

## CHURCH EVENTS

**July 3**

Potluck Dinner 5:00p

**July 4**

Happy Independence Day  
Church Office Closed

**July 6**

July 4th Celebration Lunch  
Noon

**July 7**

Deacons' Meeting 2:00p

**July 8 - 13**

Passport Camp - Youth

**July 14**

Deacon Nominating  
Touch 2:00p

**July 20 - 23**

Passport Camp - Kids

**July 21**

Business Meeting  
Following Worship

**July 25**

Newsletter Input Due

## No Choir Rehearsal

July 3 & July 10

## 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

## Thursdays:

7:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery

## Fridays:

7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

## Mount Hermon Church-wide Coffee Fellowship

Each Sunday morning 9:15  
"Serving the Church"  
schedule  
July—Amen Class  
August—Multiply Class

## LOOKING AHEAD

Field Day at Gold Park  
August 17

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout

grow

bearfruit

July 2019

## Pastor's Pen

### Retreat

If I asked you to name a famous battle from history's greatest military campaigns, I am confident you would be able to list quite a few. Gettysburg, Normandy, Waterloo, Verdun. If, however, I asked you to name famous tactical retreats, you may pause to remember one or two. And yet, nearly every victorious war consists of not just triumphant battles but also successful retreats. If commanders do not learn when and how to order retreats, they soon will find themselves without a force to win triumphant battles, and the war will be lost.

We do not think of retreat as a critical element to military leadership, yet it is. Similarly, we can forget that retreat is a critical element in our spiritual lives. Spiritual retreats are a part of Christian discipleship. We can focus on experiencing spiritual victories over the world and the flesh while forgetting that they victories often are enabled by the seasons of preparation in spiritual retreats. Can we have one without the other? Not Jesus.

Before Jesus preached one sermon, before he performed one miracle, before he even proclaimed the good news of salvation, he went on retreat. Matthew 4, Mark 1, and Luke 4 each tell of how Jesus prefaced his ministry with an extended retreat of forty days in the wilderness. Furthermore, throughout his ministry, "Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." (Luke 5:16) If Jesus needed it, surely we do too.

In Christian retreats, we retreat from the stresses of normal life, shaking up our routine and forcing us to pay deeper attention. We retreat inwardly for introspection, asking ourselves important and sometimes hard questions. We retreat to listen to the voice of God, letting it whisper truths into our hearts. These retreats provide a respite from current spiritual struggles, reveal to us deeper spiritual adversaries, and hone us for future spiritual battles.

The summer can be an ideal time to break from routine and take a few days of spiritual retreat. It can be an extended time to read a larger portion of the Bible, a practice of solitude, or a time of fasting and praying. Spiritual retreats can be many things. Our youth and children will go on retreat to Passport Camp this month. They will learn more about Christ, they will have opportunity to practice their faith, and they will be challenged to make deeper commitments in their discipleship. They will enjoy a week of introspection, exploration, service, play, and a rest from the stresses of their normal lives.

We as a church support our children and youth in taking this time away in spiritual retreat. Most tangibly, we helped raise funds through their fundraiser last month, and we commit to praying for them as they go on retreat. How can we support every person at Mount Hermon to take regular spiritual retreats? One way is to model it in our own lives. Take time this summer to retreat to your Lord.

In Christ, Pastor Rich

## LOOKING AHEAD

Homecoming  
September 8

## Schedule for July 2019

07/07	The First Deacons	Acts 6:1-7
07/14	Today's Deacons	1 Timothy 3
07/21	Guest Preacher—TBD	TBD
07/28	A Leader's Most Powerful Tool	Titus 2

## Children/Youth Team

The Children and Youth Team would like to thank all of you for making the fundraiser such a success. The children and youth gained a lot from planning and being so involved in that special night. They all played such a big part in the event by not only raising money for camp but also using their God given talents to show God's love to all of us.

