



# Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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### UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

#### September 18

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Title: ***Foolishness***

#### September 25

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

Title: ***Faithful Listening***

#### October 2

**World Communion Sunday**  
**Guest Speaker—Dr. Steve Bolton**

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Brothers and sisters,

As I write this article this morning, I am still in the midst of processing the news of the day within the world of sports. Roger Federer is retiring from tennis. After twenty-four years, over 1,500 matches (with an official win/loss record of 1,251-275, as of today), and twenty Grand Slam titles, Federer is walking away from the game. Federer was a game-changer, literally innovating new strategies, shots, and ideas on the court. He was known for being a wizard on the court, able to hit shots that defied the laws of both physics and geometry. He is widely considered to be the greatest tennis player of all time, aka the GOAT, and I would agree with that. And he's retiring.

Now, that means that the next few days will be filled with reflections of Federer's career on sports channels. And, more likely than not, his legacy will be talked about during all four Grand Slam tournaments next year, particularly at Wimbledon where Federer was especially dominant. You'll hear folks have the GOAT conversation over and over. But then you'll probably also hear folks ask some form of this question, "What is tennis going to do without Roger Federer?" or "What is the future of the sport, now that Federer won't be here?" Some folks will say, "It'll be fine," and they'll point to all the young tennis players coming up in Federer's wake. But others will wring their hands and argue that the future is scary and uncertain now that Roger won't be competing.

I say all this because these conversations always happen whenever a major sport star retires (prepare for all them again on ESPN in a few years when Lebron James retires). And every so often, I hear these kinds of conversations within churches. "What is the church going to do now that (insert famous leader's name here) is stepping down?" Or, "What is the church going to do in the face of (insert new cultural trend or shift here)?" And I do understand the concern that undergirds these questions. But I am always supremely confident that the church will rise to the occasion. Why? Because while leadership may change, cultural shifts may occur, new technologies may change the way we interact with each other, God does not change. God remains faithful to us. And so I am convinced that if we will remain faithful to God, the church will be fine. We will find new ways to engage with people, new ways to spread the Good News, new ways to let folks know they are loved. All because God will continue to love us and care for us through it all.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ben

**PRAYER CONCERNS**  
**(new additions/updates in bold)**

**Sympathy is extended to the family & friends of Marie Thompson upon her passing. Marie was a Charter Member of HVBC, joining in 1959.**

COVID Pandemic                      Ukrainian situation  
Hope House Family                  Flood Victims

**Church family with Health Concerns:**

Wendy Ash  
Peggy Bidy - long COVID symptoms  
Linda Brown  
Joan Burke  
Rachel Dossett  
LaVerne Ellis  
Faye Finch - breathing issues  
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  
Kendra Merritt - upcoming eye surgery & doctor's appointment  
Brenda Morton - recovery from fall  
Stephen Myers - Crohn's disease  
Carol Rigsbee  
Barbara Sanders - family members  
Faye Shelton - blood cancer  
Carolyn Tippet - leukemia  
Emmett Ward - health issues

**Senior Living Centers:**

Durham Regent: Marcella Jerdon  
Emerald Pond: Lee Schevill, Sam & Pat Beasley

**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 - health issues (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)  
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)  
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)  
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)  
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)  
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)  
**Patricia Taylor - recovery from shoulder surgery (mother of Jennifer Bowen)**  
Sonny Taylor - recovery from surgery (brother of Phyllis Edwards)  
Ted - serious health problems (friend of Jacquie Allen)  
Sara Thompson - recovery from surgery (mother of Leigh Bigger)  
Heath Tuttle - 13-year-old with cancer (friend of Linda Ward)  
Amy VanderMeer - kidney problems (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)



In honor of National Banned Books Month, HVBC READS members are reading two different banned books during September: *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank and *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.

Read them both, select one, or don't read either but come prepared to talk about what exactly "banning" books means, the reasons books are banned, and why it should matter to us.

The September meeting will be held at 7 PM September 29 via Zoom. Contact Rhonda Welfare ([rwelfare411@gmail.com](mailto:rwelfare411@gmail.com)) to be added to the meeting contact list or to get a copy of *The Handmaid's Tale*. Both books are available at the Durham Public Library and in print and eBooks at local and online new and used bookstores.

**Nominating Report**  
**2022/2023**  
 Attached please find the final Nominating Report that was approved on August 28.

**Congratulations to our newly elected Deacons:**  
 Leigh Bigger  
 Cameron Packer  
 Lucy Woodell

**Town Hall Meeting**  
 Sunday, September 18  
 3:00 pm  
 Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendars now for Thanksgiving Dinner at 1:00 pm Thursday, November 24, in the Family Life Center. Bring side dishes, bread and dessert to share. Meat and beverages will be provided. More details to follow. For more information or to volunteer, contact Rhonda Welfare ([rwelfare411@gmail.com](mailto:rwelfare411@gmail.com)).

