

CHURCH EVENTS

November 2

Baptist Men Meeting 8:00a

November 3

Daylight Saving Time Ends
2:00a

Deacons' Meeting 2:00p

November 6

Potluck Dinner 5:00p

November 10

Touch 2:00p

November 16

Shoebox Packing Party
9:30a

November 17

Business Meeting
Following Worship

November 21

Church Council Meeting
6:30p
Newsletter Input Due

November 27

No Wednesday Night
Services

November 28 & 29

Church Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving

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 Church-wide Coffee Fellowship

Each Sunday morning

9:15 to 9:40

"Serving the Church"
schedule

November—Children/
Youth

December—Baptist Men
and Women

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



grow



bearfruit

November 2019

Pastor's Pen:

Who Is My Neighbor?

Last month our local association of Baptist churches gathered for our annual celebration. We looked back at the accomplishments of the previous twelve months, but we also looked forward to ways we can support one another in greater Christian faithfulness.

Towards this end, one question we posed to one another was this: Who is my neighbor? Many of us know exactly where this question originates. It was a Bible expert two thousand years ago who wanted to debate Jesus regarding eternal life. They agreed that we are to love God and love our neighbor. Seeking to justify himself, the Bible expert asked, "Who is my neighbor?" The encounter and Jesus' subsequent parable about the Good Samaritan is recorded in Luke 10.

Have you ever felt like you were that Bible expert? We know we are to love a certain individual, perhaps even a quite literal neighbor, but we make clever excuses as to why this person does not apply to God's command to love our neighbor. We too ask the question to ourselves, "Who really is my neighbor?" And we in turn answer it in a way that excludes the person we would rather not love.

If you have ever thought this way, you are not alone. I think we all have at one point. But what makes a Christian different is that we repent and turn back to the way of life. While we were still sinners, God decided to be our neighbor in Jesus Christ. Jesus chose to dwell amongst us, to move in next door, and chose to love us to death. And through his faithfulness, we are now empowered to love as Jesus loves.

This November, challenge yourself to go out of your comfort zone and be a neighbor to someone. Perhaps it is someone in your life you do not know well. Perhaps it is someone in need of a neighbor. Invite them over for a meal! If only there was a holiday this month that gives us opportunity to invite others over for a meal, a holiday that reminds us that we are all neighbors to one another....

In Christ, Pastor Rich

Schedule for November 2019

November 03

Heirs to the Promise

Galatians 3:26-4:7

November 10

The Faithfulness of Christ

Galatians 2:15-21

November 17

The Battle for Your Hearts

Galatians 4:8-20

November 24

Guest Preacher / Roger Brooks, Sr.

TBD

Children and Youth

A big thank you to all who supported the camp fundraiser! With your love and donations our children and youth were able to go to Camp Cheerio and have a special time with one another and become even closer to God. After asking many of them about what they enjoyed the most, one reply that stood out, was how much they enjoyed meeting new friends and learning more about them and how much they loved God. Camp Cheerio brings our kids closer to each other and to God. What a blessing that is!

Upcoming events include focusing on the holidays and how we should celebrate them. Our children are excited to be a part of helping with Operation Christmas Child. Several classes are going to participate in putting shoeboxes together and make crafts to share God's love with the child that will receive the shoebox. As they have learned in scripture how God wants us to help others, they are thinking of ways to help the poor and those in need.

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said "it is more blessed to give than to receive". Acts 20:35

We should all take this to heart during the holiday season.

In Christ, Stacy



Outreach - Visiting with a Message

We read and talk a lot about the 12 disciples. It is nice to be reminded of this text where Jesus sends out 72 "other" disciples ahead of where He would be visiting. Let's consider ourselves part of the "other" in 2019/2020. Let's be workers in these fields. Imagine our impact if 72 of us visited with a passion with this Message.

As we enter this Thanksgiving season, who will God put in your path? Proactively seek others who are away from church or who have not accepted Jesus as Savior. Plan a visit today. It can change a life from hopelessness to joy.

"The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into his fields. Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves." Luke 10:1-3

Write down one person/family to visit/contact this week. _____

Steve Couch, Outreach Team Leader



Discipleship

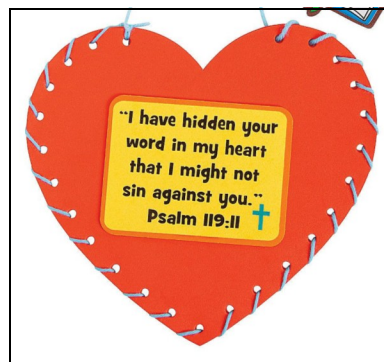
Dear Church, Last month I shared a little about the ladies trip to Fort Caswell. It was such a special time of refreshment and renewal and an opportunity to get to know each other better. But mostly, at least for me, it was a time of challenge and conviction. How well do you know the Bible? Right now, can you list the 10 Commandments? Now that you've got them, can you put them in order? No cheating!!!

