



# Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## *Illuminator*

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### UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

#### **September 17**

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

#### **September 24**

Guest Speaker: Steve Bolton

#### **October 1**

### **World Communion Sunday**

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16  
Title: *An Unfair Gospel*

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### **Seasons of Life**

Y'all, it's that time of year again. Now, I write that and you might think, "Ah, yes. Football season is upon us!" And that's true—college and professional football have started their seasons. Or, you might be thinking, "Ah, yes. We're supposed to start getting cooler temperatures next week, so fall is coming!" And that's also true—and a little closer to the season I'm thinking of. Truth is, it's that time of year again—time for pumpkin-everything!

I went to Trader Joe's last night (Tuesday night) and let me just list off the things I can remember that were pumpkin flavored. You ready? I saw Pumpkin-O's (pumpkin-flavored Cheerios), pumpkin breakfast bars, pumpkin cornbread mix, pumpkin pancake mix (might have bought that), pumpkin muffin mix, pumpkin chili seasoning, pumpkin creamer, pumpkin yogurt, pumpkin spice coffee, pumpkin ravioli, pumpkin tortilla chips, pumpkin sandwich cookies (definitely bought those), pumpkin Oreos, pumpkin yogurt-covered cookies, and pumpkin oatmeal, among other things. Funny enough, I saw no canned pumpkin!

I bring that up because it seems like the beginning of "pumpkin-everything" season is the unofficial beginning of fall. It marks the time of the year when the days are growing noticeably shorter and there does begin to be a nip in the air—even though here in North Carolina you cannot truly rule out a 90 degree day till about mid-October. But this is a season of the year when we start to celebrate those around us and those in our community. We are preparing for things like the State Fair, where we will see the accomplishments of some of our neighbors in the various contests. We are preparing for Halloween where we reach out to strangers in the community and offer a moment of fellowship through trick-or-treating. We are preparing for All Saints Day when we honor those Christians who came before us. We are preparing for Thanksgiving, where we gather with family to remember the things we're grateful for and, of course, to eat things like pumpkin pie!

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

**Church family with Health Concerns:**

Carl & Carol Atkins  
Barbara Barbee  
Shirley Barbee  
**Peggy Bidly - swelling in left eye**  
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 - health issues  
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  
**Emmett Ward - severe back pain, starting physical therapy**

**Senior Living Centers:**

Durham Regent: Marcella Jerdon  
Emerald Pond: Lee Schevill, Sam & Pat Beasley

**Expected Family:**

**Hannah & Chase Thompson – due March 2024 (daughter & son-in-law of Dave & Julie Stoops)**

**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)

**Mindy Bentley - possible kidney transplant donor (daughter-in-law of Susan Bentley)**

Claudine Bernard - dementia (sister of Joan Burke)  
Rebecca Bidly - health issues (daughter-in-law of Peggy Bidly)  
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)  
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)  
Josh - COVID; doing better, but still sick (friend of Gigi Heath)  
Barbara Layne - diabetic, leg surgeries & rehab (extended family of the Dossetts)  
Kathy Lewter - recovery from heart surgery (sister-in-law of Robin Wimberley)

**PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)**

David Mabe - recovery from back surgery (brother of Barbara Sanders)  
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)  
**Herbert Charles Rose, Jr. - recovery from stroke (father of Scott Rose)**  
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)  
**Dan Thompson- moved to rehab (father of Leigh Bigger)**  
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.)



Congratulations to our newly elected Deacons:

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

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK**

9/17—Scott Rose & Brenda Doyle

9/24—Linda Ward & Barbara Sanders

10/1—Rhonda Welfare & Mary Summerlin

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Ultimately, the beginning of “pumpkin-everything” season also reminds me of the fact that we are preparing for the celebration of Advent and Christmas. As I sipped pumpkin spiced coffee from my pumpkin-emblazoned coffee mug this morning, I got a reminder from my phone that the choir will start practicing their Advent music this Saturday (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the choir room if you’d like to join them). And all of this, together, made me think of the various seasons we all go through in our lives and the myriad experiences that come with those seasons. Sometimes, we’re in a season of celebration and rejoicing, where it seems like everywhere we turn our friends, our family, even ourselves are experiencing joy. Sometimes, it’s a season of loss and mourning, where each day is a struggle and getting out of bed is an accomplishment. Sometimes it’s a season of uncertainty, where decisions are not easy to make and a way forward is not clear. The good news of the gospel, though, is that God is with us in all those seasons. Joy, sorrow, uncertainty—God is there. Fall, football, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas—God is there. Even in “pumpkin-everything” season—God is there. Don’t believe me? Google “pumpkin spice communion wafers images” and have a laugh!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ben



Our next volunteer date is

**September 28.**

Please let Anne Pokorny know how you can help.



