



Hope Valley
BAPTIST CHURCH

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

November 12

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Title: ***Taking Risks***

November 19

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Title: ***Abundance***

November 26

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Title: ***The Least of These***

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Tears of the Kingdom

Brothers and sisters,

Six months ago, I wrote an Illuminator article entitled, “*The Legend of Zelda and Loneliness.*” In that article, I wrote about a game called *Tears of the Kingdom* and how it addresses themes of loneliness and finding community. And I remember telling you all then that once I beat *Tears of the Kingdom*, you could expect another article about the game. Well, I beat the game! So I want to talk about one of the aspects of the game that *Zelda* fans like myself particularly enjoy before connecting it back to our lives as Christians.

The Legend of Zelda games are known for a lot of different things. The gameplay is great. The characters are iconic. The stories are simple, but deeply moving. But perhaps more than anything else, *Zelda* games are known for their music. And while every new *Zelda* game has its own unique musical sound, they also tap into themes from previous games and use them to help tell their story.

In *Tears of the Kingdom*, the music is played by a full orchestra. One of the most celebrated musical moments comes early in the game. Link, the hero of the story, is battling a giant flying worm-thing called Colgera. Colgera is a wind monster and so most of the battle takes place in the sky. Because of that, the music that plays during the fight is carried by lots of wind instruments—oboes, flutes, saxophones, etc.

As the battle wears on, Colgera gets more aggressive and so does the music. Longer, soaring wind sections are interrupted with sharp, aggressive punches of sound from horns. Strings come in and play a tight loop of anxious notes as Colgera throws massive attacks at Link. But if the player dodges those attacks, the orchestra bursts into this bombastic, triumphant choral rendition of a song from a previous *Zelda* game, *The Wind Waker*. For those of us that played *The Wind Waker* back in 2002, it feels like the hero of that game nudging you and saying, “Hey, you’ve overcome challenges before. You can do it again.”

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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
Al Holt - recovery from hip surgery
Kendra Merritt - damage in both knees
Dorothy Moore - vision issues
Steven Myers - recovery from surgery
Personnel Committee - continuing search to fill position
Barbara Sanders - family members
Chris Summerlin - recovery from surgery
Carolyn Tippett - leukemia, pneumonia
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)
Chloe George - 7-month-old with RSV (granddaughter of Jan Mangum)
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)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

Mark Nagy (friend of Scott Rose)
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)
Ashley Robbins - cancer (granddaughter of Brenda Morton)
Bill Roberson (friend of Scott Rose)
Franci Rokuske - 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 - pneumonia (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).



DEACONS OF THE WEEK

11/12—Barbara Sanders & Cheryl Wallace
11/19—Julie Stoops & Lucy Woodell
11/26—Mary Summerlin & Jennifer Bowen

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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This past Sunday, we celebrated All Saints Sunday. We took time during our worship service to read out the names of our brothers and sisters in Christ who had passed away within the last year. We talked about the ways in which our brothers and sisters in Christ have shaped and molded our faith over the years. Sometimes their influence is as broad as, “I come to church because this person invited me years ago.” It can be as personal as a relationship—someone from a church who stuck with you during hard times and who is the first to celebrate with you in good times. Sometimes it is as literal as something you say or do because someone else influenced you. Growing up my youth minister began every prayer with, “Gracious and loving God.” When you hear me pray on-the-spot, you’ll notice that I often start with, “Gracious and loving God.”

As we move through life, the saints remind us that we can meet highs and lows. I am reminded of Scott and my home church family at FBC Goldsboro every time I pray. I remember the way they all guided me and showed me how to be a Christian. It is as if they are nudging me and saying, “You’ve got this.” We are never truly alone in our faith journey and that’s a comfort. There will always be things we do that remind us of our brothers and sisters in Christ—those that are with us and those that have passed on. But isn’t it comforting when life throws challenges at you to know there are people in your corner who believe in you? That is part of the gift God gives us in the church.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

P. S. If you’d like to hear the music I mentioned in this article, go to YouTube and type in, “colgera battle ost”. The moment I describe starts around the 2:35 mark, with the choir joining in at 2:55. The whole piece is just under 5 minutes—listen to it all!

Pickleball Social

Saturday, November 18
4:30—6:30 pm

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



Jennifer Bowen will be taking roll orders for the holidays as a fundraiser for our Hope House Ministry. Rolls will be delivered frozen and fully baked. A limited number can be delivered fresh. Either way, they will just need to be reheated at home. Please complete an order form or email Jennifer at: jennifer.pt.bowen@gmail.com. (Please don't tell her what you want - her memory is terrible these days!)



As we get closer to Christmas, it's time to start writing Christmas Cards! We will again be hosting a church-wide Christmas Card Exchange as a fundraiser for Missions. The sorting box will be placed next to the Hospitality Room at the end of November. Please drop off and collect your cards at any time until the Christmas Eve service. Cards for members who are not able to collect their own will be delivered, either via mail or personally depending on their location. A collection box will be placed with the card box. A donation of 25 cents per card is requested. Please make checks payable to HVBC with Missions in the memo line.



This Sunday, Hope Valley Baptist Church will vote to adopt the 2024 budget. The Finance, Personnel, Missions, Technology, and Properties Teams have worked hard to prepare a budget that will support what we plan to do as a church in the coming year.

As you have probably noticed, work on the roof is going well. This project was certainly needed and will be of great benefit for years. However, to make this happen, HVBC is using the Capital Campaign funds we have built up the past several years. The Finance Team would ask HVBC members to consider giving again to the Capital Campaign fund beginning in January. Why? At some point, we will need to replace our gym floor. Also, our main HVAC system for the Sanctuary and other parts of the church will need to be replaced fairly soon. However, for the rest of 2023, you are encouraged to support the missions projects HVBC undertakes during Advent.

As always, the Finance Team thanks you for your support and generosity.



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:

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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 | |



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.

Our next meeting date is **November 30 at 12:30 pm** in the Modern Disciples Classroom. We will discuss *Manhattan Beach*, by Jennifer Egan. Due to the Christmas holiday, HVBC READS will not meet in December. Please contact Rhonda Welfare with questions.



We will be meeting at the church on **Thursday, 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.

On **Tuesday, December 5** we will travel to Old Salem in Winston Salem, NC. We will leave the church at 9:00 am. Please let Robin in the church office know if you would like to attend.

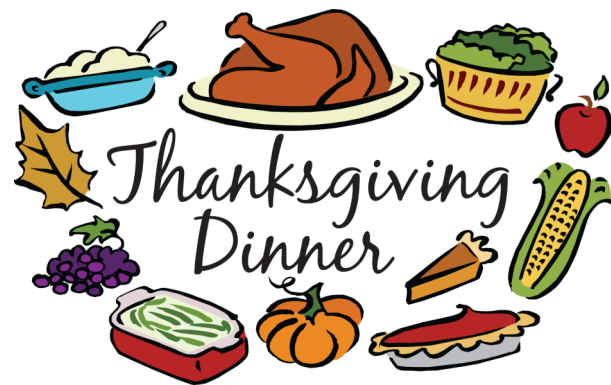


Thank you to our congregation for wonderful participation to support CBF personnel Scarlett Jasper and Olive Branch Ministries with Christmas boxes for Appalachia.

We filled 50 boxes for ages ranging pre kindergarten to seniors!

We received extra supplies so those items are also being passed on to Scarlett and her ministries.

Thanks be to God!



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!



Staff Appreciation is going on for another week. There are bags to collect cards in the vestibule. We will continue to celebrate until the November 19th Sunday Social.



Sunday, November 19
Please join us in the Choir Room
after the Worship Service.