



**Hope Valley**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS:**

**March 12**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Scripture: John 4:5-42

Title: *Living Water in Samaria*

**March 19**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Scripture: John 9:1-12, 28-41

Title: *As long as Christ is Around*

**March 26**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Scripture: John 11:1-6, 32-45

Title: *Take Away the Stone*

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## **A Sunday Afternoon Walk**

Brothers and sisters,

This past Sunday, I had a unique opportunity. Normally, on the first Sunday of each month, we our Deacons meet to discuss our ministry together and how we can best serve the church moving forward. But, this week we were unable to meet, deciding instead to postpone our meeting until this coming Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> (P.S. To any deacons that didn't know that—Deacons Meeting this Sunday at 2:00 PM). Since it was a *perfect* day outside, I decided to go for a walk in a familiar place—UNC's campus.

I parked on Franklin Street and made my way toward Carolina, taking in the spring air and enjoying the day. As I stepped onto campus near Pettigrew Hall, so many memories came flooding back. I walked past the music department where I had taken some of my favorite classes. I passed Davie Poplar and the Old Well—icons of the university. I would have lingered at each, but Davie was surrounded by a group of young people doing team-building exercises for some kind of organization and there was a young woman doing a graduation photoshoot at the Old Well. Moving on past South Building, I passed Carolina Hall, which houses the Religious Studies department. And I couldn't help but smile as I remembered all the time I spent in that building. I remembered the way I was challenged there. I remembered how my love for digging into religious texts and history was fostered there. It was wonderful.

I passed through the Pit and Student Stores next, taking in just how much Carolina merch you can buy these days! Some made sense—shirts, blankets, mugs, etc. Some made less sense, like cheerleader outfits for dogs (and yes, *outfits*—plural!). I managed to get out of there with some money left in my bank account and made my way down to South Campus, where I passed by my old dorms and reminisced about late nights with friends, late nights with book and papers, and afternoons spent throwing a frisbee around. And as I made my way back up to Franklin Street, I was reminded of the “hill” in Chapel Hill!

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

**Sympathy is extended to Rachel Dossett & family in the death of her mother, Irene Taylor.**

**Congratulations to:**

- **Leigh Bigger & family in the birth of her grandson, Aaron Matthew Bigger on February 27.**
- **Jan Mangum & family in the birth of her granddaughter, on March 7.**

**Church family with Health Concerns:**

Wendy Ash

Carl Atkins - home recovering from surgery

**Carol Atkins - recovery from fall**

Peggy Bidy - recovery from cataract surgeries

Linda Brown

Joan Burke

Rachel Dossett

**LaVerne Ellis - leg problems, COVID**

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

Woody Harton

Julie Hayes - blood pressure issues

Michelle Hunt - pneumonia & AFIB

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)

Abby Blalock - successful bone marrow transplant (Boltons' niece)

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)

David Cole - brain tumor (friend of Jeff Shuford)

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)

Leigh Hamilton - breathing issues (friend of Jacquie Allen)

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, treatments (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)

**Steve & L'Loni Lombardi - death of Steve's father (son-in-law of the Bush's)**

Junior Martin - cancer (friend of Joan Burke)

Yvonne McFarland - heart issues (cousin of LaVerne Ellis)

Eddie Netzlof - cancer (friend of Scott Rose)

Olive - in hospital with kidney problems (sister of Jacquie Allen)

**PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)**

Juliet Atieno Otiemo - 15-year-old with Lupus (friend of Scott Rose)

Dana Page - health issues (friend of Scott Rose)

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)

Linda Renick - stroke (sister of Marilyn Flanary)

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)

Michael Smith - under hospice care (uncle of Leigh Bigger)

Vicki Smith - breast cancer (extended family of the Dossetts)

Adam Stoops - Hodgkins Lymphoma (nephew of Dave Stoops)

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

Dan Thompson - in rehab (father of Leigh Bigger)

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)

Kimberly Walter - cancer treatments (friend of Scott Rose)

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)

**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)

## Widows Ministry

On Tuesday, May 2 at 11:00 am we will be starting a Widows Ministry. This will be a time to get together and eat and fellowship. We will meet every other month. Our second meeting time will be Tuesday, July 3 at 11:00 am. We will eat at the church one month and the next we will eat out. Call Susan Bentley (470-453-0097) if your need more information.

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

3/12—Linda Ward & Barbara Sanders

3/19 o Rhonda Welfare & Mary Summerlin

3/26—Toby Bowen & Leigh Bigger

## Offering Envelopes

Please contact the church office if you are in need of more offering envelopes.

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I tell you all that not as an advertisement for UNC or anything like that. I tell you all about that because I remember the feelings that came over me as I walked the campus. It was a feeling of being at home, a feeling of nostalgia as I walked familiar paths, and a feeling of joy as I passed students and wondered what incredible experiences they were having. It was a day to revisit a part of the story of my life that was just wonderful. And so I wanted to ask you all, where are the places you feel that kind of joy? Where are the places you experience that sense of being "at home"? Where are the places that help you reconnect with the story of your life? Where are the places you feel close to God?

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ben



*Ladies Tea Party  
with the King*

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

- Highlights of the tea party:
- NO COST TO YOU
  - Devotional
  - Finger food provided
  - Tea—hot or cold
  - Good fellowship
  - Good time for all!

Bring friends, sisters, granddaughters, mothers. Opened to ages 7 and up! See you on April 1 at 1:00 pm!

Please RSVP to Robin in the church office by Monday, March 27.

