

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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February 2022

CHURCH EVENTS

February 5

9:00a Baptist Men's Mtg
2:00p Foosball Tournament

February 6

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

February 13

Souper Bowl of Caring
Lord's Supper

February 20

Business Meeting
Following Worship

February 21

Newsletter Input Due

February 26-March 5

Guatemala Mission Trip

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

FEBRUARY DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:
Steve Couch/John Frederick

Looking Ahead

Ash Wednesday - March 2
Palm Sunday - April 10
Maundy Thursday - April 14
Easter Sunday - April 17

Pastor's Pen

What Is Worship?

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Psalm 100:1-2 NIV

What is worship? What are we doing when we get together on Sunday morning? Why do we do the things we do? These end up being harder questions to answer than at first glance. Yes, we can offer a theological definition that involves the presence of God's Spirit and the gathered people of God. And this definition can serve as a "skeleton" to what worship is. But once we start hanging details upon this skeleton in order to define worship, we can find it difficult to narrow it down any further.

Does worship involve singing? It can. Does it include preaching? It can. Does it have times to give, to pray aloud, to listen to others pray, to listen to others sing? All of these elements are quite legitimate ways to worship. In the end, when considering Sunday morning worship, none of these elements is required but all are encouraged.

A survey of Christian corporate worship through the centuries and around the world testifies to how diverse worship can be! I remember worshiping with Russian Baptists, Indian Brethren, Puerto Rican Charismatics, and American Methodists. The nature of their worship, the atmosphere, the tone, nearly everything about their worship was indistinguishable from the other. We at Mount Hermon who are familiar with one kind of worship may feel quite uncomfortable and out of place worshiping with sisters and brothers in the Middle East, the birthplace of Christianity, or even in the African American church down the street. And yet we can be challenged to rethink worship at Mount Hermon in the process.

This month during Sunday worship I will be asking these questions above and ruminating on why we worship and how we can bring more worship into Sunday worship. I look forward to walking this journey of worship together.

In Christ, Pastor Rich

Sermon Schedule for February 2022

02/06	Spirit and Truth	John 4:19-26
02/13	True and Proper Worship	Romans 12:1-2
02/20	Elements of Worship	Psalm 100
02/27	Worship Forever	Revelation 7

♪ Music Notes ♪

During the pandemic, the Mount Hermon Choir has welcomed several new members – Amanda Clayton, Dianne Daniel, Elizabeth Goodier, Elizabeth Millar, Teah Shinn and Susan Walker. We're also happy when Audrianna Frederick and Ted Darby sing with us. I am thankful for each voice that is used to praise and glorify our Father in Heaven.

Are you interested in joining us too? Anyone who enjoys making a joyful noise is welcomed! Choir practice is held each Wednesday night at 7:15 pm in the sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you there! Janice

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH

Toothpaste

OCIM FOOD OF THE MONTH

Fruit/Applesauce

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to the Youth Missions Fundraising including the Christmas Gift Wrapping and Foolsball Tournament. These funds will be used to help our two youth go to Guatemala as well as other mission events to come!

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



The Youth will sponsor the **Souper Bowl of Caring** again this year! This will take place on **February 13th**. Be sure to bring canned goods or donations to church that Sunday to be collected after the service.

OUTREACH

OUTREACH TEAM REPORT MISSIONS CALENDAR FEBRUARY / MARCH 2022

February 22 – NC Baptists on Mission Region 4 Missions Rally at Fairview Baptist Church, 5608 Ten-Ten Rd, Apex NC. Sign up with your small group outreach leader. Since dinner will be served, numbers are needed by February 15.

February 26 – Mission Trip to Guatemala - Six team members from Mount Hermon will depart to spend a week “on mission” with our missionary partners at the Good Shepherd Center. Two of our youth, Blanca Serrano Gonzalez and Daniel Poma Butron, have stepped up along with Teah and Kevin Shinn, Steve Clayton, and Steve Paschall. Please pray for the team’s health as all will need clean COVID tests going and coming. We will be joined by six others from Roseboro, NC and western NC with a planned return on March 5.

March 5 and April 9 - Disaster Relief Training - If you want to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the aftermath of a disaster in NC, this is a must event. You may choose the areas where you think God could use your skills, and the NC Baptist Disaster Relief agency will do the rest.

March 25 & 26 – NC Baptists on Mission Conference at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston Salem NC. Missionaries from all over the world will gather, share their stories, and invite you to join in their work. We will experience some of the best preaching and worship in America today. Come and join us there. Details will be available at the missions table.

Steve Paschall

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

Stewardship

In December, we regrettably accepted the resignation of our Financial Secretary/Bookkeeper, Vickie Sorrell. We are grateful to her for the many years she served the church in this role. We wish Vickie and her family well in their new endeavors as residents of Holden Beach.

