

HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

August 11, 2024



Blessing of the Students

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*Our Vision: to be a Christ-centered community, worshipping 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 34:1-8

Toby Bowen

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

People: Let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: And let us exalt his name together.

Leader: I sought the Lord, and he answered me,

People: And delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: Look to him, and be radiant;

People: So your faces shall never be ashamed.

Leader: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,

People: And was saved from every trouble.

Leader: The angel of the Lord encamps

People: Around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

People: Happy are those who take refuge in him.

Invocation

Toby Bowen

Hymn of Praise No. 349

To God Be the Glory

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Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Brenda Doyle

Children's Message

Mike Dossett

Hymn of Faith No. 528

Lord, for the Gift of Children

NYLAND

Worship through Stewardship

Offertory Prayer

Marie Bush

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount

Kathryn Bunch

Arr. Joseph Martin

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.

Anthem*See the Children Here Before Us*

DEANNA

In honor of our students as they prepare to begin or return to school.

See the children here before us, fresh expressions of God's love, each young life a precious promise, sent from heaven's realm above. Lord, we ask You now to bless them as they learn and grow each day. Help us teach them all the lessons that will guide them on their way.

Priceless gifts beyond all measure are the children in our care. At this hour of dedication, Lord, please hear our humble prayer: bless these parents on their journey through a vast, uncharted land; help them follow as You lead them with a gentle guiding hand.

Now the church has come together with a promise we must share: to be faithful to the children You entrusted to our care. Let us see Your love reflected in each small and precious face; help us show them all the wonders of Your endless love and grace.

Blessing of the Students Litany

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Leader: God of new beginnings, the new school year is upon us once again. As the children of our community prepare to return to their studies, we ask a blessing over them and all those who care for them. Life-giving God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, we ask your blessing for schoolteachers, administrators, counselors, support staff, and volunteers who interact with our children daily. Grant them wisdom as they strive to meet students' needs. Grant them patience when they are tired or frustrated. Grant them joy and a renewed sense of purpose when they see the spark in a child's eye that says, "I got it!" Wise and nurturing God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, as this new school year begins, we ask your blessing on the parents and guardians of school children. Grant them the love and patience they need to help their children learn and grow. Loving and supportive God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, we ask your blessing over the children as they return to the classroom. Help them feel safe. Spark their curiosity and help them find joy in learning. Teach them your gentleness and mercy, that they may make new friends and build long-lasting relationships. Vibrant and creative God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Finally, O God, we ask for a blessing for this church. Help us create a place where the energy and excitement of youth has a home. Teach us to be faithful stewards of your love, that these children would know their church family loves them and supports them. Bless us with curiosity, that we would meet new ideas with excitement as we seek your will. Joyful and communal God,

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.**Sermon***Growing Up in Christ*

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Hymn of Commitment No. 472*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

LEMMEL

Benediction

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Postlude*My Lord Is Near Me All the Time*

Barbara Rowley

Arr. Anna Laura Page

Deacons of the Week – Cheryl Wallace & Mike Dossett

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Prayer Partners

**TODAY, AUGUST 11, 2024
STUDENTS AND PRAYER
PARTNER RECEPTION**

The “Blessing of the Students” is today! We will also have a reception following the morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a great time to get to know your student prayer partner better.

Everyone is invited to attend the reception and extend well wishes to our students for the coming year.

The Missions Team has two ways you can help support the community!

- We are collecting school supplies to deliver to McDougald Terrace. Basic school supplies are requested—pencils, notebook paper, glue sticks, etc. There is a box in the vestibule to deposit school supplies. The deadline is next **TODAY, August 11.**
- To continue our support of Parkwood Elementary school we are collecting gently used or new clothes for children sizes Kindergarten thru 5th grade for their clothes closet. If donating underwear or socks, please provide new. There is a box in the vestibule to place items for this project. Deadline for this project is **August 31.**

Thank you so much!
The Mission Team

SUPER SATURDAY ADVENTURES

For children ages 4 – 12
The next Adventure date is:
**This Saturday, August 17
9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the July Super Saturday Adventures!

Our third and final Super Saturday Adventure of the summer is Saturday, August 17! Our theme is “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” where we’ll be learning about some of Jesus’ most beloved parables! This month we will be hearing about The Parable of the Lost Sheep. There will be games, snacks, crafts, a missions project, and story time! All children ages 4 - 12 are welcome to come! If you know you will be attending, please be sure to let the church office know by Wednesday, August 14 (robin@hvbc.org). If you would like to volunteer, please be sure to let Pastor Ben know (ben@hvbc.org) or come the day of!

Fall Bible Study

Linda Ward will be leading a weekly bible study based on the book *I AM Statements of Jesus* by David Jeremiah. It begins on Tuesday, September 17 and ends on November 12. The study will be available via Zoom and the cost of the book is \$9.00. Please let Robin in the office know if you plan on attending.