**Easter Mission Offering**  
**Hope Valley's Goal: \$1,500**

Our goal for Global Missions Offering this Easter season is \$1,500. You may support missions and missionaries around the world by giving to the CBF Global Missions Offering or the SBC Annie Armstrong Offering.

Please mark your offering envelope accordingly by indicating where you would like your missions offering to be sent or write it in the memo section of your check. You may also donate on-line by simply writing CBF Global Missions Offering or SBC Annie Armstrong Offering on the memo line.

**ACC Tournament Food Drive**

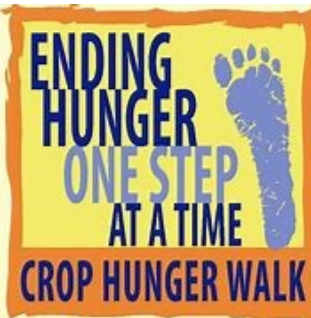
**March 5-19**

We are going to have some fun collecting food for people in need. We'll have competition based on your ACC team. There will be boxes in the vestibule for fans of N. C. State, Carolina & Duke. There will also be an "other" box for other ACC team fans and an "I just hope both teams have fun" box. You may also drop off canned goods during office hours.

(Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm).

All donations will be given to Urban Ministries of Durham. Listed below are items they always need:

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|---|----------------------|
| Peanut Butter   | Chili                |
| Dried Pasta   | Pasta Sauce          |
| Mac & Cheese  | Canned Fruit         |
| Applesauce  | Canned Soup          |
| Boxed Cereal  | Oatmeal              |
| Grits   | Pancake Mix          |
| Jelly & Jam   | Coffee & Teabags     |
| Cheese Crackers   | Granola Bars         |
| Rice  | Crackers and Cookies |
| Milk (boxed or powdered)  |                      |
| Baby Food, Formula, and Cereals   |                      |
| Pop-Top Canned Foods ( <i>Vienna sausages, pork and beans, etc.</i> )       |                      |
| Condiments (salt, pepper, mustard, hot sauce)                               |                      |
| Healthy Snacks (tortilla chips, salsa, nuts, raisins, dried fruit, popcorn) |                      |
| Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, salmon, Vienna sausages)                        |                      |
| Canned Pasta ( <i>ravioli, spaghetti-ohs</i> )                              |                      |
| Hamburger Helper-Style Meal Kits  |                      |
| Canned Vegetables ( <i>especially green vegetables, corn, tomatoes</i> )    |                      |



**April 2 at 2:30 pm**

You can be "Bullish About Ending Hunger" in Durham and worldwide. Please support through walking, sponsoring, or volunteering in the 49th Durham CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, April 2,

2023. It will be at Duke Chapel - 2:30 pm is the step off time. Our goal for 2023 is \$500.

HVBC team website for joining or donating to our team:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/hope-valley-baptist-2>.

Or checks can be written to CWS-CROP and placed in donations box in the vestibule. Please contact Julie Stoops if you are planning on walking and/or would like t-shirt.



# 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!



The Taylor and Dossett families thank you for the comforting words and support that have been shown to us following the passing of Rachel's mother, Irene Taylor. The prayers, cards, texts, visits and contributions to her church have been greatly appreciated.  
Love, Mike and Rachel



**April 6, 2023**

We will meet at the church at 9:00 am to travel to the town of Wake Forest. We plan to have lunch and do some shopping. We will rent a van, so please RSVP to Robin in the church office by March 30 so we can know exactly what to rent.



**Saturday, April 8**  
**10:00 am—12:00 pm**

Empty Easter eggs are in the children's hallway for you to pick up and fill. Please return the filled eggs with candy, stickers, etc. to the marked bin in the children's hallway by Thursday, April 6.

There is a volunteer sign up sheet in the vestibule. We will need greeters, craft table helpers, and egg hiders. (need to be at the church by 9:00 am). Begin thinking of how you can help with this community outreach.

## Easter Lilies

Beautiful lilies will decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. To order your lilies, please complete the form below, attach your check made out to Hope Valley Baptist Church, and drop it in the offering plate or bring (or mail) it to the church office. (Please note on your check that it is for lilies). All orders must be received by April 2.

I will provide \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies @ \$12.00 each      ( ) In honor      ( ) In memory

Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to Hope Valley Baptist Church is attached.  
You will have the opportunity to take your lily home immediately after the Easter Sunday Worship.

TO: Members of the Hope Valley Baptist Church Family

FROM: Personnel Committee

SEARCH FOR MINISTER TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES

Please remember the work of the Personnel Committee as we continue our search for a Minister for Children, Youth, and Their Families. Although we have had several promising applicants for this position, so far we have been unable to move to the interview stage with any candidates.

You can help by sharing the information from the HVBC.com website with friends and family who may be interested or know someone who is interested in this position. Encourage anyone to whom you send the message to pass it along as well. Somewhere out there is the person God is preparing for this work, and we need to do everything we can to ensure that person hears about it. There are children and youth in our church and the surrounding community who desperately need to hear the message that God loves them. We can't waste any time.

In the meantime, please pray for the work of the Personnel Committee, for Hope Valley Baptist Church, and for our programs for children and youth. Pray for our families with children and youth and the challenges they face. Thank God for the volunteers who are giving of their time and talents to help us better serve the children and youth in our church. And pray especially for the person God is calling to this position.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Rhonda Welfare, Chair

Rachel Dossett

Brenda Doyle

Mary Myers

Barbara Sanders

Ben Wines

Phil Woodell

If you or your group are using the church premises **please** make sure you cut the lights off and lock the door before you leave.

Also, if you use the facilities **please** make sure everything is just the way you found it. Dishes should be washed, dried and put away.

Thank you!

The Staff