



# Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## *Illuminator*

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### UPCOMING SUNDAY:

**October 2**

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

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Title: *Stir Up the Gifts of God*

### **CHURCH STAFF**

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Brothers and sisters,

As you all know, earlier this month we had our yearly Deacon elections. Three new deacons were chosen: Cameron Packer, Leigh Bigger, and Lucy Woodell. These three responded to the call God had placed on them and have agreed to serve as leaders here in our church. I'm grateful!

For both Cameron and Leigh, this will be their first time serving as Deacons, meaning that we will need to have a Deacon Ordination service soon! To me, this is always an exciting service. It is a wonderful time for us as a church family to come alongside some of our brothers and sisters, affirm the call God has given them, and encourage them as they begin their service. Ordination services are also wonderful opportunities for all of us to remember the ways that God calls each of us to serve, both within the church and within our communities. God has given all of us such incredible gifts and ordination services in particular do a wonderful job of celebrating those.

So, as part of the ordination process, I'm encouraging everyone to write letters, cards, or notes to Cameron and Leigh. You can write down what gifts you see in them. You can write down words of encouragement for the work that lies ahead of them. Maybe you want to write down fond memories you have of them or with them. Maybe you want to write something to them that will make them laugh. Whatever you feel you'd like to say to Cameron and Leigh, I would encourage you to write it down so we can present it to them when they are ordained on Sunday, October 23 during morning worship. These cards and notes will serve as constant reminders to them of the love their church family has for them.

I'm looking forward to this service. I'm looking forward to welcoming Cameron and Leigh onto the diaconate. I'm looking forward to the ways we will come around them and affirm their calls to leadership. Please be sure to pray for them as they start this new ministry. And please be sure to bring a personal note or card for them on or before Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ben

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

**Sympathy is extended to the family of Tom Hudson upon his death (brother-in-law of Jacquie Allen).**

**Hope House family – housing, school & medical issues**

**Church family with Health Concerns:**

Wendy Ash

**Peggy Bidy - cataract surgery on 9/29**

**Karen Bolton - recovery from fall**

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

**Nancy Michal - recovery from surgery**

Brenda Morton - recovery from fall

Stephen Myers - Crohn's disease

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

**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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

Ted - serious health problems (friend of Jacquie Allen)

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)

**John & Crawford Williams - she has aphasia (sister-in-law of Lucy Woodell)**

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)

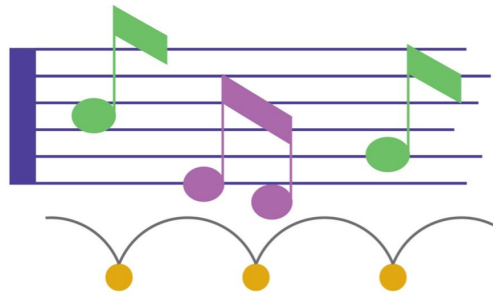
Clayton Davis (grandson of Linda Marshall)

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)



## Advent & Christmas CHOIR REHEARSAL

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **October 1** for the choir's first Advent/Christmas rehearsal. We will start at 9:00 am and finish by 11:30 am. Please join the choir for this special event!



## Deacon Ordination October 23

Please be sure to join us as we have a deacon ordination for the following:

Leigh Bigger  
Cameron Packer

We are asking for church members to write letters or cards of encouragement to these new deacons. You can leave your letter or card to the new deacon at this service.



## October BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Derek Arkenberg
- 7—Rick Lynch
- 10—Eowyn Rose
- 11—Cassie Hall
- 12—Georgia Summerlin
- 16—Sandra Hall
- 17—Marie Collins
- 19—Mike Bunch
- 20—Betty Griffiths
- 28—Marilyn Flanary
- 28—Lee Schevill
- 28—Wayne Webster
- 29—Bella Rose
- 30—Genevieve Mua



## Church Family THANKSGIVING DINNER

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)).

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 10/2—Mike Bunch & Brenda Doyle
- 10/9—Mike Dossett & Linda Hall
- 10/16—Anne Pokorny & Scott Rose



## 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 inter-generational 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](#) 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.



**WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**

**This Sunday,  
October 2, 2022**



### Calling all Seniors!

We would like to have a meeting to get started back with a seniors group on **Thursday, October 6**. Please come to the Family Life Center at **11:30 am**. We will provide a light lunch.

Begin thinking about ideas for what you would like the group to do for day trips, eating out as a group or maybe an overnight trip during the year.

Look forward to meeting with the group.

Susan Bentley  
Senior Coordinator



**Our next date is October 27**

Please let Anne Pokorny know  
how you can help.