



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Sermon Series: Faith and Art

August 14

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-20
Title: ***The Worship of the Golden Calf***

August 21

Scripture: Luke 18:18-27
Title: ***The Green Bridge II***

August 28

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17
Title: ***The Cathedral***

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Brothers and sisters,

It is that time of the year again—time to nominate and elect Deacons! You'll notice that the Deacon nomination form has been included in this week's *Illuminator*. I would encourage everyone to take some time to think and pray about who you would like to nominate to serve as a Deacon here at Hope Valley. Consider the people you know at our church and how their gifts line up with the mission of the Deacon Board—to provide pastoral care and leadership to the members of our church.

At its best, church is about all of us coming together to care for one another, walk alongside each other, pray for each other, and build community together. Church is never about any one person doing everything. It has always been and should always be a collaboration among all of us. We see several places throughout the scripture where various leaders of our faith realize they cannot go it alone. Jethro encourages Moses to appoint judges (Exodus 18:13-23). The apostles realize they need help in order to preach the gospel *and* take care of the people (Acts 6:1-6). In his various letters, Paul makes mention of deacons serving the people of the church faithfully, with perhaps the most famous one being Phoebe in Cenchreae (Romans 16:1-2). These leaders of our faith looked to others as partners as they sought to faithfully follow God's will.

That is the primary function of the Deacons—to partner with the Pastor and other leaders within the church to care for our congregation and help us faithfully follow God's will. If you know of someone who you think would do a good job leading and serving in this way, I would encourage you to speak to them, tell them the gifts you see in them, and see if they would be willing to be nominated for a position as a Deacon. Or if you yourself feel God calling you to step into this leadership role, I would encourage you to speak to another church member about that and see if they would be willing to nominate you. As always, I would counsel everyone to listen for God's voice in this process and seek to follow God's will.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Sympathy is extended to Jessie Kelly & family in the death of her mother, Charlotte Soltes.

COVID Pandemic
Hope House Family

Ukrainian situation
Kentucky Flood Victims

Church family with Health Concerns:

Wendy Ash - recovery from surgeries
Peggy Bidy - long COVID symptoms
Karen Bolton - recovery from surgery
Linda Brown - upcoming hip surgery
Joan Burke
Rachel Dossett
LaVerne Ellis
Heidi Hall - spinal muscular atrophy (daughter of Sandra & Rick Hall)

Woody Harton
Julie Hayes - blood pressure issues
Kaye Jenkins - recovery from knee surgery
Linda Marshall

Brenda Morton - recovery from fall
Stephen Myers - Crohn's disease

Frank Pokorny - recovery from surgeries
Carol Rigsbee

Barbara Sanders - family members
Faye Shelton - blood cancer

Carolyn Tippett - leukemia
Emmett Ward - health issues

Senior Living Centers:

Durham Regent: Marcella Jerdon
Emerald Pond: Lee Schevill, Sam & Pat Beasley
Universal Health Care: Marie Thompson

HVBC friends and family:

Candy Arnold - brain tumor, chemo (niece of Carol Atkins)
Phil Atkins (friend of Carl & Carol Atkins)
Annie Mae Batten - in hospital (sister of Carol Atkins)
Britt Bentley - recovery from heart and kidney transplant (son of Susan Bentley)

Bruce & Linda Benton - he has upcoming pelvic surgery & she was just diagnosed with breast cancer (HVBC former members)

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)
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)
Walter Dunn - 4-year-old with seizures (friend of the Herrings)
JaQuavion Ervin - young boy in foster care with no family (from Scott Rose)

Grayson Evans - health issues (grandson of Gail Templeton)
Paul Fain - stomach cancer (friend of Steve & Karen Bolton)

Helon Fara - cancer (cousin of Linda Hall)

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)
Alphus & Sherri Herndon - he has cancer & she has Alzheimer's (cousin of Brenda Morton & Irene Barnes)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

Bryant Herring - heart issues (father of Jonathan Herring)
Jerry (friend of Susan Bentley)
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)
Barbara Lowe - leg amputation (mother of Rachel Dossett's brother-in-law)

