

## CHURCH EVENTS

### April 1 - 2

Youth D-Now Event

### April 2

9:00a Baptist Men

### April 3

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

### April 10

Palm Sunday

### April 13

No Bible Study Groups  
6:00p Choir

### April 14

7:00p Maundy Thursday  
Service / Lord's Supper

### April 15

Good Friday  
Church Office Closed

### April 16

1:00p Easter Egg Hunt

### April 17

Easter Sunday  
7:00a Sunrise Service  
8:00a Potluck Breakfast  
9:30a Sunday School  
11:00a Worship Service

### April 21

Newsletter Input Due

### April 24

Business Meeting  
Following Worship

### April 29-30

Men's Outdoor Weekend

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

### Thursday

6:30p Amen Class

## APRIL DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:  
Bob Brewer/Kevin Shinn

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



grow



bearfruit

*April 2022*

## Pastor's Pen

## Shepherd of God's Sheep

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.  
Hebrews 13:20-21 NIV

Twelve years ago this summer, you, the people of Mount Hermon Baptist Church, called me to serve as your pastor. I cannot express my deep gratitude for how you welcomed me into your community. We took a chance on one another, and God blessed it immensely. As our time together comes to an end in just a few short months, let us all take time to look back, look forward, and listen to our Master's voice along the way.

The title of pastor literally means shepherd, and that is what I have sought to be for this church. It has been a privilege being the shepherd of Mount Hermon. I have endeavored to "equip you with everything good for doing [God's] will." Where I have succeeded, I was met with gratitude. Where I have faltered, I was met with grace. My hope is that we can look back and see how we have become more like our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In two months your shepherd will leave, but your "Chief Shepherd," as Peter calls him, will remain. A church without a pastor is still a church, for the head of this church is Jesus Christ, has been and will ever be. Jesus has shepherded me as pastor, and Jesus will shepherd you. There is no reason to be anxious sheep. On the contrary, you can practice supernatural patience and peace knowing that Jesus is with you moving forward.

In John 10, Jesus says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." There are many voices that we can follow in this world. My hope is that I have helped you hear your shepherd's voice in the midst of the growing cacophony. And this hope is strong, secured by what I have witnessed at Mount Hermon through the years. May your Chief shepherd's voice guide you through every blessing along the way until we are all reunited in God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

In Christ, Pastor Rich

## Sermon Schedule for April 2022

04/03	Say Yes to Jesus Guest Preacher: Steve Clayton	Philippians 3:4-14
04/10	Not Leaving the Testimony to the Rocks Guest Preacher: John DeWitt	Luke 19:28-40
04/17	Easter Sunday	
04/24	The Earth is Full of God's Creatures!	Psalm 104

## **OUTREACH**

### **The Clouds of War**

For some five weeks now we have watched the Ukrainian people suffer unprovoked aggression by the Russian forces under the command of Putin. He has been charged formally with war crimes by the US State Department. Most of us can understand why and concur with the fact that this is a barbaric attack carried out on largely a civilian population.

Baptist on Mission has responded by providing disaster relief resources for the tens of thousands of refugees streaming across the borders of neighboring countries. How can we help. **PRAY PRAY PRAY!** Then we can give! Mount Hermon will take up a love offering for two Sundays to support the material needs of the Ukrainian refugees. Then considering going! Just now there are more volunteers than can be used in the next few weeks but go on line and fill out the short two minute form to sign up as a volunteer to work at one of our refugee camps.

At home the battle is fierce also. Drugs continue to wreck our homes and communities. Most of us know personally people in our own families and close circle of friends that have had their lives wrecked by addiction. I'm dealing with that issue as I write this article. It breaks my heart and is destroying a life as I write. What can we do, **PRAY PRAY PRAY!** Locally we have access to a more intimate source of prayer. We have members here at Mount Hermon who will pray with you. We are a phone call away. Just call my cell phone and we will gather a group of our number who will come and pray with you for a loved one or a sickness you might be facing. That is one face of missions. That is where missions begins. (850) 698-1022

Pray for Peace, Prepare for War (in the spiritual realms) ~ Steve Paschall



Available for children ages 4-8  
See Abby DeWitt



**EASTER EGG HUNT!**  
**AT MOUNT HERMON**  
**APRIL 16th @ 1:00p**  
**AGES 1-10 YEARS OF AGE**

## ***Those Needing Our Prayers...***

Candy Brady	Lacey Doar Girouard	Laurie Loving
Maria Brooks	Judy Hanson	Jerry Nowell
Judith Carrig	Ann Harper	Joan Page
Bill Clayton	Carolyn Harper	Peggy Parker
Rachel Clayton	Brenda Hartsfield	Betty Jane Poole
Vic Davis	Paul Kowzan	Justin Riley
Joan Dixon	Edith Lee	Ridge Riley
Jerald Fuller	Stacy Lee	Sheila Seawell
	David Lewis	Phyllis Wallace

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

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews  
Duke Regional Hospital - Shirley Andrews  
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera  
Home Care - Linda Ferettino  
The Covington Assisted Living - James Grasty  
The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link (Room 108)

#### **Pray For:**

The People of Ukraine  
The family of Doug Lethco  
The family of Shelia Couch  
The safe gathering of our Church  
The Children and the Children's Ministry Team  
Our Brothers at OCC and the AOP Ministry  
President Joe Biden  
Governor Roy Cooper

#### **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  
and Good Shepherd Ministries

## **Children and Youth Ministry**

In March, we finished up a series where our students would submit topics to discuss and we would talk through them using a Biblical Worldview. This lesson series was very fruitful and I enjoyed the conversation that came with it.

