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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

October 29

Deacon Ordination

Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12

Title: ***Practice What You Preach***

November 5

All Saint's Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Title: ***Faith Legacies***

November 12

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Title: ***Taking Risks***

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Salem

Brothers and sisters,

It's been almost a year since I took a trip to Salem, MA with two of my closest friends. If you were to dig up your Illuminator from 10-26-22, you'll see that I wrote about how much I was looking forward to the trip. And it was a great time! We were there the Saturday before Halloween, so Salem was in its finest form. Lots of people. Lots of costumes. Crisp air. History all around us. It was fantastic!

I remember when I came back, folks kept asking me, "So when are you going to work some of your Salem trip into a sermon?" Over the last year, I've not found a good sermon to include some of the stories from that trip. But there is one story I've told a lot and a related story that I think has something to say about our upcoming Trunk-or-Treat.

Part of the reason I was so excited to go to Salem last year was because of its reputation as "Witch City." I majored in religious studies at Carolina and so I find all kinds of belief systems fascinating. So, going to "Witch City," I wanted to wander through some of the more "legit" witch shops—places where people could buy supplies that they believed would allow them to cast "spells." We went into one shop and I was amazed by everything I saw in there, but two things truly caught my eye.

The first was a big bowl filled with pre-packaged bay leaves—something like 10 to a pack. And everybody that came through was picking up a pack of bay leaves. Curious, I walked over, picked up a package, and turned it over to see *why* folks were gobbling them up. First of all, this store was selling just 10 bay leaves for \$16, which is crazy enough on its own! Second, the package said that witches believe that if you place a bay leaf in the heel of your shoe as you head into court, you're more likely to win your case. And remember, these bay leaves were *flying* off the shelves! I wanted to turn to the folks and say, "How many of you have court dates?! Salem, what have you done?!"

The second thing that caught my eye was a wall of "spell candles." The idea behind these was simple. Supposedly, a witch had worked a spell and infused it into the candle. As the candle burned, the spell would activate. And when I say there was a wall of them, I mean there was a 6' x 8' display! This thing had sections! Candles for getting a new

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Church family with Health Concerns:

Carl Atkins
Barbara Barbee
Shirley Barbee
Sam Beasley - recovery from hip replacement
Peggy Bidy - swelling in left eye
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)
Julie Hayes - blood pressure issues
Dorothy Moore - vision issues
Steven Myers - recovery from surgery
Personnel Committee - continuing search to fill position
Barbara Sanders - family members
Chris Summerlin - upcoming 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)
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 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)
Bobbie Campanaro - heart issues (friend of Scott Rose)
Tom Campbell - cancer (brother of Kathryn Bunch)
Pam Carroll - cancer (friend of Linda & Emmett Ward)
Joan Cozart - brain tumor (friend of Joan Burke)
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)
Gary & Victoria - homeless (friends of Michael Calloway)
Linda Greeson - kidney problems (aunt of Julie Stoops)
Family of Sue Hannaman upon her passing (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)
Patricia Jacques - Alzheimer's (sister of Joan Burke)
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)
Rohan Myers - Lyme disease, (grandson of John & Mary Myers)
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 Atkins)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

Ashley Robbins - cancer (granddaughter of Brenda Morton)
Bill Roberson (friend of Scott Rose)
Franci Rokoske - fractured spine (friend of Amy Herring)
Herbert Charles Rose, Jr. - recovery from stroke (father of Scott Rose)
Robbie Sanders - health concerns (son of Barbara Sanders)
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 - recovery from surgery (father of Leigh Bigger)
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).

Deacon Ordination

On Sunday, October 29th, we will be ordaining three new deacons during morning worship. Susan Bentley, Ginger Rose, and Cheryl Wallace have all accepted their calls to be deacons and so we will ordain them. Be sure to be here that Sunday to affirm their ministry!

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

10/29 – John Myers & Cameron Packer
11/5 – Anne Pokorny & Ginger Rose
11/12 – Barbara Sanders & Cheryl Wallace

Church Family Meeting

Sunday, November 12
after morning worship.

We will be voting on the 2024 Budget. There are copies of the budget in the vestibule for you to look at before the meeting.

