

CHURCH EVENTS

December 1

1st Sunday of Advent

December 4

Potluck Dinner 5:00p

December 8

2nd Sunday of Advent

Business Meeting

Following Worship Service

December 15

3rd Sunday of Advent

A Service of

Reflection and Praise

December 18

No Choir Rehearsal

December 22

4th Sunday of Advent

Lord's Supper

Christmas Caroling 2:30p

December 20

Children Christmas Party 6p

Newsletter Input Due

December 24

Church Office Closed

Christmas Eve Service

5:00p

December 25

Merry Christmas

No Services

Church Office Closed

December 26

No Services

December 30

Favorite Hymn Sunday

Church-wide Breakfast and

Sunday School Class

December 31

New Years Eve Youth Party

at the Parsonage 8:00p

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

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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December 2019

Pastor's Pen

The Faithful Bridge

The message of salvation has been described in many ways by many Christians through many years. I remember in college being told that humanity stands on one side of a canyon and God on the other side. No amount of effort on our part could get us from our side to God's side. We must rely on God's initiative, which we see in God building a bridge to span the canyon, uniting humanity and God. That bridge, drawn in the shape of a cross, is Jesus Christ. We walk across this bridge by faith, believing that Jesus will hold us step by step to the very end.

It is quite a simple picture, imagining Jesus as a bridge, and at the same time profound, especially as Christmas approaches. On Christmas we celebrate God's initiative in reaching down to us. God becomes human. The Church has affirmed through the centuries that in Jesus we find both full divinity and full humanity. Jesus is fully God and fully human. But what does this have to do with bridges?

The thing about bridges over canyons is that they need to be anchored on both sides. A bridge that is not securely anchored is a bridge that will fail to carry people safely across. Jesus, however, is a faithful bridge. Anchored in heaven as the fully divine Son of God, anchored on earth as the manger-born son of Mary, the Incarnation qualifies Jesus to become the perfect and eternal bridge between God and humanity.

That bridge was tried and tested through a perfect life, a faithfulness unto death, and a victory in resurrection. Jesus showed us the way to God, God confirmed it every step of the way, and we therefore can put our faith in him. Jesus truly is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through him. Bridges come and go, but this bridge will last through eternity.

This month, let us remember the Salvation of the world came into the world in this child, Jesus of Nazareth. The Incarnation forged a path, and is the bridge, for our very salvation.

In Christ, Pastor Rich

Schedule for December 2019

December 01

The Heart of the Mission

Jonah 1:1-12

December 08

Sweeping Up

Matthew 3:1-2

December 15

Joy Has Dawned

N/A

December 22

How to Feed the World

Luke 2:1-20

December 30

Like Us in Every Way

Hebrews 2:10-18

**OCIM ITEM OF
THE MONTH**
Personal Care

**OCC ITEM OF
THE MONTH**
Toothpaste

♪ Music Notes ♪

JOY HAS Danned

A Service of Reflection and Praise

Sunday, December 15, 2019 - 11:00 am

Mount Hermon Baptist Church

4511 Old NC 10

Durham, NC 27705

*Please invite family and friends to join
us for this special service*

Join us for Christmas Caroling on December 22nd at 2:30 pm.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall, divide into groups, and spend time visiting those in our congregation and community who will delight in the joy of the season with us. Some of these individuals are homebound and deeply appreciate the opportunity to fellowship with their brothers and sister in Christ. All ages are invited, and no previous singing experience required. See you there!



Christmas Eve Service December 24 at 5:00 pm

Mount Hermon Church-wide Coffee Fellowship

Each Sunday morning 9:15

"Serving the Church" schedule
December—Baptist Men/Women

January—Amen Class

GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES OFFERING



Again this year, the focus of Mount Hermon's International Missions Offering will be 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. To make a donation, look for special offering envelopes, and don't forget to place your bows on the Missions Tree in the sanctuary. Each bow represents a \$25 donation towards this cause.

The Good Shepherd Post Office will also be open during the month of December. Instead of sending Christmas cards through the mail to our church family, bring them to the mailbox located in the back hallway! When you donate the amount you would have spent on postage, the Children and Youth of Mount Hermon will, in turn, make a contribution to Good Shepherd Ministries.



DEACON ASSIGNMENTS:

Jerry Nowell	A-B
Peggy Mason	C-D
Gisela Mayse	E-I
Tim Thompson	J-M
John Frederick	N-Q
Steve Paschall	R-S
Robbe Riley	T-Z

Deacon Chair - Robbe Riley

Church Security

Our church security team is hard at work looking for and implementing solutions to keep our church and congregation safe at all times. We have recently implemented keeping all the doors in the back of the church locked on Sunday from 9:45a until the end of the Worship Service. If you come to the church during these hours please enter through the doors under the carport or the front doors of the church. Thanks!

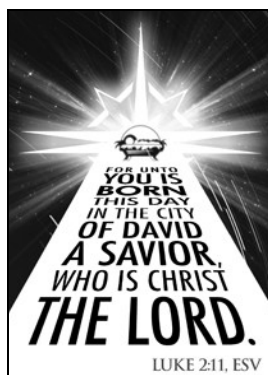
We are collecting new unwrapped toys for the Yates Baptist Association Toy Store. The toys will be available for needy family to purchase at a fraction of their cost and they will learn about the love of Jesus Christ as part of their shopping experience. Toys are being collected in the Fellowship Hall. For more information see John Frederick.