**Looking forward:** The next big event for our children and youth will be a field day on August 17th from 1:00-4:00 at Gold Park in Hillsborough. This event will be a fun day for all of the children and youth and all members of the church. This event is a way to reach other children and families in our community. As the children have been learning about how God wants all of us to be disciples, this event will allow our children and youth to spread the word about God. The Children's Ministry Team is excited about this event so please mark your calendars! More information will coming soon! God calls children a blessing and a gift! Their spirits are filled with innocence, joy and laughter. Jesus actually tells us to be like children and to come to Him full of faith and trust.

Grace to you, Stacy

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said; "truly I tell you unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.  
Matthew 18:2-5

### **2019 Camp Dates:**

Passport Camp (7th grade-up) July 8-13

Passport Kids (3rd-6th grade) July 20-23

Camp Cheerio October 18-20



### **Memorials received in Memory of Holmes Adair by:**

Jim & Kaye Baggett  
David Lewis

**A memorial was received in Memory of Joe Ferettino  
by: Edna Berry**

**Memorials received in Memory Jo Paschall  
by: Edna Berry ~ Rachel Clayton ~ Ruby Clements  
Janice Thompson ~ Carolyn Dearing**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

As the new church year approaches, the Nominating Committee is actively seeking members who are willing to contribute to the Mount Hermon community. Here are some of areas of service that will be available beginning September 1:

Church Clerk	Nominating Committee
Assistant Church Clerk	Special Events Committee
Trustee	Church History Assistant
Personnel Committee	Sanctuary Committee
Stewardship Committee	Sunday School Teacher
Properties Committee	Children's Ministry Leader

Please prayerfully consider how you would like to serve the church.



During the summer months, the choir will not rehearse on the following Wednesday nights: **July 3, July 10, and August 14.** We will, however, continue to lead in worship on Sunday mornings.

Soon to come: preparation for Homecoming 2019. All are invited to participate!

Thanks to all church musicians for their dedication and hard work!

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**Thank you** Nancy Hicks for your generous donation to the cemetery fund.

*Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. 1 Chronicles 16:24*

## Stewardship

	2019	May	Year-to-Date
Total Expenditures	\$ 17,677.43		\$ 78,272.77
Total Income	\$ 15,292.00		\$ 74,034.29
Difference	\$ (2,385.43)		\$ (4,238.48)

Property Renovation Phase Fund - May 2019

Beginning Balance \$8,562.02

Ending Balance \$9,216.02

Please pray for the financial health of the church.

## Outreach

### Gospel Conversations

Thank you to those who attended our Gospel Conversations training on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. We were reminded that the Gospel is for All persons and All Christians are expected to share the message of Christ. Following some classroom time, we split into groups and traveled a short distance to meet our neighbors.

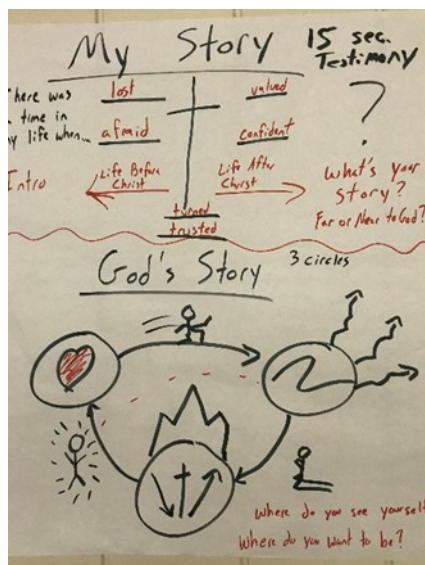
What did we learn? Most everyone we met were open to conversations. Many are in need of prayer. Children, youth and parents are in our midst that are not involved in a church. We connected with some really nice people who just need someone to talk with them about life. They see our church building daily and now have a personal connection.

One tool for you to use. A 15 second testimony script that you can write out in your own words.

"There was a time when I was far from God, lost and afraid. Then I learned of the love of Jesus

through a friend sharing with me. I trusted and accepted Jesus and now feel the joy and peacefulness that comes from Him. My life is fulfilled in a way that only comes from this belief. What about you? Are you far or near to God?"

Pray that this short testimony will lead to a longer conversation about the Gospel and changed lives.