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job, keeping your current job, getting a promotion, etc. Candles for finding love, keeping love, breaking up with someone, etc. Candles to win the lottery, find treasure, or just get cold, hard cash! But what made me stop and say a little prayer, was the fact that these candles I've listed were *not* selling. The ones that *were* selling were things like a candle to find comfort after the death of a loved one, to repair broken relationships, to make rent by the end of the month. The candles that *were* selling were candles for folks who were hurting and were looking for peace, looking for community.

Obviously, Trunk-or-Treat won't help folks get a promotion or help them win the lottery. Putting a ticket from one of our games in the heel of your shoe isn't going to help you win a court case. But for a couple hours this Saturday, we can offer folks a sense of peace and joy. We can offer them community and let them know they are loved. Not through candles or "spells" or anything like that. But through loving others, knowing that God has always loved us.

Happy Halloween,
Pastor Ben

SENIOR Adult Ministry

We will be meeting at the church on November 16 at 10:30 am for Bible Trivia. Bring your favorite game & we will have a light lunch. Contact Susan Bentley, 470-453-0097, if you have any questions.



Sunday, November 5, 2023

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 28
4:30 – 6:30 pm

*If you are bringing a car for Trunk-or-Treat,
please arrive no later than 4:00 p.m.*

This year, our church will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat plus some extras! This kind of an event is designed to give the families of our community a safe place to come and enjoy a fun evening together. We are planning to have our usual Trunk-or-Treat where kids can come and receive candy. We are also planning to set up a few game booths where kids and their parents can play some fun, festival games for prizes. We are also planning to set up a picnic area, where families can sit and have a meal together. And, as we've done in the past, we will have contests for Best Trunk and Best Carved Pumpkin!

Hope you can attend and join in on the fun!



Chrismon Workshop

Saturday, November 4
10:00 am
Modern Disciples Classroom
Come join in the fun!



HVBC Reads

People's schedules have changed and HVBC READS is looking for a new meeting time. Please contact Rhonda Welfare (rhondawelfare1@gmail.com) if you want to provide input. At this time, evening meeting times are not available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. We will compile a list of suggestions and then take a poll to see what works for the most people.

HVBC READS is a great way to get to know people in the church who enjoy reading. The group reads different kinds of books — popular fiction and non-fiction, memoir, historical fiction, autobiography, mystery, fantasy, Christian fiction and non-fiction, and more — and somehow finds something to discuss about each one. Books are selected based on group input. Check it out if you like to read and are willing to try something new.

Coming attractions:

November (date and time TBD) 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.

There are lists of needs on the bulletin boards and in the most recent newsletter. We have brown bins in the vestibule & children's hallway for you to place your donations in. You can also bring them by the church office. Thanks for your support!

Items Needed:

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



Fall Back

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Pickleball Social

Saturday, November 4
4:30—6:30 pm

Everyone had such a good time at the first Pickleball Social that we are going to continue playing!

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



November Birthdays

Terry Griffitts
Brenda Harton
Justin Hayes
Elizabeth Herring
Jan Mangum
Linda Marshall
Steven Myers
Herschel Ngeve
Jacob Ngeve
Lucy Woodell



Women's Fellowship

Thursday, November 9, 10:30 am

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch. Bring something to share with the group. Maybe your favorite salad, soup or dessert—anything would be great! If you don't have time to fix something, please still come for the fellowship and lunch. Contact Susan Bentley, 470-453-0097, with questions.

Christmas Boxes for Appalachia

Thank you HVBC family for your support of Christmas boxes for Appalachia!

We still have 4 boxes available:

- 3-4th grade boy
- 5-6th grade girl
- 5-6th grade boy
- 5-6th grade boy

Reminder, boxes are due by Sunday, November 5.

Boxes are available in the vestibule to pick up along with the list of items to go in each box. Please place appropriate age sticker on the top of your box.

DO NOT WRAP THE BOXES. THEY CAN BE DECORATED BUT NOT SEALED.

Any questions, please contact Julie Stoops or missions team members, Barbara Sanders, Barbara Rowley, Leigh Bigger, Mary Myers, Susan Bentley, Llewellyn Jones.



Come to the Hope Valley Baptist Church Thanksgiving Potluck on November 23. Fellowship starts at Noon and we will eat around 1:00 pm. Meat provided (but volunteers are needed to cook!).

Participants should bring enough Thanksgiving goodies (appetizers, salad, vegetables, dessert or whatever moves you) for their families with some to share.

Call the church office by November 16 to RSVP (with approximate number). No need to sign up for specific dishes. If your plans change at the last minute, join us!