



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Preparing for Easter

April 10

Palm Sunday

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Title: ***Colts and Stones***

April 17

Easter Sunday

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Title: ***What Are You Looking For?***

April 24

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Title: ***The Mark of the Nails***

Dear Church Family,

I will retire from my position as Director of Music Ministries as of April 30, 2022. I have thoroughly enjoyed my work with Ben, Amy, and Robin, the musicians, and everyone who plays a part in the work and mission of the church. It has been a joy to play the piano for the services each week, and I will most certainly miss this aspect of my job.

After a forty-plus year career as a professional musician working as a teacher, a pianist and music director for community theatres and other groups, and a Church Music Director, I am ready to regain some time flexibility.

Mike and I do NOT plan to leave Hope Valley! We love our church family and believe we can continue to worship and serve God and the church in many ways in the future. I particularly look forward to being able to attend Sunday School again and serve on church committees.

God bless each of you, and I look forward to seeing you from a pew instead of a piano bench as my role at Hope Valley evolves.

Kathryn

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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.

We will meet on the front steps of Duke Chapel at 2:00 pm.

If you cannot walk, please sponsor one of our walkers. Among the confirmed walkers from HVBC are: Daiane Balbino, Mike Dossett, Rachel Dossett, Michelle Hunt, Barbara Sanders, Dave Stoops and Julie Stoops.

PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

A big congratulations to Leigh Bigger & family upon the arrival of a granddaughter. Kaylee & Daniel Kuzbary welcomed the baby on March 22.

COVID Pandemic Ukrainian situation

Church family with Health Concerns:

Wendy Ash - surgeries

Irene Barnes - heart issues

Karen Bolton - recovery from surgery

Joan Burke

Rachel Dossett - endocarditis

LaVerne Ellis - health issues

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

Woody Harton - recovering from fall

Julie Hayes - blood pressure issues

Elizabeth Herring - recovery from surgery

Kaye Jenkins - recovery from knee surgery

Shirley Lewter - heart problems

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:

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, in hospital (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 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)

Sonny Taylor - recovery from surgery (brother of Phyllis Edwards)

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)

ServeTrust Ministries

Dear friends,

We hope you are doing well this new year and staying healthy! Leena is grateful for your prayers and support, and asks for prayer for three important ministry changes.

Please pray for the children of Markapur: Leena has had to close the ministry in Markapur. ServeTrust was providing the children daily transportation to school and monthly support. After lockdown lifted, children did not return to school. Older children are working with their parent's approval. Please pray that these children will resume their education.

Please pray for the new School of Joy Vinukonda: The budget for Markapur is now being used to support a new school in the village of Vinukonda, about an hour from ServeTrust. When Leena discovered that the children of this village had no nearby school, she started one! Please pray for these 31 children, their families, and the new teacher.

Please pray for the families in the Hindu Temple Village: In April, the government is moving these families to another plot of land 3-4 km away from their current site. These families are very distressed as this land has no nearby school and no electric or water supply. This is the village that was so close to Leena's mother's heart, and the one that you graciously supported through the Viveka Memorial Fund. Leena had hoped to provide toilets for the village, but now will use the funds to help the families rebuild thatched huts for their homes. Leena is so grateful for these funds which will meet an unanticipated need. These are extremely poor people who earn the money they need for food by doing day labor in the fields or collecting plastic and metal trash to sell. Please pray that God will help them rebuild their lives. Please pray for Leena as she comforts and ministers to them as they grieve.

Once again, we are so grateful for your care and support of Leena and the people she serves.

Peace,
ServeTrust Partners

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: \$1,060



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

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

4/10—Toby Bowen & Rhonda Welfare

4/17—Mike Bunch & Jennifer Bowen

4/24—Mike Dossett & Johnny Bush

Brothers and sisters,

This is the last Illuminator before our joyous celebration of the resurrection and so I wanted to be sure to write a little bit about the special services we have coming up.

