



Hope Valley

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

March 31 **Easter Sunday**

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8
Title: ***Christ's Victory***

Sermon Series **A Season of Miracles:**

April 7

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12
Title: ***Friends Like These***

April 14

Scripture: Mark 3:1-6
Title: ***On Withered Hands***

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A Season of Miracles

Obviously, this Sunday is kind of a big deal for us Christians. This Sunday, March 31st is Easter Sunday, the day on which we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. It is the day on which we celebrate the fact that the tomb was empty because the one in it had triumphed over death. Easter is arguably the biggest Sunday of the year for churches, with only the Sunday before Christmas coming close to it.

In many Christian traditions, Easter Sunday is not the end of the celebration of Easter. Many other traditions and denominations celebrate what's known as Eastertide. Basically, Eastertide refers to the seven weeks between Easter Sunday and Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the twelve disciples. It is a time of celebration as we remember the days that the resurrected Jesus spent with his disciples before ascending into heaven.

Here at Hope Valley, we celebrate Eastertide to a certain extent—keeping the paraments white in the sanctuary, singing Easter-inspired hymns through those seven weeks, and singing “Alleluia” in our offertory response each week. But this year, I wanted to emphasize the idea that Easter Sunday was not the first miraculous day in Jesus’ ministry. Too often, we Christians skip from Jesus’ birth to his death and resurrection, leaving out huge chunks of his life and ministry along the way.

This year, I want us to spend Eastertide looking at many of the other miracles Jesus performed during his life. Each of the miracles we’ll look at point toward the incredible nature of the resurrection. They help to predict it and prepare the people and the reader for what will happen at the end of Jesus’ life. So, over the next seven weeks, we’re going to take a look at these miracles and see just how they inform our understanding of the resurrection. We’ll see what Jesus was preparing us all for in this, “Season of Miracles.”

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ben

PRAYER CONCERNS
(new additions/updates in bold)

Sympathy is extended to:

- **Doris Story & family of Joe Story upon his death.**

- **The family of James Steinhauer upon his death (grandfather of Darlene Bush, great-grandfather of Nikki Bush).**

Church family with Health Concerns:

Wendy Ash - health issues

Barbara Barbee - recovery from stroke, home after rehab

Shirley Barbee

Pat Beasley

Peggy Bidby - swelling in left eye

Joan Burke - recovery from shoulder surgery

Rachel Dossett

LaVerne Ellis - continuing health issues

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

Carolyn Tippett - leukemia

Emmett Ward - severe back pain, physical therapy

Linda Ward - eye surgeries

Senior Living Centers:

Emerald Pond: Lee Schevill

Brookdale Assisted Living: Bonnie Lyon

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 Bidby - health issues (daughter-in-law of Peggy Bidby)

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)

Jackson George (son of Jan Mangum)

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, 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

3/31—Mike Dossett & Cheryl Wallace

4/7—Susan Bentley & Jennifer Bowen

4/14—Julie Stoops & Mary Summerlin



Save the date for **Sunday, April 28 at 5:00 pm** to meet Leena Lavanya and learn about her ministries in India. We are a sponsoring church for Leena and her ministries through ServTrust.

Crop Walk Results

Thank you to all who supported the 50th anniversary of the Durham Crop walk! We had 12 walkers for the HVBC team!! We raised \$523 this year which exceeded our goal! Thank you for your ongoing support to help end food insecurity here in Durham and worldwide!



(Pictured left to right: Barbara Rowley, Mike Dossett, Kendra Merritt, Michael Calloway, Dave Stoops, Emma Stoops & Julie Stoops)

Not pictured: Candy Taylor, Barbara Sanders, Becky Haupt, Gigi Heath



(Pictured left to right: Emma Stoops, Pastor Wines & Dave Stoops)



Mark your calendars!

May 18, 2024

Money earned from the yard sale will go towards HVBC's 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, April 6

5:00—7:00 pm



Date Change!
Saturday, April 27 at 11:30 am
More details to come.



April 11, 2024
Please let Anne Pokorny know
how you can help.



Saturday, March 30
10:00 am—12:00 pm

Please come share your talents in this community outreach. We always need additional volunteers.



Holy Week

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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



Leigh Bigger
Karen Bolton
Phyllis Edwards
Dixie Ferrell
Kendra Merritt
Laila Myers
Frances Smith

ACC TOURNAMENT FOOD COLLECTION RESULTS

Here's what you've all been waiting for!

Carolina—377
NC State—130
Duke—63

Other ACC teams—4

Total number of items collected: 574!
Thank you for making this a fun way to collect food for others in need. The food will be taken to Urban Ministries.