



Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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February 2019

CHURCH EVENTS

February 2

Baptist Men 8:00a

February 3

Deacons' Meeting 2:00p

February 6

Potluck Dinner 5:00p
"Road to Calvary" Listening
Session 7:15

February 10

Touch 2:00p

February 12

Senior Adult Luncheon
Carpool from Church 11:30a
Church Council Meeting
6:30p

February 16

Valentine Lunch
Children/Youth Fundraiser
Noon-1:30p

February 17

Business Meeting
Following Worship Service

February 19

Region 4 Missions Rally
Carpool from Church 4:30p

February 21

Newsletter Input Due

February 22-24

Ladies Weekend Retreat

Mount Hermon 101 Schedule

Class 1 of 3 - February 17
Class 2 of 3 - February 24
Class 3 of 3 - March 3
All classes begin at 9:45
in the Sanctuary

Sunday Worship:

9:15 am—Coffee Fellowship
9:45 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship Service

Wednesdays:

6:00 pm—Adult Bible Study
6:00 pm—Children/Youth
7:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal

Fridays:

7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

Saturdays:

5:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery

Pastor's Pen

The Prophetic Voice of the Church

Jeremiah was a prophet. I wonder if he'd be a good friend of mine. I don't understand every single word he said, but to me he's top of the line. To be a prophet is hard enough. To be a prophet to your family and friends, to your people and king, is even harder. Through his ministry, this hard knock flier endured rebuke, emotional and physical persecution, and eventually witnessed the destruction of everything he loved. With a life like this, no wonder he is often referred to as the "weeping prophet."

On Wednesday evenings we have been studying the book of Jeremiah. Chapter after chapter, despite the circumstances and the threats he faced, Jeremiah remained a straight-shootin' son of our God. We must remember that most of the book is dedicated to Jeremiah prophesying to the people of God. Yes, there are about six chapters near the end of this 52-chapter book where Jeremiah speaks to the kings of the world and tells them what to do. The Word of God, however, is focused on the people of God.

It makes sense from an outreach perspective that if we, the people of God, do not have our house in order, what power is our witness to the world? Moreover, from a discipleship perspective, do our lives testify that we ourselves are sons and daughters of God? These can be uncomfortable questions to ask ourselves as Christians. It can be all the more uncomfortable when a person like Jeremiah voices them and forces us to confront them.

When we say one thing and do another, it confuses our witness in the world. All the more confusing when we hold only some accountable for their actions. Recently, I have noticed a disconcerting trend of Christian leaders in this country tailoring their prophetic voice for the sake of political privilege, cultural influence, or the fear of reprisal. I have seen average Christians loudly condemn the sins of one politician or celebrity and shirk away from speaking about those of others, and sometimes justifying outright sin! I have been confused by the inconsistent voice of Christians and long for a Church that can speak prophetically like Jeremiah.

Where is the prophetic voice of the Church today? Answering this question will aid both the health of the Church and our witness to the world. This month I will explore this question through Sunday sermons, looking back at the two thousand years of successes and failures by the Church, and considering our role in this world as citizens of God's kingdom. Our prophetic voice is ultimately a voice of redemption. It is a song of good news and joy to the world for every boy and girl and all of creation, from the fishes in the deep blue sea to you and me. This is good news worth pursuing and a song worth singing.

In Christ, Pastor Rich

Schedule for February 2019

February 03	Separation of Powers	Matthew 22:15-22
February 10	God's Kingdom Rules	Revelation 12
February 17	Subjects of Governing Authorities	Romans 13
February 24	Civil Disobedience: Breaking the Law for Jesus	Luke 19:45-48

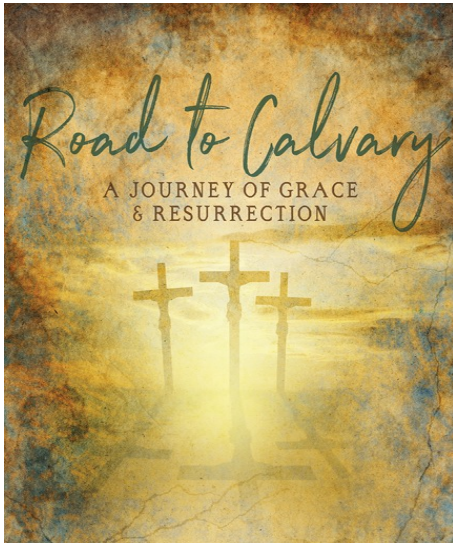
Stewardship

2018	December	Year-to-Date
Total Expenditures	\$ 14,868.06	\$ 187,312.23
Total Income	\$ 23,420.05	\$ 176,736.32
Difference	\$ 8,551.99	\$ (11,322.52)

Property Renovation Fund—December 2018
Beginning Balance \$13,738.21 Ending Balance \$15,142.14

Thank you to all who gave generously during December to help reduce our year end deficit. Please continue to pray for the financial health of the church.

