



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

March 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Title: *Take Away the Stone*

April 2

Palm Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Title: *God With Us*

April 9

Easter Sunday

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Title: *Whom Are You Looking For?*

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Brothers and sisters,

By the time you're reading this, I will be in Winston-Salem at the Annual Gathering for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC). For those that may not know what all happens at the Annual Gathering, this is basically CBFNC's annual state meeting where ministers from CBF churches all over North Carolina come together to meet each other, worship together, go to workshops, and conduct business for the state denomination.

That description of it sounds too formal. At the Annual Gathering, I'll get the chance to meet up with friends and colleagues from all over the state—people I haven't seen since last year's Annual Gathering. I'll get a chance to hear how they're doing and what their congregation has been up to over the last year. I'll also get to meet new folks and build some new relationships. More likely than not, I'll get to catch up with a group of people from a church I served at as an intern years ago (they send a group of about 6-8 people every year). It will be a wonderful time to see folks and let them know what good things we're up to here at Hope Valley.

The workshops end up being wonderful opportunities to listen to other leaders from around the state or from around the country that have new and interesting ideas on things to do at church. They provide chances for those of us gathered there to talk about the things happening in our local contexts and encourage one another. There's a saying, "Theology is done in community," and the workshops provide that community.

And the worship services end up being wonderful moments where we can all come together and worship God together. All different people from all different contexts, bringing their gifts and their talents to bear to offer God honor and glory and praise. Preachers offer words of encouragement and challenge. Worship leaders provide musical experiences that are interesting, varied, and affirming. And testimonies offer even more insight into the incredible creativity of God's people and God's churches all across our state.

All in all, Annual Gathering is a great time of reflection, introspection, community, and inspiration. I'm sincerely looking forward to this Thursday and Friday.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Church family with Health Concerns:

Carl Atkins - home recovering from surgery
Carol Atkins - recovery from fall
Shirley Barbee - recovery from surgery
Peggy Bidy - upcoming eye surgery
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
Rick Lynch - recovery from eye surgery
Linda Marshall

Brenda Morton - recovery from fall
Stephen Myers - Crohn's disease
Personnel Committee - continuing search to fill position

Scott Rose - torn rotator cuff, surgery

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)
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)
Lisa Hall - grieving mother's death (sister of Rachel Dossett)
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)
Barbara Layne - diabetic, leg surgeries & rehab (extended family of the Dossetts)
Junior Martin - cancer (friend of Joan Burke)
Yvonne McFarland - heart issues (cousin of LaVerne Ellis)
David & Emily Myers (placement of foster child)
Eddie Netzlof - cancer (friend of Scott Rose)
Olive - in hospital with kidney problems (sister of Jacquie Allen)
Juliet Atieno Otieno - 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)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

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)
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)
Jennifer Welfare - pulmonary embolisms (sister-in-law of Rhonda Welfare)
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

3/26—Toby Bowen & Leigh Bigger

4/2—Johnny Bush & Mike Dossett

4/9—Cameron Packer & Mike Dossett



**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!

*Ladies Tea Party
with the King*

Bring friends, sisters, granddaughters, mothers.
Open to ages 7 and up!

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

**Financial Report
Month Ending February 2023**

Accounts	Month	Year to Date
Income	\$20,901.04	\$ 43,666.04
Expenses		
Missions	1,101.50	3,734.75
Personnel	11,512.32	23,024.64
Training & Education	0.00	1,507.96
Worship & Music	82.24	765.19
Operating Expenses	912.20	2,227.32
Property/Maintenance	3,460.67	7,448.98
Service Contracts	1,957.94	3,794.37
Total Expenses	<u>\$19,026.87</u>	<u>\$ 42,503.21</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 1,874.17</u>	<u>\$ 1,162.83</u>
Bank Balance		\$198,369.48
Less Designated Fund Balance		<u>(108,910.30)</u>
Operating Fund Balance		<u>\$ 89,459.18</u>
Designated Fund Beginning Balance		\$107,554.90
Revenue		4,890.20
Expenses		<u>(3,534.80)</u>
Designated Fund Ending Balance		<u>\$108,910.30</u>
Goodwin Fund		<u>\$39,523.81</u>
Total Designated & Goodwin Funds		<u>\$148,434.11</u>
Capital Campaign FUND Balance		\$27,876.33

**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
COLLECTION RESULTS**

Here's what you've all been waiting for!

Carolina—550

NC State—323

Duke—129

Other ACC teams—24

Fun Only—7

Total number of items collected: 1033!

**This is an increase of 226 items collected
in 2022!**

**Thank you for making this a fun way to
collect food for others in need.**

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.

**There is a volunteer sign-up
 sheet in the vestibule.**



April 13, 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.



Holy WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 2:
11:00 - Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 5:
6:30 pm - Holy Week Service

Friday, April 7:
7:00 pm - Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 8
10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt
& Crafting Fair

Sunday, April 9 – Easter:
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Easter Worship

Come One, Come All...

...to the Hospitality Room on
Easter morning!

Coffee, Tea, Easter breakfast bites & snacks
will be offered from 9:15 am until after
the morning service.

Enjoy conversation in the Hospitality Room
or take a snack to Sunday school.
Relax with coffee and treats for a few minutes
before the Easter worship service.

Bring a friend and enjoy!



**ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK**

April 2 at 2:30 pm

Please support the Hope Valley Baptist Church team's efforts in Durham's 49th annual CROP Hunger Walk on April 2. CROP Hunger Walks are sponsored by Church World Services and are held around the country to support the organization's fundraising efforts. CWS is a faith-based organization that works to transform communities through sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

Twenty-five percent of the money raised in Durham is returned to our community to support local efforts to fight hunger. The organization isn't just about providing food in emergency conditions, but also focuses on sustainable efforts that help build capacity for people to feed themselves and their families in the future.

For more information or to make a donation online, link to the team fundraising page at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/hope-valley-baptist-2>. If you prefer, you can write a check to CWS-CROP and give to a team member in person, place in the contribution box in the vestibule, or drop off or mail to the church office.