The first is Palm Sunday—this Sunday—at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary. You are invited to join us in worship as we celebrate and commemorate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We will celebrate Christ's arrival as the arrival of a different kind of king, one who will bring true peace to his people.

Our second special service will be on Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30 PM in our sanctuary. This will be our hand-washing service where we will seek to imitate our Savior by washing each other's hands as an act of love and service. We will make sure to perform the hand-washing in a Covid-conscious manner that is safe for all involved.

Our third special service will be on Good Friday, April 15th at 7:00 in our sanctuary. At this service we will read through and ponder the crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus. It is a more somber service as the Christ light will be extinguished, the altar will be stripped of all decoration, and the service itself will end in silence and darkness. It should be a powerful service that reminds us all of the tremendous faith and courage of Jesus.

Finally, please be sure to make plans to be with us on Sunday, April 17th at 11:00 for our Easter Sunday celebration! The good news of the Gospel is that while Jesus may get laid in a tomb on Friday, he doesn't stay there long! Come as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord and declare that Christ has risen!

Make plans to be here with us for as many of these services as you can! I look forward to seeing you all throughout this coming week!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben



To our friends at Hope Valley Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the kind and generous gift bags with treats and lovely notes. My team and myself were touched by the messages and appreciated the love sent after such a long time of health care field stress. It was a true pick-me-up that we all needed!

Much appreciated,
Joy Hazard, Assistant Nurse Manager

Dear Rev. Herring,

Thank you so much for the staff goodie bags made by Hope Valley Baptist Church. The chaplains distributed the care packages to four areas which have cared for COVID patients for over 2 years. The staff greatly appreciated the gifts. They have worked long and hard shifts and I appreciate your faith community making their day. Again, thank you so much!

Blessings!
Chaplain Shay Greene

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.



On her website, *Worshipping with Children*, minister Carolyn Brown laments that “all too often many children go straight from the Palm Sunday parade to the Easter alleluias and totally miss what happens in between.”

With Holy Week (April 10–April 17) fast approaching, I wanted to remind you that though childcare will be provided during all of our Holy Week services, there are several good reasons to bring your children—especially those who are elementary school-aged—with you to all of these special services (not just those on Sunday!).

First, when children attend the weeknight worship services such as Good Friday along with Palm Sunday and Easter, **they hear the whole story of faith**. Too often we hesitate to tell children the desertion and crucifixion stories, for we wish to protect them from the harsh realities of what really happened. But, until our children hear these stories, they cannot really understand the true joy of Easter.

Second, **hearing the story of the Crucifixion on the “anniversary” of the night it happened** is like hearing the story of Jesus’ birth on Christmas Eve or the story of their own birth on their birthday. As children imagine themselves standing near the cross on this powerful night, the stories have greater power.

Third, children **hear the whole story in the sanctuary with the whole congregation**. As they sense the strong feelings around the stories and learn how important they are to all the people gathered there, children have a sense of belonging that helps them to claim the stories as their own.

Fourth, when **their whole family goes to the trouble of worshipping together during Holy Week**, they are acting out their commitment to the Gospel in a very real way that children notice. What better way to show children that Easter is more than a bunny and some eggs? Easter is, after all, about a Lamb.

Blessings,
Amy



Saturday, April 9 – 10:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt & Crafting Fair

(Rain date April 16)

Bring your basket and come hunt for Easter Eggs! Then plan to stay for refreshments and an Easter Craft Fair! We'll be making suncatchers, jellybean prayer magnets, cross necklaces and more!

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday

Join us for morning worship as we enter Holy Week with loud shouts of "Hosanna!"

Wednesday, April 13

Holy Week Service – 6:30 pm

Come for a hand-washing service focused on the faithfulness of Christ.

Friday, April 15

Good Friday Service – 7:00 pm

A more contemplative, reflective service that ends in darkness as we acknowledge the steep price Christ paid on the cross.

Sunday, April 17 – Easter:

9:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship

Join our church for a joyous service as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and declare that Christ has risen!

He has risen, indeed!