



Hope Valley
BAPTIST CHURCH

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

April 9

Easter Sunday

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Title: *Whom Are You Looking For?*

April 16

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Title: *A Genuine Faith*

April 23

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Title: *The Futility of What Came Before*

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The CROP Walk

Brothers and sisters,

This past Sunday, I participated in my very first Durham CROP Hunger Walk! To say that I had a good time would be an understatement! It was a wonderful opportunity to get to go out and be a part of the wider Durham community as we came together to do our part to fight against hunger. There were hundreds of people there, all decked out in our CROP Walk swag. And, according to the CROP Walk website, they raised just under \$125,000 to help fight hunger here locally and abroad.

What I appreciated most about the whole experience was the diversity of people, events, and education all around me. There were bands that played for us. There were dancers who performed. We were led through a stretching routine that reminded me of some of the dance moves from last year's Vacation Bible School. I saw friends from seminary that I hadn't caught up with in years. And, if I'm being honest, even a Tar Heel like me looked up at Duke Chapel and the flowers in bloom around it and thought, "Yeah, this place is kind of pretty, I guess." And when we finally did start walking, it all reminded me of Holy Week.

CROP Walk happens on Palm Sunday, the day when Jesus entered Jerusalem for the final time. He came in to shouts of, "Hosanna," and palms waving before him. The people around him were filled with hope for what they thought he was going to do. And they were right to have hope, but Jesus was facing down a different enemy than they'd originally thought he would. Jesus rode into Jerusalem that day knowing full well that his week was going to end with a cross. He knew that at his last supper with his disciples, one of them would slip out to betray him. There were so many reasons for Jesus to stop walking. So many reasons for him to say, "How can anyone beat the power of sin? How can anyone conquer death?" But he kept walking.

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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
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
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:

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)

Sandy Butner - under hospice care (friend of

Marie Collins)

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)
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)

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

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

Dana Page - health issues (friend of Scott Rose)
Phil Ponder - cancer (friend of Carl & Carol Atkins)
Sheri Raspberry - cancer (sister-in-law of Michelle Hunt)
Weston Raspberry - 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)

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)



DEACONS OF THE WEEK

4/9—Cameron Packer & Mike Dossett

4/16—Lucy Woodell & Mike Bunch

4/23—Linda Ward & Brenda Doyle

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In a similar way, we walked on Sunday knowing full well that we would not be able to defeat hunger on that one day. There will, most likely, always be hungry people in our society. And there will, most likely, always be systems and structures that make it difficult for people to consistently feed themselves and their families. There are plenty of reasons to stop walking each year to end hunger. But there is always one reason to keep going—hope. We walked to raise money. We walked to raise awareness. We walked to make sure those who go hungry in our city and in our world do not go unseen. Christ walked into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday knowing that a cross awaited him, but believing that there was life and hope on the other side. We walked on Sunday knowing that there would still be hungry people, but believing that if we keep walking, keep believing, keep hoping, that one day we might just see an end to hunger. That feels like an Easter message to me.

So, Palm Sunday next year is March 24—save the date!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

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!

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.



Friday, April 7:

7:00 pm - Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 8

10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt
& Crafting Fair

Sunday, April 9 – Easter:

9:15 am - Coffee & Snacks

9:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Easter Worship

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.

Received to Date: \$1,550



Saturday, April 8

10:00 am—12:00 pm

We will need greeters, craft table helpers, and egg hidiers (need to be at the church by 9:00 am).



SENIOR Adult Ministry

April 13, 2023
(Please note date change).

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 **Tuesday, April 11** so we can know exactly what to rent.



April BIRTHDAYS

- 6—Marcella Jerdon
- 6—David Woodell
- 7—Abby Russell
- 8—Phyllis Edwards
- 8—Laila Myers
- 14—Marnie Arkenberg
- 16—Kendra Merritt
- 21—Dixie Ferrell
- 23—Frances Smith
- 25—Leigh Bigger
- 25—Maria Stevenson
- 26—Carol Atkins
- 27—Karen Bolton



HVBC READS in April — Face-to-Face!

In April, HVBC READS members will discuss *The Centurion's Wife* by Janette Oke and Davis Bunn. This book is a novel of historical fiction that takes place shortly after Jesus's death. The book is not available in a library book club kit, but can be found in ebook, audiobook, and traditional print formats from the Durham County Library or from local or chain online and brick-and-mortar bookstores. Be sure to search for used copies, which are available from Amazon.com for as little as \$5 including postage.

HVBC READS has met via Zoom since it began in February 2022. The meetings have been well attended and the discussion enthusiastic. The Zoom format has allowed some readers who might not be able to drive to a meeting, especially at night, to be part of the book discussion.

However, some people have read the books but are not able to attend a Zoom meeting due to limitations with their equipment and other issues. The group has decided to meet face-to-face in April to see how well a traditional meeting meets the group needs. We do not anticipate switching entirely to a more traditional setting, but may try to meet face-to-face occasionally, perhaps on different days of the week, at different times, or in a blended format to allow more people to participate.

The April meeting will be held Noon-2 PM on Thursday, April 27, in the Modern Disciples Sunday school classroom. Reservations are not required. Members are encouraged to come at Noon and bring a homemade or purchased bag lunch to allow fellowship time. Dessert will be provided. The official book discussion should begin about 12:30 PM.

Contact Rhonda Welfare, 919-599-7367, for more information.

TEA WITH THE KING

About 20 women attended Hope Valley Baptist Church's first Tea with the King on April 1. Participants were treated to hot and iced tea, accompanied by chicken salad, cucumber sandwiches, cheese straws, rolls, fruit, and cheese danish muffins.

Susan Bentley coordinated the event, assisted by Jacqueline Allen, Jennifer Bowen, Kathryn Bunch, Rhonda Welfare, and Lucy Woodell. Jan Mangum provided lovely floral centerpieces.

We anticipate making this an annual event. Talk to Susan Bentley if you are interested in helping.



CROP WALK FUNDRAISING CONTINUES

Hope Valley Baptist Church's CROP Walk team continues to collect donations after their successful walk at Duke University on April 2. **We are at 77% of our goal!**

The nine HVBC team members completed all or part of the 4.5 mile route, which wound up and down hills and through Duke's campus.

You can contribute to the walk online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/hope-valley-baptist-2>. If you prefer to give by check, make it out to CWS-CROP Walk and put in the offering box in the vestibule or in the drop slot to the right of the office door. Contributions will be accepted at HVBC through **Sunday, April 16**.



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.