

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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March 2022

## CHURCH EVENTS

### February 26-March 5

Guatemala Mission Trip

### March 2

6:00p Ash Wednesday

### March 5

9:00a Baptist Men

### March 6

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

### March 13

2:00a Daylight Saving  
Time Begins

2:00p Deacon's  
Follow-up Meeting

### March 19

9:00a Prayer Gathering

### March 20

Lord's Supper  
Business Meeting  
Following Worship

### March 21

Newsletter Input Due

### March 25-26

Baptist on Mission  
Conference

## 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

## Pastor's Pen

## A Case for Christ

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.  
Matthew 5:16 NIV

As you read this, our Guatemala Team is probably midway through their mission, returning in a few days. We eagerly anticipate hearing their experiences with the Good Shepherd Ministries in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala as they share testimonies during the first few Sundays in March.

The Church is experiencing explosive growth in the southern hemisphere, namely Central and South America and Africa. There are now more Christians living in this area of the world than all of North America, Europe, and Russia combined! At the same time the number of those who identify as Christian here in the US has been falling, precipitately so in the last few years. Why is this the case? Most likely there are a number of reasons, but as we enter the season of Lent, let us consider one.

One reason why fewer and fewer identify as Christians around us is the poor example that many Christians provide for what it means to follow Jesus. When Christians see their commitments to Jesus starting and ending on Sunday mornings, living differently throughout the week, does that inspire others to such a faith? When Christians seem more loyal to a political party, even to the point of defending the obvious sins of politicians, does that point seekers to a heavenly calling? When Christians are so passionate about a righteous vision for society that they forget to love their neighbors, will our neighbors be drawn to Jesus? In the words of a friend, "If this is what being a Christian means, why would I ever consider it? No, thank you." Or to use a quotation often attributed to Mahatma Gandhi, "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ."

What is our response to these sentiments? We can grow defensive and continue down a path of Christian obsolescence. Or we can respond with personal and corporate contrition, longing to be more like Jesus. We must embody a Christianity that transforms how we live every second of our lives, where all other loyalties are subsumed under that of Jesus Christ, and where love is the first impulse in all situations. Lent is an opportunity to return to our first love, not only for our sake but the sake of those around us. Our testimonies may be the most powerful case our neighbors may confront regarding Christianity, for or against.

In Christ, Pastor Rich

## Sermon Schedule for March 2022

03/06	Lenten Outreach	Matthew 5:13-16
03/13	John DeWitt Preaching	TBD
03/20	Prayer Service	
03/27	Loving Our Muslim Neighbors	Isaiah 58:1-9a

## Looking Ahead Holy Week

04/10 Palm Sunday  
04/14 Maundy Thurs  
04/17 Easter Sunday

## ♪ Music Notes ♪

During Lent, remember what Christ has done for you and make these lyrics your prayer:

Wherever He leads, I'll go,  
Wherever He leads, I'll go;  
I'll follow my Christ  
Who loves me so,  
Wherever He leads I'll go.



Thank you!  
To all who gave to the Souper Bowl of Caring. \$105.00 was collected along with 75 items of canned goods to support OCIM and our community.



March 13  
Spring Forward to  
Daylight Saving  
Time

### Praying through Lent

Lent has always been a time when Christians renew their focus on prayer and fasting to see God work in their lives, the Church, and the world. The prayers of God's holy people change lives and the course of history. We want to remember that and participate in the work of God's Kingdom beginning with prayer.

During the season of Lent we will offer various opportunities to pray as a church and individually. One to mark on your calendars is the **March 19 Prayer Retreat (9a)**. Church members have enthusiastically begun planning a time of worship and prayer. We will be introduced to various ways to pray throughout the morning, culminating in a prayer vigil.

The following day our Sunday worship service will also focus on prayer. We will have the opportunity to incorporate our prayers from the previous day into corporate worship.

Lent begins this week. Come to the **Ash Wednesday service March 2 (6p)** as we prepare ourselves over the course of these next forty days to celebrate Easter.

### OUTREACH

Please pray for your mission team who will be serving the Good Shepherd Children's Home February 26 - March 5. Come and hear their testimonies during our worship service on March 6.

