



Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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March 2019

CHURCH EVENTS

March 2

Baptist Men 8:00a

March 3

Mount Hermon 101 (3 of 3)
Lord's Supper
Deacons' Meeting 2:00p

March 6

Lent Begins
Potluck Dinner 5:00p
Ash Wednesday Service
6:00p

March 9

Autism Awareness Training
10:00a

March 10

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Touch 2:00p

March 17

Lord's Supper
Business Meeting
Following Worship Service

March 25

Newsletter Input Due

March 31

Favorite Hymn Sunday

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

March—Friendship Class

April—Hudson Class

Pastor's Pen

Celebrate Recovery

Last month several people told me the same thing about North Carolina. "If you don't like the weather, wait a few minutes." This quip, often attributed to Mark Twain regarding New England weather, seems more and more applicable to the North Carolina climate, changing even by the hour at times. Mornings I am not sure whether to wear a fleece, light shirt, thin rain jacket, or winter coat.

What I am sure about is that Spring is around the corner. The sun is rising earlier and setting later. The staff is planning for Easter Season. And my chickens are trying to smother me with more and more eggs. Spring is around the corner, and we Christians kick off the season with Lent.

Lent, a word meaning 'Spring' after the lengthening of days we experience during the season, is an invitation to all Christians to do some Spring cleaning of the soul. We begin the season with Ash Wednesday, March 6, reminding ourselves that we are a part of Creation, reaching out to our Creator and the holiness found therein. We then take the next forty days (minus Sundays) to test our hearts, to ask of the Lord, "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139). At the end of the forty days, we meet our Resurrected Savior on Easter and recommit our whole selves, body, soul, and spirit, to him.

It takes moral courage to examine your own life and identify areas that you must relinquish to Jesus. It takes courage to admit your own faults before God and before brothers and sisters in Christ. It takes courage to make steps to confront the sin and temptations hiding in the dark reaches of our hearts. I see this courage within the lives of those in Celebrate Recovery.

Celebrate Recovery (CelebrateRecovery.com) is a Christ-Centered 12 Step program developed out of Saddleback Church. It acknowledges that we are all broken people with hurts, habits, and hang ups holding us back from fully experiencing the abundant life in Christ. Each of us is offered recovery through Christ, and this is something worth pursuing and worth celebrating together. I admire the moral courage of those taking the steps through Celebrate Recovery to pursue Christ.

A new chapter of Celebrate Recovery is beginning at Mount Hermon. May we support the work of Christ in this new endeavor. During the Lenten Season, we will meditate on the themes of brokenness, recovery, and ultimately the redemption we find in submitting our lives to the one who gave his life for us. May God prepare our hearts for this journey.

In Christ, Pastor Rich

Schedule for March 2019

March 03	They'll Know We are Christians by our Love	Luke 10:25-37
March 10	What Would You Do for a Pot of Stew?	Genesis 25:19-34
March 17	A Mission of Recovery	Luke 4:1-21
March 24	TBD	TBD
March 31	Distracted from Distraction by Distraction	Mark 4:1-20

Stewardship

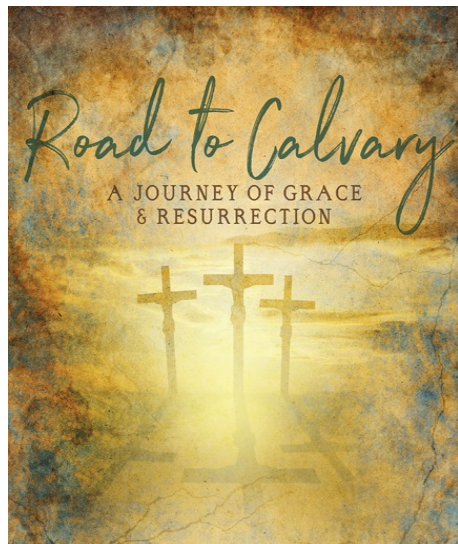
2019	January	Year-to-Date
Total Expenditures	\$ 14,647.92	\$ 14,647.92
Total Income	\$ 14,239.04	\$ 14,239.04
Difference	\$ (408.88)	\$ (408.88)

Property Renovation Phase Fund—January 2019

Beginning Balance \$15,142.14

Ending Balance \$16,766.07

During the business meeting held February 17th, the Stewardship Committee recommended that due to the health of the Property Renovation Phase Fund, the bank loan that was granted on 7/22/2016 to purchase new HVAC systems for the Sanctuary be paid off early. The recommendation was approved by vote. The payoff of \$8,979.28 has been made. The Stewardship Committee requested that giving be focused on the General Fund and that the Property Renovation Phase Fund would continue to be funded by memorials and other designated donations. Please continue to pray for the financial health of the church.



