



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

March 17

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Glenn Phillips, Jr.

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-6;

John 12:20-33

Title: ***When a Dream Dies***

March 24

Palm Sunday

Scripture: John 12:12-16

Title: ***Christ's Glory***

March 31

Easter Sunday

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Title: ***Christ's Victory***

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A Busy March

Brothers and sisters,

The last half of March is going to be a wonderful time here at Hope Valley Baptist Church. I want to be sure to touch on just a few of the things we have coming up!

First, during morning worship this coming Sunday, March 17th, the former pastor at my home church, Dr. Glenn Phillips, Jr. will be preaching for you all. Glenn is the pastor that I most remember growing up in Goldsboro. He is the one who baptized me, catching me when I slipped and fell as I was coming back up out of the waters. He and Scott, my youth minister, helped me discern my call to ministry. Most recently, he is the one who preached at my mother's funeral. He is a truly good man and I am excited for you all to get to hear from him on the 17th.

Then, on Sunday, March 24th we will be celebrating Palm Sunday and participating in the 2024 CROP Walk. During morning worship on that Sunday we will celebrate the arrival of Jesus in the Holy City, though we will also take time to remember what a whirlwind of a week he would have—triumphal entry on Sunday, crucifixion on Friday, and resurrection the next Sunday. After that service, starting at 2:30, the Durham CROP Walk will celebrate its 50th anniversary as people from all over the city and county come together to march in solidarity with those struggling with hunger. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather with members of our wider community and remember that we can do incredible things together.

The rest of that week, we have our two special Holy Week services. On Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30 pm we will be having our hand-washing service over in the sanctuary. The hand-washing service is designed to remind us all of Christ's simple assertion—that he came to serve, not to be served. By taking that time to wash and dry each other's hands, we imitate our Lord. Then, on Friday, March 29th at 7:00 pm, we will have our Good Friday service, again in the sanctuary. Good Friday is always an interesting day in the Christian calendar. On the one hand, we mourn the fact that Jesus was killed. On the other hand, we hold on to hope, knowing that there is a resurrection awaiting both him and us. So come out both nights and worship with our church family.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Congratulations to Hannah & Chase Thompson on the birth of their son, John Robert Thompson. John was born on March 12. The proud grandparents are Julie & Dave Stoops.

Church family with Health Concerns:

Wendy Ash - health issues
Barbara Barbee - recovery from stroke, home after rehab
Shirley Barbee
Pat Beasley
Peggy Bidy - swelling in left eye
Joan Burke - recovery from shoulder surgery
Rachel Dossett
LaVerne Ellis - recovery from surgery
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 infection
Linda Marshall - recovery from fall; at home
Kendra Merritt - damage in both knees
Dorothy Moore - vision issues
Personnel Committee - continuing search to fill position
Barbara Sanders - family members
Joe Story - recovery from surgery
Carolyn Tippett - leukemia
Emmett Ward - severe back pain, physical therapy

Senior Living Centers:

Durham Regent: Marcella Jerdon Emerald Pond: Lee Schevill

Expected Family:

Kaylee (Bigger) & Daniel Kuzbary - due March 2024 (daughter of Leigh Bigger)

HVBC friends and family:

Pamella Anderson - 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)
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)
Greg Green - home after hospital stay (son-in-law of Linda Marshall)
Linda Greeson - kidney problems (aunt of Julie Stoops)
Jackie Harris - dementia (aunt of Julie Stoops)
David Hayes - pacemaker (brother of Julie Hayes)
Alphus Herndon - cancer (cousin of Brenda Morton)
Bryant Herring - multiple myeloma, treatments (father of Jonathan Herring)
Lavonne Hill - recovery from surgery (mother of Amy Herring)
David Hoover - health issues (stepson of Linda Marshall)
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)
Mark Nagy (friend of Scott Rose)
Juliet Atieno Otieno - 15-year-old with Lupus (friend of Scott Rose)
Dana Page - recovery from surgery, throat cancer (friend of Scott Rose)
Phil Ponder - cancer (friend of Carl Atkins)
Keith Roberts - cancer treatments (friend of Robin Wimberley)

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

Ashley Robbins - cancer (granddaughter of Brenda Morton)
Bill Roberson (friend of Scott Rose)
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)
Debbie Smith - in hospital with stomach issues (Barbara Sanders' son's mother-in law)
Vicki Smith - breast cancer (extended family of the Dossetts)
Marc Stoops - blood clot (brother of David Stoops)
Robert Stoops - bone marrow biopsy (father of Dave Stoops)
Matthew Taylor - salvation & direction (request by the Dossetts)
Sara Thompson - at home under hospice care, recovery from fall (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)
Tim Woods - cancer (former member)

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

3/17—John Myers & Ginger Rose
3/24—Linda Hall & John Myers
3/31—Mike Dossett & Cheryl Wallace

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2024

CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Crop Hunger Walk
Sunday, March 24, 2024
50th Anniversary!

Please see Julie Stoops for details.
Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP.

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Finally, on Sunday, March 31st we will come together to celebrate Easter once again! On that Sunday, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and the fulfillment of God's promise to both Jesus and us—that all who believe do not come under judgment, but pass from death into eternal life. In addition to our usual celebrations, we will also be celebrating the baptisms of two new members of our church—Gary and Victoria Finch. Gary and Victoria started out as friends of one of our members, but have started coming to our church on a regular basis within the last few months, with Victoria even joining our choir. Mark your calendars for that Sunday—to celebrate Christ's resurrection and to welcome a new brother and sister in Christ into our church!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben



Jennifer Bowen is baking rolls for Easter as a fundraiser for Hope House. Roll order forms are available in the vestibule. Rolls will be delivered frozen and fully baked. Please complete an order form and place with payment in the offering plate or email Jennifer. (Please don't tell her what you want - her memory is terrible these days!)



Mark your calendars!
May 18, 2024

Money earned from the yard sale will go towards HVBCs Capital Campaign fund.

If you would like to begin bringing in items for the yard sale, the room beside the Modern Disciples classroom (the old handbell room) is available.



Saturday, March 23
5:00—7:00 pm



Saturday, March 16
10:00 am in the Modern
Disciples Classroom



Saturday, April 6 at 11:30 am
Save the date.
More details to come.



Sunday, March 24:
11:00 am - Palm Sunday

Wednesday, March 27:
6:30 pm - Holy Week Service

Friday, March 29:
7:00 pm - Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30
10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt & Crafting Fair

Sunday, March 31 – Easter:
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Easter Worship



Saturday, March 30
10:00 am—12:00 pm
Save the date!

Empty Easter eggs are in the children's hallway for you to pick up and fill. Please return the filled eggs with candy, stickers, etc. to the marked bin in the children's hallway by Thursday, March 28. There is also a volunteer sign up sheet in the vestibule. Begin thinking of how you can help with this community outreach.