



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

November 13

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4
Title: *Faithful Boasting*

November 20

Christ the King Sunday

Scripture: Luke 23:32-43
Title: *The King's Judgment*

November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5
Title: *The House of God*

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Brothers and sisters,

This past Sunday, November 6th, was All Saints Sunday. We took time to remember, honor, and celebrate the lives of those Christians who came before us. We took time to remember the things they taught us and the good times we had with them. If you were here on Sunday or you tuned in to the livestream, you heard me use that phrase, “those Christians who came before us” a lot. And you also heard me talk about those saints teaching us things. But as I thought about this past Sunday, I realized that I really didn’t share many of the things I had been taught over the years from the saints within my own life. So, if you’ll indulge me for a bit, I figured I’d share a few things that Sunday got me thinking about.

The first thing that hit me after the service was when I walked back into my office and saw my certificate of ordination. I was ordained by my home church, FBC Goldsboro, and so the names of the folks on my ordination council are people I have incredibly fond memories of. My youth Sunday School teacher’s name is there—she was, and still is, the definition of warmth, kindness, patience, and hospitality. She also makes, hands down, the best sausage biscuits!

Bob’s and Bill’s names are on there. I remember the steadiness of their faith and their dedication to serving the church however they could. I worked with them a lot building handicapped ramps for folks all around Goldsboro and Wayne County. They embodied James’ belief that faith without works is dead—and their faith was very much alive! I also remember that Bob has a sweet tooth and Bill liked to “pay” me for my volunteer work with a McDonald’s cheeseburger and a Diet Mountain Dew.

There were also three pastors on my ordination council, though only two signed. Scott and Glenn’s names are there, my youth pastor and senior pastor, respectively. To write what they have meant to be personally would take far too many Illuminators to be practical. The first pastor I ever interned for, Alan, also sat on the council—he is the unsigned pastor, simply because he called in from Georgia to be a part of it. Those three taught me more about my faith, myself, and what it means to be a pastor, than I will probably ever fully understand. And since there seems to be an unspoken food theme in my recollections—Scott never turns down Thai food, Glenn loves country cooking, and Alan is a sandwich connoisseur!

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Sympathy is extended to Don Kelly and Shelby Yates in the death of his father and her brother, Dana Kelly.

Church family with Health Concerns:

Wendy Ash
Peggy Bidy - recovery from cataract surgeries
Karen Bolton - recovery from fall
Linda Brown
Joan Burke
Rachel Dossett
LaVerne Ellis - kidney stones & infection
Heidi Hall - spinal muscular atrophy (daughter of Sandra & Rick Hall)
Woody Harton
Julie Hayes - blood pressure issues
Shirley Lewter - recovery from fall & 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 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)
Britt Bentley - kidney surgery on 11/14 (son of Susan Bentley)
Bruce & Linda Benton - him from pelvic surgery & she has breast cancer (HVBC former members)
Rebecca Bidy - in hospital (daughter-in-law of Peggy Bidy)
Jimmy Bolick - stroke (uncle of Amy Herring)
Michael Bowen - COVID (father of Toby Bowen)
Hayley Brady - blood clots in lungs (sister of Ginger Rose)
Pam Carroll - cancer (friend of Linda & Emmett Ward)
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)
Paul Fain - stomach cancer (friend of Steve & Karen Bolton)
Carol Franklin - RSV (friend of Barbara Sanders)
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)
Bryan Herring - heart surgery (cousin of Jonathan Herring)
Jerry (friend of Susan Bentley)
Barbara Layne - diabetic, leg surgeries & rehab (extended family of the Dossetts)
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)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

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 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)
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)
Owen Thompson - COVID (grandson of Julie & Dave Stoops)
Sara Thompson - broken vertebra, rehab (mother of Leigh Bigger)
Derrick Toomer - health issues (friend of Barbara Sanders)
Heath Tuttle - 13-year-old with cancer (friend of Linda Ward)
Amy VanderMeer - kidney problems (daughter of the Dossetts)
Gregg Wallace - recovery from heart surgery (brother of Cheryl Wallace)
Jeff Ward - stage 4 stomach & liver cancer (son of Emmett & Linda Ward)
Jeff Webb - brain tumor (friend of Scott Rose)
Dee White - bone cancer, starting chemotherapy (cousin of Barbara Rowley)
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:

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)

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

11/13—Lucy Woodell & Mike Bunch

11/20—Scott Rose & Brenda Doyle

11/27—Linda Ward & Barbara Sanders

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Most of the folks on my ordination council are still with us. Bill has gone on to glory, but I love that I have gotten to know all of them. I am grateful for the things they taught me and the good times I've had with each of them. And as I sit and think about all the wonderful things God has done for each of us, I really do believe that stitching Christians together as a family is one of God's greatest ideas.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben



CHURCH FAMILY
MEETING

November 20

Copies of the proposed 2023 Budget are
located in the Vestibule.



