



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Preparing for Easter

March 27

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Title: ***Everything Made New***

April 3

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Title: ***Holy Extravagance***

April 10

Palm Sunday

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Title: ***Colts and Stones***

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Brothers and sisters,

I am excited for us to be participating in Operation Inasmuch this year for two reasons. The first is simply that it is nice to do something that feels like “normal” after the last two years. It feels good to be able to take part in a big mission project together. It feels good to work with each other and pull together toward a common goal. It especially feels good to know that we can reach out to people who are in need—whether it is the healthcare workers over at UNC who need to hear how much we appreciate them, those folks experiencing homelessness who need basic supplies to survive, or the children over at Lenox Baker Children's Hospital.

The other reason I am excited for us to be doing Operation Inasmuch this year is because of some of the memories I have of participating in it as a youth at my home church. I think I have mentioned this before, but I grew up in Goldsboro and was raised at First Baptist, Goldsboro. My home church is a very missions-minded group, always looking for opportunities to help others. So when we first heard about Operation Inasmuch twenty-some years ago, we jumped at the chance to get out and help people! Each year I was inspired by how many people at First Baptist came out to help other people and I was shocked at how many different ways people had thought of to help! Some of us went and did yard work for homebound Goldsboro residents. Some went and built ramps onto houses for people who used wheelchairs. Some stayed at the church and baked cookies for local first responders and wrote them notes. Others sorted through all kinds of donations made to the church that were going to local shelters. And I am sure there were other things we did that I just did not see!

Typically, whenever we did Operation Inasmuch, I would invite my friends to come and participate as well. There was one year in particular that I remember one of them saying, “This is great! I like how everyone is working at different sites, but you’re all working together to help people! It makes it feel like everyone is a team just trying to help.” At its best, that’s what Operation Inasmuch pushes us to do. It pushes us to work together, even if we are separated, in order to accomplish a common goal—helping others. Christ tells us that we are to help our neighbors, to love them as we love ourselves. Operation Inasmuch is such a wonderful expression of that belief. It is a week in which we put actions behind our words.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Sympathy is extended to Gail Templeton & family in the death of her husband, Ron Templeton.

COVID Pandemic Ukrainian situation

Church family with Health Concerns:

Irene Barnes - heart issues

Karen Bolton - recovery from surgery

Joan Burke

Rachel Dossett - endocarditis

LaVerne Ellis - at Brian Center

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, broken ankle

Frank Pokorny - recovery from surgeries

Carol Rigsbee

Barbara Sanders - family members

Faye Shelton - blood cancer

Jerry Tew - Parkinson's

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 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 - 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)

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So, to everyone that is participating in any way, shape, or form, thank you! If you would like to get involved, the most pressing needs we have right now are for new packs of socks and underwear of all sizes. These will be delivered to Urban Ministries. We will be collecting those throughout the next week, from March 27 through April 3. If you would like to make a blanket for the children over at Lenox Baker, please be sure to contact Barbara Sanders for a kit to get started! And to those of you that have volunteered to bake cookies or write cards for the healthcare workers at UNC, remember that those are due to the church *this Sunday*, March 27. Again, regardless of how you want to get involved, thank you! This is a wonderful way for all of us to use our time and our talents to provide a blessing to our neighbors here in Durham!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

Alliance Stamp Ministry

Thank you very much for the stamps you sent to the Stamp Ministry. The income from their sales goes to support preparation, publication and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools.

As a reminder, the stamps should have 1/4 inch to 1/3 inch of paper around the stamp. You can place your stamps in the marked box outside of the Hospitality Room. You can also visit the Alliance Stamp Ministry on Facebook.

ACC Tournament Food Collection Results

Here's what you've all been waiting for!

NC State—235

Duke—226

Carolina—207

Other ACC teams—104

Doesn't matter—35

Total number of items collected: 807!

Thank you for making this a fun way to collect food for others in need. A big thank you to Phil & Lucy Woodell for delivering all of this to the Food Bank of NC.



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

3/27—Joe Story & Barbara Sanders

4/3—Linda Ward & Mary Summerlin

4/10—Toby Bowen & Rhonda Welfare

April BIRTHDAYS

- 5—Linda Kyles
- 6—Marcella Jerdon
- 6—David Woodell
- 7—Abby Russell
- 8—Phyllis Edwards
- 8—Laila Myers
- 9—Matthew May
- 12—Keith Packer
- 14—Marnie Arkenberg
- 16—Kendra Merritt
- 21—Dixie Ferrell
- 23—Frances Smith
- 24—Anita Batog
- 25—Maria Stevenson
- 25—Leigh Bigger
- 26—Carol Atkins
- 26—Richard Willis
- 27—Karen Bolton
- 28—Jerry Tew



Save the Date!
VBS 2022—July 14-17
Stay tuned for more details!



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 @ \$10.00 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, 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
 Toiletries (assorted for adult male, adult female, child Male/female)
 Folding chairs (up to 4 more)

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).

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.

Received to date: \$930

Financial Report Month Ending February 2022

| Accounts | Month | Year to Date |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Income | \$25,746.00 | \$51,785.38 |
| Expenses | | |
| Missions | 1,071.50 | 3,704.75 |
| Personnel | 12,404.86 | 24,809.72 |
| Training & Education | 1,178.01 | 1,359.94 |
| Worship & Music | 201.37 | 353.53 |
| Operating Expenses | 701.31 | 1,707.02 |
| Property/Maintenance | 2,622.24 | 6,444.33 |
| Service Contracts | 1,794.67 | 4,084.87 |
| Total Expenses | \$19,973.96 | \$42,464.16 |
| Net Income | \$ 5,772.04 | \$ 9,321.22 |
| Bank Balance | | \$211,701.64 |
| Less Designated Fund Balance | | (95,085.16) |
| Operating Fund Balance | | \$116,616.48 |
| Designated Fund Beginning Balance | | \$89,204.64 |
| Revenue | | 11,260.00 |
| Expenses | | (5,379.48) |
| Designated Fund Ending Balance | | \$95,085.16 |
| Goodwin Fund | | \$41,491.85 |
| Total Designated & Goodwin Funds | | \$136,577.01 |
| Capital Campaign FUND Balance | | \$25,826.33 |



April 3
After morning worship

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 3.

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!