



# Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## *Illuminator*

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### **UPCOMING SUNDAYS:**

#### **January 15**

Scripture: John 1:29-42

Title: *What Are You Looking For?*

#### **January 22**

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23

Title: *Immediately*

#### **January 29**

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Title: *Blessed*

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Brothers and sisters,

As we start this new year, one of the things that has been on my mind a lot has been worship. Why do we worship? Why do we do the things we do in worship? What does our worship say about our relationship with God? As part of that process of thinking and wondering, I made my way back to an old favorite book of mine, *Worship Come to Its Senses* by Don Saliers. The book is short, but it asks a lot of good questions and offers a lot of meaningful insights into what it means to worship.

In fact, the book is so interesting, we are reading through it and talking about it during our Wednesday night meetings (you're welcome to join us!). Last week, January 4<sup>th</sup>, we took a look at the introduction to the book and pondered this double question that Saliers offers, "What makes Christian worship true and relevant, and how can our liturgical gatherings shape and express authentic Christian faith and life in the world of everyday?" (p. 13-14). And so, I wanted to offer you all some of my own opinion on those two questions. First, what makes Christian worship true and relevant comes down to the fact that we believe that God is present with us in worship. We cling to Christ's promise that whenever Christians gather together, God is with them. And so the truth of any worship service comes from God. The service must be rooted in God or it can never begin to approach truth. The relevance of worship, then, has to come from us understanding that the God we encounter in worship is the same God we meet in our everyday lives. Worship is not something we do from 11:00-12:00 on Sunday morning. The actions, the attitudes, the affirmations *have* to make their way out the door and into the world. Otherwise, worship is irrelevant at best.

That answer bleeds over into my opinion on the second part of Saliers' double question—how can our liturgical gatherings shape and express authentic Christian faith and life in the world of everyday? I think the best way to answer this question is with an illustration. On Communion Sundays, we ask folks to grab a communion cup as they are coming into worship. The ushers don't force anyone to take a cup, but they also don't "verify" that a person "should" get

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

**Prayers for church members who are dealing with various illnesses.**

**Sympathy is extended to:**

- **Jonathan Herring & family in the death of his aunt, Betty Herring.**
- **Karen Fritsch and family in the loss of her mother, Adalene Peters.**

**Church family with Health Concerns:**

Wendy Ash

Peggy Bidy - recovery from cataract surgeries

Karen Bolton - recovery from fall

Linda Brown

Joan Burke

Johnny Bush - recovery from foot surgery

Marie Bush - recovery from foot surgery

Rachel Dossett

**LaVerne Ellis - kidney stones & other health issues**

Heidi Hall - spinal muscular atrophy (daughter of Sandra & Rick Hall)

Woody Harton

Julie Hayes - blood pressure issues

Linda Marshall

Brenda Morton - recovery from fall

Stephen Myers - Crohn's disease

Barbara Sanders - family members

Carolyn Tippet - leukemia

Emmett Ward - health issues

**Linda Ward - heart 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 - recovery from surgery (son of Susan Bentley)**

Rebecca Bidy - health issues (daughter-in-law of Peggy Bidy)

Jimmy Bolick - stroke (uncle of Amy Herring)

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)

**Charles Hall - heart issues, in hospital (brother-in-law of Rachel Dossett)**

Bailey Hardy - Grandmother in hospital (former Intern)

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 results (father of Jonathan Herring)**

Ilunga Family (former Hope House residents)

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)

**PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)**

Junior Martin - cancer (friend of Joan Burke)

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)

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)

Robbie Sanders - health concerns (son of Barbara Sanders)

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 - health concerns (mother of Rachel Dossett)**

Matthew Taylor - salvation & direction (request by the Dossetts)

Patricia Taylor - recovery from shoulder surgery (mother of Jennifer Bowen)

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 - cancer & chemo (son of Emmett & Linda Ward)

Jeff Webb - brain tumor (friend of Scott Rose)

Dee White - bone cancer, starting chemotherapy (cousin of Barbara Rowley)

Molly White - husband tragically killed at work (classmate of Ben Wines)

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

Mike Yeagan - 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)



CHURCH FAMILY  
MEETING

**January 22, 2023 after Worship**

**Holiday Office Hours**

**The Church Office will be closed:  
Monday, January 16th in honor  
of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

a communion cup or not. They simply offer the cup. Because communion isn't about making sure we're worshipping with the "right" people. It's about worshipping with everyone. As part of the liturgy on Communion Sundays, you'll usually hear me say something like, "The invitation to this table does not come from me or Hope Valley; it comes from Christ himself." And that's the truth. Christ calls us to share a meal with each other when we come to worship, regardless of who has come to worship. We fellowship together without asking questions. In other words, communion teaches us to love our neighbors regardless of who they are. It teaches us that grace is available to everyone because grace comes from God, not from us. It reminds us that Jesus understands the importance of fellowship and pushes us to create spaces of community together. That aspect of worship can genuinely affect our daily living in such a way that others see God through us—if we let worship shape our lives.

