



Hope Valley
BAPTIST CHURCH

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Sermon Series: Gifts and Glory

February 13

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Title: ***All in All***

February 20

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,
42-50

Title: ***Imperishable***

February 27

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Title: ***From One Glory
to Another***

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Brothers and sisters,

Given the day on which I'm writing this article, I think it's only fitting for me to say something about the Super Bowl! First of all, I'm a big fan of football—college and professional. Even if the Panthers are, well, "in a rebuild," let's say, I always look forward to football season. And I've got to say, the game this coming Sunday has two incredible stories coming into it. On the one hand, you've got the Rams led by Matt Stafford, who has managed to get his team to the Big Game in his first year with them. And on the other hand, you've got the Bengals, a Cinderella team led by their second-year quarterback Joe Burrow who just appears unflappable.

But typically when I think of past Super Bowls, I don't remember too many of the games themselves. The Eagles vs. the Patriots a few years ago was compelling, as was Kansas City vs. San Francisco to years ago. Typically, when I think of Super Bowls, I think of *who* I watched the games with. In 2003, I watched with my church youth group at a friend's house where we played games, ate good food, and, at the very end, watched the Panthers lose a field goal. In 2006, I watched again with my church youth group as Tony Dungy became the first African-American head coach to win a Super Bowl. In 2016, I watched with close friends as Denver's defense tore the Panthers apart from the opening drive. And last year, I watched with my family as Tom Brady became the oldest starting quarterback in league history to win the Super Bowl—he was 44 years old.

Now, that last paragraph makes it sound like I actually *do* remember the games, but I can assure you that the only reason I can recall them is because I can think back and remember, "I was with this group for that Super Bowl," or, "Yeah, I remember sitting on this person's couch as we celebrated this win." The games themselves were not all that important to me, even though I do love football! What mattered was who I was with. The Super Bowl is one of those events that has a way of drawing people together. Whether the game is good or bad, the commercials are funny or not, or the halftime show is memorable, I remember the people I took in the Super Bowl with.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Sympathy is extended to Marilyn Flanary in the death of her brother-in-law. Pray also for her sister Linda Renick, and family in Florida.

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
Heidi Hall - spinal muscular atrophy (daughter of Sandra & Rick Hall)

Woody Harton - recovering from fall
Elizabeth Herring - COVID
Kaye Jenkins - recovery from knee surgery

Jan Mangum - seeking employment

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:

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)
Claire - COVID (granddaughter of Linda Ward)
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)

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)
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)

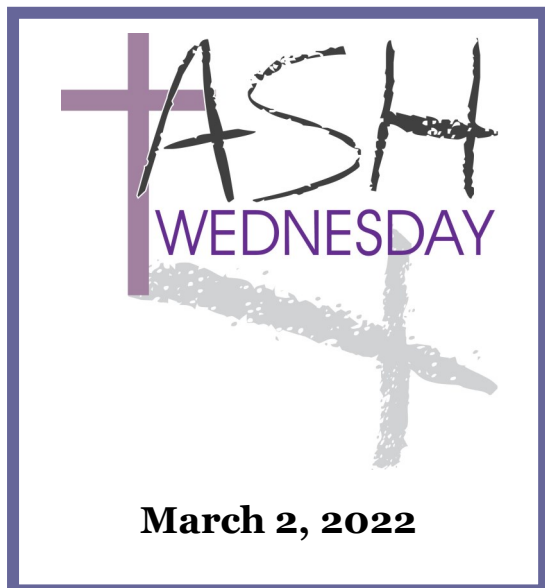
Around Our World:

Leena Lavanya - missionary with ServeTrust working in India;
Pastor Koteswarao & Chowtu Palem Church (our partner church in India)

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In the Christian life, we don't always remember the exact things we did at various places—specific Bible studies that informed our faith or specific special events that we enjoyed. But I bet we can all remember specific communities of people who were important to us. I bet we can all remember the folks who were there with us during seasons of joy and celebration! And I'm sure we can all remember the people who came alongside us during difficult times in our lives. At its best, a community of Christians can come together and support each other in such beautiful ways that a person can look back and remember that they are loved. So, take a look around you this Sunday as you're watching the game and let the folks around you know you're grateful for them. If you're not planning to watch the game or you're just relaxing at home on your own, take a moment and call someone you care about or send them a text to let them know you care. Being part of a loving community is a wonderful thing and we shouldn't wait till the final football game of a season to remind folks we appreciate them!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben



Hey everyone,

I wanted to write a short note here and thank you all for your patience as we continue to ride out this spike of Covid cases here in Durham and in our country.

As of right now, numbers are trending in the right direction, but they are still not as low as we would like to see them. The Regathering Team will be meeting again this Sunday to discuss the numbers, but for now we will continue with virtual services through the end of the month.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Ben



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.



Thursday, March 3, 2022

Please contact Anne Pokorny to see how you can help with this mission opportunity.



Dear friends at Hope Valley,
Thank you for remembering me and my family during the difficult days of my father's passing over the Christmas holiday. Your letter was warmly received and I am grateful, very grateful for your prayers and warm thoughts. It is very reassuring to know that we are not alone during times like these and that you care for us. From the bottom of my heart I thank you!
Love,
Randy & Cathy Younts



Connect with other readers through **HVBC Reads**, which launches in February. HVBC Reads is modeled on the CBF Book Club, where readers discuss a fiction or non-fiction book that allows us to examine important issues through a different perspective.

The first book we will read is *Sooley* by John Grisham. *Sooley* is a novel about a young man from Sudan who plays basketball at a university in Durham. The book touches on issues such as immigration, racism, and (after all, it's Durham) BASKETBALL! This book was published in April 2021 and is available in print, ebook and audio formats at the Durham Public Library and new and used from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and other booksellers.

The book discussion for *Sooley* will take place via Zoom at 7:00 pm on February 24. Future discussions may include both online and face-to-face components.

To get information for the Zoom meeting contact Rhonda Welfare (919-599-7367 or rwelfare1445@gmail.com) for more information.

