



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

Thank You!

My Dear HVBC Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, texts, and warm thoughts during my recent unexpected ankle infection and surgery. Knowing I had people praying for me made the difference!

Love, in Christ,
 Brenda Harton

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

Please see Julie Stoops for details.



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



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

Easter Egg Hunt
 and crafting fair!



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 will be a volunteer sign up sheet in the vestibule soon. Begin thinking of how you can help with this community outreach.



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Making Connections

Brothers and sisters,

I have a random story to tell you all this week, but I hope that it can serve as a reminder of the opportunities we all have to make faithful connections. My story starts with me and my friend, Adam, deciding that we wanted to go to the ACC Tournament this year up in Washington, DC. We made the plans and bought the tickets all in one night. So, when you see that I'm on vacation in a couple weeks, you'll know where I am!

That raised an issue for me though: I bought all my Carolina clothes when I was in undergrad, which was longer ago than I think! So, this past Sunday afternoon, I had to go to Franklin Street to restock my closet ahead of the tournament—emphasis on the "had to" part! I went through several stores, including walking all the way down to Student Stores on campus, and came away with a good assortment of t-shirts and a nice new Carolina sweatshirt.

Now, when I bought that sweatshirt, the cashier assured me that it was a unisex XXL. When I got home and tried it on, I found that it was not! If I stood perfectly still with my arms down by my side, it barely covered my torso and only about 80% of my arms. I don't know if you all know this, but at athletic events, you rarely stand perfectly still with your arms down by your side! As popular as crop tops have become, I decided that maybe they were not the look for, you know, the *Reverend Benjamin Wines*.

So now, I legitimately *had to* go back to Franklin Street to return this sweatshirt and buy a new one! So, Tuesday night, I went to Franklin Street, strolled up to the store, and found that they had closed early that day—so now I *have to* go back to Franklin Street a third time *for one sweatshirt!* Not to be defeated, I went to a couple of other stores and found a sweatshirt that I liked at The Shrunken Head Boutique—an institution! As I was checking out, the cashier and I started chatting.

She is currently a sophomore at UNC and is a double major in, of all things, neuroscience and religious studies. I told her that I had majored in religious studies at UNC and so we chatted about some of the professors there—turns out we had some of the same ones. I told her that I was a minister and asked if she was considering ministry and she said, "Not primarily, but I'm keeping my options open." So I asked her, "What led you to both neuroscience *and* religious studies?" And she responded by telling me that she loved science and medicine and wanted to help people, but that sometimes science can get so focused on helping the person's body, they forget about the person themselves. She wanted to bridge that gap.

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

March 3
Third Sunday of Lent
 Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17
 Title: **"Putting God First"**

March 10
Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Title: **"Knowing God"**

March 17
Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Guest Speaker:
 Dr. Glenn Phillips, Jr.

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PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Sympathy is extended to Joan Burke and family in the death of her sister, Claudine Bernard.

Church family with Health Concerns:

Wendy Ash - health issues
Barbara Barbee - recovery from stroke, in rehab
Shirley Barbee
Pat Beasley
Peggy Bidy - swelling in left eye
Joan Burke - upcoming 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)
Brenda Harton - home after rehab
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 Tippet - leukemia
Emmett Ward - severe back pain, physical therapy

Senior Living Centers:

Durham Regent: Marcella Jerdon Emerald Pond: Lee Schevill

Expected Family:

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

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)

Keith Roberts - cancer treatments (friend of Robin Wimberley)
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 (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

3/3—Barbara Sanders & Lucy Woodell
3/10—Jennifer Bowen & Rachel Dossett
3/17—Leigh Bigger & Ginger Rose

Guest Speaker

We will have Dr. Glenn Phillips, Jr. as our guest speaker on March 17.



Thursday, March 7
10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Bring food to share.

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As it happens, Duke Divinity School partners with Duke's School of Medicine to teach classes on exactly that—bridging the gap between “patient” and “person.” So I told her about the program and encouraged her to look into it. She told me she would and then finished ringing me up. As I left we laughed and said, “What are the odds we’d run into each other and have this conversation?” And if you just consider random, generic “odds”—it’s pretty low. But I happen to believe in a God who can use a decision to go to the ACC Tournament, a closet full of raggedy old clothes, and an ill-fitting sweatshirt to bring people together.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben



March 10, 2024



Jennifer Bowen will be 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!)

Sunday Social

March 10

Please join us in the Choir Room after morning worship.



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 9
5:00—7:00 pm