HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

September 10, 2023



Our Church Staff

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Our Vision: to be a Christ-centered community, worshiping in the Spirit, growing in discipleship, and sharing God's love.

The Church at Worship

Gathering Music Mercer Ministries

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Benjamin Wines

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Mercer Ministries

Call to Worship Psalm 119:33-40 Rhonda Welfare

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

People: And I will observe it to the end.

Leader: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law

People: And observe it with my whole heart.

Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments,

People: For I delight in it.

Leader: Turn my heart to you decrees,

People: And not to selfish gain.

Leader: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;

People: Give me life in your ways.

Leader: Confirm to your servant your promise,

People: Which is for those who fear you.

Leader: Turn away the disgrace that I dread,

People: For your ordinances are good.

Leader: See, I have longed for your precepts;

People: In your righteousness give me life.

Invocation Rhonda Welfare

Hymn of Praise No. 7 Worthy of Worship JUDSON

Scripture Reading Romans 13:8-14 Barbara Sanders

Children's Message Mike Dossett

Hymn of Faith Mercer Ministries

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Anthem Mercer Ministries

Sermon The Greatest Commandment Rev. Benjamin Wines

Benediction Rev. Benjamin Wines

Postlude Mercer Ministries

Larry & Jeri Mercer Ministries with Chris Bays

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.

Thank you for the beautiful music today!



Church Deacons

We will have our annual election of Deacons today. The HVBC Bylaws call for a minimum of twelve deacons, but we have normally had up to fifteen serving. Please see the enclosed ballot & vote accordingly.

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.

Pastor Ben's Upcoming Vacation

September 18 – 24 We are blessed to have Steve Bolton preaching on September 24.

Choir Rehearsal Saturday, September 16 9:00 am—12:00 pm

This will be the choir's first rehearsal for Christmas & Advent music.

Please join us!

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.

Midweek Services in Person

6:00 pm – Dinner, bring your own dinner. 6:30 pm – Bible Study We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

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Sermon Notes

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Fifteenth Sunday

after Pentecost

"The Greatest Commandment"

Romans 13:8-14

Emphasis on verses 9-10

Questions for Further Reflection:

In this passage, Paul talks about loving your neighbor.

How did Jesus expand our definition of the word "neighbor"?

How does Paul help us understand God's story better?