



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Sermon Series: Gifts and Glory

February 27

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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

Preparing for Easter

March 6

First Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Title: ***Devil's in the Details***

March 13

Second Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Title: ***Transformation***

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Brothers and sisters,

We are nearly upon the most wonderful time of the year. Most folks hear that phrase and immediately think, "Is he talking about Christmas?" But us North Carolinians know what's coming up soon—the ACC tournament! My fondest memories of the ACC tournament are simple. Every year I was in grade school, from elementary to high school, literally every teacher with a TV bolted to a wall in their classroom would tune it to the ACC tournament. It would constantly be on in the background—muted—but still on. And teachers that didn't have a TV set already in their classroom would check one out from the library and hook it up to the school's cable so we could have the tournament on! It has always been the most wonderful time of the year!

This year, we wanted to tap into the energy and excitement of the tournament to do something good for our neighbors. As most of you know, we were unable to have our Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday this year due to the pandemic. So, instead of having one Sunday where we bring canned goods in to the church, we're going to collect cans throughout the week of the ACC tournament. This canned food drive will start on Sunday, March 6th and end on Sunday, March 13th, but all during the week you can bring canned goods up to the church. However, there is going to be a twist this year.

Starting on March 6th, there will be five boxes in the vestibule: one for Carolina, one for NC State, one for Duke, one for the other twelve schools (Wake Forest, Boston College, Miami, etc.), and one for those who don't care about the tournament at all (I'm calling it the "I just hope both teams have fun" box). We'll have a little friendly competition! When you bring your canned goods in, be sure to place them in the box/area of the team you're supporting. Each unit of whatever you bring in will count for one point. In other words, if you bring in a flat of 24 cans, that's 24 points! We'll count them all up after the 13th and announce the winner in morning worship the following week.

I'm excited for this! It's a chance to have some fun. It's a chance for a little friendly competition. It's a chance to show a little pride in what teams we pull for. But, most importantly, it's a chance for us to push each other to give as much as we can to help our neighbors. Part of the call the gospel places on our lives is to reach out to those who are hurting, those who do not have enough, and help lift them up. This ACC Tournament Food Drive is a chance to do just that. So, starting March 6th, may the best team win!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

The funeral for Fadine Harris is this Saturday, February 26. Visitation with the family is at 11:00 am and the funeral begins at 11:30 am.

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
Jerry Tew - Parkinson's
Sean Timmons - COVID
Carolyn Tippett - 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:

Kim Adams - back surgery (daughter of LaVerne Ellis)

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)

Claire - COVID (granddaughter of Linda & Emmett Ward)

Ray Clayton - at memory care facility (brother of Linda Kyles)
Joan Cozart - brain tumor (friend of Joan Burke)
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)

Jackie Harris - dementia (aunt of Julie Stoops, sister of Tommie Calhoun)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

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)

Barbara Layne - diabetic, leg surgeries & rehab (extended family of the Dossetts)

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)

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

Greg Smith - brain & lung cancer (extended family of the Dossetts)

Vicki Smith - breast cancer (extended family of the Dossetts)

Charlotte Soltes (mother of Jessie Lynch)

Karen Stewart - stem cell procedure (friend of Cindy Horton)

Adam Stoops - Hodgkins Lymphoma (nephew of Dave Stoops)

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)



Upcoming Mission Opportunities

ACC Tournament Food Drive

March 6-13

We are going to have some fun collecting food for people in need. We'll have competition based on your ACC team. There will be boxes in the vestibule for fans of N. C. State, Carolina & Duke. There will also be an "other" box for other ACC team fans and a "I just hope both teams have fun" box. You may also drop off canned goods during office hours (Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am—2:00 pm).

Operation Inasmuch

March 27—April 2

Easter Egg Hunt

April 9

More details to come!

Message from Pastor Ben

Hey everyone,

I wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone know that we are planning on returning to the church for in-person worship services on **Sunday, February 27!** Covid cases and particularly case positivity have gone down dramatically over the last two weeks and so the Regathering Team has determined that it is safe for us to return.

What that means is that we will be holding services once again in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM. Masks will still be required for the duration of Sunday morning worship. It also means that Sunday School classes may resume on the church's campus. Each class will be allowed to determine their own mask policy. However, if one person in a class wishes that everyone wear their masks, then the class should still wear their masks.

Prayer Meeting on Wednesday night will still be held via Zoom, except on special occasions like Ash Wednesday and the Wednesday of Holy Week.

