



Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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July 2021

CHURCH EVENTS

July 3

Noon - July 4 Cookout

July 4

Independence Day

July 5

Church Office Closed

July 6-9

Kids Passport Camp

July 6

6:30 Children & Youth
Dinner & Movie

July 11

Lord's Supper
Deacon Elections

July 22

Newsletter Input Due

July 25

Business Meeting

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

Thursday

6:30p Amen Class

JULY DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:
Steve Paschall/Peggy Mason

Pastor's Pen

Christian Love

As I walked by a storefront I noticed a small sign for sale, the kind that one would hang on a door or kitchen wall. It said, "Love is all you need." It made me wonder what we Christians have to say about love and its necessity in life. We do worship a God who is love, so naturally a sign like this is a wonderful invitation to discuss the God we love.

Our culture defines love in many ways. We see love defined as simply respecting one another's boundaries. "You do not go onto my property, and I will not go onto your property, and that makes good neighbors." Or perhaps the love we encounter seeks to not offend. "In polite conversation, avoid controversial issues and do not challenge other's opinions." Or love is merely tolerating others. "Let them live their own life. Who are you to tell another person how to live?"

We can all agree that these versions of love are lacking and barely begin to define the kind of love we find in Scripture. Christian love is active, moving, generative. When we encounter Christian love, it leaves a mark that does not soon disappear. In the case of Jesus, these marks remain on his hands and feet. In response, we carry the mark of undying gratitude.

I was once again struck by the nature of Christian love while reading a book with our youth pastor, John DeWitt, about the dangers and pitfalls that small churches face. One of the greatest of these is lacking Christian love. The book reminded us that *Christian love is sacrificial love*. Jesus tells his disciples, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:12-13 NIV)

Christian love is Sacrificial love. Jesus teaches us how to love this way through the way he lives. Jesus has taught Mount Hermon how to love this way. Christian love is not giving of our abundance. It is giving of our very selves. Mount Hermon has reminded me of sacrificial love many times. May we continue to exemplify this love in our community.

In Christ, Pastor Rich

If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit. Galatians 5:25

NURSERY COVERAGE FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

7/04 - Maria Butron/Dan Vogel
7/11 - Teah Shinn/Peggy Mason
7/18 - Abby Chennells/Elizabeth Goodier
7/25 - Catalina Gonzalez - Kevin Shinn

Schedule for July 2021

07/04	The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-26
07/11	The Friends	Mark 2:1-12
07/18	The Woman in the Crowd	Matthew 9:18-26
07/25	Pilate	John 18:28-40

Services Available on CD upon request

Children and Youth Ministry



The month of June was an exciting one for the children and youth. We started meeting on Sundays at 9:30a in our classrooms for the first time in over a year, we had a kickball game at Steve Paschall's house, and we went to a Durham Bulls game!

We have an exciting month planned for July as well. Some of the students will be going to **Passport Kids from July 6-9th**. During that time, Robbe and Stacy will have a movie night at the church for the students who are not at Passport.

July 22nd will be a Water and Worship night. The children and youth will come together for a worship service and then a time of water games. It will start at 6:15 pm and end at 8 pm.

I also wanted to give a special shout out to Teah Shinn. Teah joined our team last month and she has been a huge help to the children and youth ministry team. Teah organized the nursery sign-up sheet and filled it all up before the time she was even supposed to make an announcement for it. We are so grateful to have her on our team.

Robbe has felt a call to start teaching the Friendship Class and after prayer and discernment, she and the church confirmed that calling. We will miss her dearly. She has put in 13 years of work to the children and youth and we are so grateful for her service to us. Robbe will pass the baton of leadership of the Middle School class to Abby Chennells. Abby is excited to take on this new role and she is more than qualified for it. Thank you so much Robbe for all you have done. Robbe's last day of teaching the Middle Schoolers will be August 29th, and Abby will start leading the middle schoolers that Wednesday for the first Wednesday night of the year. Please show your appreciation to Robbe as she begins to transition out of her role.

