

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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January 2019

CHURCH EVENTS

January 1

Happy New Year
Church Office Closed

January 2

Potluck Dinner 5:00p

January 5

Baptist Men 8:00a

January 13

Business Meeting
Following Worship Service

January 15

Church Council Meeting
6:00p

January 20

Touch 2:00p

January 22

Newsletter Input Due

January 27

Youth Last Sunday 5:30p

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—Youth
7:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal

Fridays:

7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

Pastor's Pen

A Guatemala Update

Last month a team of twelve (five from Rose of Sharon, seven from Mount Hermon) traveled to lend our time and talents to the work of Good Shepherd Ministries in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. I would like to share a quick update of how everything is progressing under the leadership of Roger and Vicki Grossmann as well as hopes for the future.

The first time Mount Hermon traveled to Guatemala six years ago, we were tasked with continued construction of the main building. If you visited today, you would see a clinic actively serving the surrounding villages, a pharmacy stocked with prenatal vitamins and antibiotics, and a training center for pastors and youth to prepare them to be witnesses for Jesus Christ when they return to their family and friends. This main mission continues to be the center for these ministries and more.

A short drive into the city gets us to the "Hogar de Niños," or "Children's Home." It is an orphanage that Roger and Vicki took on in addition to their other responsibilities in partnership with Baptist Children's Homes of NC. It was a step of faith, but it stretched their vision of what could be achieved by and for Jesus Christ. I remember visiting it three years ago. A few of us were cleaning and remodeling rooms, preparing them for orphans for which the Guatemalan government were eager to find safe homes. Today, the orphanage is home to over twenty precious children. And what a colorful and joyous place it is. We saw nothing but smiles on the faces of these little ones who literally were saved from the direst of fates.

The "Hogar de Niños" is near capacity, and there is still such a need for safe places for orphaned children. What did Roger and Vicki decide? "Why not expand our capacity and link our ministries together?" Much of our efforts last month were in constructing the first of two buildings behind the main mission building that would serve as boys and girls homes for the older children. They would live under the guidance of a house parent, continue their schooling, and learn skills that will serve them when they graduate into adulthood. Our team was privileged to see the first children move in to their new home the very week we were there. Their first chore? Learn how to care for eight hens who moved into their new coop that same week just next door!

This is a time of resolutions, a time of financial decisions, a time of giving. Mount Hermon has dedicated our Christmas Offering to the Good Shepherd Ministries. Whatever you give will go directly to pastor training, church planting, health programs, baby food, and raising children in the light of Jesus Christ. Jesus calls us to lay treasure in heaven. I am eager to see the treasure of these children when we are united in God's Kingdom to hear the stories of how our little gifts changed the course of their lives.

In Christ, Pastor Rich

Mount Hermon Church-wide Coffee Fellowship

Each Sunday morning 9:15
"Serving the Church" schedule
January—Amen Class
February—Multiply Class

Schedule for January 2019

January 6	Nations Will Come to Your Light	Matthew 2:1-12
January 13	Ascribe to the Lord	1 Chronicles 16:8-36
January 20	A Final Exhortation	Acts 20:25-38
January 27	Godliness With Contentment	1 Timothy 6

♪ Music Notes ♪

Lessons & Carols

Our Service of Lessons and Carols came together through the efforts of many, all who prepared for the service independently.

I appreciate everyone who contributed to this worship experience.

Our next choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm. All are invited to join us as we begin a new year of worship at Mount Hermon!

Stay tuned for exciting news about a musical for Easter. Happy New Year to everyone! janice

Stewardship

2018	November	Year-to-Date
Total Expenditures	\$ 16,902.20	\$ 172,444.17
Total Income	\$ 16,802.47	\$ 153,316.27
Difference	\$ (99.73)	\$ (19,874.51)

Property Renovation Fund—November 2018
Beginning Balance \$13,889.28 Ending Balance \$13,738.21

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

II Corinthians 8:9

God has never asked anyone to do anything he has not provided the means to do. It is true God has asked people to do some rather remarkable things. The Bible is replete with such examples. You may have witnessed this in your own life. In every instance, however, we know of no person God has ever “hung out to dry.” All God asks is that you start where you are spiritually and financially. In time, as you demonstrate your willingness to make good use of what He has given and to trust Him for the results, you will have more and greater opportunities to be generous. This is how the universe works. Keep your eyes wide open and observe Him at work. He will multiply your generosity, your capacity, and your opportunities. To be generous. In the process, He will fill your life with incredible meaning as you become more involved in making a difference in your world. As your personal worldview changes, so does the world around you.

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On December 30 there was a called Business Meeting at the beginning of Worship Service. A ballot vote was held to adopt the 2019 proposed budget. The vote was passed 33 to 4. Please continue to pray for the financial health of the church.

Discipleship

Here we are again at the beginning of a new year reflecting on the past and promising ourselves to do better this year. I don't make resolutions. I can't make promises to myself and God that I know I can't keep. I will have a quiet time everyday. Won't happen because of my work schedule. Lose enough weight to be healthy. How much is enough? 5-10-15...? Losing implies that this is something that I might like to find again so nix that one. Be happy. What will make me happy? More money, bigger house, nicer car, more “stuff”?