Christmas is just around the corner. Start the festivities off right by participating in the annual Hope Valley Baptist Church Christmas mailbox. Bring your cards for church members and regular participants and drop them in the box in the vestibule or outside the office. No stamp is needed, but we do request a donation of 30 cents per card to the Christmas Offering.

The deadline for "mailing" cards is **December 4**. Cards will be delivered at the Worship Service and at special activities beginning December 18.



Be sure to stay after worship this Sunday, November 13 to honor and celebrate Amy Herring's ministry here at Hope Valley Baptist Church. Amy has faithfully served at our church for years, bringing her gifts and talents to bear in caring for the children and families of HVBC.

We want to be sure to thank her for her years of service and let her know how much we appreciate all she has done for this church. Since we're Baptists, that means a covered dish! So please be sure to bring a dish or dishes as we celebrate Amy and her time with us.



Join your friends and family for our annual Church-Wide Thanksgiving Potluck at 1:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day. We provide the meat, bread, and beverages. You bring the rest — side dishes, salads, desserts, appetizers, whatever makes Thanksgiving special for you.

Reservations are requested but not required. It would be extremely helpful in our planning to have at least a rough idea of how many people to expect. You can make a reservation by calling the church office, 919-493-1809.

All are welcome at the Thanksgiving Potluck, whether you are a family of one or a dozen — or more.



Coming Soon: Christmas Angel Tree!

The Angel Tree filled with tags is in the Vestibule. This year, HVBC will be purchasing gifts for \$50 or less for homeless men, women and children in Durham from the Durham Rescue Mission. We ask that you select a tag, purchase the gift, place in a Christmas type **bag** and return it to the church office by **Sunday, December 4**. The requested gifts will be given to shelter residents on Christmas Day!

You may choose to partner with someone else to provide a gift(s) that are more costly than you feel you can afford. You may also choose to take more than one tag. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Missions Team, or call the church office.



Jennifer Bowen will be baking rolls again this year as a fundraiser for the Christmas Missions Offering. Order forms are in the vestibule. Please see the order form for details on what is available, cost, and timing. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Bowen at jennifer.pt.bowen@gmail.com or 919-699-4416.



We will meet the first Thursday of each month.

December – Go see Christmas Lights

January 2023 – Games, puzzles, bingo in Fellowship Hall; Bring appetizers

February – Speaker & light lunch

March – Dinner Theater

April – Old Salem Day Trip

May – Strawberry picking & lunch

June – Billy Graham Museum

July – Speaker & lunch

August – Lunch out



HVBC READS schedule:

7:00 pm December 8 - *Becoming* by Michelle Obama

Becoming, by Michelle Obama, is a candid reflection on the former first lady's life.

HVBC READS meets monthly via Zoom, usually at 7:00 pm on the last Thursday each month. Because of the holidays, the November and December meetings will be combined and the group will meet to discuss *Becoming* on December 8.

Becoming is available in print, eBook and audio book format from the Durham Public Library, from local new and used bookstores, and online. Durham Public Library Book Club Kit copies of *Becoming* may be available early in November.



October through December are the months that Hope Valley is assigned to provide food for the Yates Association Food Pantry. Everyone is encouraged to pick up a few grocery items for this needed ministry.

You may place your donations in the brown bins in the vestibule and in the children's hallway or bring them by the church office. Thanks for your support!

Items Needed:

Peanut Butter	Jelly	Juices
Cereal	Rice	Oatmeal
Canned Fruits	Mac/Cheese	Soup
Canned Meats	Mayonnaise	Grits
Mustard	Instant Potatoes	



Christmas Shoebox Ministry for Olive Branch Ministries

Appalachian Ministries CBF Field
Personnel Scarlett Jasper

CAUTION: It's different this year! In 2021, we filled shoeboxes with needed items and a "Wow!" gift for children and senior adults in the poorest areas of Appalachia! We met and have continued to support Scarlett Jasper, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel. Because of tight deadlines and expensive shipping, we will not be preparing and sending shoe boxes. Instead, we will collect money and \$10 gift cards to send to Scarlett.

Every year, Scarlett purchases whatever she needs on faith... and God always provides! She distributes the gift cards and will purchase items needed to fulfill the shoebox requirements. \$10.00 Giftcards can be purchased for the following stores: Walmart, Dollar General, Family Dollar, or Kroger. Please consider what you can give. Missions Team members are available to purchase gift cards for you, if it would be helpful. Please designate your gifts for "Olive Branch Ministries." Look for a collection center and more information around the church. **Deadline for this collection is this Sunday, November 13.**

Senior Adult outing at Jean's Neighborhood Market

Front row: Barbara Rowley, Jacquie Allen, Susan Bentley and Anne Pokorny

Back row: Lucy & Phil Woodell, Shelby Yates





**Pictures from
Trunk or Treat**

