



Hope Valley
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Illuminator

VOLUME 47 NO. 5

MARCH 11, 2022

UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Preparing for Easter

March 13

Second Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Title: ***Transformation***

March 20

Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9

Title: ***Hunger and Thirst***

March 27

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Title: ***Everything Made New***

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Benjamin J. Wines
Senior Pastor

Rev. Amy Herring
Minister to Children & Families

Kathryn Bunch
Director of Music Ministries

Barbara Rowley
Organist

Sean Timmons
Youth Ministry Intern

Robin Wimberley
Administrative Assistant

Church Phone: 919-493-1809

Website: www.hvbc.org

Email: robin@hvbc.org

Brothers and sisters,

As I'm writing this article on Wednesday morning, the rain is falling outside my office window. There is a cup of coffee steaming next to me—I'm waiting for it to cool down enough to drink. My Lenten devotional for the day has been read and marked up (I'm one of those people that reads with a pen in hand). My research for Sunday's sermon and tonight's Bible Study are done. And so, I have this wonderfully quiet, relaxing moment to write and reflect on my faith.

Quiet moments like this one are precious to me. We live in a very noisy world, one that is always clamoring for attention. The ACC tournament has started and, while I love that tournament, I can see all the ads on my Facebook feed and hear them all on the radio telling me when to tune in for pre-game coverage, post-game analysis, previews of tomorrow's games, implications for the NCAA tournament—as well as the actual game itself. If I log onto YouTube, my Subscription page is quick to tell me about all the channels that have uploaded videos I ought to watch and the YouTubers themselves are quick to tell me that I need to, "Like, Comment, Subscribe, and hit the Notification bell!" The world we've built for ourselves is noisy.

It reminds me of the story of Elijah on Mount Horeb in 1 Kings 19. For some context, Elijah had just defeated the prophets of Baal in dramatic fashion on Mount Carmel and run back to Jezreel ahead of Ahab's chariot. The drought in Israel had also finally broken. And Jezebel had threatened Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow" (1 Kings 19:2). Elijah fled from this threat to a cave on Mount Horeb, knowing full well that Jezebel *could* follow through on it and have him killed by the next day. And so we find the prophet alone, scared, and wondering where God is. In the midst of all the noise and craziness within his own life, Elijah is desperate to speak to God.

Continued on Page 3

PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Sympathy is extended to:

- **The family of Auman "Jay" Parrish who passed away suddenly (cousin of Linda Hall).**
- **The family of Percy Horton who passed away (former member).**

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

Julie Hayes - blood pressure issues

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 - recovery from 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)

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 - pneumonia & brown recluse spider bite (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)
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 Raspberry - cancer (sister-in-law of Michelle Hunt)
Weston Raspberry - 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)

I love the way that God meets him. God tells Elijah to go out onto the mountain, “for the Lord is about to pass by” (19:11a). Then, a great wind blows up that could split mountains, an earthquake comes, and finally a fire—all signs that God was about to pass by the mountain (19:11b-12a). But then the NRSV offers a unique translation that captures this moment beautifully. It says, “and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’” (19:12b-13). After all the noise of the wind, the earthquake, and the fire, Elijah hears sheer silence. And *that’s* where he knows he will meet God—in the quiet moment. God meets Elijah in the silence and then gently asks the prophet, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” God comes alongside the prophet to pick him up, dust him off, and remind him that he is *not* alone—God is still with him.

I love that image of God cutting through all the noise in Elijah’s life to create some peace and quiet for the prophet. God stops the noise and invites Elijah into a calm, quiet conversation, where the prophet can be heard by his God. Sometime this week, if you are able, I’d encourage you to find some quiet time to spend with God. In that quiet, what do you want to say to God? And what might God be saying to you?

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben



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



The Hope Valley Baptist Church book club will meet at 7:00 pm March 31 via Zoom to discuss this month’s selection, *The Best of Enemies* by Osha Gray Davidson. This non-fiction book is about school desegregation battles in Durham and the unlikely friendship between a black female Civil Rights activist and an official in the Ku Klux Klan who were assigned to work together on a planning committee. The book was made into a movie in 2019. The Durham Public Library has hard copies of the book as well as copies in eBook and audio book formats, and it is also available through local and online bookstores.

HVBC Reads meets at 7:00 pm on the last Thursday each month. The meetings are currently taking place via Zoom but that may change in the future.

