



Hope Valley
BAPTIST CHURCH

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

July 2

Scripture: Jonah 1:1-17
Title: *Doing the Right Thing*

July 9

Scripture: Jonah 3:1-10
Title: *Wait, What?*

July 16

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

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Super Saturday Adventures

Brothers and sisters,

A couple Saturdays ago, our church held our first Super Saturday Adventure of the summer. Basically, we provided two hours of food, fun, fellowship, and education to our local children here in Durham. We told them the story of Jesus feeding thousands of people using just a couple fish and a few loaves. We reminded them that it all started with a little boy's gift. We played games with them and watched them encourage each other. We made crafts that brought the story home and then we worked with them on a mission project to connect what we learned to what we ought to do. Then, we fed them hot dogs and baked beans and ice cream sandwiches! It truly was a wonderful day!

The thing is, we've got another Super Saturday Adventure coming up that you are all welcome to get involved with! It will be on Saturday, July 15th from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. This month, we'll be taking a look at the story of Mary and Martha and talking about the ways in which they each express their faith in Jesus. We'll need plenty of volunteers to help us this month as we're hoping to be able to paint with the children and make something really special with them!

So, there are several ways you can get involved. Online registration is already live for the July Adventure. If you go to the HVBC website (hvbc.org) and look at the top menu bar, you'll see a tab that says *Super Saturday Adventures*. When you click on that, you'll be taken to a page with a button that says, "Enroll Now." Click on that, scroll down a little bit, and you'll see two buttons: one to register a child and one to register as a volunteer. Be sure to click on whichever one you need and fill out those forms! That will let us know who all to expect the day of. In addition, there will be a physical sign-up sheet in the vestibule this coming Sunday, though that will just be for volunteers—you'll still need to register children online or on the day at our Registration table. Also, if you registered as a volunteer for the June Adventure, you'll need to register again for July.

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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 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)
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)
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 - 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)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

Robbie Sanders - health concerns (son of Barbara Sanders)
Skylar - 4-year-old recovering from surgery (niece of Cameron Packer)
Susan Smilewicz - 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)
Sara Thompson - hospice (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)



The trip to the Billy Graham Library and home in Charlotte has been postponed until the fall.

We will meet on Thursday, July 13 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. It will be GAME DAY! Be sure to bring your favorite game to play!

Mark your calendar for August 17. We will travel to Mt. Airy and the town of "Mayberry". More information to come.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

7/2—Toby Bowen & Leigh Bigger

7/9—Johnny Bush & Mike Dossett

7/16—Cameron Packer & Mike Dossett

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If you're wondering whether you want to get involved or not, I'd encourage you to find one of the volunteers who was there last month and ask them if they had a good time. They will tell you how much fun the kids had, as well as how much fun we adults had! And if you'd like to support us, but you're not able to come out the day of, we would always appreciate your prayers for us, for the parents, and for the children. Each month, our goal is to make sure these kids feel the love God has for them all.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben



For children ages 3 – 12
The remaining Adventure dates are:
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! **There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.**



July 9, 2023
After morning worship.



Our next date is July 13, 2023.

Please let Anne Pokorny know how you can help.

Families Moving Forward is also partnering with Camp Phoenix where you can adopt-a-camper by providing basic needs. The camp is for rising 1st graders—8th graders.

Donation Deadline: July 14

Needs per camper:

- * Pillow
- * Poncho
- * Personal toiletry items
- * Sleeping Bag
- * One piece bathing suits (or tankini) for girls. Swim top and trunks for boys.
- * 2 towels
- * Croc "like" shoes
- * Poncho

If you are interested, please email Anna Krecklow at anna@fmfnc.org. She will pair sponsors to children and share lists with the child's needs & sizes. You can then bring your items to the church office and we will get them to the campers.



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



Summer Snacks Update and Delivery #1 Completed!

Thanks to everyone who helped in the assembly, note writing and delivery of 100 snack bags to the McDougald neighborhood! We also had the children attending Summer Adventures assemble the final 40 bags.

Ashley, the McDougald neighborhood representative, was most appreciative and says the children look forward to the snacks every summer! Continue prayers for the residents and children that they know that they are loved by God and neighbors!

Our next snack bag assembly will be July 11 at 1:00 pm in the Family Life Center. We also have started adding an encouraging note card message in the bags for the children so cards will be available for you to write a message if you can. If you cannot attend on July 11 but would like to write some notes, please contact Julie Stoops.

If you can help with a financial donation to purchase the snacks, please designate "Summer snacks".

Below is a picture from the June packing. What a great group!





The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.



HVBC Reads *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocomb in July. This mystery novel takes place in the world of classical music. Slocomb is a classically trained violinist who grew up in Fayetteville and graduated from UNC-Greensboro. Before publication of this novel, his first, Slocomb taught public school music. The book has received numerous accolades for the mystery and for its accurate portrayal of the classical music world and the racism encountered by the main character.

There is a possibility we'll have to flip this with *Death on the Nile*, the book scheduled for August, if the Book Club Kit for *The Violin Conspiracy* doesn't show up in the next few days. 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.

The discussion in July will take place at 7:00 pm July 27 via Zoom. Contact Rhonda Welfare for the Zoom link or a copy of the book. The discussion in August will take place at 12:30 pm August 31 in the Modern Disciples classroom.

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 at 10:30 am** 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.