



Hope Valley
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

July 16

Scripture: Jonah 3:10-4:11
Title: *Unexpected Grace*

July 23

Guest Speaker—MacKenzie Smith

July 30

Scripture: 3 John 1:1-15
Title: *Though None Go With Me*

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Mary and Martha

Brothers and sisters,

At this week's Super Saturday Adventure, we're going to be talking with the children about the story of Mary and Martha. It's a pretty simple story on its face. Jesus and his disciples make their way to a village where they are first welcomed by Martha. She brings the disciples into her home and there they meet Mary, who sits at the feet of Jesus and listens to him. Martha, however, was engaged with the many different tasks involved with hosting people in the ancient world—food, drink, overnight accommodations, etc. Frustrated, she came to Jesus and asked him to tell Mary to come and help her. But Jesus replied that Mary had chosen “the better part, which will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:42).

Based on that passage, Martha tends to get a bad rap. The more traditional interpretation tends to go something along the lines of, “Mary was right and Martha was wrong. Mary loved Jesus more than Martha. Mary was wiser than Martha, thus Martha needed to be corrected. Don't be like Martha.” And that interpretation doesn't sit well with me. Jesus and his disciples depended on people bringing them into their homes in order for them to offer their ministry to folks. And right there at the beginning of this passage, Luke says that Martha “welcomed him.” She believed in his ministry enough to be willing to open her home to him and provide for his disciples. And, yes, she does have her moment of frustration, but the tone of Jesus' response implies something more along the lines of, “Martha, the things you're doing are not wrong. But more than anything else, I want to be able to spend time with you.”

At this Saturday's adventure, we're going to teach the kids more about that second interpretation. We're going to talk to them about the different ways that Mary and Martha showed their love for Jesus. And we're going to remind them that each and every one of us has unique gifts and talents that have been given to us by God. Those talents help us reach out to others, help us care for other people, help us connect with God, and help us become better disciples.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Church family with Health Concerns:

Carl & Carol Atkins
Shirley Barbee - recovery from surgery
Linda Brown
Joan Burke - severe back pain
Marie Bush - broken arm, recovery from surgery
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
Brenda Morton - recovery from fall
Personnel Committee - continuing search to fill position
Scott Rose - recovery from surgery
Barbara Sanders - family members
Chris Summerlin - surgery
Carolyn Tippet - leukemia
Becky Wines - cancer, stroke (mother of Ben Wines)

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)
Margaret Bayer - recovery from fall (great-aunt of Rhonda Welfare)
Britt Bentley - dialysis (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)
J. J. Bush - recovery from hip surgery (son of Johnny & Marie Bush)
Nancy Byrd - recovery from surgery (sister of Linda Hall)
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)
Patrick & Donna Hahs - sudden death of their daughter, Natalie (cousin of Julie Stoops)
Jackie Harris - dementia (aunt of Julie Stoops, sister of Tommie Calhoun)
David Hayes - pacemaker (brother of Julie Hayes)
Alphus Herndon - cancer (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)
David Mabe - recovery from back surgery (brother of Barbara Sanders)
Junior Martin - cancer (friend of Joan Burke)
Stefan Murrah - serious infection (friend of Scott Rose)
Juliet Atieno Otieno - 15-year-old with Lupus (friend of Scott Rose)
Dana Page - throat cancer (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)
Patrick & Kathy Schermerhorn - expecting baby on August 3 (son & daughter-in-law of Linda & Emmett Ward)
Skylar - 4-year-old recovering from surgery (niece of Cameron Packer)
Susan Smileowicz - stroke (friend of Steve & Karen Bolton)
Vicki Smith - breast cancer (extended family of the Dossetts)
Matthew Taylor - salvation & direction (request by the Dossetts)
Sara Thompson - hospice, fainting (mother 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 Webb - brain tumor (friend of Scott Rose)
Dee White - bone cancer, starting chemotherapy (cousin of Barbara Rowley)
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)



Mark your calendar for **August 17**. We will travel to Mt. Airy and the town of "Mayberry". Please contact Robin in the church office if you plan on attending.

