



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Sermon Series: ***A Whole New World***

May 8

Scripture: Acts 9: 36-43
Title: ***Show Your Work***

May 15

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18
Title: ***Eating with Gentiles***

May 22

Scripture: Acts 16:6-15
Title: ***Respecting the Spirit***

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Benjamin J. Wines
Senior Pastor

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Brothers and sisters,

It is hard to believe it, but my one-year anniversary here at Hope Valley Baptist Church was this past Sunday! My tenure as Senior Pastor began on May 1, 2021, with my first sermon being the very next day! It was a sermon entitled, "First", and it was based on a reading from 1 John 4:7-21. The theme of the sermon was love (always a good topic!) and we talked about the way that God chooses to love people well and the call for each of us to love people well. I used a tennis analogy to talk about the love of God. I said that the most important part of a tennis player's serve is the toss—that everything literally hangs in the balance when the ball is in the air. And I said that when God was choosing how to define Godself, everything hung in the balance, and God chose love.

Over this past year, I think we've done a good job, as a church, of choosing love. We reached out to McDougald Terrace and helped provide snacks during a time when kids would struggle to stay fed. We have started forming a relationship with teachers at Parkwood Elementary School to remind them that they are appreciated. We created goodie bags for healthcare workers at UNC, donated socks and underwear to Durham Urban Ministries, collected food for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. We've continued to house refugees in Hope House and help other people through Families Moving Forward. We've introduced new services (like the Service of Lament) in order to meet the needs of our congregation. And we've found new and innovative ways to gather together as a church family with Trunk-or-Treat and our Easter Egg Hunt.

It has been a good year and I am looking forward to what the next year has in store for us. I am encouraged by the fact that Covid case numbers continue to go down and so I am hoping that as 2022 continues, we will be able to gather in ways that look a little more normal. I hope that we can continue to reach out to our community, to build relationships with them, and discern God's will for our church. I hope that we will continue to define ourselves by our love for others. Join me in praying for Hope Valley and the ways that we can remain faithful to God's call for our church.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

COVID Pandemic Ukrainian situation

Church family with Health Concerns:

Wendy Ash - recovery from 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
Julie Hayes - blood pressure issues
Kaye Jenkins - recovery from knee surgery
Shirley Lewter - heart problems
Rick Lynch - upcoming surgery
Jan Mangum - seeking employment
Linda Marshall
Nancy Michal - health concerns
Brenda Morton - recovery from fall
Keith Packer - recovery from surgery
Frank Pokorny - recovery from surgeries
Carol Rigsbee
Barbara Sanders - family members
Faye Shelton - blood cancer
Jerry Tew - Parkinson's
Carolyn Tippett - leukemia

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)
Ann Hayes - cancer treatments, in hospital (sister of Julie Hayes)
David Hayes - pacemaker (brother of Julie Hayes)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

Alphus & Sherri Herndon - he has cancer & she has Alzheimer's (cousin of Brenda Morton & Irene Barnes)
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)
Charlotte Mears - unknown internal bleeding (friend of the Bushes)
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)
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)
Theo Walker - 1 year old, upcoming surgery (grandson of David & Linda Walker)
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)



Families Moving Forward Rock the Block! will take place on Saturday, May 21. Volunteers can sign up to do tasks such as painting the hallways, mulching and landscaping, staining the fence and porch, or organizing donations. They are also looking for volunteers who have a medical background to be at our first aid station and help check vaccination cards. Other opportunities include helping with kids activities, serving food, and being by the street barricades. There are two time slots you can volunteer for:

- Saturday, May 21 morning, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Saturday, May 21 afternoon, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Anne Pokorny can help you sign up or email a link to use. If you would like to donate supplies or money to support the event, please go to <https://fmfnc.org/2022-rock-the-block>.

Volunteers must be 18 years or older, but everyone is welcome to attend. There will be food, live music, activities for kids, and celebration of service!

In order to keep the families, staff, and fellow volunteers safe, volunteers are required to bring proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test result within 72 hours. All volunteers who are working inside will be required to wear a mask, and there will be air purifiers in the hallways. There will be plenty of hand sanitizing stations as well.

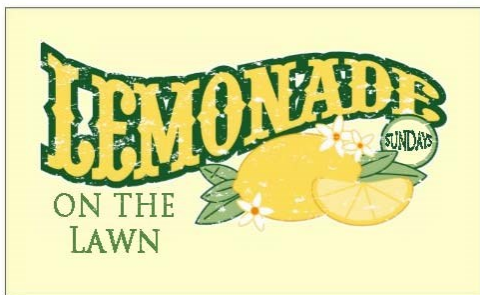
FMF is also looking for volunteers to be Team Leads for each project zone. Team Leads will be overseeing and working with a group of 4-10 volunteers on a specific project, (ex. painting the 2nd floor hallway). They will attend a training & orientation session either the week before Rock the Block or earlier on the day of the event. If you are interested in being a Team Lead, please email Anna Krecklow, anna@fmfnc.org.



Thursday, May 26
Please let Anne Pokorny know how you can help.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 5/8—Linda Hall & Barbara Sanders
- 5/15—Scott Rose & Mary Summerlin
- 5/22—Joe Story & Rhonda Welfare



May 15



What's ahead for the HVBC book club:

May 30—The Blessing Way by Tony Hillerman
This is the first book in Hillerman's mystery series, which takes place on the Navaho Nation in parts of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. Want more? You can also read Book 2, Dance Hall of the Dead.

June 26—The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
This discussion will focus on Lewis's use of religious symbolism and will be led by Pastor Ben Wines. You can also read the next book in the series, Prince Caspian.

Coming soon

Hidden Figures, Margo Lee Shetterly
Bootlegger's Daughter, Margaret Maron

HVBC Reads meets via Zoom at 7 PM on the last Thursday night each month. Contact Rhonda Welfare rwelfare411@gmail.com to be added to the Zoom contact list.



Hope Valley Baptist Church seeks a 15 hr/wk Director of Music Ministry to provide leadership in a comprehensive music program and assist the Senior Pastor in planning and leading worship. Salary is commensurate with skills and experience.

The Director of Music Ministry should demonstrate strong Christian faith and a willingness to support the goals and beliefs of the church, have experience directing vocal and instrumental ensembles, be familiar with different types of music used in a church setting, and have strong planning and organizational skills.

View the job announcement at:

<https://www.hvbc.org/work-for-hvbc/>

Applications close May 31, 2022. To apply, send a cover letter, a resume or vitae, and a list of at least three people we can contact to learn more about your qualifications for this position to Robin Wimberley, HVBC, 6900 Garrett Rd, Durham NC 27707.



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



Sunday, June 12, 2022

Please contact the church office if you are graduating this year or have a family member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school. We will be recognizing and honoring graduates on June 12 as part of the Worship Service.