

# HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

September 21, 2025



## Our Church Staff

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*Our Vision: to be a Christ-centered community, worshiping in the Spirit,  
growing in discipleship, and sharing God's love.*

# The Church at Worship

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Benjamin Wines

## Chiming of the Trinity

## Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-6

Rhonda Welfare

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name

**People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**People: Tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;

**People: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Leader: Seek the Lord and his strength;

**People: Seek his presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done,

**People: His miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,**

Leader: O offspring of his servant Abraham,

**People: Children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

## Invocation

Rhonda Welfare

## Hymn of Praise No. 344

*Glorious Is Thy Name*

GLORIOUS NAME

## Scripture Reading

Romans 8:26-39

Mike Dossett

(pages 1755-1756 in the pew bible)

## Children's Message

Rev. Benjamin Wines

## Hymn of Faith No. 592

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

ENDLESS SONG

## Worship through Stewardship

### Offertory Prayer

Mike Bunch

### Anthem

*Lord of the Small*

Anderson/Forrest

*Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that  
cannot take wing, who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,  
who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.*

*Praise to the Lord, the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends  
them His aid. He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve  
and the silent can speak.*

*Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions, or carries them till they  
leave this tired frame and to paradise fly. To never be sick, never to die, never die.*

*Praise Him, O praise Him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can  
so little give. Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: He sees His  
dear children through mercy filled eyes.*

### **Offertory Response**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Benjamin Wines

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

### **Sermon**

*Everything Happens for a Reason*

Rev. Benjamin Wines

**Hymn of Commitment No. 503** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

### **Benediction**

Rev. Benjamin Wines

### **Postlude**

*On Eagle's Wings with Be Thou My Vision*  
Arr. Carol Tornquest

Linda Marshall

**Deacons of the Week – Marie Bush & Julie Stoops**  
**Attendance last week – 50**

#### **Pastor's Vacation**

Pastor Ben will be on vacation on  
September 22 – 28.  
Rev. Jeanell Cox will be preaching  
during morning worship on  
September 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Chrismon Workshop**

Saturday, September 27  
10:00 am in the  
Modern Disciples Classroom

#### **Families Moving Forward October 2**

Please let Anne Pokorny know  
how you can help.

#### **Christmas Choir Practice**

October 4, 2025  
9:30 am – Noon  
Please join us in rehearsing  
beautiful Christmas music!

### **Food Bank**

Our next workday at The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina is on **Tuesday, September 30, 1:00 to 3:00 pm**. Extra spaces have been blocked out, so if anyone wants to work there, hopefully there will be extra spaces available without having to go on the wait list.

### **Deacon Ordination**

On **Sunday, October 5**, we will be ordaining two new deacons during the morning worship service. Ron and Corette Parker accepted the call to be deacons and so we will ordain them on this date. Be sure to be here that Sunday to affirm their ministry!

There will also be two bags in the Vestibule for you to place cards for Ron and Corette.

### **Writing Your Life**

Leave a priceless legacy for future generations.

Join HVBC members and friends as we explore stories from our past and learn how to preserve them for the future. There is no charge and no special skills are needed.

The first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 30 at 10:30 am** in the Modern Disciples classroom. At that meeting, we'll set a schedule for two or three more meetings during the fall. Registration is not required, but it would be helpful if people who plan to attend would contact the church office (919-493-1809).

Contact Rhonda Welfare  
([rhondawelfare1@gmail.com](mailto:rhondawelfare1@gmail.com)) for more information.

### **Fall Festival**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Our Fall Festival will be held on Saturday,  
October 25 from 4:30—6:30 pm.

More details to come!

**Sermon notes are on the next page.**

## Sermon Notes

**September 21, 2025**

## Fifteenth Sunday

## after Pentecost

## ***“Everything Happens for a Reason”***

## Romans 8:26-39

### Emphasis on verses 28, 32, 38-39

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### Questions for Further Reflection:

## What role can the Christian community play in grief?

## How does having a community help in *all* aspects of life?