



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

September 3

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21
Title: *Love and Blessings*

September 10

Scripture: Romans 13:8-14
Title: *The Greatest Commandment*

September 17

Scripture: Romans 14:1-12
Title: *Judging Others*

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Prayers of the People

Brothers and sisters,

This week I want us to just take some time to pray for all of the various things that are happening or have happened within the last few weeks. It seems like the news cycles have been particularly difficult and so I would ask you to take some time and pray for folks all over the country. Use my suggestions below as starters if you'd like to, but then take some time to speak to God and ask for God's grace in all of this.

For the people of Hawaii. The search and rescue process continues on the island of Maui after the wildfires. The process of identifying bodies drags on, particularly because so many of the bodies crumble when touched in any way. Pray for the people who have lost loved ones. Pray for the people who have not heard yet whether their loved one is among the dead. Pray for the rescuers as they continue to do this work that is hard physically, emotionally, and psychologically. Pray for the people of Hawaii as a collective as they process the trauma, the grief, the tragedy of all of this.

For the people of Jacksonville, Florida. They are reeling from the rampage of someone who espoused truly hateful, bigoted views about our brothers and sisters in the black community. Pray for the family of the shooter as they grieve the loss of their loved one and must deal with who he turned out to be. Pray for the families of the victims as they now have to deal with the grief and the trauma of losing someone they loved so suddenly and so violently. Pray for the people of Jacksonville, as they process their grief.

For the UNC community. They are also reeling from a senseless shooting and the death of a young, bright scholar. The university is doing their best to care for the students, but pray for everyone there at Carolina right now. Pray for the students who were in Caudill Laboratories as it happened. Pray for all those students who had to lock down and wonder for hours what was happening. Pray for the elementary, middle, and high school kids who also had to lockdown during the manhunt. Pray for the family of Zijie Yan, the professor who was killed, as they grieve his loss. And pray for the family of Taili Qi, the shooter, as they grieve and grapple with what he has done.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Church family with Health Concerns:

Carl & Carol Atkins
Barbara Barbee
Shirley Barbee
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 - recovery from spinal fusion surgery (daughter of Sandra & Rick Hall)

Tom Hall - infection, at The Brian Center (Southpoint Rehab)

Julie Hayes - blood pressure issues

Jan Mangum - fatigue

Brenda Morton - recovery from fall
Steven Myers - Crohn's flareup
Personnel Committee - continuing search to fill position
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; needs kidney transplant (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)
Emma Dozier - upcoming surgery (granddaughter of Mike & Kathryn Bunch)
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)
Gary & Victoria - homeless (friends of Michael Calloway)
Linda Greeson - kidney problems (aunt of Julie Stoops)
Patrick & Donna Hahs - sudden death of their daughter, Natalie (cousin of Julie Stoops)
Sue Hannaman - pancreatic cancer (sister-in-law of Francis Smith)
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)
Josh - COVID; doing better, but still sick (friend of Gigi Heath)
Barbara Layne - diabetic, leg surgeries & rehab (extended family of the Dossetts)
Kathy Lewter - upcoming heart surgery (sister-in-law of Robin Wimberley)
David Mabe - recovery from back surgery (brother of Barbara Sanders)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

Junior Martin - cancer (friend of Joan Burke)
Juliet Atieno Otiemo - 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)
Marc Stoops - blood clot (brother of David Stoops)
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).

**The church office will be closed on
Monday, September 4 in observance
of Labor Day.**



**Sunday, September 10
After morning worship.**

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

9/3—Cameron Packer & Mike Dossett
9/10—Lucy Woodell & Mike Bunch
9/17—Scott Rose & Brenda Doyle

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Finally, pray for the people of Keaton Beach, Florida and the surrounding area. Hurricane Idalia has made landfall there and as I write this article, 1 person has been declared dead and 286,000 people are without power. Pray for everyone in the path of the storm. There will be property damage, loss of life, and so many other things they'll have to deal with over the next days, weeks, months. Pray that they would receive the help they need. Pray for everyone who has lost or will lose a loved one. Pray for all those who have lost or will lose their homes. Pray for that community, that they can come together and help one another in the wake of this storm.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

From the Missions Team

Thank you HVBC members for your generous support of the Back to School backpacks/supply drive for children of Parkwood Elementary School. We were able to provide 45 filled book bags and also extra donations for teacher supply needs for the school year!

And God is able to bless you abundantly so that in all things, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8



**Picture Day & Bible Trivia
September 7 at 10:00 am
In the Fellowship Hall**

Bring your family pictures along with pictures from when you were younger. We will enjoy the pictures & then have some Bible Trivia!

Mark your calendars for October 12. We will be heading to historical Edenton NC.



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.

**Financial Report
Month Ending July 2023**

Accounts	Month	Year to Date
Income	\$12,213.00	\$132,715.23
Expenses		
Missions	2,633.25	12,250.75
Personnel	11,512.32	80,586.24
Training & Education	813.91	4,294.96
Worship & Music	221.94	1,998.81
Operating Expenses	1,020.12	8,057.62
Property/Maintenance	2,871.83	25,650.34
Service Contracts	1,221.42	11,275.18
Total Expenses	<u>\$20,294.79</u>	<u>\$144,113.90</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ (8,081.79)</u>	<u>\$ (11,398.67)</u>
Bank Balance		\$188,072.74
Less Designated Fund Balance		<u>(108,077.01)</u>
Operating Fund Balance		<u>\$ 79,995.73</u>
Designated Fund Beginning Balance		\$111,341.47
Revenue		3,875.68
Expenses		<u>(7,140.14)</u>
Designated Fund Ending Balance		<u>\$108,077.01</u>
Goodwin Fund		<u>\$39,548.18</u>
Total Designated & Goodwin Funds		<u>\$147,625.19</u>
Capital Campaign FUND Balance		\$27,926.33

Larry & Jeri Mercer Ministries with Chris Bays

On Sunday, September 10, Larry & Jeri Mercer Ministries, with Chris Bays, will join us for our worship service at 11:00 am.

Larry & Jeri are a husband & wife team that has been singing southern gospel music for 45 years. Another member of the group is Chris Bays, who sang with the Mercer's over 25 years ago and has rejoined the group.

Their mission is to spread the word of Christ through their music and testimonies, and to be a witness for the Kingdom of God.

Hope you will be there!



On Sunday, September 10 we will have our annual election of Deacons. The HVBC Bylaws call for a minimum of twelve deacons, but we have normally had up to fifteen serving. The following nine members have been nominated and have agreed to serve if elected:

Susan Bentley, Jennifer Bowen, Rachel Dossett, Linda Hall, John Myers, Anne Pokorny, Ginger Rose, Julie Stoops, and Cheryl Wallace.

Our thanks to Toby Bowen, Mike Bunch, Johnny Bush, Brenda Doyle, Scott Rose, Linda Ward and Rhonda Welfare who have faithfully served and are rotating off.



Pickleball Social

Friday, September 23
4:30–6:30 pm

This will be an introduction to Pickleball! Please contact Nick Galvez at ngalvez1234@gmail.com if you have any questions. Come try it out!



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 audio-book versions, and the book is also available for free as part of a KindleUnlimited subscription.

Please contact Rhonda Welfare with any questions.



**Saturday,
September 16**

9:00 am–12:00 pm

This will be the choir's first practice for Christmas & Advent music. Please join us!

Message from Nominating Team

Please add the following volunteers to your Nominating Team list:

Brenda Harton—Nominating 2026
Susan Bentley—Women's Fellowship
John Myers—Outreach
Joe Story—Baptism & Greeter

We thank these members & everyone else that has volunteered!