



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

July 30

Scripture: 3 John 1:1-15

Title: *Though None Go With Me*

August 6

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-20

Title: *Useless Idols*

August 13

Scripture: Haggai 1:1-15a

Title: *Putting God First*

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Minor League Baseball

Brothers and sisters,

A couple of friends of mine and I have an interesting hobby. We don't get to take part in it very often together, but when we do we always have a blast. We enjoy going to minor league baseball games together. Just about every year for the last three years, we have gone to a minor league game to celebrate my birthday. The first two years we went to see the Durham Bulls and had a wonderful time. Both years they played and beat the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp! We enjoy going to see them, but there's another layer to our new hobby that the Bulls don't quite measure up to.

My friends and I love to go to minor league baseball games, but specifically if the team has a funny/ridiculous mascot. Where they live, my friends go to see the Frederick Keys (named after Francis Scott Key) or the Spire City Ghost Hounds. But did you know that right here in North Carolina, we have teams like the Burlington Sock Puppets? Look them up—their mascot is amazing! Or, even better, Winston-Salem hosts a summer collegiate team known as the Carolina Disco Turkeys—I will be spending *far* too much money on their merch!

Last week, my friends and I made the trip over to see my hometown team, the Down East Wood Ducks, whose mascot is a wood duck carrying a gnarled tree branch like a baseball bat—I love it! Only, we didn't see the Wood Ducks that night. We saw Los Avocadoes Luchadores de Down East—the team's alternate mascot, which is half an avocado wearing a *luchador* mask and flexing his biceps. But in the store at Grainger Stadium, you could buy merch for their *other* alternate mascot, the Kinston Collard Greens—an old-timey baseball player with collard green leaves for a beard. Now, the game was mostly good. Heading into the top of the 8th, it was tied 3-3, but after a disastrous top of the 8th involving four errors, the Avocadoes were down 8-3 to the Salem Red Sox (what a lame mascot!) and never recovered. But my friends and I had a great time catching up, watching the ball game, eating surprisingly good stadium food, and enjoying the people-watching that goes along with baseball. It was a wonderful night, perfectly timed.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Sympathy is extended to the family & friends of Rebecca Wines upon her death (Pastor Ben's mother).

Congratulations to Patrick & Kathy Schermerhorn on the arrival of Jackson Oliver Harper Schermerhorn on July 16 (proud grandparents are Linda & Emmett Ward).

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
Stephen Myers - Crohn's flareup
Personnel Committee - continuing search to fill position
Scott Rose - recovery from surgery
Barbara Sanders - family members
Chris Summerlin - surgery
Carolyn Tippett - leukemia

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)
Sympathy is extended to the family of Margaret Bayer upon her death (great-aunt of Rhonda Welfare)
Britt Bentley - dialysis (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)
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)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

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 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)
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)
Congratulations to Marc & Kim Wyatt on the arrival of their granddaughter, Elliott Ann Shropshire, on July 20. (CBF Missionaries)

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.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

7/30—Scott Rose & Brenda Doyle

8/6—Linda Ward & Barbara Sanders

8/13—Rhonda Welfare & Mary Summerlin

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Now, why write about this in a church newsletter? Is it just to send web traffic toward the Disco Turkeys or the Wood Ducks? No. This week reminded me of all the many different identities all of us have. We are sons or daughters, brothers or sisters, wives, husbands, friends, colleagues, customers, fans, etc. We all have unique ways that we interact with the world around us, unique ways we speak to one another. But I also wanted to remind us all that we have specific, unique ways we care for one another and show each other love. Some of us cook amazing food and offer it freely. Some of us are quick to hop in the car and carry folks from place to place. Some of us send cards or emails, make phone calls or house visits.

Regardless of who God has made you to be—and God has made you to be uniquely you—God has given you a unique, special way to show your love and appreciation for others. You have been loved by God in your own unique, special way. So, embrace the gifts and talents God has given to you.

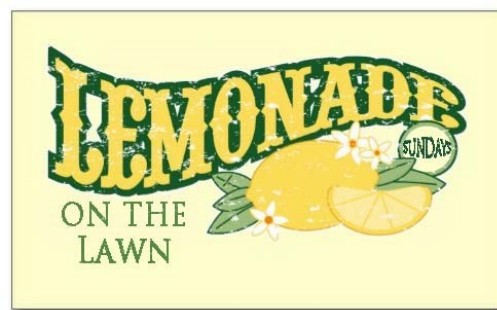
Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben



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.



**August 13
After morning worship.**



For children ages 3 – 12
The remaining Adventure date is:

**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 & July!



Plan to sing the last Sunday in July!

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.



We are collecting school supplies for Parkwood Elementary School again this year. There is a list of needed items in the vestibule and on all of the bulletin boards. There are several ways you can help with this ministry. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule.

First you can purchase any of the items on the list. You can also completely fill a backpack with these items. Please place the supplies in the box in the vestibule or bring to the church office.

Second, you can donate money to this mission – just write, “School Supplies”, on your check or envelope.

Also, you can pray for this ministry and for the children and teachers at Parkwood.

Thank you for your support!

We will be collecting these supplies and donations until August 27.

Supply List (per backpack):

- Backpack (new or gently used)
- 24 Crayons
- Erasers
- 2 Folders
- 2 Glue sticks
- Lunch box or bag
- 8 Markers
- No. 2 pencils
- Notebook (wide-ruled) or loose-leaf paper in a binder
- Pencil box
- Scissors (blunt tipped)
- Tissues
- Water bottles (spill-proof)



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.



Women's Fellowship

August 29

11:30 am

Hope Valley Diner

3710 Shannon Rd, Durham, NC 27707

Please RSVP to Robin in the church office.



American Red Cross

Mark your calendars!
HVBC Blood Drive
Wednesday, August 30
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Fellowship Hall



August BIRTHDAYS

Billy Lewter
Tom Hall
Jacquie Allen
Marie Bush
Bonnie Lyon
Abby Younts
Robbie Ellis
Logan Myers
Joan Burke
Shirley Lewter
Barbara Rowley



2023 Deacon Nomination and Election Process

Our church needs to provide up to seven (7) Deacon positions for the new church year. Each person elected will be expected to serve a three-year term (October 2023 thru September 2026).

Beginning now through **Monday, August 28**, members are asked to nominate candidates for Deacon (using the form below) that they have talked with and feel are willing to serve if elected.

To those nominated, the Deacon Chair or a small group of Deacons will explain the role of Deacon and confirm they are willing to serve. Once a slate of nominees is complete, the church will vote to fill available Deacon positions from a list of nominated candidates who are willing to serve.

Deacons who are currently serving and ineligible for nomination are: Leigh Bigger, Toby Bowen, Mike Bunch, Johnny Bush, Mike Dossett, Brenda Doyle, Cameron Packer, Anne Pokorny, Scott Rose, Barbara Sanders, Mary Summerlin, Linda Ward & Rhonda Welfare.

Newly elected Deacons will begin service on October 1.

I nominate the following person(s) to serve as a Deacon for Hope Valley Baptist Church, beginning in October 2023. I believe this person(s) possesses and demonstrates a deep faith, a commitment to faithfulness in serving God and the church, and a spirit that reflects the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. I have checked with this person and he/she is willing to serve if elected by the congregation.

Nominated by:

Please return this form to Michael Dossett (Deacon Chair), Mary Summerlin (Deacon Vice-Chair), or the church office by **Monday, August 28**.