Financial Report Month Ending August 2022		
Accounts	Month	Year to Date
Income	\$15,108.00	\$148,644.20
Expenses		
Missions	1,131.76	13,881.46
Personnel	11,142.12	98,038.44
Training & Education	803.06	4,077.23
Worship & Music	916.21	2,710.72
Operating Expenses	1,317.48	7,652.71
Property/Maintenance	7,673.60	29,674.31
Service Contracts	4,670.67	20,533.82
Total Expenses	<u>\$27,654.90</u>	<u>\$176,568.69</u>
Net Income	<u>(\$12,546.90)</u>	<u>\$(27,924.49)</u>
Bank Balance		\$175,980.84
Less Designated Fund Balance		<u>( 97,483.10)</u>
Operating Fund Balance		<u>\$ 78,497.74</u>
Designated Fund Beginning Balance		\$95,191.47
Revenue		6,985.00
Expenses		<u>(4,693.37)</u>
Designated Fund Ending Balance		<u>\$97,483.10</u>
Goodwin Fund		<u>\$41,003.14</u>
Total Designated & Goodwin Funds		<u>\$138,486.24</u>
Capital Campaign FUND		\$26,381.33

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK**  
 9/18—Mike Bunch & Jennifer Bowen  
 9/25—Toby Bowen & Johnny Bush  
 10/2—Mike Bunch & Brenda Doyle



Student  
Prayer  
Partners

For several years, the Student Prayer Partner program at Hope Valley has been an important part of the church's ministry to young people and families through strengthening the intergenerational relationships that are so necessary for church community and the passing-on of faith. If you are willing to make a commitment to pray for and to provide tangible expressions of love and support for a child, youth, or young adult in our church during the upcoming school year, please sign-up via the [Sign-Up Genius Link](#) (noted below) or by contacting Robin Wimberley at the church office.

Once you have selected a student (or students), you will receive an email containing information related to your student including his/her birthdate, address (and email address if applicable), and phone number. You are encouraged to contact your student at least once a month—especially on holidays and his/her birthday. Contact can be as simple as a phone call, email, or letter or card dropped in the mail. You are also encouraged to occasionally mail or drop-off special surprises as appropriate (stickers, balloons/simple crafts, etc.) If you wish to help with our college student ministry, please add your name to the slot labeled "College" on the Sign-Up Genius link. Rhonda Welfare will be coordinating this aspect of the ministry.

**Student Prayer Partner Sign-Up Link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EAEA923A5F94-20222023>



Dear Hope Valley Family,

Thank you for the money you gave to me for college expenses through the Goodwin Education Fund. I will use it to pay for books and other expenses that pop up.

I appreciate your generosity and your consideration of me. I will be studying Nutrition & Biology. So far, university life at ECU has been great!

Thank you,  
Bradford Rose

## HOPE HOUSE

You can help the Hope House team prepare to welcome refugee families to Durham.

The team is recruiting volunteers to assist with cleaning up the house when the current residents move to permanent housing and getting it ready for the next family. This transition occurs with little warning and must happen quickly. Volunteers are needed for the cleanup crew, to inventory and restock supplies and equipment in the house, to pick up and deliver a welcome meal for the new family, and to support the ministry in other ways. Volunteer opportunities can take anywhere from a few minutes to several hours. New residents generally arrive every few weeks, but the time frame may be longer or shorter depending on circumstances.

To be added to the volunteer list, contact Mike Dossett or Robin at the HVBC Office. Provide your name, phone and email address. You will be contacted when help is needed. If you are available, you'll be assigned to a work crew. Don't worry if you are busy. There will be a new opportunity every few weeks.

Hope House, a collaboration of Hope Valley Baptist Church, other local churches and World Relief of Durham, provides a temporary home for refugees being resettled in Durham.



## MUSIC NOTES



### JOIN THE CHOIR!

**Positions open:** Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass. No others need apply.

**Physical qualifications:** Must be able to carry a tune in a bucket.

**Experience:** Must have sung, hummed, or listened to music in the shower.

**Wages:** Satisfaction and joy in God's service.

**Hours:** Sunday mornings, Tuesday evenings, and overtime opportunities (at above mentioned wages)

**Fringe Benefits:** Social Security – social fellowship and fun with other choir members.

**Retirement:** Benefits are eternally great.

**How to join:** Just show up Tuesday at 7:30 pm or contact Kathryn with questions [kathryn-bun@msn.com](mailto:kathryn-bun@msn.com) or 919-225-7545.