Grace and peace be with you all. ~ John

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.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Donations received in memory of Barbara Nowell by:

Jamie Riley ~ Joyce Dennis ~ Peggy Mason
Margie Whitfield ~ Rev. Calvin Griffin
Glenn & Evelyn Lilly ~ Dan Vogel
Janice Thompson ~ Sheryl Clark
Good Samaritan Church ~ Ray & Belinda Tilley
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Mount Hermon Sanctuary Committee
Wendy Massey ~ Lesley Day

Donations were received in memory of Phyllis Hamm Scott by:

Mount Hermon Sanctuary Committee
Edna Berry

Donations were received in memory of Lillie Philpot and Robert Holloway by:

Alice Parker

DEACON ELECTIONS JULY 11th

(3 positions)

Requirements:

Christian for minimum of 3 years
Member of Mount Hermon at least 1 year
Of good Christian Character (1 Timothy 3)

Not Eligible:

Jerry Nowell and Robbe Riley (rotating off)
John Frederick, Peggy Mason, Steve Paschall
and Tim Thompson (currently serving)

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. Here are some of areas of service that will be available beginning September 1:

Church Clerk	Nominating Committee
Trustee	Special Events Committee
Personnel Committee	Sanctuary Committee
Stewardship Committee	Church Historian
Properties Committee	Sunday School Teacher/Assistant

Please prayerfully consider how you would like to serve the church.

♪ Music Notes ♪



Choir Rehearsal

When:
Wednesday,
July 7

Place: Sanctuary
Time: 7:15 pm
(following Bible Study)

All are invited as we gather again and praise God in song!

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Psalm 100: 1-2 (KJV)

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 1 Peter 4:10

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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

OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Duke Hospital - Bill Clayton
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera
Home in Hospice Care - Irene Godwin
The Covington - James Grasty
The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link (Room 108)

Pray For:

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 Pivovarova, 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 - Fill The Tank



A special day for N.C. Baptists is happening in September. We are being challenged to "Fill the Tank" and baptize those who have made decisions to accept Jesus as their Lord. Yes, literally filling our baptismal pool and having a service of celebration and baptism. Some in our church have already made this decision and awaiting baptism. Baptism is a religious ceremony that involves a brief immersion in water signifying washing away of sin and acceptance of Christianity as a new way of life. Contact one of our pastors or members if you want to know more about becoming a Christian.

Pastor Michael Pardue, First Baptist Icard, said the emphasis is a reminder of

Baptists' doctrinal distinctives. "This emphasis will not only bring excitement to our state, but it will also serve as a reminder of who we are as Baptists and what we are all about. I hope churches from all over the state will join, not just because we are doing a baptism on Sunday, but because God has called us to baptize people from all nations." Questions to ponder:

Have you accepted Jesus as your Savior?

Did you follow this decision up by being baptized as a symbol of your commitment?

Are you witnessing to those who have not accepted Jesus?

Will you pray for the Holy Spirit to move in those who you may witness to?

Will you commit to sharing the Gospel with those who do not have eternal life through Christ?

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

Mount Hermon sits on this corner and has baptized hundreds if not thousands of persons since 1848.

This is the main reason that we exist. A decision to follow Jesus changes everything. Your life on earth is 100% different and your eternal destiny in heaven is secured. Let's pray that the Lord works in marvelous ways from now until September in the lives of those who do not know Jesus. Amen.

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

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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

Stewardship

2021	May	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$18,297	\$79,354
Budget Need	\$19,890	\$87,516
Difference (short)	(\$ 1,582)	(\$8,162)

Property Renovation Fund - May 2021

Beginning Balance \$17,776
 Ending Balance \$18,441

Continue to pray for the financial health of the church

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.

**OCC ITEM OF
THE MONTH**
 Deodorant

**OCIM ITEM OF
THE MONTH**
 Cereal & Juice

Discipleship

Exciting things are happening at Mount Hermon! On July 3rd, we will have our annual 4th of July cookout. There is a signup sheet on the glass case in the hallway for you to bring sides and such. Meat is provided by the church. What a great opportunity to gather and celebrate the reopening of the church.

Another event happening is the Coastal Women's Retreat at Fort Caswell September 17-19, 2021. Cost is \$175 for 2 nights lodging, 4 meals and conference costs. I must know by July 15th if you plan to attend. A deposit of \$90 is due at that time and the remainder is due September 1st.

Sunday school is meeting at 9:30a with the Multiply class and Friendship class for adults and youth and children classes as well. The Amen class will continue to meet on Thursday evening at 6:30 and a new Bible Study group for young adults has begun at the parsonage on Monday nights at 7:00 pm.

Whew!!! We have a lot going on here at Mount Hermon but I do have a word of caution. As we open back up, try not to fill every minute of everyday with "stuff". One of the benefits of the pandemic was it forced us to slow down and have some space. Remember that feeling and try to carve some time in your day to relax and regroup and practice saying No. Keep washing your hands and stay safe! ~Cookie