#### Mount Hermon Team Members:

Blanca Serrano Gonzalez, Daniel Butron,  
Kevin Shinn, Teah Shinn,  
Steve Clayton, Steve Paschall

The highlight of our mission education happens every year at the NC Missions Conference. This year it will be held in Winston Salem, March 25-26. It will inspire you, it will expand your awareness of opportunities to serve Jesus in our world today. Come and join us.

#### March 25-26

2022 Baptist Missions Conference  
Calvary Baptist Church in Winston Salem

To register or for more information:  
<https://baptistsonmission.org/events/missions-conference>

Steve Paschall

**OCC ITEM OF  
THE MONTH**  
Lotion

**OCIM FOOD OF  
THE MONTH**  
Dry Pasta/Pasta Sauce

## Stewardship

### MONTHLY OFFERINGS - JANUARY

**Monthly Budget Need: \$20,450**  
**General Budget Income: \$14,548**  
**Difference - (short) (\$ 5,902)**

We have hired a new Bookkeeper who is working to catch up our financial reports. We have closed out the 2021 Giving/Offering reports for tax reporting. If you were expecting a report and did not receive one by picking it up at the church or receiving it by mail contact the church office.

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. Payments for January and February have been made. Please consider increasing your giving with a contribution to the PRP fund.

In the past 3 months there has been an emphasis on giving to Youth Missions. The fundraisers and gifts have totaled \$5242 to date. \$3200 was used to send Blanca and Daniel to Guatemala with the Mission Team. The remaining funds will go toward Passport Camp and/or other missions events as needed.

Thank you all for your generous support of our children and look forward to other fundraising events in the future!

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

## *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	Edith Lee	Justin Riley
Joan Dixon	Stacy Lee	Ridge Riley
Jerald Fuller	David Lewis	Sheila Seawell
		Phyllis Wallace

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

Brookdale - Bonnie 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)  
Duke Regional Hospital - Doug Lethco

#### **Pray For:**

David Parrott and family, David's father, Jerry Parrott went home to his Lord and Savior, February 19th.

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

February was a packed month for the student ministry we had a foosball tournament and a Valentine's Day party! I want to thank each and every one of you for how you donated to the student ministry through the foosball tournament and other events like the gift wrapping party in December. I also want to thank Gio and Valentina for putting together the foosball tournament. I especially want to thank Gio for running the tournament itself. I would also like to thank Teah and Abby for all the work that they have done to make events possible and all they have done to lead the regular programming of the student ministry.

This March, we do not have youth ministry-specific events, but there are plenty of opportunities for our youth to be involved! We have a prayer weekend on March 19th and 20th and we have a mission conference on the last weekend in March!

Thank you all for your continued support of our students. We are all so thankful for you! Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

*Thank You!*



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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 Also, if you no longer wish to receive the monthly newsletter,  
 please contact the office by phone or email.

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

***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
03/12 Kevin Shinn	03/30 Jody Brady

***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



*Memorials received in  
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 William (Bill) Dorrity*

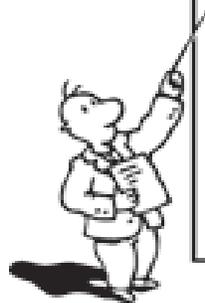
*Lucille King ~ Margie Whitfield  
 David Lewis \_ Harriet Buss  
 Durham Association of Realtors  
 Mount Hermon Sanctuary Committee*

*Memorial Received in memory of  
 Patricia Rigsbee by  
 Mount Hermon Sanctuary Committee*

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

**DISICPLESHIP**

If someone were to ask you to give your testimony, what would you say? Many of us don't feel comfortable doing that because we didn't have a Damascus Road experience like Paul, or we feel scared to share or we just plain don't know what to say. But the truth of the matter is, we all have a story to tell. It may not seem very exciting to you but it may be exactly what someone else needs to hear.



**MAKE  
 Each Day  
 A  
 STORY WORTH  
 Telling**

Think about when you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, how did you feel? Has there been a time in your life when God has answered a prayer or sent

someone to you at just the right time? Have you had struggles or sorrows that you felt God's presence and support? Have there been blessings that you knew could not have happened without God's intervention?

You have a story to tell. Open your heart and eyes to see how he has moved in your life and share your story with one person this week. You may be the blessing that someone needs. Don't deny them!

Cookie

**MARCH DEACON MINISTRY**

Assisting the Pastor:  
 Steve Paschall/Peggy Mason

**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

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