



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

January 29

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12
Title: *Blessed*

February 5

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20
Title: *Fulfilling the Call*

February 12

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Title: *The Garden of God*

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Brothers and sisters,

Two weeks ago, I wrote to you all about some of what we've been discussing in our Wednesday Night Bible Study meetings. We've been reading through the book *Worship Come to Its Senses* by Don E. Saliers and we've been thinking about some of the "senses" that Saliers says worship may be missing. Last night, we talked about some of what Saliers has written about the sense of delight that we can find in worship. And there was one phrase he used that sticks with me today. He talked about a Christian way of living into "the marriage of duty and delight." And that can seem like a strange phrase, but I'll give you an example that may seem a little weird at first, but bear with me.

Right now, I'm replaying one of my favorite games. It's a cozy farming simulator called *Stardew Valley*. The plot is simple enough: your character was working a thankless job in the city when they learn that, in his will, their grandfather left them his old farm in Stardew Valley. As the player, you then go about the business of reviving your grandfather's farm. It's a really easy, relaxing game (so relaxing, in fact, that I sometimes fall asleep while playing it, dooming my character to run into the side of a mountain until I wake up). And there are so many amazing things you can do in the game! You can fight monsters and clear out old mines. You can restore the local community center and help revive not just your farm, but your whole community. You can build structures and plant your crops in such a way that you create a farm that not only produce lots of crops, but looks beautiful. And all that is wonderful—I take great delight in playing the game! But to get to all that, you have to do the basic things. Crops have to be watered. Weeds need to be cut away. Animals need to be fed. Resources have to be gathered. There is a certain sense of duty that goes along with Stardew Valley. Certain things have to be done on certain days. But if you master those basic things, you can see opportunities to do delightful things within the game. But it starts with your regular duties.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Prayers for church members who are dealing with various illnesses.

Church family with Health Concerns:

Wendy Ash
Peggy Biddy - 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
Mike Dossett - awaiting test results
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
Frank Pokorny - procedure on fingers, physical therapy

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 Biddy - health issues (daughter-in-law of Peggy Biddy)
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)
Sharon Foster - cancer treatments (former member)

Carol Franklin - health issues (friend of Barbara Sanders)
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 - multiple myeloma (father of Jonathan Herring)

Jerry (friend of Susan Bentley)

Steve Kelly - heart & lung issues (brother of Shelby Yates)

Barbara Layne - diabetic, leg surgeries & rehab (extended family of the Dossetts)

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)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

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)
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)
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)

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

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

1/29—Rhonda Welfare & Mary Summerlin

2/5—Toby Bowen & Leigh Bigger

2/12—Johnny Bush & Mike Dossett

Member Address Update

Carl & Carol Atkins
Atria Southpoint Walk
5705 Fayetteville Road
Apartment 2200
Durham NC 27713

In a similar way, when we come to worship each week, even on those days we don't necessarily feel like coming, we begin to see opportunities for delight. We become more familiar with the structure of worship and we can begin to see moments that bring us joy. When we come to worship regularly, we learn our favorite hymns and get to sense the joy that comes from hearing them sung by a room full of people. When we come to worship dutifully, we can hear the communion liturgy and internalize it, remembering the traditions of the church—the ones that teach us of God's love—have been passed down for generations dating all the way back to the disciples themselves. When we come to worship regularly, we can learn about the things happening in each other's lives and we can see the ways that God may be calling us to love our brothers and sisters, to reach out to our community, or to grow in our faith. And in doing all of that, we experience the joy and delight of a God who loves us deeply. The "marriage of duty and delight" is that understanding that God is with us in everything and because of that, we can take joy in everything.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben



Thursday, February 2

Please contact Anne Pokorny for details in how you can help with this mission.



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 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.

CHURCH YARD SALE

HVBC Yard Sale

Saturday, April 29th, 2023

Time: 9AM - 2PM

Drop Off Your Items During the Week: During Office Hours – Monday-Thursday/10AM-2PM. Place items in the Large Children's Sunday School Room (Room 104).

Drop Off Your Items on Sunday Mornings - Place items in the Large Children's Sunday School Room (Room 104).

