

CHURCH EVENTS

October 3

Deacon Ordination and
Affirmation Service
2:00 Deacons' Meeting

October 10

Lord's Supper

October 15-17

Children's Camp Cheerio

October 24

Business Meeting
Following Service

October 26

Yates Association Annual
Mission Celebration
Ridgecrest Baptist Ch
3:30p Afternoon Session
6:45p Evening Session

October 31

Favorite Hymn Sunday

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
6:00p Children & Youth
7:15 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

6:30p Amen Class

OCTOBER DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:
Bob Brewer/Kevin Shinn

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



grow



bearfruit

October 2021

Pastor's Pen

In Christ

Have you ever come across the phrase, "in Christ" while reading the New Testament? It is used dozens of times in ways that might have us pass it over but when considered can be quite confusing.

Consider these verses from Paul and Peter. "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus," (Romans 8:1 NIV) "Peace to all of you who are in Christ." (1 Peter 5:14 NIV) You could probably guess that "in Christ" in these verses refers to Christians. In fact, this was a way to describe Christians, more often than simply using the word, "Christian." Perhaps the reason is that "in Christ" communicates so much more than a label.

In Galatians, Paul uses "in Christ" to describe our identity in much deeper ways.

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26-28 NIV

As Christians we are enveloped by Christ Jesus, so much so that his identity becomes our identity! Christ Jesus is the Son of God? We too are children of God! The first thing that God sees when looking at us is Jesus Christ as we are clothed with Christ. Furthermore, since we are all "in Christ," our differences fade away. Your ethnicity, social status, gender, and everything else that comprised your identity before being "in Christ" take a back seat to your principal identity in Christ.

Recently a few young adults at Mount Hermon were commiserating over the allure of Social Media determining our identity. No matter our age, we all want to be liked, and it is tempting to find our identity (and tweak our identity) based off of responses we get online. Did you receive dislikes from a post? Stay away from that. Did you receive likes? Post more of that. Without a secure identity "in Christ," we will be tossed to and fro by the winds of Social Media. Social Media has become one of the greatest threats to a genuine Christian identity to those living today.

How do we counter this threat? Well, it is probably a good first step to limit your time on Social Media. Instead, fill this time with interactions that remind you of your principal identity "in Christ." Read Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. Write down every time you find "in Christ." Pray over these verses. Finally, spend time with others in Christ who remind you of your true identity. Doing these things, remembering that your identity is secure in Christ Jesus, will transform how you live in this world and with others. In Christ, Pastor Rich

Nursery Coverage

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| 10/03 | Shaina Riley / Jamie Riley |
| 10/10 | Catalina Gonzalez / Valentina Serrano |
| 10/17 | Blanca Serrano / Maria Butron |
| 10/24 | Peggy Mason / Wendy Dixon |
| 10/31 | Cookie Frederick / Teah Shinn |

Sermon Schedule for October 2021

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| 10/03 | What is Faith: Dead Faith |
| 10/10 | What is Faith: Faith of Jesus Christ |
| 10/17 | TBD: John Frederick Preaching |
| 10/24 | What is Hope: Wanting Really Hard |
| 10/31 | What is Hope: Assurance |

Children and Youth Ministry



In the month of September, the youth started to meet on Wednesday nights for worship and discipleship groups. The girls are being led by Abby and they have been working through Haggai. They have been reading a section of the book

before Wednesday and then coming and talking through what they learned from the passage. Abby has told me many times that she has to be on her "A game" in her weekly study of the book because the girls will always come with such great perspectives and interpretations. The guys have been working through the pastoral epistles as some of our guys are sensing a call to ministry in one way or another.

We are excited for the month of October. We will be having a pumpkin carving competition in the later part of the month.

Cheerio Youth was moved to **November 13th** at the Paschall's barn.

Grace and peace be with you all. ~ John



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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!

The new **2021-2022 Church Directory** is available. Pick one up at the church or if you need one mailed to you, call the church office (919-383-2982).

New contact information for Pastor Rich:

Pastor Rich has a new home phone number:
919-886-5830.

You may also call him on his cell number which remains the same: 540-735-7254.

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

♪ Music Notes ♪

For the beauty of the earth . . .

Lord of all, to Thee we raise

this our hymn of grateful praise!

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH

Soap

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH

Potatoes

(canned, scalloped, mashed, etc)

DEACON ASSIGNMENTS:

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| Steve Couch | A-B |
| Peggy Mason | C-D |
| Bob Brewer | E-I |
| Tim Thompson | J-M |
| John Frederick | N-Q |
| Steve Paschall | R-S |
| Kevin Shinn | T-Z |

Deacon Chair, Tim Thompson

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.

If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26



It's time to start collecting for 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. Collection boxes can be found all over the church.

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.



Thank you for your support of the North Carolina Missions Offering which supports the ministries of North Carolina Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission.

