



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

April 23

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:17-25
Title: *The Futility of What Came Before*

April 30

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:19-25
Title: *Trust the One Who Judges Justly*

May 7

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:2-10
Title: *Mercy*

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Thanks All-Around

Brothers and sisters,

I want to do three things: thank everyone for helping with our events this month, remind folks of another chance to help out, and share an Easter poem that I appreciate.

First, thank you to everyone who came out to participate in the special Holy Week services we had at the beginning of the month! Between the Hand-Washing service, our Good Friday service, and the Easter Sunday Baptism service it was a wonderful week of worship and community with each other. Thank you to all the volunteers, musicians, and committees that came together to make those services what they were, in particular, the handbells, the Deacons, and the baptism committee. Again, these services were wonderful and they could not have been as meaningful as they were without the participation of so many people.

Another group I want to be sure and thank are the family ministry team and the missions team. They were the two groups that coordinated and led the church's Easter Egg Hunt this year which was a success! We had twelve kids come out, make crafts, eat snacks, hear the Easter story, and hunt eggs. Thank you to everyone who helped plan that event out, prepare all the crafts, and then help the kids collect eggs. Also, thank you to everyone who filled Easter eggs this year or who donated money to help with this ministry. We were able to share abundantly with the kids because of you. Thank you!

With that in mind, I wanted to remind everyone again that we will be having our Church Yard Sale next Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. We still need plenty of volunteers to help out that day. You can come and help at different stations within the sale (housewares, books/DVDs, etc.), help with refreshments, or, if you've got a truck, you can come help carry anything leftover to Goodwill at the end of the day. You can also come and help out in the days leading up to the sale—setting up the gym, moving items into their stations, pricing, etc. But I'm looking forward to this because it gives us a chance to meet a wide array of people in our community. It allows us to see them and them see us.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Church family with Health Concerns:

Carl & Carol Atkins - moved again

Shirley Barbee - recovery from surgery

Peggy Bidy - upcoming eye surgery

Leigh Bigger - bronchitis & other illnesses

Linda Brown

Joan Burke - severe back pain

Rachel Dossett

LaVerne Ellis - leg & back problems

Carol Franklin - health issues

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

Woody Harton

Julie Hayes - blood pressure issues

Rick Lynch - recovery from eye surgery

Linda Marshall

Kendra Merritt

Brenda Morton - recovery from fall

Stephen Myers - Crohn's disease

Personnel Committee - continuing search to fill position

Scott Rose - recovery from surgery

Barbara Sanders - family members

Chris Summerlin - surgery

Carolyn Tippett - 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:

Pamella Anderson - dementia (sister of Joan Burke)

Candy Arnold - brain tumor, chemo (niece of Carol Atkins)

Phil Atkins (friend of Carl & Carol Atkins)

Britt Bentley - reevaluation for new kidney transplant (son of Susan Bentley)

Claudine Bernard - dementia (sister of Joan Burke)

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 Harrings)

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)

Linda Greeson - kidney problems (aunt of Julie Stoops)

Lisa Hall - grieving mother's death (sister of Rachel Dossett)

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)

Olive Hudson - home, in rehab (sister of Jacquie Allen)

Patricia Jacques - Alzheimer's (sister of Joan Burke)

Jerry (friend of Susan Bentley)

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

Junior Martin - cancer (friend of Joan Burke)

David & Emily Myers (placement of foster child)

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)

Pam & Diane - both having knee replacement surgery (family of Rhonda Welfare)

Phil Ponder - cancer (friend of Carl & Carol Atkins)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

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)

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)

Jamie Warren - death of husband, Tim Warren (former member)

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)

Steve Wilson - prostate cancer (friend of Rachel Dossett)

Nora Wilson - kidney surgery (friend of Rachel Dossett)

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)

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

Received: \$1,670!!

Thank you for helping us meet
our Easter Mission goal!

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 you need more information.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

4/23—Linda Ward & Brenda Doyle

4/30—Scott Rose & Barbara Sanders

5/7—Rhonda Welfare & Mary Summerlin

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In fact, all of the things I've mentioned in this article are instances where we, as a church, came together to tell people that they were seen. We came together to embody our faith, to live it out, because we understand that Christianity is not just an intellectual position to be held—it is a life that we live. And that is all based on the fact that we worship a risen Savior. That takes me to the poem I wanted to share with you all entitled, "Seven Stanzas at Easter," and written by John Updike:

Make no mistake: if He rose at all
it was as His body;
if the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the
molecules reknit, the amino acids rekindle,
the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
each soft Spring recurrent;
it was not as His Spirit in the mouths and
fuddled eyes of the eleven apostles;
It was as His flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes,
the same valved heart
that—pierced—died, withered, paused, and
then regathered out of enduring Might
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
analogy, sidestepping, transcendence;
making of the event a parable, a sign painted in
the faded credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mâché,
not a stone in a story,
but the vast rock of materiality that in the slow
grinding of time will eclipse for each of us
the wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb,
make it a real angel,
weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with
hair, opaque in the dawn light, robed in
real linen
spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
for our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are
embarrassed by the miracle,
and crushed by remonstrance.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

Financial Report Month Ending March 2023

Accounts	Month	Year to Date
Income	\$27,961.00	\$ 71,627.04
Expenses		
Missions	1,071.50	4,806.25
Personnel	11,512.32	34,536.96
Training & Education	313.11	1,821.07
Worship & Music	0.00	765.19
Operating Expenses	727.76	2,955.08
Property/Maintenance	4,994.49	12,443.47
Service Contracts	1,268.30	5,062.67
Total Expenses	<u>\$19,887.48</u>	<u>\$ 62,390.69</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 8,073.52</u>	<u>\$ 9,236.35</u>
Bank Balance		\$209,235.61
Less Designated Fund Balance		<u>(111,655.34)</u>
Operating Fund Balance		<u>\$ 97,580.27</u>
Designated Fund Beginning Balance		\$108,910.30
Revenue		6,643.00
Expenses		<u>(3,897.96)</u>
Designated Fund Ending Balance		<u>\$111,655.34</u>
Goodwin Fund		<u>\$39,523.81</u>
Total Designated & Goodwin Funds		<u>\$151,179.15</u>
Capital Campaign FUND Balance		\$27,876.33



Our next Senior outing is **Saturday, May 13.**
We will be going to the Billy Graham Library
and home in Charlotte NC. We will rent a van if
we have 7-15 people going.

Call or email Robin in the church office by
May 10 if you would like to go. Call Susan
Bentley at 470-453-0097 if you have
any questions.



- 3—Idell Tew
- 4—Rhonda Welfare
- 5—Shirley Barbee
- 5—Abby Gray Woodell
- 7—Carol Lim
- 7—Jeff Shuford
- 8—Linnea Stoops
- 9—Kathryn Bunch
- 12—Kaylee Younts
- 15—Dorothy Moore
- 21—Marion Jones
- 22—Shirley Ammons
- 26—Helen Bowen
- 27—Courtney Packer



HVBC READS in April Face-to-Face!

HVBC READS members will discuss *The Centurion's Wife* by Janette Oke and Davis Bunn in a face-to-face meeting from Noon to 2:00 pm on Thursday, April 27, in the Modern Disciples classroom. Bring your own lunch. Microwave is available. Dessert will be provided. Discussion of the book will start about 12:30 pm.

Haven't had time to read the book? Come anyway for fellowship with other HVBC book lovers. *The Centurion's Wife* is a novel of historical fiction that takes place just after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Contact Rhonda Welfare, 919-599-7367 or rwelfare1445@gmail.com, for more information.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Sunday, May 7 after morning worship
We will be celebrating Pastor Ben's
2 year anniversary at HVBC!



Thank you HVBC for supporting our 9 walkers for Crop Walk 2023 to help end local and world wide food and water insecurity!!

We surpassed our team goal with \$555 in donations. God bless your generous giving!



Our next volunteer date: April 27

Please let Anne Pokorny know how you can help.

What is Families Moving Forward? Below is a thank you to HVBC that also tells about FMF.

Dear Friends at Hope Valley Baptist Church,

Thank you for your contribution in support of our mission to help Durham families in the crisis of homelessness find their way home.

Families Moving Forward (FMF) is Durham's largest emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness in Durham. We are proud of our programming services to break the generational cycle of poverty that leads to homelessness. We have a Family Empowerment Team (FET) that provides families with behavioral health, financial planning, workforce development, and case management services. We have a strong focus on children, with early intervention assessments to identify any developmental or socioemotional delays, and programs and services catered to these needs. We offer aftercare and case management for 18 months after families move into permanent housing so they can maintain safe, stable homes.

Thank you for giving back to the community and to families in need. Because of you, there will be fewer families and children living on the street. Together with volunteers, community partners, and donors like you, we can positively impact families' lives.

With gratitude,
Rebecca Lee
Development Director

CHURCH YARD SALE

ONE WEEK AWAY!

HVBC Yard Sale
Saturday, April 29th, 2023
Time: 9AM - 2PM

There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the vestibule. We are in need of volunteers on Thursday & Friday (4/27 & 4/28) to help with pricing.

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.



Chrismon Workshop

Saturday, May 6

10:00 am—2:00 pm

Come to the Modern
Disciples Classroom
and join in the fun!