



# Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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### UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

#### **June 4**

#### **Trinity Sunday**

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Title: *Words of Challenge  
and Hope*

#### **Sermon Series**

#### **What's His Name?**

#### **June 11**

Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Title: *A Call to Worship*

#### **June 18**

Scripture: Joel 2:21-32

Title: *The People of God*

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### **What's His Name?**

Brothers and sisters,

I wanted to give you all a little insight into our upcoming summer sermon series. At this point in the church calendar, we've got a huge swath of time in which there are no major Christian holidays. That means that we've got a little more freedom over the next few months to explore some really interesting parts of the Bible. This is the time of year when we get to experiment some with different ideas, different passages, different books and authors.

So, as part of that, we'll be starting a sermon series on June 11 entitled, "What's His Name?" Now, writing the name of the series down doesn't quite do it justice. To really understand the title, you need to imagine you're having a conversation with a friend or a family member. As you're talking, you say something about someone you know or know of—a friend of a friend, an old coworker, a famous person—but you can't quite remember their name. So, you sit there, snap your fingers repeatedly, and say, "Oh, what's his name? What's his name?!" That's the title of the sermon series—the snapping of the fingers, the feeling that you *know* this, and the question, "What's His Name?"

For this sermon series, we're going to be looking at more obscure books of the Bible or more obscure passages from famous books (we'll end with a passage from Luke's gospel that almost *never* gets preached on). The idea behind this is pretty simple—there are some really interesting texts that don't often get preached on. In prepping for this series, I ran across some interesting numbers related to which parts of the Bible get preached on and which ones don't. These numbers are based on the passages chosen by the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). For those that may not know, the RCL is a three-year cycle of verses that cover most of the Bible. In other words, if you read through every passage selected by the lectionary, you'll read most of the more famous passages from the Bible. In that sense, it can be a wonderful tool!

However, the RCL has some glaring gaps in the passages it chooses, with some books of the Bible being completely ignored (books like Nahum or Jude). To give you the numbers, the lectionary covers 72% of the entire New Testament. But when you break that down, the lectionary covers 90% of all four Gospels and only 54% of the non-Gospel parts of the New Testament. But, are you ready for the most

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

**Sympathy is extended to Brenda Harton & family in the death of her husband, Woody.**

**Church family with Health Concerns:**

Carl & Carol Atkins  
Shirley Barbee - recovery from surgery  
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)  
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 Sanders - family members  
Chris Summerlin - surgery  
Carolyn Tippet - leukemia  
Emmett Ward - health issues  
Linda Ward - heart issues

**Lucy Woodell - recovery from foot surgery**

**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 Biddy - health issues (daughter-in-law of Peggy Biddy)  
Jimmy Bolick - stroke (uncle of Amy Herring)  
Hayley Brady - blood clots in lungs (sister of Ginger Rose)  
Bobbie Campanaro - heart issues (friend of Scott 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 Herndon - cancer & death of wife, Sherry (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)  
**Stefan Murrah - serious infection (friend of Scott Rose)**  
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)

**PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)**

Pam & Diane - both having knee replacement surgery (family of Rhonda Welfare)  
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)  
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)  
**Hallie Timmons - in rehab (wife of former intern, Sean)**  
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 - John has aphasia, Crawford has heart issues & diabetes (brother & 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)

**Chrismon Workshop**

Saturday, June 24

10:00 am

Modern Disciples Classroom

Please bring lunch if you would like to.

***DEACONS OF THE WEEK***

6/4—Lucy Woodell & Mike Bunch

6/11—Scott Rose & Brenda Doyle

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glaring gap in the lectionary? If you exclude the times the RCL recommends one of the Psalms, the lectionary only covers 13.5% of the Old Testament. 13.5% of all those sacred scriptures! This summer, I hope we can remedy that. And I hope that by looking at some of these more obscure passages, you'll be inspired to go and read some of the books of the Bible that maybe you haven't thought of before!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ben



TEACHER  
APPRECIATION  
THANK YOU!

Thank you for your contributions of items and food for the 85 teacher and staff appreciation bags! The bags were delivered to Parkwood Elementary School!

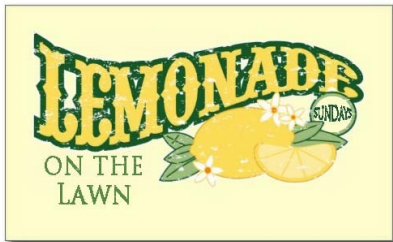
## Summer Mid-Week Services

Our first Wednesday Night Bible Study of the summer will be this week, June 7, in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a special night of food and fellowship to kick off the summer! As part of the fun, we will be having a themed potluck dinner that night—Cool Summer Salads! Basically, we're encouraging everyone who comes to bring a dish to share that is best eaten cool—pasta salad, chicken salad, ice cream, etc. It will be a wonderful evening together!

### Big Band and Cool Summer Salads

6:00 Cool Summer Salads Potluck begins

6:30 Big Band and Prayer Meeting begins



Sunday, June 11  
After morning worship.



Thank you for all the cards, meals and phone calls following my surgery. Especially the prayers were appreciated.

Blessings,  
Barbara Rowley



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

## 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 **Tuesday, 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.



HVBC Reads will alternate between face-to-face and Zoom meetings for the next few months. This will make it easier for everyone to attend at least every other month, including those who have trouble with Zoom because of technology issues and those who can't make a daytime face-to-face meeting.

Here is the schedule through August:

- June 29—12:30 pm—Modern Disciples classroom—A Man Called Ove
- July 27—7:00 pm via Zoom—The Violin Conspiracy
- August 31—12:30 pm—Modern Disciples Classroom—Murder on the Nile

Book Club Kits are available for the books for June and July. The August book is available at local libraries and online and brick-and-mortar new & used bookstores.

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



We are rescheduling the trip to the Billy Graham Library and home in Charlotte NC. We will be going on **Friday, July 7**. We will rent a van if we have 7-15 people going. Call or email Robin in the church office before **July 1** if you would like to go. Call Susan Bentley at 470-453-0097 if you have any questions.



During the month of July you are cordially invited to sing in the choir. Simply come to the choir room on Sunday morning at 10:00 am, practice a familiar song, and then sing with the choir that morning.

- No mid-week rehearsal needed.
- No robes or stoles during the summer.
- No long-term commitment.

Call, email, or text Kathryn Bunch if you have questions. 919-225-7545 mobile; Kathrynbun@msn.com