So for the year 2019 I think I will listen to the prophet Micah and follow his words of instruction in Micah 6:8 “He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love kindness and mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

Sounds like a great way to live don't you think?

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Jesus said to them again, “peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” John 20:21

Children/Youth Team

In 2018, our children and youth were involved in activities sponsored by the Yates Baptist Association, such as the Kingdom Celebration and the Annual Worship Meeting. They joined together and learned from their brothers and sisters in Christ, realizing that all God's people can work together to advance His Kingdom. They raised money and collected can goods for Souper Bowl of Caring. They volunteered their time for events such as the Easter Celebration, the Yard Sale Fundraiser, the Community Block Party, and the Hurricane Relief Fundraiser. They raised money for Compassion International, to send to Nica Aram in the Philippines. They took an interest in missions outside of our own church, by attending the Missions Conference in Charlotte, in addition to helping various mission organizations around our area. They cooked and served lunch with our sister church Yates every Wednesday in the summer at Reality Ministries. They also spent a week in Greenville, S.C. at Passport Missions camp serving the community there. The youth, children, and their families also attended the yearly weekend retreat at Camp Cheerio. They participated in our churches Touch Outreach ministry by visiting, taking communion to shut-ins, and going Christmas caroling. They also led our congregation in worship many times throughout the year, using their gifts and talents leading in music, playing instruments and singing in the choir. Along with all this, outside of the church, they spent time together bonding through celebrating birthdays and holidays, going to each other's school events, and supporting each other in times of sorrow and need. Going to church may seem like just a Wednesday and Sunday kind of thing, but being the Church is an everyday journey we take together as a family of believers. Altogether, 2018 was a year of change and growth, and our church is privileged to have so many young hearts stepping up to share their faith and serve their community and church. Let us continue to be the Church all throughout the coming year.

Shaina

DEACON ASSIGMENTS:

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

Deacon Chair, David Lewis

Those Needing Our Prayers...

Holmes Adair	Jeff Gallimore	Barbara Nowell
Bonnie Andrews	Mary Ellen Godwin	Wayne Paige
Billie Cassidy	Bill Griffin	Peggy Parker
Bill Clayton	Juanita Haefling	A J Paschall
Rachel Clayton	Pam Hartstfield	Betty Jane Poole
Bobby Couch	Kay Johnson	Patricia Rigsbee
Andrew Daniel	Elsie King	Johnny Riley
Danny Dennis	Edith Lee	Justin Riley
Betty Fera	Emma Lee	Ridge Riley
Joe Ferettino	Johnny Mason	Jess Scott
Bob Frederick	Ashlyn McFarland	Sheila Seawell
Joyce Frederick	Larry Melton	Troy Sykes

OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

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

Pray For:

The people of Indonesia affected the recent tsunami
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
Unity for our Country

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
Tom and Vicki Gilliam, missionaries to Ireland

A gift of \$400.00 was received for the Lottie Moon
International Christmas Offering.



GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES OFFERING

Again this year, the focus of Mount Hermon's International Missions Offering is Good Shepherd Ministries in Guatemala. By supporting this ministry we can help make a difference in the lives of the indigenous people of Guatemala.

Mount Hermon's goal is \$1,300
Raised as of 12/30/2018 \$1,256

We will continue to collect for this offering through Sunday, January 6th.

If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit.

Galatians 5:25

Pastor: Rich Goodier
Secretary: Peggy Mason
Music Leader: Janice Thompson

Church Office

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Please keep church office informed of change of address.
Also, if you no longer wish to receive the monthly newsletter,
please contact the office by phone or email.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/20 Angela Breeze
01/21 Benita Burton
01/21 Steve Paschall
01/22 Janice Thompson
01/26 Nancy Dillard

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

PURCHASE A PEW!

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 bases. All money will go the Property Renovation Phase fund unless otherwise requested.

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

A donation to the cemetery fund was received by:
Donald Breeze.



NURSERY WORKERS

January 6 Judy Hanson/Ruby Clements
January 13 Ann Brooks/Annie Brooks
January 20 Dixie Paschall/Robin Winfrey
January 27 Gisela Mayse/Peggy Mason

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

A gift was received in honor of Bill and Rachel Clayton and their family by: Lauren Gaydon



Memorials

In memory of Bill Andrews by:
Janice Thompson
The Friendship Class
Joyce Dennis

In memory of Audrey Clayton and George Clayton III by: George Clayton Jr.

In memory of Walter Paschall by:
Joyce Dennis and Margie Whitfield

A pew purchase was made in memory of Rose Revill Lewis by the Lewis Family

JANUARY DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor: Shaina Riley/Robbe Riley
Assisting the Treasurer: Vic Davis/David Lewis

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH

Deodorant
Stick or Solid

OCIM FOOD OF THE MONTH

Soup and Crackers

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 1 Peter 4:10