Junior Martin - cancer (friend of Joan Burke)
Mark May - autoimmune disease (nephew of Linda Kyles)
Charlotte Mears - unknown internal bleeding (friend of the Bushes)

Eddie Netzlof - cancer (friend of Scott Rose)
Juliet Atieno Otieno - 15-year-old with Lupus (friend of Scott Rose)

Dana Page - health issues (friend of Scott Rose)
Stella Perrin - working with Ukrainian refugees in Moldova
John Pierce (grandson of Carl & Carol Atkins)
Phil Ponder - cancer (friend 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)

Franci Rokoske - fractured spine (friend of Amy Herring)
Joe Rollins - recovery from fall (cousin of Carol Atkins)
Carol Roycroft - cancer (niece of Dorothy Moore)

Robbie Sanders - kidney stones (son of Barbara Sanders)
Patrick & Kathy Schermerhorn - difficult month (son & daughter-in-law of Linda Ward)

Susan Smileowicz - stroke (friend of Steve & Karen Bolton)
Greg Smith - brain & lung cancer (extended family of the Dossetts)

Vicki Smith - breast cancer (extended family of the Dossetts)
Adam Stoops - Hodgkins Lymphoma (nephew of Dave Stoops)
Irene Taylor - COVID & other health concerns (mother of Rachel Dossett)

Matthew Taylor - salvation & direction (request by the Dossetts)
Sonny Taylor - recovery from surgery (brother of Phyllis Edwards)

Sara Thompson - recovery from surgery (mother of Leigh Bigger)
Heath Tuttle - 13-year-old with cancer (friend of Linda Ward)
Elaine & Tom vanDalen - health concerns (sister & brother-in-law of Karen Bolton)

Amy VanderMeer - kidney problems, upcoming surgery (daughter of the Dossetts)

Jeff Webb - brain tumor (friend of Scott Rose)
Tommy Wilson - heart issues (brother of Linda Ward)
Mike Yeargan - cancer (nephew of LaVerne Ellis)

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)



Thank you to Mike Dossett and his crew for refreshing the playground! Here is a picture of Ellie and her cousin Clara enjoying the sandbox.

8/14—Linda Ward & Barbara Sanders

8/21— Scott Rose & Mary Summerlin

8/28—Joe Story & Rhonda Welfare



Our next date is August 18.
Please let Anne Pokorny know how you can help.



Zoom Bible Study

Starting September 13, 2022 at 9:30 am

The Jesus You May Not Know

By David Jeremiah

Please email or call Robin to sign up so we can order the proper number of books. The total cost of the books is **\$30 per person** ****be sure to note the price reduction.**** This includes the hardback book & a study guide.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Ward at 919-451-2876.



Thanks to Johnny & Marie Bush, Ceramics Ministry has started back up!

Here are the days & times:

Tuesdays—6:30—8:30 pm

Thursdays—10:00 am—12:00 pm

WE ARE
grateful
FOR YOU!

Mike and I have been so uplifted by your warm expressions of support during my recent hospitalizations and recoveries. We appreciate the prayers that were offered up for us as well as the visits, cards, texts and calls. We are blessed to do fellowship with such a caring church.

In His love,
Mike and Rachel Dossett



This month, HVBC READS *Hidden Figures* by Margot Shetterly. *Hidden Figures* is the true story about a group of female African American mathematicians who worked for NASA during the space race. It highlights not only the critical role they played, but also the discrimination they experienced during their time with NASA.

The meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 25. Contact Rhonda Welfare (rwelfare411@gmail.com) for information on how to log in to the meeting.

There are still Book Club Kit copies of the book available. Contact Rhonda to get one. There are also additional copies available at the Durham Public Library in hard copy, ebook, and audiobook format. The book is also available at local and online bookstores.

Need extra credit? You can watch the 2017 movie *Hidden Figures*, which is based on the book.

The book club focuses on banned books during September, which is National Banned Books Month. Stay tuned for more details.

You do not have to be a member of Hope Valley Baptist Church to participate in HVBC READS. Invite your friends and family who love to read to join us for our discussion via Zoom on the last Thursday night each month.



Message from **PERSONNEL TEAM**

The Personnel Team is pleased that two staff positions have been filled on a temporary basis.