Wings of Grace

We are happy to announce that the Christian vocal trio *Wings of Grace* will be singing during our worship service on Sunday, July 23rd! These lovely ladies are cousins of Barbara Sanders and share their love for Jesus through their music. Plan to be with us in worship and bring a friend!

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So, if you have not signed up to help on Saturday morning, you can still come by and offer your gifts and talents to help care for these children. You can help teach them about the love God has for each of them. You can come and teach them that the folks at Hope Valley Baptist Church love and care about them too. Or, if you can't come by, you can still pray for the kids, their parents, our volunteers, and this ministry in general.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

P. S. Martha appears in John's gospel as well and reminds us of her faith in Jesus. After Lazarus died, she met Jesus on his way into Bethany and they had a conversation about resurrection. In that conversation, Martha identified Jesus as "the Son of God." The only other person to say that so plainly in John's gospel was John the Baptist.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

7/16—Cameron Packer & Mike Dossett

7/23—Lucy Woodell & Mike Bunch

7/30—Scott Rose & Brenda Doyle



For children ages 3 – 12
The remaining Adventure dates are:
TOMORROW, July 15 and August 19
10:00 am to Noon

All events are FREE but advance registration is required. Learn more at www.hvbc.org.
Volunteers are needed and we thank our volunteers for helping in June!

Financial Report Month Ending June 2023

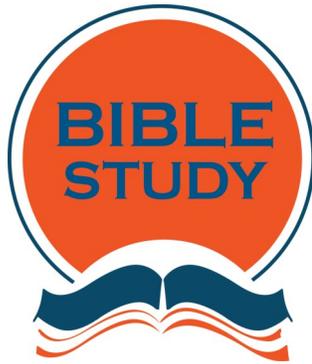
Accounts	Month	Year to Date
Income	\$16,297.79	\$120,502.23
Expenses		
Missions	1,071.50	9,617.50
Personnel	11,512.32	69,073.92
Training & Education	229.03	3,481.05
Worship & Music	0.00	1,776.87
Operating Expenses	671.93	7,037.50
Property/Maintenance	5,670.88	22,778.51
Service Contracts	1,072.84	10,053.76
Total Expenses	<u>\$20,228.50</u>	<u>\$123,819.11</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ (3,930.71)</u>	<u>\$ (3,316.88)</u>
Bank Balance		\$199,989.95
Less Designated Fund Balance		<u>(111,341.47)</u>
Operating Fund Balance		<u>\$ 88,648.48</u>
Designated Fund Beginning Balance		\$117,101.78
Revenue		1,530.00
Expenses		<u>(7,290.31)</u>
Designated Fund Ending Balance		<u>\$111,341.47</u>
Goodwin Fund		<u>\$39,548.18</u>
Total Designated & Goodwin Funds		<u>\$150,889.65</u>
Capital Campaign FUND Balance		\$27,876.33



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



Linda Ward will be teaching a weekly Bible Study this fall. The book she will be using is *The World of the End* by David Jeremiah.

Starting Date: September 11 at 2:00 pm via Zoom.

The cost of the book is \$15 and the study guide is also \$15. Please contact Robin in the church office if you plan on attending and to pick up your books.



HVBC Reads will not meet in July due to a delay in getting the library kit.

The group will meet at 7:00 pm on August 31 via Zoom to discuss *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brandon Slocomb. Contact Rhonda Welfare for the Zoom link or a copy of the book.

The group will meet at 12:30 pm on September 28th in the Modern Disciples Classroom to discuss *Death on the Nile* by Agatha Christie.

You need to find your own copy of *Death on the Nile*. The Durham Public Library has several copies, including print book, eBook and audiobook versions, and the book is also available for free as part of a KindleUnlimited subscription.

A big thank you to all who came to help with snack bag assembly and notes for McDougall this week!