Church Goal \$800
Raised to Date: \$1,840

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

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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| Ronda Barton | Jerald Fuller | Jerry Nowell |
| Maria Brooks | Lacey Doar Girouard | Joan Page |
| Judith Carrig | Judy Hanson | Peggy Parker |
| Bill Clayton | Ann Harper | Betty Jane Poole |
| Rachel Clayton | Carolyn Harper | Patricia Rigsbee |
| Joseph Dennard | Brenda Hartsfield | Justin Riley |
| Joan Dixon | Edith Lee | Ridge Riley |
| Bill Dorrity | David Lewis | Sheila Seawell |
| Linda Ferettino | Laurie Loving | Phyllis Wallace |

OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera
The Covington - James Grasty
The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link (Room 108)
Duke Hospital - Randy Mason
Duke Regional Hospital - (baby) Granger Ross

Pray For:

The People of Afghanistan
People affected by recent storms and flooding
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

The very last words spoken to us by Jesus just before he left His earthly ministry behind are recorded in Acts 1:8. He tells us that we will receive power from the Holy Spirit and we will be His witnesses, telling people about Him everywhere. In our neighborhood, in our community, in our region, and in all the earth. That in a nutshell is what a Christ centered church is to be about. Not what it looks like but what it does. Be doers of the Word, Jesus brother tells us in the book of James.

How we begin that is to make our facilities here at Mount Hermon open to out neighbors. We are talking/praying about that now. That is our Jerusalem.

We continue to reach out to OCC and the inmates who currently live there. We look for that to open back up for our personal engagement of those men there soon. Also we have been in contact with Christian agencies that are helping resettle Afghan refugees in the RTP area. These people represent our Judea.

Baptist on Mission help us reach out to our state in the aftermath of natural disasters. Training will be available for us to prepare to work with our state agency in the spring. We want to prepare to respond by engaging that training opportunity. That of course can take us to places all over the US. That is an example of what our Samaria might look like.

Finally the earth might look like Guatemala to some of us. We are in contact with Roger and Vicki Grossman and have reserved a week the end of February to go and work on the children's home. Of course we can only respond when He opens doors, because we can only go and be effective in places where His Spirit directs. How we know and understand is simply pray and seek His guidance and then comes the power. May it be so Lord Jesus, give us faith to work by the direction and power of Your Holy Spirit. ~ Steve Paschall

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

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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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 10/01 Margie Whitfield | 10/15 Eddie Andrews |
| 10/09 Joyce Dennis | 10/24 Fernanda Serrano Gonzalez |
| 10/11 Robbe Riley | 10/25 Todd Riley |
| 10/14 Jerry Nowell | 10/26 Lucille King |
| 10/15 Susan Walker | |

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 11/01 Jeff Brueggeman | 11/11 James Grasty |
| 11/03 Wendy Dixon | 11/20 Daniel Poma Butron |
| 11/05 Jamie Riley | 11/24 Cole Thompson |
| 11/09 Bill Clayton | 11/30 Joan Page |
| 11/10 Candy Brady | |

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/16 Bob & Beth Brewer
11/17 Jody & Candy Brady
11/20 Wendy & Dean Dixon

Stewardship

| 2021 | August | Year-to-Date |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Budget Income | \$17,107 | \$128,272 |
| Budget Need | \$19,890 | \$137,867 |
| Difference (short) | (\$2,783) | (\$9,595) |

Property Renovation Fund - August 2021

Beginning Balance \$25,021
Ending Balance \$23,436.29

Parsonage renovations are almost complete. In the next few weeks the Stewardship Committee will be reviewing the amount borrowed from the church money market account to complete the renovation and will make a recommendation to the church for repayment as voted and approved by the church members. Please pray for the financial health of the church. Peggy Mason, Treasurer

Discipleship

We recently took a trip to my hometown, Lynch, Ky. It was fun seeing some of the places that were special to me when I was growing up and sharing them with my family. It has been 16 years since I have been there and much has changed. Many houses have been abandoned or torn down, the old school has been neglected and plants have taken over, many people are gone and those that are left are aging. I was able to visit with my best friends Jacqueline and Dawne and my heart adopted brother, George. We also went by the family cemetery where my parents and many of my relatives are buried. Because of the tropical system going through there was lots of rain and fog in the mountains and one of the things I was unable to do was visit was Kingdom Come State Park. This is a beautiful area on top of the mountain with some of the most spectacular views around. But alas, the rain and fog made that impossible.

Life is full of the good and the bad, the happy and sad, change and disappointment. How you respond to these determines your peace and contentment. When Jesus was here on earth with his disciples, he met many people. Some were blind, lame, demon possessed, immoral, sick, discontent. Jesus told the people to come to him if they were tired and weary and burdened, unhappy, sick, discontented and he would give them rest.

We have been dealing with the effects of Covid-19 for 18 months. We are tired and weary and uneasy and grieved. Uncertainty is all around us with Covid on the rise and school starting back. This is the perfect opportunity to let our light shine as we trust in Jesus to see us through. If we trust him and rest all our burdens in Him, peace and contentment can be ours ~ Cookie