

## CHURCH EVENTS

**October 2**  
Potluck 5:00p

**October 5**  
Fundraiser Dinner 5:00p

**October 6**  
Mount Hermon 101 (3 of 3)  
Deacons' Meeting 2:00p

**October 13**  
Lord's Supper  
Touch 2:00p

**October 18-20**  
Camp Cheerio

**October 20**  
OCC Prison Ministry

**October 24**  
Newsletter Input Due

**October 27**  
Business Meeting  
Following Worship

**October 29**  
YBA Mission Celebration

### 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

October—Hudson Class  
November—Children/  
Youth

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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October 2019

## Pastor's Pen:

### The Resurrection Promise

We are beginning a study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians at Wednesday night Bible Study. These letters are some of the oldest found in the New Testament. They give us a precious peek into the very early Church, their beliefs, their hopes, and their struggles. One struggle early Christians had was coping with how followers of Jesus Christ succumbed to death just like everyone else. Did not Jesus defeat death and the grave? Why are we burying our brothers and sisters in Christ?

Paul did not want the Thessalonian Christians "to be uninformed about those who sleep in death" (1 Thess 4:13). He wanted to root their hope of life after death in God and God's work in Jesus Christ. And so, Paul writes this. "For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him" (1 Thess 4:14). In other words, since God raised Jesus from the dead, God will raise up those in Christ as well. Paul locates Christian hope for life after death specifically in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's the Resurrection Promise!

Thessalonian Christians were not the only ones who needed to direct their eyes back to the love and power of God during those dark and powerless times of facing death and the grave. Similarly, Christians in Corinth were mourning the death of loved ones, and Paul responded similarly. He writes that, "he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you" (2 Cor 4:14). Paul spends the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians arguing that the resurrection of our bodies and the resurrection of Jesus Christ are inextricably linked. Either both are true or none of it is true. Our destiny beyond death is the same as Jesus, the firstborn from among the dead. It's the Resurrection Promise!

I often say that those who walk with Jesus in this life will walk with him through death and into new life. This is the Resurrection Promise stated in another way. It is also a reminder that Jesus passed through death in order to enjoy his resurrection life. Unless our Lord returns in our lifetimes we too will pass through death. We do not welcome death as a friend. Death is the last enemy. We, however, can look death straight in the eye with a holy confidence and remind it that it does not have the last word. Jesus does.

I welcome you to join us every Wednesday evening at 6p as we study 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

In Christ, Pastor Rich

### Looking Ahead

**October 20th** we will provide a Worship Service, Dinner and Fellowship with our brothers at Orange County Correctional Center. Look for sign-up sheets to be available soon.

### Schedule for October 2019

October 06	Crucified With Christ	Galatians 2:11-21
October 13	The Faith of Abraham	Galatians 3:1-14
October 20	Guest Preacher: John Frederick	TBD
October 27	The Law Fulfilled	Galatians 3:15-29

## Children and Youth

As we have all seen in the past few months, our children and youth have been very involved in participating in mission opportunities and reaching out to others as disciples. A big example of this is how they made the Field Day Event at Gold Park a huge success. They not only helped with the set up of the event, but they showed new families and children what a child of God looks like. They were all true examples of how God wants us to treat others. By sharing God's love to others, it has brought new families to Mount Hermon. We are so blessed to have these special children and youth!

**Well, now it's your turn** to show them how much we appreciate them! The one thing that they look forward to the most each year is Camp Cheerio. The majority of our children and youth are going this year and they need your help. We will be having a fundraiser on Saturday, October 5th at 5:00pm. Dinner and entertainment will be provided to all those that would like to support them. More information will be provided in the next week. Thank you for your support!



I praise you God, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made - Psalm 139:14  
Stacy

## Outreach

### **The Workers Are Few** Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

"Who's your ONE?" has been an emphasis for Southern Baptists in the last year or so. This is a great time of the year to reach out to others and invite them to church. Jesus spent His time on earth doing this exactly.

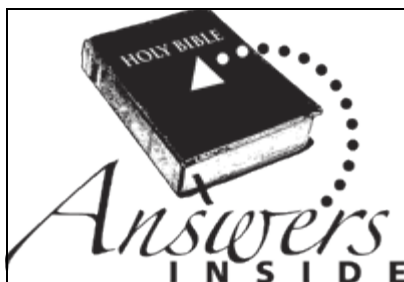


Impacting individuals "one" at the time was His purpose. Healing, teaching, preaching, listening and proclaiming His Father in heaven as Creator were daily tasks. We are left here to represent Christ and continue His work with each person that we meet. The Mount Hermon community is plentiful. Let's work this harvest field together. Who's your ONE?

Steve Couch, Outreach Team Leader

## Discipleship

The ladies had a wonderful time at our retreat at Fort Caswell. The music was great and Phyllis Elvington was the speaker. If you've ever had the opportunity to hear her speak, you know she is all about God's Word. Her challenge to us was to be in God's Word daily, to memorize His Word and apply it to our daily lives.