Often times we think we know more than we do or we know more than we give ourselves credit for..... So, for the next 12 months I'm going to challenge you, the church, to get to know your Bible better. Each month, I'm going to give you a scripture passage to memorize. It doesn't matter which version you memorize, NIV, KJV, NAS, the Living Bible, The Message. Use whichever is most comfortable for you. Then each day for the next 30 days, pray, read it, ask yourself what God is saying to you through His Word and then repeat the verse 3 times. Now close your eyes and try to say it without looking. At the end of 30 days you should have the verse down pat. You would have spent time praying and studying God's Word and hiding it in your heart daily.

That will be our first verse..."I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you". Psalms 119:11

Will you accept my challenge?

Cookie



Stewardship

2019	September	Year-to-Date
Total Expenditures	\$17,792.43	\$140,699.33
Total Income	\$15,534.00	\$137,682.29
Difference	\$741.57	\$ (3,017.04)

Property Renovation Fund—September 2019

Beginning Balance \$9,931.02
Ending Balance \$9,313.43

In September the hot water heater in the parsonage was replaced. We also began replacing the Heating and Air Units in the parsonage to a more efficient natural gas system. This work lead to the discovery of asbestos that had to be removed by a specialist at a cost of almost \$3000. Please pray for the financial health of the church. Any additional offering to the Property Renovation Phase Fund to help offset these costs will be greatly appreciated.

Cemetery plot purchase price changes were approved at the August Business meeting. Changes are as follows:

Members:

Effective January 1, 2020 the price will increase from \$50 to \$200.

Effective July 1, 2020 the price will increase from \$200 to \$500.

Qualifying Non-Members:

Effective January 1, 2020 the price will increase from \$1500 to \$1700.

Effective July 1, 2020 the price will increase from \$1700 to \$2000.

Beginning January 1, 2021 a to be determined, set annual percentage increase will begin.



Memorial received
in Memory of
Brenda Morris by:
Janice Thompson

Memorials received
in Memory of
Bobby Couch by:
Janice Thompson
Jamie Riley

Memorial received
in Memory of
Jo Paschall by:
Kay Johnson



Deacon Family 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

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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

OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

Hillcrest Convalescent Center - Edith Lee
The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link (Room 118)
UNC Hospital Chapel Hill - Grady McNeil (Room 7101)

Pray For:

The Children and the Children's Ministry
The Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry
President Donald Trump
North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper
Unity for our Country

For the children affected by the border crisis
For our Military and First Responders

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, missionar to Thailand
Roger and Vicki Grossmann, missionaries to Guatemala
Ashley Laubach, missionaries to Ireland

On Sunday, October 27, as part of Pastor Appreciation, Pastor Rich was presented with a monetary gift from the congregation. Pastor Rich will be going to Florida November 22 through December 10 to join his family in celebration of the birth of his nephew (congratulations Carmen and Finley!) and his father's birthday.

The gift is to help with travel expenses, meals etc. during his visit.

We sincerely hope Pastor Rich enjoys his time with family and returns to us rested and ready for the Advent and Christmas season!



Looking Ahead

**Joy Has Dawned
A Service of Reflection and Praise**

December 15 - 11:00am

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

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

Church Office

Hours: Monday—Friday 9 am—11:30 am
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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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Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/03 Wendy Dixon	11/13 Marie Andrews
11/05 Jamie Riley	11/15 Bernard Paige
11/09 Bill Clayton	11/20 Daniel Poma Butron
11/09 Dwayne Breeze	11/24 Cole Thompson
11/10 Gisela Mayse	11/25 Barbara Nowell
11/10 Candy Brady	11/25 Mike Brockwell
11/11 James Grasty	11/30 Joan Page

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/16 Bob & Beth Brewer
 11/17 Jody & Candy Brady

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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/24 Bill and Rachel Clayton

♪ *Music Notes* ♪

Reflect on these lyrics and give thanks during
 this beautiful time of year:

*For the beauty of the earth,
 For the glory of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth
 Over and around us lies;
 For the beauty of each hour
 Of the day and of the night,
 Hill and vale and tree and flower,
 Sun and moon and stars of light:
 For the joy of human love,
 Brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth and friends above;
 For all gentle thoughts and mild:
 For Thyself, best Gift Divine!
 To our race so freely given;
 For that great, great love of Thine,
 Peace on earth and joy in heaven:
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.*



I thank God for my church family and for the
 opportunity to serve here.

Janice Thompson



OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH - Deodorant

OCIM FOOD OF THE MONTH
 Canned Tuna an Chicken



NURSERY WORKERS

November 3 Catalina Gonzalez/TBD
 November 10 Judy Hanson/Ruby Clements
 November 17 Gisela Mayse/Peggy Mason
 November 24 Marie Andrews/Maria Butron

NOVEMBER DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor: Jerry Nowell/Peggy Mason
 Assisting the Treasurer: Gisela Mayse/Peggy Mason



We are collecting for the Operation
 Christmas Child Shoeboxes. A collection
 box has been set up in the hallway.

Our Shoebox packing party will be
 November 16 @ 9:30a. Come join us!!

We are also collecting \$9.00 per box for shipping.