Here’s a list of what’s coming up:

April 28 *Same Kind of Different as Me*,

Ron Hall and Denver Moore

May 26 *Consider the Birds*, Debbie Blue

Note that it may be challenging to find copies of *Consider the Birds*, which has only a single eBook available at the Durham Public Library. However, you can find both new and used copies available online or in local bookstores. Check used bookstores and thrift shops as well for inexpensive copies. The hunt is part of the thrill!

Contact Rhonda Welfare (rhonda@welfare-world.com or 919-599-7367) for more information or to join the discussion.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

3/13—Anne Pokorny & Linda Hall

3/20—Mike Dossett & Scott Rose

3/27—Joe Story & Barbara Sanders



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.

Operation Inasmuch

March 27—April 2
(see article in this newsletter)

Easter Egg Hunt

April 9

More details to come!



**This Sunday
March 13**



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.

Easter Lilies

Beautiful lilies will decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. To order your lilies, please complete the form below, attach your check made out to Hope Valley Baptist Church, and drop it in the offering plate or bring (or mail) it to the church office. (Please note on your check that it is for lilies). All orders must be received by April 10.

I will provide _____ Easter Lilies @ \$20.00 each () In honor () In memory

Of: _____

Given by: _____

A check in the amount of \$_____ payable to Hope Valley Baptist Church is attached. You will have the opportunity to take your lily home immediately after the Easter Sunday Worship.

Hope House Update

HVBC has provided a safe, temporary shelter for 4 Afghan families in the last few months. As new families come and go, the Hope House team tries to replace worn or broken items, re-fill 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).



VBS 2022 Interest Meeting: Monday, March 21 at 7:00 pm

On Monday, March 21, the VBS Planning Team will hold an in-person meeting at 7pm regarding this summer's Vacation Bible School—*Rocky Railway*—in the Modern Disciples Classroom. This is NOT a sign-up for VBS, but rather an interest meeting that will directly impact planning this year's VBS not only in terms of the dates and times of the event, but also how many children/families the church can safely host (which will be based on volunteer availability). If you are interested in helping HVBC hold Vacation Bible School this summer, please contact Amy Herring via email (amy@hvbc.org) or phone/text (919-622-2992) and plan to attend this vital meeting either in person or via a Zoom link will be sent to those who indicate they would like to participate in the meeting but are unable to attend in-person.

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 Annie Armstrong Offering on the memo line.

Easter Egg Hunt & Crafting Fair



Saturday, April 9, 2022
(raindate: April 16)

What could be more fun than our annual Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt? An Easter Egg Hunt followed by an Easter Crafting Fair!

The morning will begin at 10:00 am with an Easter Egg Hunt for children, followed by refreshments and an Easter-focused crafting party for all ages.

Ways you can help:

1. Take home empty Easter Eggs* to be fill with your own individually wrapped candy/treats. (Filled eggs should be placed in the marked bin in the Children's Hallway by Friday, April 8).
2. Provide empty plastic Easter Eggs to be filled. (By Sunday, April 3).
3. Provide individually wrapped candy or other treats for Easter Eggs. (By Sunday, April 3).
4. Volunteer to help hide eggs the morning of the Egg Hunt and/or lead age-grouped children to the appropriate "hiding" spots.
5. Volunteer to help with the Crafting Fair (set-up/clean-up, facilitating at a craft table, helping with refreshments, etc.)

Contact Amy Herring or the church office if you wish to volunteer or if you have questions.

*Though there are some empty plastic eggs available for pick-up at the church, we are in need of new plastic Easter eggs this year.



The missions team has been planning a few activities to restart Operation InAsMuch again this year!

We have come up with 3 activities to help show Christ's love to those in need and show appreciation to our health care workers. Activities to be completed week of March 27-April 2.

1. **Projects:**

We will be making gift bags for nurses in the COVID unit and pediatric ICU at UNC Hospital. Our goal is to make 120 bags. The bags will include:

***Homemade cookies**—we need 30 dozen cookies. Please let the church office know how many cookies you can make. Please individually pack 3 cookies per sandwich bag so there is less handling by people. Cookies should be delivered to the office by **Sunday, March 27**.

***Handwritten thank you notes:** (there will be template of what to write if you need it).

***Individual wrapped or rolls of mints.**

***Small pocket sized hand lotions.**

***Chapstick/Lip Balm**

2. Collection of new socks and underwear for men, women, children to be delivered to Urban Ministries.
3. Volunteers to make fleece blankets to give to Duke's Lenox Baker children's clinic. We do have a few sets of materials available to make the blankets or if you have your own materials that is fine too.

Thanks for all you do!