October 28  
4:30 – 6:30 pm  
Mark your Calendar!



Saturday, September 23

10:00 am

Modern Disciples Classroom

Come join in the fun!

### Financial Report Month Ending August 2023

Accounts	Month	Year to Date
Income	\$15,500.00	\$148,215.23
Expenses		
Missions	1,071.50	13,322.25
Personnel	11,512.32	92,098.56
Training & Education	201.86	4,496.82
Worship & Music	262.75	2,261.56
Operating Expenses	805.11	8,862.73
Property/Maintenance	4,842.80	30,493.14
Service Contracts	2,325.90	13,601.08
Total Expenses	<u>\$21,022.24</u>	<u>\$165,136.14</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ (5,522.24)</u>	<u>\$ (16,920.91)</u>
Bank Balance		\$179,536.20
Less Designated Fund Balance		<u>(105,476.87)</u>
Operating Fund Balance		<u>\$ 74,059.33</u>
Designated Fund Beginning Balance		\$108,077.01
Revenue		4,715.00
Expenses		<u>(7,315.14)</u>
Designated Fund Ending Balance		<u>\$105,476.87</u>
Goodwin Fund		<u>\$39,545.67</u>
Total Designated & Goodwin Funds		<u>\$145,022.54</u>
Capital Campaign FUND Balance		\$27,926.33



# October BIRTHDAYS

Amy Tippett  
 Rick Lynch  
 Eowyn Rose  
 Cassie Hall  
 Georgia Summerlin  
 Sandra Hall  
 Marie Collins  
 Mike Bunch  
 Betty Griffiths  
 Gigi Heath  
 Marilyn Flanary  
 Lee Schevill  
 Wayne Webster  
 Bella Rose  
 Genevieve Mua

## Regular Church Family Meeting

**Sunday, September 17**  
 after morning worship.

We will discuss and vote on a motion from the Properties Team regarding roof estimates. Copies of the motion are in the Vestibule. This is a regular church family meeting. We will also hear reports from other committees.



**CHOIR  
PRACTICE**

**TOMORROW!  
September 16**

**9:00 am—12:00 pm**

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



Mark your calendars for **October 12**. We will be heading to historical Edenton NC. More details to come.



### **Pickleball Social**

**Saturday, September 23**  
 4:30—6:30 pm

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



**October 1**





HVBC READS will meet in person at 12:30 pm September 28 in the Modern Disciples Classroom to discuss *Death on the Nile* by Agatha Christie. Bring a lunch if you wish and join us for fellowship starting at noon. In addition to talking about *Death on the Nile*, the group will begin discussing books to read in 2024.

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.

Coming attractions:

7 PM October 26 (via Zoom)  
*Unbroken*, Laura Hillenbrand  
Book Club Kit copies of this book will be available shortly.

November 30  
*Manhattan Beach*, Jennifer Egan

Due to the Christmas holiday, HVBC READS will not meet in December.

Please contact Rhonda Welfare with questions.

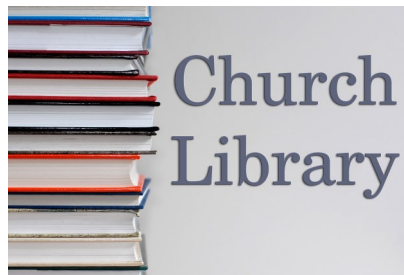


October through December are the months that Hope Valley is assigned to provide food for the Triangle West Baptist Network (formerly Yates Baptist Association) Food Pantry. Everyone is encouraged to pick up a few grocery items for this needed ministry.

We will have the brown bins in the vestibule & children's hallway around the first of October for you to place your donations in. You can also bring them by the church office. Thanks for your support!

**Items Needed:**

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| Peanut Butter     | Jelly         |
| Juices            | Cereal        |
| Rice              | Oatmeal       |
| Instant Potatoes  | Grits         |
| Mac/Cheese        | Canned Meats  |
| Soup              | Canned Fruits |
| Mustard           | Mayonnaise    |
| Canned Vegetables |               |



The Hope Valley Baptist Church Library Committee is hard at work sorting books and entering information into our online catalog. We hope the library will reopen soon.

In the interest of assisting us in completing this task, we ask that you hold off on the contribution of books and other materials until further notice. This will allow us to catch up on current donations. Please be aware that our space is extremely limited and we may not have space for everything. We reserve the right to pass along materials that we cannot use in the church library to the Durham Public Library and appropriate local charitable organizations.

We also ask that you look around at home and return any materials that belong to the church library so that others can use them.

Thank you for your support of the Hope Valley Baptist Church Library. We look forward to seeing you in the library soon.