So, I offer Saliers' double question to you all—what makes Christian worship true and relevant, and how can our liturgical gatherings shape and express authentic Christian faith and life in the world of everyday?

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ben

**CHURCH**  
  
**YARD**  
**SALE**

Be thinking about what you  
could possibly donate.  
More details to follow.

### ***DEACONS OF THE WEEK***

1/15—Scott Rose & Brenda Doyle

1/22—Linda Ward & Barbara Sanders

1/29—Rhonda Welfare & Mary Summerlin



**February 2** – Speaker & light lunch

**March 2** – Dinner Theater



**Church  
Staff  
Opening**

Hope Valley Baptist Church seeks a 30 hour per week Minister to Children, Youth, and Their Families. Salary is commensurate with skills and experience.

#### **Principle function**

To extend the ministry and purpose of the church's mission and objectives by leading, coordinating, planning, conducting, and evaluating a comprehensive program for children (birth through fifth grade), youth (grades 6-12), and their families that supports their spiritual, emotional, and social development as it relates to their becoming and growing as Christians.

View the complete job announcement by going to [hvbc.org](http://hvbc.org) and click on *Work for HVBC*.

#### **To Apply:**

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. To apply, send a cover letter, a resume or vitae, and a list of at least three people we can contact to learn more about your qualifications for this position to:

Hope Valley Baptist Church  
Attn: Robin Wimberley  
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If you have further questions, contact Robin at 919-493-1809 (10am- 2pm, M-Th) or [robin@hvbc.org](mailto:robin@hvbc.org).

**Financial Report  
Month Ending December 2022**

<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Income	\$49,033.85	\$245,458.05
Expenses		
Missions	1,465.45	20,199.28
Personnel	11,468.31	141,726.37
Training & Education	330.00	5,887.80
Worship & Music	271.51	3,754.77
Operating Expenses	3,183.44	13,138.96
Property/Maintenance	4,378.65	45,461.11
Service Contracts	2,180.51	32,465.16
Total Expenses	<u>\$23,277.87</u>	<u>\$262,633.45</u>
Net Income	<u>\$25,755.98</u>	<u>\$(17,175.40)</u>
Bank Balance		\$195,101.04
Less Designated Fund Balance		( 106,496.15)
Operating Fund Balance		<u>\$ 88,604.89</u>
Designated Fund Beginning Balance		\$101,187.87
Revenue		7,915.30
Expenses		(2,607.02)
Designated Fund Ending Balance		<u>\$106,496.15</u>
Goodwin Fund		\$41,009.98
Total Designated & Goodwin Funds		<u>\$147,506.13</u>
Capital Campaign FUND Balance		\$27,876.33



HVBC READS kicks off 2023 with a discussion at 7:00 pm on Thursday, January 26, via Zoom of *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

Copies of the book are available for you to borrow. Contact Rhonda Welfare ([rwelfare411@gmail.com](mailto:rwelfare411@gmail.com)) for a copy of the book or the Zoom link. Many people have already read this book and we welcome new people to our discussion.

We are currently compiling the list of other books to read this year. If you have suggestions, please email to Rhonda by Thursday, January 19.



**What:** Annual Mission endeavor for HVBC to TACKLE hunger in Durham.

**When:** Today thru Sunday, February 12, 2023

**How:** Participants may contribute any of the goods listed below by placing them in the wooden bins in the vestibule and the children's hallway.

**AND/OR**

Financial gifts online or checks to HVBC can be mailed to the church. Please designate checks to "Souper Bowl of Caring" on the comment line.

All contributions, money and food will be donated to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC in Durham. See [foodbankcenc.org](http://foodbankcenc.org) for more information.

**Items most needed are:**

**NO glass items please**

- Peanut Butter
- Canned meals such as stews, soup, tuna, ravioli
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Rice
- Cereals—oatmeal, grits, cold cereals
- Diapers all sizes, adult depends
- Toothpaste, soap, shaving items
- Paper towels, toilet paper
- Elderly nutrition drinks (Ensure, Boost, Equate)
- Baby formulas

Please contact HVBC Mission Team members for more information.

**Thank You!**

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for remembering me during Christmas. I liked the Christmas cards and the gift cards. Continue to pray for me as I begin my spring semester at ECU.  
Thanks,  
Bradford Rose