



Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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June 2021

CHURCH EVENTS

June 6

Graduate Recognition

June 19

Church Picnic
Noon on Church Grounds

June 20

Father's Day

June 22

Newsletter Input Due

June 27

Business Meeting
Following Service

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30a Multiply Class
9:30a Friendship Class
9:30a Children and Youth
11:00a Worship Service

Wednesday

6:00p Adult Bible Study

Thursday

6:30p Amen Class

JUNE DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:
John Frederick/Robbe Riley

NO NURSERY COVERAGE

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH

Toothpaste

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Pasta
Peanut Butter

Pastor's Pen

All Things to All People

To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:20-23

One of the most extraordinary qualities about Paul is his single-minded commitment in proclaiming the Gospel to every person in the world. No excuses. No distractions. No matter what. In the passage above, he claims that he is so committed that he is willing to give up his own freedoms for the sake of the Gospel!

For Americans, this can be quite unpalatable as our freedoms enshrined in the Constitution and Bill of Rights are sacrosanct. We are taught to be willing to sacrifice our very lives to protect these freedoms. For Christians, however, (and Paul being a remarkable Christian example), we are called to sacrifice our very lives AND freedoms for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel we herald.

The world is emerging from a devastating pandemic, and authorities are growing more willing to lift the pandemic restrictions. Mount Hermon has begun amending our guidelines and will continue to do so in a gradual and methodical way. And while many of us are vaccinated and eager to move beyond quarantine, we must remember our sisters and brothers who cannot for various reasons. And we must remember those who want to visit Mount Hermon for the first time but unsure if it would be safe. We must remember the immunocompromised. We must remember the children who as of yet are unable to get vaccines. And we must remember their parents.

What would Paul say about this transition that our church is in with both the vaccinated and the vulnerable wanting to worship and hear the Gospel? I imagine it would sound a bit like his exhortation to the Corinthian church. We must be willing to do whatever it takes to have the Gospel propagate through the world. If that means wearing a small piece of fabric over our mouths or forgoing a freedom for a season, why not jump at such a small sacrifice for the sake of our neighbor?

Paul reminds us that our sacrifices "for the sake of the gospel" are not without reward. In fact, Jesus also promises that whatever we give up for the sake of the Gospel, we will receive one hundred fold (Mark 10:29-30). Now that is a pretty good investment! Church, let us have an eternal perspective and invest in the Gospel. Let us make it easier for others to hear the Gospel, not harder. And let us offer our very selves to make that happen!

In Christ, Pastor Rich

Children and Youth Ministry



June is an exciting month for the children and youth ministry at Mount Hermon Baptist Church! We will start meeting in our classrooms at 9:30 AM on Sundays on June 6th and we cannot wait to get back to some sort of normal Sunday School routine.

We will also be having Advocacy Camp for completed 5th grade and below. Advocacy Camp is a camp where our students will be able to learn how to be advocates for the homeless, inmates, and adults with special needs. We are partnering with Yates Baptist Church to make this happen. Also in June, we are going to go to a Bulls game on the 29th. I hope that this summer, we can have more fun activities as COVID Restrictions are loosening.

June is also a special month because it will mark 1 year since I started as the children and youth minister here at Mount Hermon Baptist Church. It has been an honor serving this church and I look forward to this next year.

Grace and peace be with you all. ~ John

Nursery Workers Needed!!

The church wishes to begin offering nursery care for ages 0-3 during Worship Service in the coming weeks. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the nursery on a rotating bases. If you are willing to help please contact John DeWitt or Peggy Mason.



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

Church Goal: \$800.00
Total Raised \$1,250

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The family of former minister, Robert Winecoff, would like to inform you that:

Robert and Virginia Winecoff
~Celebrate their 70th Anniversary~
On June 9, 2021

A card in their honor may be sent to this address:
The Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Robert Winecoff
339 Whitethorn Drive, Gastonia, NC 28054
Thank you for thinking of Bob and Virginia and for remembering them in your prayers.