She said something that has stuck with me...actually, several things. Choose a translation of the Bible that you will enjoy reading and that you will understand. It doesn't have to be NIV or King James. Make reading a priority. There are multiple daily reading plans on the internet. Find one and set aside a time each day to read one. I just started one that is chronological with Old Testament and New Testament passages. If you want one let me know.

She also said not to look at reading God's Word as a chore or something else to check off your to do list. God has given us 24 hours in a day. How you spend your time makes a difference in how you live your life. If you look at reading the

Bible as your daily tithe to Him, the Holy Spirit will have a better opportunity to speak to you and direct your path for the day.

Pray. Read His Word. Spend time in prayer asking for direction and use your time wisely. Once it's spent you can't get it back.

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## Stewardship

	2019	August	Year-to-Date
Total Expenditures	\$19,255.09		\$125,906.90
Total Income	\$18,167.00		\$122,148.29
Difference	\$(1,088.09)		\$ (3,758.61)

### Property Renovation Fund—August 2019

Beginning Balance \$9,831.02  
Ending Balance \$9,931.02

September was a challenging month. The hot water heater in the parsonage failed and was replaced. On September 30th we replaced the Heating and Air Units in the parsonage. The heating system will be upgraded from an obsolete fuel oil system to natural gas. 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.

### **October is Pastor Appreciation Month**

Don't miss the opportunity to let Pastor Rich know how much he is loved and appreciated by all of us here at Mount Hermon!

### **Deacon Corner:**

#### 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



Memorials received  
in Memory of  
Jean Taylor by:  
Edna Berry  
The Friendship Class

Memorial received  
in Memory of  
Bobby Couch by:  
Edna Berry

## *Those Needing Our Prayers...*

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

### **OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED**

Duke Hospital (room 7714) - Brenda Morris (Galliimore)  
The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link (Room 118)

#### **Pray For:**

The family of Bobby Couch  
The family of Barbara DeBlanc  
The people affected by the recent storms  
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 Pivovarova, 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

### **Is your contact information correct??**

We will be publishing a 2019 directory later this year. If your address, phone number, or email address needs updating please use the cards on the glass case in the hallway, or contact Peggy Mason at the Church Office.

### **"Inspiration from Homecoming 2019"**

Let the people bow in wonder.  
Let the heavens sing to the King of kings!  
Let us shout Your praise forever  
With our voices strong, our eternal song,  
That the world will know You came to save,  
That the world will know we lift Your name.  
  
Your name alone be lifted high.  
Your name alone, Messiah, Jesus Christ.  
Creation bows before Your throne.  
We lift Your name, Your name alone.

**Thank you Paul Williams, the Choir, Special Events Committee and to all our special guests that made our 2019 Homecoming a success!!**

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

### Church Office

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 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*

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

10/01 Margie Whitfield	10/16 Mary Ellen Godwin
10/09 Joyce Dennis	10/17 Tana Sims
10/11 Robbe Riley	10/24 Fernanda Serrano
10/13 David Berry	10/25 Todd Riley
10/14 Jerry Nowell	10/26 Lucille King
10/15 Eddie Andrews	

### **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**

11/17 Jody & Candy Brady

## ♪ Music Notes ♪

I was fortunate to recently attend a symposium sponsored by the Duke Divinity School that examined the connection between theology and the arts. During one session, "Art in the Life of the Church," I learned about an Episcopal church in Nashville, TN where the use of art (visual, music, etc.) is seen as a way to increase congregants' devotion to God and disciple one another.

A prayer was shared with all in attendance:

### *The Chorister's Prayer*

*Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants,  
 who minister in Thy temple.  
 Grant that what we sing with  
 our lips, we may believe in our  
 hearts and what we believe in  
 our hearts, we may show forth  
 in our lives. Through Jesus  
 Christ our Lord. Amen.*

This reminded me of Mount Hermon's music ministry whose goal is to build community, grow as disciples and share our faith with others - things that are more important than a desire for perfection.

My prayer is that all who worship through music at Mount Hermon, whether from the choir or the congregation, will take this prayer to heart and allow our music to help us grow closer to God.

janice

### **NURSERY WORKERS**



October 06 Robin Winfrey/Catalina Gonzalez  
 October 13 Judy Hanson/Ruby Clements  
 October 20 Gisela Mayse/Peggy Mason  
 October 27 Marie Andrews/Maria Butron

### **OCTOBER DEACON MINISTRY**

Assisting the Pastor: Steve Paschall/Gisela Mayse  
 Assisting the Treasurer: Robbe Riley/John Frederick

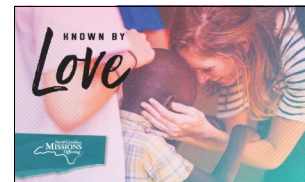


We are collecting for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. A collection box has been set up in the hallway. Small toys, socks, flip flops, school items, personal hygiene items, jewelry, hair accessories, etc.

### **OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH - Soap**

### **OCIM FOOD OF THE MONTH**

Potatoes (canned, scalloped, mashed, etc)



North Carolina Missions Offering  
 Church Goal \$1,500.00  
 Amount Raised \$2,145