



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Title: *The House of God*

December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Title: *A New Vision*

December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

Title: *Turning It All Around*

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Brothers and sisters,

It is incredible to think that Advent is already upon us! This coming Sunday, November 27th is the first Sunday of Advent. It is the first Sunday that we begin to turn toward the manger and anticipate the arrival of the Christ child. And so, as this season begins, I wanted to take some time to describe the various services we will be having this year as part of our celebration and anticipation.

The first special service we will be having is this Sunday, November 27th during morning worship! This will be our annual Hanging of the Greens service. This is a service that is designed to formally finish up the decorating of the church for Advent and Christmas. Through readings, responses, and prayers we will meditate on all the various symbols we adorn the church with each year.

The second special service we'll be having this year is our Service of Lament on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 PM. The Service of Lament is designed to be a time when we come together as a church family to acknowledge that some of us are carrying grief into the holidays. For some, this is their first Christmas without a loved one. For some, there may be a lot of strain on their relationships. Others may be feeling a sense of anxiety, depression, or both. At this service, we will carve out time and space to be with our brothers and sisters to remind them that they are always loved and that we, their church family, are willing to help them bear their burdens.

Then, on Sunday, December 18th at 5:00 PM, we will be having our special musical service, "God Bless Us, Everyone!" Kathryn, the choir, and all our wonderful musicians here at Hope Valley have been preparing and practicing for this service for weeks now and it promises to be a joyous service of singing and celebration! In addition to all the beautiful music, we will be having a reception afterward as a time of fellowship as we enter the last week of Advent.

Next, we will be having our yearly Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service on Saturday, December 24th at 5:00 in our sanctuary. This is also a wonderful service as we come to perhaps the most exciting night of the year! It is a service where we come and declare our joy and gratitude for the message of Christmas—that God came and dwelt among us. Be sure to bring your family as we take communion together and light candles to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Sympathy is extended to:
The family & friends of Carol Rigsbee upon her death.
Linda Kyles & family upon the death of her brother,
Ray Clayton.

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
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 - upcoming surgery (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 - health issues (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)
Bryant Herring - upcoming tests (father 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)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

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 Raspberry - cancer (sister-in-law of Michelle Hunt)
Weston Raspberry - health issues (nephew of Michelle Hunt)
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)
Andy Wimberley - recovery from heart attack & surgery (husband of Robin Wimberley)
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

11/27—Linda Ward & Barbara Sanders

12/4—Rhonda Welfare & Mary Summerlin

12/11—Toby Bowen & Leith Bigger

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Finally, the next morning—Christmas morning!—we will be having morning worship at 11:00 AM in our sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School that morning, but we will take time to come together and worship God as a church family. And, to the parents reading this, if your child needs/wants to bring their favorite present with them to worship that morning, they are more than welcome to do that!

I am looking forward to this next month of worship with you all! I'm looking forward to the time spent in fellowship as we anticipate, once again, the birth of Jesus and the reminder of God's promise—that God will always be with us.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

Take a look at how we helped the
Christmas Shoebox Ministry for
Olive Branch Ministries:

\$250 in gift cards

\$740 in donations

A big thank you to all of you for your
generosity with supporting this
ministry!



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.

You are cordially invited to

Hope Valley Baptist Church

To celebrate the birth of Jesus
As we present

"God Bless Us, Everyone"

A Service of Christmas Messages
And Music

Sunday, December 18, 2022

5:00 pm

Please join us for a festive (& delicious)
Christmas Reception immediately follow-
ing the service!



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 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 1 – 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.