Congratulations Graduates!

Class of
2021



High School Graduates

Camden Bryant

Son of Jeremy and Faith Bryant, Grandson of Donnie and Robbe Riley. Graduate of Riverside High School, taking high school and college courses. Camden will continue his education at Durham Tech in the college transfer program.

Daniel Poma-Butron

Son of Maria Butron, Graduate of Eno River Academy High School. Daniel will continue his education at UNC-Greensboro.

Isabella Daniel

Daughter of Jonathan and Michelle Daniel; Granddaughter of Dianne Daniel. Graduate of Woods Charter School. Bella will continue her education at Durham Tech in the college transfer program.

Shayda Lopez

Daughter of Argentina Lopez, Graduate of Riverside High School. Shayda will continue her education at Eastern Carolina University. Shayda aspires to be a Crime Scene Investigator.

College/University Graduates

Abby Chennells

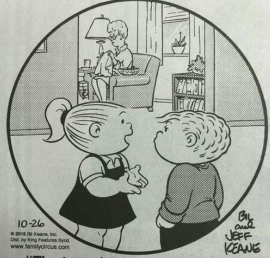
M.A. in Ministry Studies from Moody Bible Institute. Future plans are marrying John DeWitt in August and ministering alongside him. She also has a nanny position caring for 3 children.

YOU DID IT!!!



IN LOVING MEMORY

A Donation was received in memory of Phyllis Hamm Scott
By Robin Winfrey Hinton



"The two places we know we're always welcome are church and Grandma's house."

Outreach Team

Enter with Them

Mount Hermon has a reputation for welcoming and loving guests as they come. Every church should be and hopefully is the "most" welcoming place of all. After all, Jesus set the example as he lived on earth, loving and serving each person that he met.

It all starts by inviting others to church. Let's not wait for guests to enter. Let's **enter with them!** God changes lives. The church is His "Plan A" to witness to the community, offering His saving grace and eternal life.

1 John 3:16-17 "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"

Invite someone today to meet you in the parking lot or ride with you to church. **Enter with them** into worship. They will be welcomed and loved by the Mount Hermon family. How can we be more like Jesus during the week?

Pray for God's Spirit to work ahead of you in the lives that you encounter today.

Those Needing Our Prayers...

Judith Carrig	Judy Hanson	Peggy Parker
Ed Chahine	Brenda Hartsfield	Betty Jane Poole
Joseph Dennard	Bobby Holloway	Patricia Rigsbee
Bill Dorrity	Edith Lee	Justin Riley
Joan Dixon	David Lewis	Ridge Riley
Jerald Fuller	Laurie Loving	Sheila Seawell
Lacey Doar Girouard	Jerry Nowell	Linda Talley
Irene Godwin	Joan Page	Art Ward

OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

Brookdale -	Bonnie Andrews
Hillcrest Convalescent Center -	Bill & Rachel Clayton
Friends Home Assisted Living -	Betty Fera
Hospice -	Jeff Gallimore
The Covington -	James Grasty
The Oaks of Alamance-	Bob Link (Room 108)

Pray For:

The family of Barbara Nowell
 The family of Phyllis Scott
 The Children and the Children's Ministry
 The Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry
 President Joe Biden
 North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper
 Unity for our Country

AROUND THE WORLD

Farik Alenov, minister in the 10/40 window
 Tanya Pivovarov, missionary to the Philippines
 Mandy and Brian Davis, missionaries to Thailand
 Rev. Gideon Thuam, missionary to Thailand
 Roger and Vicki Grossmann, missionaries to Guatemala

♪ *Music Notes* ♪

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mount Hermon leadership has taken a cautious approach as protective measures have been implemented. Online services, temperature checks, separate entrances and exits, and raised windows to enhance ventilation are only a few of the things we've experienced. These measures have been well-received and followed without resistance.

The one thing I've heard the most "complaining" about is no singing during worship. I've missed it too and look forward to the day we can sing inside as a congregation and a choir.

