a church full of different people with different life experiences.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Valle De Esperanza Iglesia Bautista
COVID Pandemic

Church family with Health Concerns:

Irene Barnes - heart issues
Karen Bolton - recovery from surgery
Joan Burke
Rachel Dossett - endocarditis
Phyllis Edwards - surgery recovery
Heidi Hall - spinal muscular atrophy (daughter of Sandra & Rick Hall)
Woody Harton - recovering from fall
Kaye Jenkins - recovery from knee surgery
Bonnie Lyon - recovery from fall
Linda Marshall
Nancy Michal - health concerns
Brenda Morton - recovery from fall
Keith Packer - dialysis
Frank Pokorny - recovery from surgeries
Carol Rigsbee
Barbara Sanders - family members
Faye Shelton - blood cancer
Chris & Mary Summerlin - COVID
Jerry Tew - Parkinson's
Sean Timmons - COVID
Carolyn Tippet - leukemia
Emmett Ward - hurt right hip

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, Sam & Pat Beasley
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)
Nancy Byrd - health concerns (sister of Linda Hall)
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)
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)
Ann Hayes - cancer treatments, recovery from fall (sister of Julie Hayes)
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)
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)
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 - 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)
Eddie Netzlof - cancer (friend of Scott Rose)
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 (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)
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)
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)
Tommy Wilson - heart issues (brother of Linda Ward)
Yvonne - cancer (sister of Barbara Sanders' neighbor)

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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The title of the upcoming sermon series is, "Gifts and Glory," and is drawn from two of the major themes of the latter part of 1 Corinthians and the first part of 2 Corinthians. Simply put, as Paul writes to that congregation, he knows that there are divisions among them as people wonder what the gifts of the Spirit mean, how one should use their gifts, and why a person should be Christian to begin with. So, he writes to the people and speaks to them about the gifts of the Spirit. He writes to them about the mission of the church. He writes to them about the glory and majesty of God. He pushes them to embrace the mystery of faith. Ultimately, he reminds them that the love of Christ serves as a through line for everything Christians ought to do. He pushes them to understand that God is the animating force behind everything the church should be about. And he reminds them that God's love has not failed and will not fail. This part of Paul's letter is earnest and honest and beautiful. I'm looking forward to walking through it with you all over the next seven weeks!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben



Our goal for Global Missions Offering this Christmas season is **\$3,500**. You may support missions and missionaries around the world by giving to the CBF Global Missions Offering or the SBC Lottie Moon Offering. Please designate on your check or offering envelope your preference.

Here is what we have received as of 1/12/22:
CBF Global Missions Offering — \$2,676.50
SBC Lottie Moon Offering — \$445.00
Total — \$3,121.50



I wanted to write another note regarding the pandemic and church services moving forward. I'm sure you all are aware of the fact that the country and our state are in the midst of a huge spike of Covid cases due to the Omicron variant.

The Regathering Team has met and discussed the possibility of coming back to in-person worship. At this time, due to the spike in cases, we do not feel that it is safe to come back to in-person worship. Thus, we will continue the virtual services through the end of January (the 23rd and 30th).

I know that is not welcome news, but we do not want to open ourselves up to any unnecessary exposure. As I said in the last Illuminator, a church is not a building—it's a group of people worshipping God together. Even when we are physically separated, we know that the Holy Spirit binds us to each other. We know that the love of God flows freely, even if we are in separate homes.

Our hearts go out to all the folks who have been infected and their families, as well as the doctors, nurses, chaplains, and other healthcare workers who are dealing with the virus firsthand.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

We are planning for our updated Year in Review to focus on how Hope Valley Baptist Church managed to show God's love to our community during 2021. If you have pictures you want to share, please text to Rhonda Welfare (919-599-7367) or mail or drop off original photos at the church. Photos will be returned. Any photos that were taken at a church activity are fine, even if they show only your family. We may not be able to use all the photos submitted, but we will include as many as possible.

Submitting photographs will assume permission is granted to use in print or web-based publications or streaming. People in the photographs will not be identified by name without requesting individual permission.

Financial Report Month Ending December 2021

Accounts	Month	Year to Date
Income	\$75,205.47	\$294,964.39
Expenses		
Missions	2,629.04	20,832.17
Personnel	12,168.50	141,955.36
Training & Education	42.96	6,217.30
Worship & Music	55.20	1,427.42
Operating Expenses	1,095.49	13,836.95
Property/Maintenance	6,478.45	42,563.29
Service Contracts	2,641.27	29,253.08
Total Expenses	<u>\$25,110.91</u>	<u>\$256,085.57</u>
Net Income	\$50,094.56	\$ 38,878.82
Bank Balance		\$192,190.91
Less Designated Fund Balance		<u>(84,693.97)</u>
Operating Fund Balance		\$107,496.94
Designated Fund Beginning Balance		\$73,708.16
Revenue		18,965.53
Expenses		<u>(7,979.72)</u>
Designated Fund Ending Balance		\$84,693.97
Goodwin Fund		<u>\$41,491.85</u>
Total Designated & Goodwin Funds		\$126,185.82
Capital Campaign FUND Balance		\$24,006.33



On **Sunday, February 13**, we will be joining with churches around our country to help hungry people through the **Souper Bowl of Caring** emphasis.

More than 25 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: *“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”*

Coinciding with the day of a fairly significant football game during which many people will snack and eat more than plenty, this emphasis invites us to bring canned goods and some loose change to church to support hunger ministries and those who don't have enough to eat. **Bring canned goods into the worship service, and we will collect them as part of worship.** Also, there will be children & youth at the doors at the end of the service to collect money you might be willing to donate. All food and money collected will go to support the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. You can also write a check for this event. Please denote that this is for the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Also, if you have a wagon that we could use on February 13, please let Robin know.