♪ Music Notes ♪

Make plans now to join us on Easter Sunday (April 21) at 11:00 am when we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A special service is being planned that includes a collection of songs called *Road to Calvary*.

There's still time to join the choir for this special presentation. Rehearsals take place each Wednesday night at 7:00 pm.

Everyone can be a part of our Easter celebration by inviting someone to worship with us! Invitations to this outreach event will be available.

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Discipleship

The purpose of Lent is to prepare the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. Many Christians commit to fasting as well as giving up some luxuries to replicate the sacrifice of Jesus journey into the desert for 40 days before he began His ministry. Many also add a spiritual discipline such as reading a daily devotional.

Whether you have or have not participated in the Lenten season before, I want to give you an opportunity but I am adding a new twist. At the Ash Wednesday service, I will have large trash bags available. Instead of giving up something for Lent, I'm asking you to give something away. Each day, for the next 40 days, put an item in the bag...this could be an article of clothing, can goods, books etc. When you are placing the items in the bag pray for the recipient. Make this a spiritual experience. Pray for their needs, their families, their soul. Let them see Christ in you through the quality of your gift.

Just as Jesus gave away His life for you, give away items to those who may need them more than you. All donations will be given to the OCIM food pantry and thrift store. Cookie

Mount Hermon will host an **Autism Awareness meeting on March 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM** in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Our guest speaker is Stephanie Biser who has 23 years of teaching experience and most recently four years working exclusively with autistic children.

Invite your friends as we prepare for this new ministry opportunity.

DEACON

ASSIGNMENTS:

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

DEACON

CHAIR:

DAVID LEWIS

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

The children and youth held a fundraiser in February to help offset the costs of mission camps and retreats. Below is a short testimony from one of our youth about the meaningful experiences and quiet moments of reflection these retreats and camps provide. Thank you to everyone who donated to support these opportunities for the children and youth.

Shaina



Last year in late October, we went on a trip to Camp Cheerio. It was one of the best experiences of my life. I had lots of fun we played lots of games. We also had those by yourself moments of reflection which made me think a lot. Those moments just made me forget about all the problems of my life, instead, it helped me reflect on how we could make things better. It was also so relaxing. The food was amazing as well, it kept me craving for more! But the most important thing was we praised our Lord in a special way by singing and praying. I'm so excited to go back to Cheerio soon!

-Blanca

2019 Camp Dates:

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

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

Camp Cheerio October 18-20



On February 22-February 24, 10 ladies representing Mount Hermon attended the Coastal Women's Retreat at Fort Caswell.

The theme of the weekend was **"Come to the Table – Be Set Free."** The theme comes from Ephesians 3:12, *"In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence."*

Keynote speaker Holly Myers had a wonderful message to share, and the praise and worship music by Christian recording artist Cindy Johnson was extremely inspirational. The group enjoyed it so much the next retreat is already being planned. Look for information and plan to join us for a great weekend of fellowship and worship.

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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

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 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 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.

Church Goal: \$800.00

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.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10th at 2:00 am

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

Galatians 5:25

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Secretary: Peggy Mason
Music Leader: Janice Thompson

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Please keep church office informed of change of address.
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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	

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/08 Virginia Pasour	04/23 Else King
04/09 Dan Vogel	04/26 Edna Outlaw
04/10 Skyler Paschall	04/28 Joe Ferettino
04/15 Katrina Paschall	

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04/12 Duane & Tammy Wallace
 04/28 John & Cookie Frederick

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



March 03 Robin Winfrey/TBD
 March 10 Judy Hanson/Ruby Clements
 March 17 TBD
 March 24 Gisela Mayse/Peggy Mason
 March 31 John & Cookie Frederick

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.

MARCH DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor: Gisela Mayse/Jerry Nowell
 Assisting the Treasurer: Steve Paschall/TBD

Congratulations to Steve Couch for accepting a three-year term as President of Baptists on Mission! Let us support him and our continued partnership with North Carolina Missions next month as we gather for their annual mission conference April 5-6.



A pew purchase was made in memory of Tom & Dot Brewer by the Brewer Family



On February 3rd \$280 and 103 food items were collected in support of the OCIM food pantry during the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser.

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

OCIM FOOD OF THE MONTH
 Dry Pasta / Pasta Sauce

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH
 Lotion

*If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.
 If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26*