

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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May 2022

CHURCH EVENTS

May 1

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

May 7

9:00a Baptist Men

May 8

Mother's Day

May 14

Durham Bull's Game

May 15

Business Meeting
Following Worship

May 23

9:00a Church Council Mtg
Newsletter Input Due

May 30

Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30a Multiply Class
9:30a Cultivate 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

MAY DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:
Steve Couch/John Frederick

Pastor's Pen

Our Holey Gospel

If we were asked to explain the Gospel, many of us Christians would make sure to include a few key parts. Firstly, that God loves us, but we have been separated from God because of sin. Our actions have consequences, and our rebellion against the righteous life calls us to create a rift between us and God.

Secondly, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Humanity, lives that perfectly righteous life, volunteering to be that representative of all humanity before God. His righteous life causes his death at the hands of a sinful world, but through his death he takes on the sins of the world and their consequences.

Lastly, God vindicated Jesus and defeats sin and death through his resurrection. Those of us who follow Jesus will likewise find reconciliation with God and victory over sin and death, leading to a life with abundance and without end.

I celebrate those who have chosen to follow Jesus, and I encourage those who haven't to take that most important step. To all, however, I must ask what it means to follow Jesus? Perhaps some would say to live a righteous life, rejecting sin when faced with it, but it is so much more than that. Jesus has rescued us, and so we give our whole lives to him. Jesus has a claim on our lives, and his vision for our lives is to be just like him in the world!

We can look to the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) if we seek to be like Jesus. He certainly rejected sin, but he also did good everywhere he went, and he proclaimed the Gospel, the good news, of God rescuing the world through Jesus. To forget that God has a mission for you in this world is to acknowledge that, in the words of former president of World Vision Richard Stearns, we have a hole in our Gospel.

What better time than the Easter season to revisit the Gospel and ensure that we embrace the whole Gospel! We will be studying Richard Stearns' book, *The Hole in Our Gospel*, on Wednesday evenings. Do come as we learn to speak the Gospel to one another and live the Gospel with one another without holes.

In Christ, Pastor Rich

MAY NURSERY MINISTRY

05/01 Jamie Riley/Shaina Riley
05/08 Teah Shinn/ Maria Butron
05/15 Robbe Riley/Don Riley
05/22 Wendy Dixon/Valentina Serrano
05/29 Peggy Mason/Fernanda Serrano

Sermon Schedule for May 2022

05/01	After Easter	John 21:1-14
05/08	The Greatest Mom the World Has Ever Known	Isaiah 66:5-13
05/15	David Morton Preaching	TBD
05/22	An Economic Gospel	Acts 4:32-35
05/29	Ascension	Acts 1:1-11

OUTREACH Reaching Out in Jesus' Name

We can read, we can study, but until we apply the Word of God, we really can't experience the power of His Word. Read Matthew 25:31-46 for example. Clearly we are commanded care for broken humanity around us. Because it is connected to the final judgment we consider the words of that Scripture to carry a lot of weight. Then when we do those things, we experience the rewarding nature of obedience to the Word of God. Our outreach to Orange Correctional Center has been very rewarding to the life of this church. We have shared in the joy and disappointment of those men who are incarcerated there. No question, it's not easy but then Jesus didn't look for the easy path, just the obedient one.

Good news, the lock down for COVID looks to be coming to an end. We have had two of our ministry team take the training to recertify to bring inmates out for visits. We have added 6 more prison ministry members to the list to be trained. Without another COVID lock down, we should see a return of ministry to OCC and prayerfully have the men of OCC worshipping with us sometime this summer.

Please pray with those who engage in prison ministry outreach that we will find the joy of obedience in our ministry there.

Wednesday night prayer and outreach training. Come join with us as we prepare to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We have reserved you a copy of Richard Stearns book "The Hole in Our Gospel."

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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

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)

Pray For:

The family of Titus Holloway
The People of Ukraine, Pray for Peace
Pastor Rich and Elizabeth
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



April was a really encouraging month for the student ministry! We had a wonderful time at D-Now where we learned about how God is a welcoming God and how we too should be welcoming. We did 2 service projects during D-Now and we cannot wait to have D-Now again next year!

