

CHURCH EVENTS

July 2

Noon - Cookout

July 4

Independence Day
Church Office Closed

July 5-8

Passport Kids Camp

July 9

9:00a Baptist Men Mtg.

July 10

Deacon Nominations
2:00p Deacons Mtg.

July 16

5:00p Children/Youth
Water & Worship

July 17

Business Meeting
Following Worship

July 18-23

Passport Youth Camp

July 21

Newsletter Input Due

July 30

Backpack Drive

July 31

Favorite Hymn Sunday

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

JULY DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:
Bob Brewer / Kevin Shinn

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



July 2022

Pastor's Pen

Matters of the Heart

The subject of the heart is addressed in the Bible more than any other topic. More than "working" or "serving," more than "believing" or "obeying," more than matters of money and even more than worship. The scripture addresses the heart and matters of the heart in detail. The Good News can be found and celebrated in the heart.

Consider a few passages from the scripture about the human heart:

- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (Deuteronomy 6:5) (Jesus called this the greatest of commandment.)
- Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. (1 Sam. 16:7)
- Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Luke 12:34)
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. (Prov. 3:5)

The key to the continuing vitality of Mount Hermon Baptist Church is found in the relationship of our hearts toward God and toward each other in fellowship. Reflect and be thankful during this time on God who is the "great lover of our souls." And I pray our lives reflect that love as we share it with others.

We've observed today that many have become disheartened and discouraged. Our world is filled with people who have lost heart and have given up in life. They have settled or resigned to a life, "a mile wide and an inch deep." We are reminded that Jesus proclaimed our lives can flow rivers of living water. My experience and heart tell me that there is more in store for us waiting to be discovered. I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve as your Interim Pastor. Thank you for your call and the opportunity to serve. I invite you to come along and invite others to join us in our fellowship at Mount Hermon Baptist Church. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement and above all your willingness to go where God is calling. And with thanksgiving we have the opportunity to look forward to the journey. My prayer is for you to be the people God is calling you to be and that the Lord will guide you to fulfill the vision of being a vibrant reflection of His love in this community. Invite a friend to join you and us today.

See you on Sunday. I pray a prayer of blessing.
Have a great summer.

In Christ, David Morton, Interim Pastor

Children and Youth Ministry

June was a big month for the student ministry! We had an excellent VBS that catered to 17 kids. I am so thankful for the countless hours that the volunteers worked to make this event possible. Every kid who attended heard the gospel and some even heard it for the first time. I look forward to next year!

Grown-ups' night off was on Father's Day, we had one of the students from VBS come and hang out with us for a few hours!

We had to cancel the Zoo Trip due to high temperatures, but we had lunch at Yates and went bowling after instead!

I am so grateful for the way that Mount Hermon supports the student ministry.

Keep up the good work!

Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt



Available for children ages 4-8
See Abby DeWitt

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH: Cereal & Juice

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH: Deodorant

Those Needing Our Prayers...

Candy Brady	Lacey Doar Girouard	Jerry Nowell
Maria Brooks	Judy Hanson	Joan Page
Donna Chamberlain	Ann Harper	Peggy Parker
Bill Clayton	Carolyn Harper	Betty Jane Poole
Rachel Clayton	Edith Lee	Justin Riley
Joan Dixon	Stacy Lee	Ridge Riley
Mike Fitzgerald	David Lewis	Sheila Seawell
	Laurie Loving	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
Duke Hospital - Stacy Lee
The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link (Room 108)

Pray For:

Victims of recent violence around the country
Our interim Pastor, Rev. David Morton
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 and Governor Roy Cooper

AROUND THE WORLD

The People of Ukraine, Pray for Peace
Noah Dellinger as he serves in Poland assisting the Refugees
Roger and Vicki Grossmann, missionaries to Guatemala
and Good Shepherd Ministries

OUTREACH

Missions at Mount Hermon

The week of June 12-18 was a banner week for Mount Hermon. It was VBS week and parsonage rejuvenation week all rolled up in over 400 volunteer hours between both ministries. Jesus' brother James writes: "Show me your faith without deeds and I will show you my faith by what I do." Well the 35 volunteers were showing their faith by demonstrating support for a ministry that needed to be acted on. Both were a great success and we are not yet through with VBS. That's correct, we are in the throws of following up with the children and families that came to VBS. Please get in touch with your small group and call, write, or visit these families who participated in VBS.

We will resume our study on Richard Stearns book, "The Hole in our Gospel" on Wednesday nights through the month of July. If you have not yet attended please join us as we focus on becoming a missional church. We will be addressing our responsibilities to reach every neighbor with the love of Jesus Christ. We would like every member of our body to get involved by following Jesus commission.