We are in the process of hiring a new Bookkeeper and will begin reporting our financial status as soon as possible.

At the December business meeting it was voted to begin the repayment of \$32,000 borrowed from the Church Money Market account for the parsonage renovation. The repayment will be made from the Property Renovation Fund in the amount of \$534/month for 5 years. The first payment was made January 14.

Please consider increasing your giving with a contribution to the PRP fund.

On January 9 the church approved the 2022 budget by a vote of 30-1

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

Baptist Men

Attention Men of Mount Hermon!

On Saturday, February 5 we will kick off the New Year with a meeting at 9:00 a.m. I look forward to seeing you all there! ~ Tim Thompson

Those Needing Our Prayers...

Candy Brady	Lacey Doar Girouard	Jerry Nowell
Maria Brooks	Judy Hanson	Joan Page
Judith Carrig	Ann Harper	Peggy Parker
Bill Clayton	Carolyn Harper	Betty Jane Poole
Rachel Clayton	Brenda Hartsfield	Justin Riley
Joseph Dennard	Edith Lee	Ridge Riley
Miller Dennis	David Lewis	Sheila Seawell
Joan Dixon	Laurie Loving	Phyllis Wallace
Linda Ferettino		

OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera
The Covington Assisted Living - James Grasty
The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link (Room 108)
Rex Hospital - Doug Lethco

Pray For:

All our Friends, Family and Community affected by Covid
The Children and the Children's Ministry Team
Our Brothers at OCC and the AOP Ministry
President Joe Biden
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 and Good Shepherd Ministries



Children and Youth Ministry

Greetings Mount Hermon Family!

In January we had a prayer retreat, during the prayer retreat, we learned different ways to pray and devote ourselves to God daily. We praised God through song, studied God's Word through Lectio Divina, prayed thoughtfully during a prayer walk around the church, prayed creatively through praying in color, and did meditative and reflective prayer at the end of the day.

The Youth have been planning a Foosball Tournament/Fundraiser. However, due to inclement weather the Foosball Tournament was rescheduled and is now scheduled for February 5 @ 2:00p. Come join us for a fun time and support your Foosball Athletes.

This February we will be having a Valentine's Day party on February 12.

Two of our students will be traveling with the Mission Team to Guatemala this month. Please be praying for them as they do God's will there.

Thank you all so much for your support of the Student Ministry at Mount Hermon Baptist Church!

Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

1 Chronicles 16:24

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Music Leader: Janice Thompson

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/03 Bob Brewer 02/17 Morgan Sorrell
02/04 Eddie Lee 02/28 Elizabeth Goodier
02/12 Valentina Serrano Gonzalez

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

02/05 Tim & Janice Thompson

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/03 Maria Poma 03/13 John DeWitt
03/03 Jerald Fuller 03/22 Teah Shinn
03/04 Don Riley 03/26 Charles Harrison
03/06 Peggy Mason 03/29 Cookie Frederick
03/11 Shaina Riley 03/29 Ted Darby
03/11 Kevin Shinn 03/30 Jody Brady



*Memorials received in
loving memory of
William (Bill) Dorrity*

*Edna Berry ~ Peggy Mason ~ Robin Wells
Joyce Dennis ~ Janice Thompson
Robin Hinton ~ Bennett Pointe Grill
Jean Nichols ~ Mike Brockwell
Carolyn Dearing ~ Wanda Maggart*

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

DISCIPLESHIP

Are you a duck or an eagle? This is based on a facebook article I found. I'll give you the Reader's Digest Version as it was kind of long. (If you want to read the whole thing let me know and I'll send it to you) The story is about a cabbie in a big city that picked up a fare at the airport. His clothes were neatly cleaned and pressed, he had a smile on his face and got out of the cab to open the door for his passenger. As he put her luggage in the trunk, he gave her a laminated card that had his mission statement. It read: "Wasu's Mission Statement: to get my customers to their destination in the quickest, safest and cheapest way possible in a friendly environment."

The customer was astounded as she got into an extremely clean cab, was offered a drink, reading material, one of which was a Bible, was asked if the temperature was comfortable and if she wanted information about the city as they travelled or peace and quiet. She said, "Wasu, have you always served customers like this?"

He answered with a smile on his face that for the first 5 years of driving, he was like the other cabbies and spent most of his time complaining. Then he heard about the power of choice one day. Power of choice is that you can be a duck or an eagle. If you get up in the morning expecting to have a bad day, you'll rarely disappoint yourself. Stop complaining. Don't be a duck be an eagle. Ducks quack and complain. Eagles soar above the crowd.

He had spent the first 5 years as a driver complaining but he made the choice to stop. He made a few changes at a time and as people responded positively, he made more. With the changes he made, he became more successful, happier and had a positive influence on the people he had contact.

Are you going to be a duck or an eagle? It's your choice.

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