♪ Music Notes ♪



This year, our Easter Sunday service will include a special presentation by the Mount Hermon Choir. We will be offering the musical **“Road to Calvary”** as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All are invited to join us as we prepare for this special service. The **February 6** choir rehearsal (7:00 pm) will be devoted to listening to the musical in its entirety. A practice schedule leading up to Easter Sunday will be announced as well.

The Easter story is at the very heart of our Christian faith. It is through Jesus’ death and resurrection that we can all experience salvation. Help us tell this beautiful story on **Easter Sunday, April 21.**

Discipleship Recently I read the introduction to a devotion book that made me go ouch! The title of the book is “Devotions for Dieters”. Many who know me well know that my weight has been a struggle my whole life. In my teens, I wasn’t overweight I just had very tiny friends. But as an adult, especially after having the children, it has been a battle that I have lost. So what did I read that caused me such pain? “We are created in God’s image. He has given us a precious gift...the gift of life. When we truly appreciate that gift, we are compelled to do everything in our power to protect and preserve it. When we allow our bodies to become soft and unfit, then we are saying to God that His gift really doesn’t mean anything to us. Poor physical condition that is due to our negligence or laziness is an insult to our Creator.”

Do you find that statement as painful as I do? Maybe it isn’t your weight you struggle with. Maybe you have gifts and talents you aren’t using that you need to. Do you sing, play an instrument, have the gift of hospitality but never use it. Maybe you have the gift of prayer but you only offer token prayers instead of the powerful prayers you should be offering. What about the gift of teaching...we have Sunday School teachers that would love to have a Sunday off once in a while. You don’t have to commit to every Sunday, but once or twice a year would be welcome. Who knows maybe you would like it so much you would want to do it more often. Are you giving what God requires physically, spiritually and financially?

The last line of the intro says “To care for our appearance and health is pleasing to God, and He will bless us richly in our endeavors.” Are you pleasing God? Are you opening yourself up for the blessings He is ready to pour out upon you? Are you holding back and letting fear (which comes from Satan) take hold of your life? Something to think about. Cookie



GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES OFFERING

Church Goal: \$1,300
Amount Raised: \$2,449

Thank you to all who gave so generously to this mission.

DEACON ASSIGMENTS:

DEACON CHAIR: DAVID LEWIS

Jerry Nowell:	Adair—Bowling
Shaina Riley:	Brady—Couch
Gisela Mayse:	Daniel—Ferettino
Vic Davis:	Fitzgerald—Grasty
David Lewis:	Hanson—Mason
Robbe Riley:	Mayse—Poole
Steve Paschall:	Reid—Winfrey

Children/Youth Team

On February 3, 2019, Two teams will go head-to-head in Super Bowl LIII, while nearly 42 million Americans will be struggling to find their next meal. What if everyone who watched the game gave one dollar or one can of food to those in need? Last year the Super Bowl was viewed by about 111.3 million people. Imagine the impact a simple act of kindness can have when everyone takes part in helping those in need. On the same Sunday as the big game, the children and youth at Mount Hermon will be participating in the "Souper Bowl of Caring". We ask that each person bring at least one can food or a few dollars to contribute to our local food pantry at OCIM. The hope is that this one small act impacts others in our community in a big way.



**SOUPER BOWL of
Caring Fundraiser for
OCIM
Sunday, February 3rd**

Cash and food donations will be collected to help our needy citizens in the area.

The children and youth will be hosting a Valentines themed **fundraiser lunch** on **Sunday, February 16th from noon to 1:30p.** All are invited to join us, and we will be taking donations at the door. The money



raised will help to offset the costs of mission trips, camps, and retreats that the children and youth take yearly.

Shaina



FEARLESS

STAY AWAKE. STAND FIRM. BE BRAVE. LOVE ALWAYS.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

2019 Camp Dates:

Passport Camp (7th grade-up) July 8-13
Passport Kids (3rd-6th grade) July 20-23
Camp Cheerio October 18-20

Those Needing Our Prayers...