During April, we will be going through a lesson series on the Gospel. Some questions that will be answered in this series are: What is it? What is it not? How does it relate to me? How can I share it?

April 1st and 2nd will be D-Now, a discipleship-based and Mission-focused event where the students will be involved in 2 service projects and also focus on the theme of Welcome. We are excited about this opportunity to grow closer to God!

Thank you all so much for how you support the students and the student ministry here at Mount Hermon. Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

♪ *Music Notes* ♪  
*Easter Sunday at Mount Hermon*  
*April 17, 2022*



Invite others to join us this Easter as we celebrate and worship!

Reflect on these lyrics as you prepare for the Lord's Resurrection:

*Now the curse, it has been broken,  
 Jesus paid the price for me.  
 Full, the pardon He has offered,  
 Great the welcome that I receive.*

*Boldly I approach my Father,  
 Clothed in Jesus' righteousness.  
 There is no more guilt to carry.  
 It was finished upon that cross.*

Thanks be to God for His love for us! -janice

**Stewardship**

<b>2022</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
General Budget Need:	\$16,360	\$36,810
General Budget Income	\$13,303	\$27,851
Difference	(\$3,057)	(\$8,959)
<b>Loan Repayment:</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$32,000	
Repayment to Date	\$ 1,602	
Remaining Balance	\$30,398	

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



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

Church Goal \$800.00

Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry exists to provide and promote spiritual comfort and growth to the men assigned to Orange Correctional Center through services rendered by a full-time funded chaplain. Further, the ministry strives to better prepare OCC residents with skills, abilities and motivation to successfully reintegrate into their communities and families upon release.

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

### Church Office

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## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### *APRIL BIRTHDAYS*

04/06 Blanca Serrano Gonzalez	04/10 Skyler Paschall
04/08 Virginia Pasour	04/15 Katrina Paschal
04/09 Dan Vogel	04/24 Amanda Clayton

### *APRIL ANNIVERSARIES*

04/13 Don Lee & Virginia Pasour  
 04/28 John & Cookie Frederick

### *MAY BIRTHDAYS*

05/01 Brian Tedder	05/07 Stacy Lee
05/04 Terri Anne Darby	05/31 Abby DeWitt

### *MAY ANNIVERSARIES*

05/10 David & Lisa Parrott  
 05/17 Dan & Ethel Vogel  
 05/18 Gary & Katrina Paschall



*Memorial received in  
 loving memory of*  
*Shelia Couch*  
*By Joyce Dennis*

*In the path of righteousness is life, and in its  
 pathway, there is no death. – Proverbs 12:28*



Collection for the Christmas  
 Shoebox Ministry is underway!  
 You will find collection boxes  
 around the church for donations.  
 Look for sale items as you shop  
 that would be perfect for the  
 shoeboxes such as: end of season sales,  
 summer sales, school item sales, etc.

## **DISCIPLESHIP**

What a crazy week this has been...or should I say two weeks. Pastor Rich announces his resignation (so sad for me, so happy for them), our missionaries return from Guatemala followed by the missionaries from Guatemala coming here, I break my toe at OCIM when I drop a can of Brunswick stew on my foot...Whew!!!!

Life goes on regardless of what happens. We at Mount Hermon are in a really good place right now. We are healthy spiritually and financially. We have a loving and caring congregation. Overall, our coach is leaving us when we are at the top of our game. For some churches, this is not true but I am grateful for the 12 years that Pastor Rich has been here and how the church has grown during this time.

Looking forward, I see wonderful things happening here. We will be starting a Young Adults study group on Sunday morning very soon. I will be meeting with them soon to get that finalized. We now have a prayer room in what used to be the Pastor's office right outside the sanctuary on the piano side. Please make use of this room when you need a place to pray and spend some quiet time with God. Easter morning we will have a potluck breakfast in the fellowship hall after the sunrise service. Bring something as simple as donuts or as complex as a breakfast casserole. Coffee and juice will be provided.

Make sure to stay involved in all that the church offers as we continue to go forward during this time of transition. And remember to Sprout, Grow and Bear Fruit in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Cookie

## **DEACON ASSIGMENTS:**



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

**OCC ITEM OF  
 THE MONTH**  
 Shampoo

**OCIM ITEM OF  
 THE MONTH**  
 Canned Meats