We are excited to get to see you all in person again starting on February 27! Be sure to mark that day on your calendar!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben



**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, March 25, 2022
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Questions:

Contact Robin at robin@hvbc.org

Schedule a blood donation appointment today:
Download the Blood Donor App | Red-CrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767



**March 2, 2022
6:30 pm**



Thursday, March 3, 2022

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



New Office Hours

**Monday through Thursday
10:00 am until 2:00 pm**



**Sunday
March 13**

MISSIONS
Easter Offerings

Hope Valley's Goal: \$1,500

Our goal for Global Missions Offering this Easter season is \$1,500. You may support missions and missionaries around the world by giving to the CBF Global Missions Offering or the SBC Lottie Moon Offering.

Please mark your offering envelope accordingly by indicating where you would like your missions offering to be sent or write it in the memo section of your check. You may also donate on-line by simply writing CBF Global Missions Offering or SBC Lottie Moon Offering on the memo line.



On **Sunday, April 10**, we will continue to fight against the challenges of disease, disaster, displacement and other concerns that leave people hungry.

To register to join the walk:
www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc.

If you cannot walk, then you could sponsor someone that is walking. 75% of the funds go internationally and 25% of donated funds stay in Durham to fight hunger.



Enjoy these pictures from Valentine’s Day goodie bag deliveries that Amy made during February “porch visits” with children & families.



March

BIRTHDAYS

- 3—Maggie Rose
- 7—Cathy Younts
- 13—John Myers
- 14—Laurin O’Briant
- 21—Etta Young

Hope House Update

HVBC has provided a safe, temporary shelter for 4 Afghani families in the last few months. As new families come and go, the Hope House team tries to replace worn or broken items, refill disposable items, and provide some basic toiletries that can be taken with them. We have some current needs that maybe YOU could provide to Hope House. If so, please contact Leigh Bigger at leigh.bigger@gmail.com or (770)-335-8144. Items can be dropped off at the church office during office hours (Monday– Thursday 10:00 am–2:00 pm).

Coffee pot
Tea kettle
Sheet pans for baking bread, roasting, etc.
Paper goods (paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, masks)
Plastic zip bags (1 gallon size)
Plastic wrap
Dish towels
Dish cloths
Double bed blankets
Single bed blankets
Standard-size pillow cases
Cleaning supplies (includes toilet bowl cleaner, kitchen cleaner, bathroom cleaner, disinfecting wipes, glass cleaner, cleaning rags, dusting spray, dishwashing detergent, sponges, disinfecting spray)
Toiletries (assorted for adult male, adult female, child Male/female)
Folding chairs (up to 4 more)

As new families arrive, we can try to access specific needs through their case workers or sponsors (like weather-appropriate clothing, shoes, underwear etc.). If you are interested in stopping by for a welcome visit, that can be arranged too! Our current guests are an Afghani family, and they should be able to move out soon to an apartment of their own. We are hosting a Mother, Father, 3 Daughters (ages 20,16,12) and 1 Son (age 18).



Other than Good Friday, Ash Wednesday is one of the services of the church year children are least likely to attend. This is unfortunate because there is much for children to learn from seeing their parents and the leaders of the congregation wearing ashen crosses, and even more from wearing ashes themselves:

- When children see all the adults they love and respect wearing ashes and they themselves are marked with ashes, **they know they belong**. They are one of God's people. Other days they may know that with their minds, but on Ash Wednesday they know it in a powerful way with their eyes.
- Because we are all marked not with golden markers but with messy black ashes, **children learn that all of us mess up and are forgiven**. Knowing that the most loved and respected adult they know messes up just like they mess up is important life-shaping information.
- When we include children in these unique ritual moments they form a stronger connection with the community, with their tradition, and with their own faith for **it is by hearing, touching, tasting, and experiencing these signs of grace and love that they are able to identify them as their own**.

I encourage you to bring your kids to this year's Ash Wednesday service. Let them see and hear and participate in the Church's acknowledgement of the hard edges of reality—of our sin and its consequences. Though admitting "I am a sinner" is not an easy confession for children who are repeatedly told that they are "wonderful" or "if you try hard enough, you won't sin," it sets these words within the presence of everyone else making the same admission.

The Gospel calls us to open up our lives, to live honestly in light of what the world is and who God is—even if it means wrestling with truths about ourselves that we don't like. Recognizing that we are all sinners who depend on God's grace and forgiveness is an important first step in helping children (and all of us) grow not only in their understanding of what it means to become a Christian, but also why we celebrate Easter!