In recent weeks, I've been relieved that many COVID restrictions have been lifted because so many have received long-awaited vaccinations. Little by little, we're returning to some normalcy in our lives – no more temperature checks, all doors accessible, no directional arrows on the carpet, small groups meeting again on Sunday mornings.

And yes, one day, we will sing again during worship! It will be slow and deliberate, but if things continue to improve, I anticipate we will once again lift our voices in song.

I hope that, during this singing drought, you've learned to appreciate hymn lyrics like never before. And when we're able to sing again, I hope these same lyrics will serve as meaningful worship tools. As our drought comes to an end, use these lyrics to reflect on why singing is so important to us . . .

HE KEEPS ME SINGING

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
 Sweetest name I know,
 Fills my ev'ry longing,
 Keeps me singing as I go.

WHY DO I SING ABOUT JESUS?

Why do I sing about Jesus?
 Why is He precious to me?
 He is my Lord and my Savior;
 Dying He set me free!

When we sing again, it will be even sweeter than before! Praise be to God!

PS Thanks to all who've provided pre-recorded music over the past year! By using your gifts, you have blessed everyone at Mount Hermon. ~ janice

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Secretary: Peggy Mason
Music Leader: Janice Thompson

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/07 Steve Couch 06/22 Cindy Dorrity
 06/08 Paulina Serrano Gonzalez 06/25 Morgan Mayse
 06/13 Luke Daniel 06/27 Ronda Barton

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06/02 Todd & Wendy Riley
 06/15 Roger & Ann Brooks

JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/02 Betty Fera 07/12 Bill Dorrity
 07/03 Dianne Daniel 07/15 Shelby Edmonds
 07/04 Gio Poma Butron 07/16 Vickie Sorrell
 07/06 Eric Neal 07/16 Gary Paschall
 07/08 Rachel Clayton 07/19 Betty Jane Poole
 07/08 Dixie Paschall 07/25 Judith Carrig
 07/10 David Lewis

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

07/05 Steve & Dixie Paschall
 07/11 Eddie & Stacy Lee
 07/11 Donnie & Robbe Riley

Stewardship

2021	April	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$17,121	\$61,056
Budget Need	\$15,912	\$67,626
Difference	\$1,209	(\$6,569)

Property Renovation Fund - April 2021

Beginning Balance \$17,471
 Ending Balance \$17,776

Parsonage renovations will be completed soon.
 As soon as we have the final amount of our loan
 we will begin the process of repayment.

Continue to pray for the financial health of the
 Church. Peggy Mason, Treasurer

Online Donations are Now Available!

From our website:
MountHermonDurham.org
 select the "Give" feature to submit your offering or
 gift when you not able to give at church.

Discipleship

Good day, Mount Hermon!

With the lifting of some restrictions, a feeling of hope is in the air. People can be seen with smiles on their faces and a glint in their eye as life becomes more "normal". I hope that you will continue to wash your hands and take the precautions you feel comfortable with most. Covid-19 is still out there along with some of his friends. Get vaccinated if you haven't already and stay safe. I was so proud when I took the poll of church members a couple of weeks ago and we were at 96% vaccinated. That is fantastic!!!!

With the lifting of restrictions, events can be planned. I know Baptist Men at Mount Hermon are gearing up to begin meeting again on Saturday mornings. More details to follow. For the Ladies I have exciting news Fort Caswell has opened up and the Women's Retreat is on. It will be September 17-19, "Frazzled Female/Mighty God: Resurrection Power for Daily Living" with Cindi Wood, speaker and music with Cindy Johnson. Cost is \$175 and includes 2 nights lodging, 4 meals and conference fee. Friday night dinner not included. More details will follow. I will have a sign up sheet available and if you are interested please let me know. I need to get numbers quickly because it is filling up fast.

I don't know about you, but I feel lighter, and hopeful, and grateful. God is good, all the time and He is faithful. Let's give him the praise He is due for all the blessings He has given us and for being by our sides all the way.

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