Drop Off Your Items During the Week of the Yard Sale - We will be organizing and getting items ready on Thursday, April 27th and Friday, April 28th. Please bring your items to the Family Life Center.

Have fun Spring Cleaning!
More information to come. Stay Tuned!



*Ladies Tea Party
with the King*

Save the date!
Saturday, April 1
1:00—3:00 pm
Fellowship Hall



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 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
6900 Garrett Rd
Durham NC 27707
robin@hvbc.org

If you have further questions, contact Robin at 919-493-1809 (10am- 2pm, M-Th) or robin@hvbc.org.

Christmas Missions Offering

Listed below are the final figures for the missions offering:

CBF - \$2,545

Lottie Moon - \$202

Total = \$2,747

Thank you for your generosity!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4—Randy Younts
6—David Stoops
7—Doris Story
7—Emmett Ward
8—Brenda Doyle
9—Wendy Ash
10—Sam Beasley
10—Julie Hayes
27—Linda Ellis



Thankful
FOR YOUR KINDNESS

I would like to thank each of you for the beautiful Christmas cards and expressions of sympathy in the loss of my niece, Carol Roycroft.

Dorothy R. Moore



You are invited to join the Hope Valley Baptist Church Senior Sojourners for "dinner and a show" on **Saturday, February 4.**

We will attend "Murdered to Death," a hilarious spoof of the best of Agatha Christie traditions, at The Barn Dinner Theatre in Greensboro. You can learn more about the theatre and this particular show at:

<https://www.barndinner.com/2023>

Seating begins at 6:00 pm. We will find out our specific seating time when tickets are purchased.

Tickets cost \$50 and include a Southern-style buffet dinner and the show. Water is included, but you will be responsible for purchase of other drinks, tips for the waitstaff and performers, and sharing in transportation costs. (We'll car-pool, but would like to help drivers out with the cost of gas.) Reservations are required and can be made by calling the church office 919-493-1809 by 2:00 pm on Monday, January 30. If you leave a message, please include the number of tickets required and your name and phone number. You are responsible for the cost of all tickets you reserve or for finding a substitute, even if you are unable to attend.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Susan Bentley
HVBC Senior Sojourners Coordinator

Thank you Hope Valley Baptist Church!

Greetings dear friends,

"Thank you for your prayers, project support and financial gifts. I want to share some of the highlights with you.

Christmas boxes for Appalachia - we served approximately 2,800 this year...every child at three elementary schools in Laurel and McCreary County, KY and Scott County, TN received Christmas boxes which included gift cards to local stores that HVBC help support. In addition, seniors at high risk high schools and young adults at residential facilities, homeless shelter ministry, addiction recovery programs and individual families were served.

Many photos and updates are posted on Scarlett's Facebook page. Feel free to send her a friend request.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support. This work does not happen without you!

Rev. Scarlett Jasper
Olive Branch Ministries
CBF Field Personnel Kentucky/Tennessee

On behalf of Gardner-Webb, thank you for your recent gift to the Divinity School Fund. Your investment allows Gardner-Webb to continue being a place where Christian compassion meets academic excellence.

Nate Evans
Vice President for Advancement

Thank you for supporting our efforts to end homelessness and fight poverty by contributing to Urban Ministries of Durham. Your gift will be put to immediate use to offer food, shelter, and a future to neighbors in need.

Joe Daly
Director of Marketing & Development



Welcome to Kathryn Bunch, who was approved as Director of Music Ministries at the January 22 Church Family Meeting. Kathryn has been serving as Interim Director of Music Ministries at Hope Valley Baptist Church since September 2022.

Kathryn said her focus will be "to continue to make our music program one that honors God and is meaningful to all who worship here." She worked in Hope Valley's music program in the past and has also served in the music programs of several other area churches. She said she and her husband, Mike, are happy to be active in the life of Hope Valley Baptist Church. Kathryn invites ALL who are interested in singing, playing an instrument, or providing any kind of support for the music program to contact her at kathrynbun@msn.com or at 919-225-7545 (mobile)!!

Kathryn and Mike are the parents of two grown daughters and have four granddaughters.