A look at where we want to stay involved. We want to continue to pray for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters who have been victimized by Russian aggression. We have already sent a love offering to them by way of Baptist on Mission. We are currently working on further plans to assist and encourage them in the months ahead. Stay faithful in prayer in their behalf. Also we have plan to visit Roger and Vicki Grossman in both February and summer of 2023. Our model is from Jesus' words in Acts 1:8.

Stay faithful and ask for Jesus to fill you with His Spirit. - 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

♪ Music Notes ♪

JOIN OUR



MUSIC MINISTRY!

The purpose of the Mount Hermon Music Ministry is to glorify and praise God. We are a ministry, not a performing group.

If you enjoy music, please consider joining us. Many opportunities for service are available.

~Wednesdays in the sanctuary following Bible Study and Youth~

Questions? See or call Janice (919-698-6331)

janice

Discipleship

Change is never easy. It is hard to believe that I retired from Duke Hospital 2 years ago after 42 years of employment. I saw lots of change in nursing and the cycle of health care. There was always something new to learn but not all changes were good. We often backtracked to the way things were with a new twist or turn and with a different title to it. They would bring upper level management in to shake things up and then they would leave and we had to figure out who we were and where we were going to go. Computers were introduced and boy did that change the way we did healthcare. For those of us who are not tech savvy, it was excruciatingly painful and changed the way nursing care was delivered. Again, some good and some bad came from it. Fewer medication errors, but less time at the bedside. And then Covid hit and required even more change in the way things were done. Always evolving, always changing.

Mount Hermon finds herself in sort of the same position. For the past 12 years, Pastor Rich has led us to be the church we are today. There were growing pains that the people had to go through with a first time pastor, expectations had to be different and, from what I have heard, the church was not in a good place when he first came. Under his leadership, we are now spiritually strong, financially stable, and strong in the bond of love. We have the opportunity to examine ourselves and see where God wants us to go next. There will be growing pains and it won't be easy, but if we fix our eyes on Jesus and who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, we will continue to be the church He wants us to be, just a new and improved version.

Change is coming. It is inevitable. Be in prayer for how God can use you as we move forward. Be in prayer for our new pastor whom God is preparing right now to come and lead us. Be in prayer for David Morton as he guides us during this changing time. Be in prayer for the church staff and deacons and the church council as we go forward, that the decisions we make and the path we follow are where God wants us to go. And while you're praying, praise God for his blessing and love and guidance and protection and leadership. He's an awesome God. ~Cookie



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 ASSIGNMENTS:

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

A Donation was made in memory of Bill Dorrity by Bill and Rachel Clayton

Interim Pastor: David Morton
Secretary: Peggy Mason
Music Leader: Janice Thompson

Church Office

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/02 Betty Fera 07/10 David Lewis
 07/03 Dianne Daniel 07/15 Shelby Edmonds
 07/04 Gio Poma Butron 07/16 Vickie Sorrell
 07/06 Eric Neal 07/16 Gary Paschall
 07/08 Rachel Clayton 07/19 Betty Jane Poole
 07/08 Dixie Paschall 07/25 Judith Carrig

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

07/05 Steve & Dixie Paschall
 07/11 Eddie & Stacy Lee
 07/11 Donnie & Robbe Riley
 07/25 William & Amanda Clayton

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/02 Monique Tedder 08/27 Alex Mayse
 08/09 Peggy Parker 08/28 Johnny Mason
 08/20 Donna Adair 08/30 Edna Berry
 08/24 Ella White 08/30 John Frederick
 08/25 Alex Fitzgerald

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

08/05 Kevin & Teah Shinn
 08/08 John & Abby DeWitt
 08/16 Rich & Elizabeth Goodier

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

As the new church year approaches, the Nominating Committee is actively seeking members who are willing to contribute to the Mount Hermon community. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to serve the church.

**DEACON NOMINATION JULY 10
 (1 position)**

Requirements:

Christian for minimum of 3 years
 Member of Mount Hermon at least 1 year
 Of good Christian Character (1 Timothy 3)

Not Eligible:

Steve Paschall (rotating off)
 John Frederick, Peggy Mason, Steve Couch,
 Kevin Shinn, Bob Brewer and Tim Thompson
 (currently serving)

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 Join us upstairs at 9:30a on Sunday Mornings.



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

Church Goal \$800
 Total Amount Raised: \$1,280

Stewardship

2022	May	Year-to-Date
General Budget Need:	\$20,450	\$89,980
General Budget Income:	<u>\$22,785</u>	<u>\$8,4290</u>
Difference:	\$ 2,335	(\$ 5,690)
General Budget Income:	\$22,785	\$84,290
May Expenses:	<u>\$19,548</u>	<u>\$87,202</u>
Difference:	\$ 3,237	(\$ 2,912)

Loan Repayment: Beginning Balance: \$32,000
 Repayment to Date: \$ 2,670
 Remaining Balance: \$29,330

PRP Fund Balance: \$21,828

Please pray for the financial health of the Church.

Peggy Mason, Treasurer

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