



# Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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### **UPCOMING SUNDAYS:**

#### **May 7**

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Title: *Mercy*

#### **May 14**

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Title: *With Gentleness and Reverence*

#### **May 21**

Scripture: John 17:1-11

Title: *No Longer in the World*

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### **Coming Back Together**

Brothers and sisters,

It is hard to believe that May is already here. Easter Sunday seems like it was just the other day, yet in reality it's been almost a month! And as the temperatures start to climb (with plenty of setbacks cause it's North Carolina), we are moving once again toward summer. I'm excited for the different opportunities we have coming up—opportunities for mission, opportunities for service, and opportunities for fellowship.

It's that last one that I particularly wanted to write about this week. I always get excited for summers in a church because it opens up opportunities for us to change things up and try new stuff. So this summer, we are going to try holding our Wednesday Night Bible Study in-person, here at the church. The Bible Study would start every week at 6:30 and go for our usual hour. But, the fellowship itself would start at 6:00 with a Bring-Your-Own-Supper time. Basically, this would be a time for folks to come together, eat supper, and fellowship prior to our study.

I want us to give this a try and see how we like it. I think it will be a good time for our congregation to come together in-person and strengthen some of the connections we have with each other. We will still have a Zoom option available for folks who cannot make it or who are not comfortable coming back in-person yet. But I want us to try this because there is so much to be said for being able to reach out and shake someone's hand, see how all their body language changes after a big laugh. There is so much to be said for being able to lean over to your neighbor and crack a joke that only the two of you hear. And so I want us to try meeting in-person again, at least through the summer.

Now, when will this all start? Our first in-person Wednesday Night activity will be on June 7, starting at 6:00. But, this is going to be a kick-off event! Kathryn has been in touch with the Raleigh Big Band that uses our Fellowship Hall as a rehearsal space and they have agreed to come and play for us that night. We will still take prayer concerns, update the prayer list, and have a short devotional that night, but the staff and I mostly envision that night as being a fellowship event.

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

**Sympathy is extended to Julie Hayes & family in the death of her sister, Ann Hayes.**

**Church family with Health Concerns:**

Carl & Carol Atkins

Shirley Barbee - recovery from surgery

Linda Brown

**Joan Burke - severe back pain**

**Marie Collins - recovery from fall**

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

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 Rowley - 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 - upcoming procedure (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 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)

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)

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)

**Mary Shuford - under hospice care (mother of Jeff Shuford)**

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)

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)



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

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK**

5/7—Rhonda Welfare & Mary Summerlin

5/14—Toby Bowen & Leigh Bigger

5/21—Johnny Bush & Mike Dossett

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So, what kind of Baptist fellowship event would it be without food, right? That night, I'd like us to have a kind of themed pot luck, with the theme being, "Cool Summer Salads." In other words, if you've got a great recipe for chicken salad—bring it! If you have a killer seven-layer salad—make plenty! If you've got gorgeous fresh veggies—slice them and bring them! If you have a favorite type of ice cream, custard, popsicle—bring that too! Anything that's cold and delicious, bring enough to share! That time of fellowship will start at 6:00, with the Big Band starting to play around 6:30. Starting on June 14, we would switch over to the schedule I described earlier: Bring-Your-Own-Supper at 6:00, Bible Study/Prayer Meeting at 6:30.

I'm excited to try this. I'm excited by the idea of getting to see you all on a regular basis during the week. I'm excited for the discussions we'll be able to have about the scriptures and the conversations that can happen afterward. I'm looking forward to seeing you all on June 7 for our kick-off!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ben

# CHURCH YARD SALE

## Results:

Sold—\$2,210.79

Expenses—\$108.37

Net—\$2,102.42

Thank you to everyone that helped make this a success!

## Welcome, New Members

**Michael Calloway**

**Gianna Heath (Gigi)**

**Llewellyn Jones**

## SENIOR Adult Ministry

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.



Hope Valley Baptist Church,

Dearest brothers and sisters at Hope Valley Baptist Church, it is with sincere gratitude that I write to you in order to thank you for your recent hospitality to the students from Broadus Memorial Church in Mechanicsville, Virginia.