Holmes Adair	Joe Ferettino	Ashlyn McFarland
Bonnie Andrews	Bob Frederick	Larry Melton
Sadie Bolden	Joyce Frederick	Barbara Nowell
Billie Cassidy	Jeff Gallimore	Peggy Parker
Bill Clayton	Frank Gibson	A J Paschall
Rachel Clayton	Mary Ellen Godwin	Betty Jane Poole
Bobby Couch	Bill Griffin	Patricia Rigsbee
Andrew Daniel	Judy Hanson	Johnny Riley
Vic Davis	Pam Hartstfield	Justin Riley
Danny Dennis	Kay Johnson	Ridge Riley
Bill Dorrity	Elsie King	Wendy Riley
Lori Edwards	Edith Lee	Sheila Seawell
Betty Fera	Emma Lee	David Sorrell

OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link (Room 108)
Carver Living Center - Jean Taylor (Room 304)
Duke Hospital - Jay Wilson

If you become aware that someone is ill or in the hospital or has another prayer need, please inform the church office.

Pray For:

The family of Holly Stanford, Holly passed away, January 24th from injuries she received in a fall.

The victims and families of the recent violence around the world

The Children and the Children's Ministry

The Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry

President Donald Trump

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper

AROUND THE WORLD

Syria, and Ukraine,

The Syrian Refugees

Farik Alenov, missionary to Turkey

Tanya Pivovarova, missionary to Italy

Mandy and Brian Davis, missionaries to Thailand

Roger and Vicki Grossmann, missionaries to Guatemala

Andrew and Rachel Sutton, missionaries to Uganda

Ashley Laubach, missionaries to Ireland

Sign-up sheet in church hallway

We will leave from Mount Hermon at 11:30am

For more information see John Frederick

Yates Baptist Association

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 - 12:00 noon

Catered Luncheon - Cost \$7

(RSVP by noon on Friday, Feb. 8)

Call 919-489-3396

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Secretary:
Music Leader:

Rich Goodier
Peggy Mason
Janice Thompson

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Please keep church office informed of change of address.
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please contact the office by phone or email.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY
TO EDITH LEE WHO TURNED
100 YEARS OLD JANUARY 20th!!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01 Jean Taylor	02/16 Georgia Barnette
02/02 Duane Wallace	02/17 Holmes Adair
02/04 Eddie Lee	02/17 Morgan Sorrell
02/10 Jeff Galimore	02/26 Grady McNeil
02/13 Lois Melton	02/26 Phillis Scott

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

02/05 Tim & Janice Thompson

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/03 Maria Poma	03/22 Johnny Riley
03/04 Donnie Riley	03/29 Cookie Frederick
03/06 Peggy Mason	03/30 Jody Brady
03/11 Jennifer Thompson	03/31 Jason Wallace
03/11 Shaina Riley	

PURCHASE A PEW! ONLY 2 LEFT!!!

In the 1980's when the current sanctuary was built a fundraiser at that time was the purchase of a pew in memory or honor of a loved one for \$1,000 each. There is a plaque on the end of each pew with the information of the honoree and the purchaser. We have come to realize there were 10 pews that were never purchased. The decision has been made to open the sale of these remaining pews.

If you have any interest in donating \$1000 for one of the remaining pews, a check for \$1000 needs to be made payable to Mount Hermon. The church will have a memorial plaque made and mounted. The pews will be sold on a first come basis. All money will go to the Property Renovation Phase fund unless otherwise requested.

If you have any question contact Peggy Mason at the church office.

I would like to thank the church family for all the prayers and visits I received during my recent hospitalization and recovery. Your love and support meant so much to Peggy and myself.

Johnny Mason



NURSERY WORKERS

February 03 Robin Winfrey/TBD
February 10 Judy Hanson/Ruby Clements
February 17 Gisela Mayse/Peggy Mason
February 24 TBD

We are looking for kind, caring, and flexible nursery volunteers to help with our littlest ones during the worship service on a rotating basis. If you are interested, see Shaina Riley to sign up.

FEBRUARY DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor: Steve Paschall/TBD
Assisting the Treasurer: Shaina Riley/Robbe Riley



A pew purchase was made in memory of William P. Andrews and Lillie Mae Andrews by the Andrews Family

A pew purchase was made in memory and honor of William (Bill) A. Andrews and Bonnie C. Andrews by the Andrews Family.



**Mount Hermon Church-wide
Coffee Fellowship**

Each Sunday morning 9:15
"Serving the Church" schedule
February—Multiply Class
March—Friendship Class



Food Donations will be donated to the Yates Association Food Pantry for the 1st quarter of 2019

**OCIM FOOD OF
THE MONTH**
Fruit / Applesauce

**OCC ITEM OF
THE MONTH**
Toothpaste