

## CHURCH EVENTS

### August 8

Called Business Meeting  
Deacon Elections  
4:45p Live-Stream  
Wedding of John DeWitt  
and Abby Chennells

### August 15

Business Meeting  
Following Service

### August 21

4:00p Children/Youth  
Back to School Party

### August 22

Potluck and Reception  
For Pastor Rich and  
Elizabeth following  
Worship Service

### August 24

Newsletter Input Due

### August 29

Baptism Service

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday

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

### Monday

7:00p Young Adult Class

### Wednesday

6:00p Adult Bible Study  
7:15 Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday

6:30p Amen Class

## AUGUST DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:  
Tim Thompson/Jerry Nowell

## NURSERY COVERAGE FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

8/01 - Maria Butron/Daniel Butron  
8/08 - Elizabeth Goodier/Blanca Serrano  
8/15 - Robbe Riley/Donnie Riley  
8/22 - Abby DeWitt/Stacy Lee  
8/29 - John Frederick/Cookie Frederick

Services Available on CD upon request

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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August 2021

## Pastor's Pen

## Baptized Into His Death

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. (Romans 6:3-8 NIV)

We will be celebrating several baptisms in the coming weeks. It is the next step in discipleship after one makes the most important step of following Jesus Christ. While you may chose to follow Christ in a more private setting, baptism allows you to proclaim that decision publicly, to everyone, including your family and friends.

The Greek word for baptize means to dip, to immerse, or to clean by washing. These are all important images when considering baptism. Jesus has command us to be baptized (Matthew 28:18-20), but to understand baptism I suggest going to Romans 6. There, Paul connects our baptism to the baptism of Jesus. But not the one at the Jordan River, but the one on Calvary's Hill.

On the cross, Jesus is immersed by death. Those who choose to follow Christ must follow him every step of the way, including this. Are you ready to put to death your former life so that God can raise you to new life? In baptism we demonstrate this by lowering the disciple into the water as we would lower a body into a grave. The disciple has chosen to give one's very life to follow Jesus.

But just as Jesus did not stay in the grave, the disciple is raised up from the waters to demonstrate that God has raised him/her up to new life, a life that will be lived for Jesus. We are united with Jesus in death. We are united with Jesus in new life. knowing that we are guided by the one who has defeated death and holds eternal life in his hand. Encourage those who are considering this decision, and cheer on those who will make it in the coming weeks.

In Christ, Pastor Rich

## Schedule for August 2021

08/01	Man on the Cross	Luke 23:32-43
08/08	Saul	Acts 9:1-19
08/15	What is Baptism	Matthew 28:18-20
08/22	Baptized Into His Death	Romans 6:1-14
08/29	Baptized At the Jordan	Matthew 3

## **Children and Youth Ministry**



July was a great month for the Student Ministry at Mount Hermon Baptist Church. We had a movie night, the elementary schoolers went to Passport Kids, we had a water and worship night where we worshipped God and played water games, and

Abby and I started remodeling the upstairs space so that we have a better space for the students. We are so excited at the direction of the Student Ministry. 2 students came forward on July 18th to profess their faith in God and to be baptized as well! August will be a slower month for us as Abby and I are getting married and honeymooning, but we will still have a back to school night in mid to late August.

Grace and peace be with you all. ~ John



**Looking Ahead to  
Camp Cheerio  
Date: October 15-17**

## **CALLED BUSINESS MEETING AUGUST 8th @ 11:00a**

Before worship service for  
Deacon Elections.

Members please plan to attend to vote on  
this important business.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

As the new church year approaches, the Nominating Committee is actively seeking members who are willing to contribute to the Mount Hermon community beginning September 1. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to serve the church.

## **ROTATING COMMITTEE ORIENTATION**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21**

On Saturday, August 21, the Nominating Committee will host Rotating Committee Orientation Sessions.

Our schedule will be as follows:

Sanctuary Committee	9:00 am
Properties Committee	9:30 am
Special Events Committee	10:00 am
Personnel Committee	10:30 am
Stewardship Committee	11:00 am
Nominating Committee	11:30 am

If you are on a committee, please attend.



## **IN LOVING MEMORY Donations received in memory of Irene Godwin by:**

Peggy Mason ~ Friendship Class

Betty Roberts Vaughn ~ Joyce Dennis ~ David Lewis

Todd & Wendy Riley ~ Janice Thompson

Glenn & Evelyn Lilly ~ Bill & Cindy Dorrity

Wendy Nowell Massey ~ Lesley Nowell Day

Worth & Carolyn Shelton ~ Dorothy Bane

Mount Hermon Sanctuary Committee

Calvin & Nancy Hicks

## **Thank You!**

Words can not express the love I have for my church family! I appreciate the support Irene and I received during her illness and the hard days leading up to her passing. Thank you for all the care, prayers, visits, food, flowers, music, calls and cards which were such a blessing to me and to the family. I thank God for each one of you.

Lucille and the family of Irene

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Mark your calendar to join us for **Homecoming on September 12**. This year we will celebrate 173 years of Mount Hermon serving the community.