## Those Needing Our Prayers...

Bonnie Andrews	Bob Frederick	Larry Melton
Sadie Bolden	Joyce Frederick	Joan Page
Billie Cassidy	Jeff Gallimore	Peggy Parker
Bill Clayton	Mary Ellen Godwin	Betty Jane Poole
Rachel Clayton	Bill Griffin	Patricia Rigsbee
Bobby Couch	Buddy Hartsfield	Johnny Riley
Danny Dennis	Pam Hartstfield	Justin Riley
Bill Dorrity	Kay Johnson	Ridge Riley
Matt Duranski	Elsie King	Sheila Seawell
Betty Fera	Edith Lee	Jean Willingham
	Emma Lee	

### OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link (Room 108)

Carver Living Center - Jean Taylor (Room 304)

### PRAY FOR:

The family of Deborah Paschall Ackert

The family of Lucille Barbee

The people affected by the floods and tornadoes

The victims of violence around the world

The Children and the Children's Ministry

The Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry

Our Military and First Responders

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 Pivovarov, 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



This year's Easter Mission Offering will be donated to the Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry.

Amount Raised \$1,600.00

Thank you to all who gave so generously!

Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry exists to provide and promote spiritual comfort and growth to the men assigned to Orange Correctional Center through services rendered by a full-time funded chaplain. Further, the ministry strives to better prepare OCC residents with skills, abilities and motivation to successfully reintegrate into their communities and families upon release.

**OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH**  
Deodorant

**OCIM FOOD OF THE MONTH**  
Cereal & Juice

*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

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am—11:30 am

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## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### ***JULY BIRTHDAYS***

07/01 Kevin Dowd	07/15 Shelby Edmonds
07/02 Betty Fera	07/15 Tammy Wallace
07/03 Dianne Daniel	07/16 Vickie Sorrell
07/04 Gio Poma-Butron	07/16 Tyler Coleman
07/08 Rachel Clayton	07/16 Gary Paschall
07/08 Dixie Paschall	07/19 Betty Jane Poole
07/10 David Lewis	07/23 Emily Bane
07/12 Bill Dorrity	07/29 Jim Baughman

***Happy 90th Birthday to Rachel Clayton  
July 8th!!***

### ***JULY ANNIVERSARIES***

07/05 Steve & Dixie Paschall

07/11 Eddie & Stacy Lee

07/11 Donnie & Robbe Riley

### ***AUGUST BIRTHDAYS***

08/09 Peggy Parker	08/26 Ethelene Futch
08/20 Donna Adair	08/28 Johnny Mason
08/22 Ruby Clements	08/30 Edna Berry
08/25 Patricia Riggsbee	08/30 John Frederick
08/25 Alex Fitzgerald	

### ***AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES***

08/05 Kevin & Teah Shinn

### **Discipleship**

**Our annual "4th of July cookout" will be on Saturday July 6 @ Noon.** There is a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the hallway so you can bring sides and fixings. This is a church-wide event and a wonderful opportunity for outreach. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to come join us!



**Ladies...** The sign-up sheet for the Ladies Retreat at Fort Caswell September 13-15 is on the glass case in the hallway. Please sign-up to hold your spot. This is wonderful experience of worship and fellowship. Cost is \$170.

### **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 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.



### **NURSERY WORKERS**

07/07 Robin Winfrey/TBD
07/14 Judy Hanson/Ruby Clements
07/21 TBD
07/28 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.**

### **JULY DEACON MINISTRY**

Assisting the Pastor: Jerry Nowell/Gisela Mayse

Assisting the Treasurer: Steve Paschall

### **DEACON**

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

Jerry Nowell:

Shaina Riley:

Gisela Mayse:

Vic Davis:

David Lewis:

Robbe Riley:

Steve Paschall:

Adair—Bowling

Brady—Couch

Daniel—Fera

Fitzgerald—Grasty

Hanson—Mason

Mayse—Poole

Rainey—Winfrey

### **DEACON**

#### **CHAIR:**

#### **DAVID LEWIS**