**Our first Advent/Christmas rehearsal will be in the choir room on Saturday, October 1 from 9:00 to 11:30 am!!**

## Nominating Team 2022-2023

Church Officers	
Church Clerk	Linda Ward
Assistant Church Clerk	
Church Treasurer	Phil Woodell
Asst Treasurer	Linda Hall
VBS Team	Jonathan Herring
	Amy Herring
Family Meeting Moderator	Emmett Ward
Trustee 2023	Terry Griffitts
Trustee 2024	Emmett Ward
Trustee 2025	Phil Woodell
Yates Board Rep.	Phil Woodell
Yates Board Rep.	Lucy Woodell
Yates Assoc. Messenger	Rhonda Welfare
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Missions Leaders	
FMF Coordinator	Anne Pokorny
Sunday School	
Sunday School Dir.	Linda Ward
SS Secretary	Johnny Bush
Dorcas Class	Rhonda Welfare
Dorcas Class	
Kyles Class	Phyllis Edwards
Kyles Class	Michelle Hunt
Modern Disciples	Mike Dossett
Modern Disciples	John Myers
	Toby Bowen
	Mike Bunch
	Linda Ward
	Steve Bolton
Carolina Reserve	Jacqueline Allen
Carolina Reserve Asst.	
Carolina Reserve Asst.	
C'lina Reserve Songldr	
C'lina Reserve Songldr	
C'lina Reserve Songldr	Anne Pokorny
C'lina Reserve pianist	Linda Marshall (rotation)
Youth SS	
Youth SS	
Grades 1-5	Jonathan Herring
Grades 1-5 assistant	Jennifer Bowen
Elem/PreK Substitute	Leigh Bigger
	Frances Smith

Ministry Teams	
Baptism	Carl Atkins
	Lucy Woodell
	Phil Woodell
	Marie Bush
Deaf Ministry	Julie Stoops
	Rhonda Welfare
Décor - Christmas	Mike Dossett
	Rachel Dossett
	Mary Myers
	Shelby Yates
Décor – Easter	Marion Jones
Extended Session	Julie Stoops
	Barbara Sanders
	Elizabeth Herring
	Jennifer Bowen
Greeters	Terry Griffitts
	Phil Woodell
	Herb Finch
	Linda Ward
Family Ministries	Frances Smith
Hope House	David Stoops
	Julie Stoops
	Leigh Bigger
	Toby Bowen
	Mike Dossett
Hospitality	Jennifer Bowen
	Toby Bowen
	Maureen Bowen
	Linda Ellis
	Ginger Rose
	Rachel Dossett
	Mike Dossett
	Mary Myers
	John Myers
	Kathryn Bunch
Kitchen	Rick Lynch
	Cameron Packer
	Kathryn Bunch
Meal Train Coordinator	Susan Bentley

## Nominating Team 2022-2023

Missions	Julie Stoops (chair)
	Barbara Rowley
	Barbara Sanders
	Susan Bentley
	Leigh Bigger
	Mary Myers
Rose Garden/Flowers	Jan Mangum
Senior Adult Coord.	Susan Bentley
Sets – VBS	Toby Bowen
	Jennifer Bowen
	Maureen Bowen
Wednesday Meals	Rick Lynch
	Cameron Packer
	Moria Packer
Youth Team	Susan Bentley
	Barbara Sanders
<b>Service Teams</b>	
Church Historian	David Stoops
	Rhonda Welfare
Counting	Marie Bush
	Jennifer Bowen
	Johnny Bush
	Carol Atkins
	Lucy Woodell (coordinator)
	Betty Griffitts
	Linda Ellis
	Linda Hall (substitute)
Finance 2023	Emmett Ward
	Linda Hall
Finance 2024	Lucy Woodell
	David Stoops
	Mike Dossett
Finance 2025	Candy Taylor
	Marie Bush
Library	Karen Bolton
	Mary Myers
	Rhonda Welfare
Nominating 2023	Linda Ward
Nominating 2024	Johnny Bush
Nominating 2025	Kathryn Bunch
	Rachel Dossett

Personnel 2023	Rhonda Welfare
	Rachel Dossett
Personnel 2024	Mary Myers
	Phil Woodell
Personnel 2025	Brenda Doyle
	Barbara Sanders
Properties	Toby Bowen
	Cameron Packer (chair)
	Jan Mangum
Publicity	Rhonda Welfare
	David Stoops
Sound /Audio-Visual	Toby Bowen
	Jonathan Herring
	David Stoops
	Chris Summerlin
Technology	Jonathan Herring
	David Stoops
	Toby Bowen