Children/Youth Team

December is always a busy month for everyone. We all seem to get wrapped up in decorating, shopping and attending parties. It turns into the most busy time of the year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The children and youth will be leading us all into the Advent Season by sharing what it is all about and how it leads up to the birth of a Savior. We will also be sharing a Christmas song in Spanish with all of you. As our children and youth have grown, we have learned how different we all are by sharing our stories, but have also learned how much alike we are as well. We are all children of God and are excited to show his love by celebrating in song. The children and youth want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and hope and pray that your focus will be on what the season is all about.

But the Angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David, A savior has been born to you: He is the Messiah, the Lord.
Luke 2:10-12

In Christ, Stacy



Mount Hemon Baptist Church was recently recognized at the Yates Baptist Association Missions Celebration for 2nd place in total giving to the 2018 NC Missions Offering.

Mount Hermon was also recognized by Adopt A Highway for 30 years of commitment to keeping our NC Highway 10 clean.

Discipleship

Last month we learned how important it was to hide God's Word in our heart so we might not sin against Him. This month I want us to focus on preparing our heart to receive His Word.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

A pure heart that thinks of good not evil; that encourages and not tears down; that prays for not talks about; that loves not hates. A steadfast spirit keeps the course, is appreciative of others' time and always make people feel important; is respectful of others and humble, recognizing and is upfront about what they do not know but willing and able to learn new things. A steadfast spirit is strong, powerful and unshakable.

King David was struggling when he wrote this verse. He had gone from the heights in praising and worshipping God to the depths by committing adultery and having a man murdered. I don't know about you, but it is the same for me. Why can't I maintain my level of faith; why do I let Satan be victorious in my life?; why can't I Therein lies my problem. It is I not Christ that more often has control of my life. When "I" is in control, God gets left out

So ask God to create in you a pure heart and let Him renew a steadfast spirit in you. Create and renew are action words. The process will not be easy but the result will be a closer relationship with the Lord and who doesn't want that? Cookie

Those Needing Our Prayers...

Bonnie Andrews	Bob Frederick	Joan Page
Faye Bassett	Jeff Gallimore	Betty Jane Poole
Tammy Bowling	Austin Glenn	Patricia Rigsbee
Judith Carring	Mary Ellen Godwin	Hannah Riley
Ed Chahine	Sergio Gonzalez	Johnny Riley
Bill Clayton	Buddy Hartstfield	Justin Riley
Rachel Clayton	Kay Johnson	Ridge Riley
Danny Dennis	Elsie King	Charlotte Rippy
Matt Duranski	Edith Lee	Sheila Seawell
Bill Dorrity	Emma Lee	Art Ward
Betty Fera	Barbara Nowell	Mark Writz

OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link (Room 108)

Pray For:

The family of Grady McNeil,
Grady went home to his Lord November 15

Rachel Clayton and her family, Rachel's brother Donald went home to his Lord November 17

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

Rev. Gideon Thuam, missionary to Thailand

Roger and Vicki Grossmann, missionaries to Guatemala

Ashley Laubach, missionary to Ireland

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

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

Church Office

Hours: Monday—Friday 9 am—11:30 am
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 Pastor Rich's Email: pastor.richgoodier@gmail.com

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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DURHAM, NC 27705

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Birthdays & Anniversaries

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/01 Mike Fitzgerald	12/25 Jesus Christ
12/02 John Mark Frederick	12/25 Roger Brooks, Sr.
12/07 Ashley Riley	12/25 Wendy Riley
12/20 Irene Godwin	12/25 Robin Winfrey
12/21 Louis Tedder	12/25 David Parrott
12/21 Ann Brooks	12/26 Lisa Parrott
12/23 Annie Brooks	

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/24 Bill & Rachel Clayton

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/19 Dean Dixon	01/21 Benita Burton
01/20 Edith Lee	01/22 Janice Thompson
01/21 Steve Paschall	01/26 Nancy Dillard

NURSERY WORKERS

December 01 Robin Winfrey/Catalina Gonzalez
 December 08 Judy Hanson/Ruby Clements
 December 15 TBD
 December 22 Marie Andrews/Maria Butron
 December 29 John/Cookie Frederick

DECEMBER DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor: John Frederick/Gisela Mayse
 Assisting the Treasurer: Tim Thompson/Jerry Nowell

Outreach: Thankful as we Enter

Psalm 100: 4-5

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

Dr. Thomas Constable's commentary reads: Every generation that benefits from Yahweh's goodness, loyal love and faithfulness should carry out this psalm's exhortation to serve God happily and worship Him gratefully. "If you go to church on Sunday to worship, make sure you go with thanksgiving and praise in your heart. If you fail to do that, you are not going to be very helpful to your church." Mcgee.

Let us be thankful for each day and especially the privilege to enter into His house for Worship. Maintain this loving, happy and thankful mindset as you invite others to church this Christmas season and New Year.

Write down one person/family to invite to our December 15th Music presentation. _____



A Memorial was given in
 memory of Brenda Morris by
 Edna Berry

Stewardship

2019	October	Year-to-Date
Total Expenditures	\$ 14,307.67	\$ 155,007.00
Total Income	\$ 13,948.00	\$ 151,630.29
Difference	\$ (359.67)	\$ (3,376.71)

Property Renovation Fund—October 2019
 Beginning Balance \$9,313.43 Ending Balance \$9,688.43

The cost for the Heating and Air for the parsonage came to \$12,975.00. This will be paid by \$8000 from the Property Renovation Fund and the remainder from the church money market account over 3 months.

The 2019 budget planning has been completed. The new budget will be reviewed and discussed at the December 8 business meeting and will be voted on by secret ballot during Worship Service on December 29,

Please continue to pray for the financial health of the church.

Pickup your 2019-2020 Church Directory from the glass case in the church hallway or front vestibule.