Our Egg Hunt went exceptionally well. We had around 60 people show up! Abby gave a gospel presentation through Easter eggs and then the kids had a lot of fun finding the eggs that the youth hid! Please pray that some of the people who came would make Mount Hermon their church home.

This month, we are going to a Durham Bulls game with Yates on May 14th. If you would like to attend, tickets are 13 dollars.

We have VBS coming up in June! June 13th through 16th will be Vacation Bible School. The time for these days will be 6-8:30 pm. If you would like to help out, contact John DeWitt. Spread the word to young families!

Thank you all so much for the ways you have supported the student ministry this month through providing our supplies for D-Now and through providing candy and eggs for the egg hunt. We are so thankful for Mount Hermon Baptist Church! Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

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



Available for children ages 4-8
See Abby DeWitt

♪ Music Notes ♪



Can you name everyone in the choir photo above? I'll bet so! It's so wonderful that we know and love each other.

Another wonderful thing about this photo is the range of ages – from twelve years old to sixty something, and everywhere in between! I love the fact that as worship leaders, all ages work together to bring the congregation closer to God and to His Son Jesus Christ.

One might say the music ministry is “*multi-generational*.” While that's true, it doesn't go far enough - we're really “*inter-generational*.” We serve alongside each other, learn from each other, laugh and cry together, and pray for God's guidance and wisdom. It's a blessing to me and a beautiful thing to experience.

The word “inter-generational” could also be used to describe the entire Mount Hermon congregation. Together, whether young, old, or in between, we come together to spread the Good News to others. My prayer is that we will continue this sweet fellowship with one another in the years ahead.

-janice



2022 Graduates!!

Are you a member graduating or do you have a grandchild graduating from High School, College or a Higher Learning Institution?

If so, please contact the church office (919-383-2982), we would like to recognize our graduates during a service in June.



Stewardship

2022	March	Year-to-Date
General Budget Need:	\$16,360	\$53,170
General Budget Income:	\$17,497	\$45,958
Difference:	\$ 1,137	(\$7,212)
General Budget Income:	\$17,497	\$45,958
March Expenses:	\$16,425	\$46,336
Difference:	\$ 1,072	(\$ 378)

Loan Repayment:

Beginning Balance	\$32,000
Repayment to Date	\$ 2,236 (Jan-Apr)
Remaining Balance	\$29,764

PRP Fund Balance: \$24,681.50

We are currently getting bids to replace the roof on the parsonage and will complete the work in the coming days. Due to an active leak this has become a priority.

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

Raised to Date: \$817

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.

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

Pastor:
Secretary:
Music Leader:

Rich Goodier
Peggy Mason
Janice Thompson

Church Office

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/01 Piper Clayton 06/22 Cindy Dorrity
06/07 Steve Couch 06/25 Morgan Mayse
06/08 Paulina Serrano Gonzalez 06/27 Ronda Barton

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06/02 Todd & Wendy Riley

Please join us as we

Honor and Thank

Pastor Rich and Elizabeth

For his many years of dedicated service

Saturday, June 4, 2022

5:00PM – 7:00PM

**Mount Hermon Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall**

Bring a covered dish to share as we wish
them well on their next adventure

As gifts, gift cards would be appreciated due to the limited space
Pastor Rich and Elizabeth will have when they relocate.

<https://flatbreadcompany.com/giftcards/>

<https://www.pressedcafe.com/giftcards>

<https://www.toasttab.com/rancatores-ice-cream-yogurt-lexington/giftcards>

<https://www.dunkindonuts.com/en/dunkin-cards/gift-cards>

<https://www.starbucks.com/gift>

Dean and I would to thank our church family for all the
prayers lifted up for our brother-in-law, Doug Lethco during
his recent illness and passing. You all hold a special place in
our hearts. In Christian Love, Wendy Dixon



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.

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

**OCIM ITEM OF
THE MONTH**
Jelly & Mayonnaise

**OCC ITEM OF
THE MONTH**
Soap

New Cultivate Class Small Group

A new Sunday School class has begun! We want to help one another
cultivate our walks with Jesus through music, prayer, fellowship, and
studying God's Word. See Shaina Riley for more information



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