The first communication was with Robin and she was a sweet voice on the other side of the phone line that seemed to completely understand the goal of bringing these young students on mission. She was an incredible communicator and was a joy to speak with and incredible accommodating.

Upon our arrival, and after Robin checked us in, we were greeted by several members of your congregation. Whether it was Susan dropping off donuts, or Jan working hard to prepare the facility for our stay each person worked their way into our hearts and we are so appreciative.

As we moved into Sunday morning the welcome continued from too many to name! Our group enjoyed sitting with their kingdom family during worship and singing in the choir. In the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians, "I/We thank our God upon every remembrance of you."

If any of you find your way to the Richmond area, or in Hampton Roads, where I reside, then please feel free to reach out.

In short, ya'll were incredible and thank you soooooo much for welcoming us. May God continue to add His richest blessing upon each of you, your congregation, and your community.

In HIS Grip,  
Rev. Edmund "Ed" Lilley



Join HVBC Reads for an in-person discussion on May 25 (time to be determined) of *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Copies of this book are available from Rhonda Welfare (call 919-599-7367) or at the Durham Public Library or local and online new and used bookstores.

*Orphan Train* is built upon a period in US history when orphans and abandoned children were shipped from the East to the Midwest where they were adopted, sometimes by loving families and sometimes by families looking for cheap farm labor.

COMING UP: June 29, *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. This book is also available in a Book Club Kit and you can get copies from Rhonda starting May 11.

With one exception (see below), books selected for the remainder of 2023 are available in Book Club Kits from the Durham Public Library. The exact order will be determined based on availability of the kits for check out.

The exception is *Death on the Nile* by Agatha Christie. This book will probably be scheduled for July or August. It is available from local libraries, as a Kindle Unlimited offering, and at local and online new and used bookstores. Extra credit: AFTER you read *Death on the Nile*, watch one or more of the movies based on the book.

Contact Rhonda Welfare, 919-599-7367 or [rwelfare1445@gmail.com](mailto:rwelfare1445@gmail.com), for more information.



## Teacher Appreciation

To continue our support of one of our local schools, Parkwood Elementary, we would like to provide 85 appreciation bags to teachers and staff on May 31. We will have a sign up list posted in the vestibule beginning this Sunday.

Please sign up for specific items so we can make this a special way to thank the teachers and staff for all their guidance and dedication to the children!

## Summer Mid-Week Services

This summer, we will be holding our weekly mid-week services in person on Wednesday nights. We're hoping this will be a wonderful time of prayer, learning, and fellowship as we come back together for weekly gatherings! Our first Wednesday, June 7 will be a special kick-off event (see main article). Schedules are below:

**Big Band and Cool Summer Salads**  
Wednesday, June 7 in the Fellowship Hall  
6:00 Cool Summer Salads Potluck begins  
6:30 Big Band and Prayer Meeting begins

**Summer Mid-Week Service**  
Each Wednesday night, starting June 14  
6:00 Bring-Your-Own-Supper  
6:30 Prayer Meeting



## Super Saturday Adventures

For children ages 3 – 12

The fun starts at 10:00 am on June 17 followed by a cookout for participants and their families from noon – 1:00 pm.

The Adventure dates are: **June 17, July 15, August 19; 10:00 am to Noon**

All events are FREE but advance registration is required. Learn more at [www.hvbc.org](http://www.hvbc.org). Volunteers are needed and a planning meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 10 at 8:15 pm via Zoom (after mid-week service)**.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LAUNCHES

The Widows' Ministry's first meeting May 2 was a success, but the women who attended decided the group should expand to include all women in the church.

The group has been renamed Women's Fellowship to align with its expanded mission. The next meeting will be held on **July 11** and all women are invited -- widowed, divorced, married, single, part of Hope Valley, members of other churches, or not currently part of a church.

The Women's Fellowship will meet every other month. Each meeting of the group will include a brief devotion and lunch, alternating between lunch in the Family Life Center and going out to a restaurant together. The focus of the group will be to provide fellowship and support for women both in Hope Valley and in the community.

Reservations are not required, but it would be helpful if women who plan to attend would notify the church office by the Sunday prior to each meeting.

For more information, contact Susan Bentley, 470-453-0097.