Amy Herring has agreed to work as Interim Minister to Children and Families effective August 8. Amy will work 8-10 hours per week and will focus primarily on children's Sunday worship and a few special activities with a family focus. Our agreement is for three months or until the permanent position is filled, whichever comes first. The agreement can be extended if the permanent position has not been filled at the end of the initial period.

Kathryn Bunch has agreed to return to the interim Director of Music Ministries position effective September 1 for as long as needed. She will work 15-18 hours per week. We have temporarily suspended the search for a permanent Director of Music Ministries but will continue to look for a permanent pianist.

The Personnel Team will sponsor a series of Town Hall Meetings in August and September to get input on how to best meet the needs of children, youth and families at HVBC. The Minister to Children and Families and the Youth Director/Intern positions are both currently vacant. The Director of Music Ministries works for 15-18 hours per week and the Youth Director/Intern for 8-10 hours per week. In recent years, the Youth Director/Intern has been a Duke Divinity School student.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, August 28

3:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

To discuss how to best meet the needs of children, youth and families at Hope Valley Baptist Church



2022 Deacon Nomination and Election Process

Our church needs to provide up to three (5) Deacon positions for the new church year. Each person elected will be expected to serve a three-year term (October 2022 thru September 2025).

Beginning now through **Monday, August 29**, members are asked to nominate candidates for Deacon (using the form below) that they have talked with and feel are willing to serve if elected.

To those nominated, the Deacon Chair or a small group of Deacons will explain the role of Deacon and confirm they are willing to serve. Once a slate of nominees is complete, the church will vote to fill available Deacon positions from a list of nominated candidates who are willing to serve.

Deacons who are currently serving and ineligible for nomination are: Jennifer Bowen, Toby Bowen, Mike Bunch, Johnny Bush, Mike Dossett, Brenda Doyle, Linda Hall, Anne Pokorny, Scott Rose, Barbara Sanders, Joe Story, Mary Summerlin, Linda Ward & Rhonda Welfare.

Newly elected Deacons will begin service on October 1.

I nominate the following person(s) to serve as a Deacon for Hope Valley Baptist Church, beginning in October 2022. I believe this person(s) possesses and demonstrates a deep faith, a commitment to faithfulness in serving God and the church, and a spirit that reflects the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. I have checked with this person and he/she is willing to serve if elected by the congregation.

Nominated by:

Please return this form to Michael Bunch (Deacon Chair), Mike Dossett (Deacon Vice-Chair), or the church office by **Monday, August 29**.

Anyone can save the life of a person experiencing sudden cardiac arrest using equipment available at Hope Valley Baptist Church.

Two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) were donated to Hope Valley about a decade ago by Linda and Emmett Ward. Originally these devices were available only in medical settings, but the technology has now improved to the point that they can be used successfully by people with little or no training.

“There was a push to get them in places where people tend to gather — hotels, ballparks, stadiums,” Linda said. “Because of the gymnasium and particularly the age of our members, we felt like the church was an ideal location.”

The American Heart Association website describes an AED as an electronic medical device that automatically checks a person’s heart and administers a shock when needed to restore the heart’s rhythm. Research supported by the National Institutes of Health estimated in 2018 that more than 1,700 lives are saved each year in the US by bystanders who use an AED during a cardiac emergency.

At Hope Valley, one AED is located at the gym-side entrance to the children’s Sunday school wing in the main building, and the other is near the downstairs restrooms in the Family Life Center. The AEDs are stored in unlocked glass cases. You do not need special permission or training to use. If there is a medical emergency, open the case and remove the AED. An alarm will sound, but this is just to alert others that an emergency is occurring. When you open the AED, it turns on automatically and provides step-by-step instructions for use.

Even with an AED, you should call 911 and, if the patient is unresponsive, start chest compressions. The combination of CPR and an AED can buy a patient valuable time until emergency services arrive.

“In case of a heart-related emergency, time is of the essence,” said Frances Smith, a retired paramedic and American Heart Association instructor. “It is far better to have the AED with you than to have to go back and get it in the midst of the emergency.”



Barbara Sanders practices CPR on a resuscitation doll during a recent First Aid/CPR class at Hope Valley. The doll’s status is being monitored by one of the church’s AEDs.