Worship Service will begin at 11:00 am followed by our traditional potluck lunch.

Our guest speaker will be our former member, Rev. Beth Link McConnell (daughter of Boyce and Jo Link). Come celebrate the Anniversary of our Church with music, a message and fellowship.

## **Nursery Workers Needed!!**

The church will begin offering nursery care for ages 0-3 during Worship Service on Sunday, July 4. 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 Teah Shinn.



It's time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Now is the perfect time to start finding back to school items, end of summer sales and other items perfect for the shoeboxes.

## ♪ Music Notes ♪

Through scripture, we learn that it is good to praise God through music:

*"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands . . . come before his presence with singing . . ."*

Our favorite hymns also mention the benefits of music when we worship:

*"Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, alleluia, alleluia! To God all thanks and praise belong! Join in the everlasting song: O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

We're singing again during worship services and choir rehearsals are back in full swing after a 15-month unanticipated hiatus. It's so good to be together once again and sing praises to our Lord.

janice

*Psalm 100:1-2*

<sup>2</sup> *"All Creatures of Our God and King," v. 4, based on a poem by St. Francis of Assisi*

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

## Those Needing Our Prayers...

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

### OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews  
Linwood Dillard  
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera  
The Covington - James Grasty  
The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link (Room 108)  
Susan Mikels

### Pray For:

The Family of Irene Godwin  
The Family of Christine Wallace  
The Children and the Children's Ministry  
The Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry  
President Joe Biden  
North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper

### 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

## Outreach Team - Why Attend Church this Coming Sunday?



The very first sentence in the book, *The Purpose Driven Life*, says "It's not about you." Wow. What a start to this famous book. When we walk into church it should be about God, worshipping God with a reverent heart. Not about "us" and "it's about me." "WE" do benefit from the comfort and love that we feel at church, but God and reverence for Him comes first. Another major responsibility of the church is to preach, teach, love, encourage and send believers. Attract unbelievers and preach the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's not about "us" but serving each other in the Name of the One Who we worship. Then we all worship God together frequently. We worship as we study, sing, pray, love, speak, meditate and listen.

**Worship definition in a religious context:** the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for God.

**Why can't we worship away from church?** You can but scripture commands that we meet regularly, encouraging each other, united and passionately serving the community.

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* Hebrews 10:24-25

Start preparing your heart now for this coming Sunday, wherever you may attend, and join others to worship our Lord. Enter His house with reference and thanksgiving, expecting His Spirit to move. Amen.

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

### Church Office

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### **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### ***AUGUST BIRTHDAYS***

08/02 Monique Tedder	08/25 Alex Fitzgerald
08/09 Peggy Parker	08/26 Ethelene Futch
08/18 Sophia Hart	08/27 Alex Mayse
08/20 Donna Adair	08/28 Johnny Mason
08/22 Ruby Clements	08/30 Edna Berry
08/25 Patricia Rigsbee	08/30 John Frederick

### ***AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES***

08/05 Kevin & Teah Shinn  
 08/16 Pastor Rich & Elizabeth Goodier

### ***SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS***

09/03 Beth Brewer	09/27 Tammy Bowling
09/09 Rich Goodier	09/28 Tim Thompson
09/15 Vic Davis	

### ***SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES***

09/10 Ivan & Catalina Serrano  
 09/30 Johnny & Peggy Mason  
 09/07 Pastor Rich 11th year Church Anniversary

### Stewardship

2021	June	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$15,133	\$94,487
Budget Need	\$15,912	\$102,065
Difference (short)	(\$ 779)	(\$7,578)

#### **Property Renovation Fund - June 2021**

Beginning Balance \$18,441  
 Ending Balance \$23,306

During the month of June the Payroll Protection Loan was forgiven. Continue to Pray for the financial health of the church.

### **OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH**

Lotion

### **OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH**

Canned Vegetables/Beans

### Discipleship

Love is in the air and we are ready to celebrate! As you know, Pastor Rich and Elizabeth will soon celebrate their first year anniversary. John DeWitt and Abby will celebrate getting married. As a church, we want to take this opportunity to help them celebrate. So this is what's happening and mark your calendars.

**August 8 @ 4:45** meet in the sanctuary to witness via LiveStream the wedding of John DeWitt and Abby Chenells. So excited for them!

**August 22** immediately after the church service join us in the fellowship hall for a potluck lunch/reception for Pastor Rich and Elizabeth. We were unable to have this last year due to Covid restrictions but we want them to know how much we appreciate them and wish them many happy years here at Mount Hermon!

**September 25 @ 1:00** the church will be hosting a wedding shower for John and Abby. You can find their registry at target.com. Look it up and find out about their hopes and dreams for setting up housekeeping together. Join us in showing them love and appreciation for all they do on this special day!

Lots more happening so keep an eye on the church bulletin, Peggy does a fantastic job of keeping that up to date. Find some way to get involved. Interested in us doing something different or have suggestions? Just let me know. I'm always open to new ideas. ~Cookie