

CHURCH EVENTS

August 1

9:30a Church Council Mtg

August 6

9:00a Baptist Men Mtg.

August 7

Called Business Meeting
During Worship

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

August 13

3:00p - 5:00p
Block Party and
Backpack Give-a-Way

August 21

Business Meeting
Following Worship

August 22

Newsletter Input Due

August 26

Ladies Night Out

August 27

9:00a - Noon
Committee Orientations

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
HOMECOMING

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

AUGUST DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:
Steve Couch/John Frederick

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



grow



bearfruit

August 2022

Pastor's Pen

Call It Grace

Few scriptures are as crowded with encouragement as found in the verses in John 10: 27 – 30. It reads (NIV): My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

The artist Vincent Van Gogh's last painting was titled "Wheat Fields with Crows." It is filled with broad strokes of gold and browns that symbolize the blowing wheat fields and dark blues and blacks that create the sky. Flying above are crows. Let's imagine hearing them caw and swooping down through the wheat fields from the darkened sky. These paintings can cause us to take a new look at Jesus' parables about personal and spiritual growth. They could cause us to ask, "When have we seen both light and dark intermingled in life, our life?" When do the signs of life mix with the forming possibilities of both fear and death? How does the light surface so we can find our way? We desire the comfort and healing of being reconciled. For Christians, reconciliation comes through Christ. Reconciliation comes to us in God's time.

Scholars have described God's garden as a mixture of plants that bear good and bad fruit. The plants in God's garden grow along side by side to each other. They receive the same sunlight and are nourished by the same rains. We view the garden as a jumbled mess, a bag of sinners and saints, good people and not-so-good people intermingled, regular and irregular folk side by side. It is our hope and belief in God that things will be sorted out, evaluated and judged. We live and grow, blossom and produce fruit within a messy and jumbled garden. And we call it grace.

As we at Mount Hermon church plant and sow this summer, let's consider the blessings of being a part of God's creation. Remember the love and assurance that God provides for us. Seek to be reconciled and offer words and actions of reconciliation to others in Jesus' name. It is through Jesus' abundant grace that we are made as "new creations." We should, as Christians, call it grace.

In Christ, David Morton, Interim Pastor

Services Available on CD upon request and on our You Tube Channel

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. 1 Chronicles 16:24

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 beginning September 1. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to serve the church.

ROTATING COMMITTEE ORIENTATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

On Saturday, August 27, the Nominating Committee will host Rotating Committee Orientation Sessions.

Our schedule will be as follows:

Sanctuary Committee	9:00 am
Properties Committee	9:30 am
Special Events Committee	10:00 am
Personnel Committee	10:30 am
Stewardship Committee	11:00 am
Nominating Committee	11:30 am

If you are on a committee, please attend.

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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

OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Brookshire - Ruby Clements
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera
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

Those in our community with Covid-19

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 assisting the Refugees

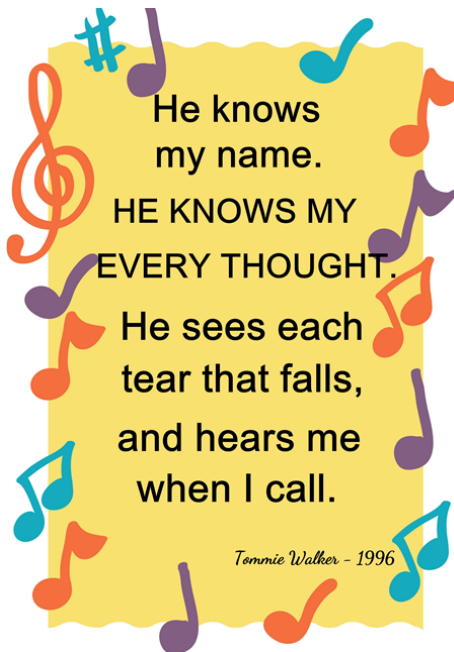
Roger and Vicki Grossmann, missionaries to Guatemala and Good Shepherd Ministries

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.

♪ Music Notes ♪



In July, we learned the song "He Knows My Name," It has become one of my favorites and I hope you like it too.

You can listen to the song again by following this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K4II9ZLIANsKdm5qIp3Eci6nzYZ8dAm/view?usp=sharing> or by searching for it on YouTube.

As you listen, meditate on these verses:

"Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name, you are mine." Isaiah 43:1b

"He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out." John 10:3b

Thanks be to God for giving us music. Through it, we can worship and feel closer to Him.

janice

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH: Canned Vegetables

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH: Lotion



Available for children ages 4-8
See Abby DeWitt

DISCIPLESHIP

Do you ever ask yourself how you can be of service to the Lord? Are you spending time meditating on His word and wondering what it means for you? Do you ever read the Bible and scratch your head, not understanding what it says or why? I think at one time or another, we have all been in this place of contemplation and confusion and angst. We are searching for answers and maybe just don't know where to find them. May I challenge you to come to the church and find it. We have several study groups that are meeting at various times with some really good teachers and they would love to help you find the answers and direction you are looking for.

9:30 Sunday Multiply class that meets in the fellowship hall (all ages)
 Cultivate class that meets upstairs for young adults,
 Friendship Class in the room next to the choir (ladies but all are welcome)

6:00 Wednesday Bible Study in the fellowship hall (all ages)

6:30 Thursday Amen Class that meets in the event room (all ages)

Looking for a place to serve? Be in prayer about where the Lord can use you. The Nominating Committee will be looking for volunteers very shortly. Say yes if it is something you are feeling called to do.

Reminder for the ladies: We will have a Girls Night Out on Friday, August 26 at 6:30 in the event room. If you are interested in helping me plan this night of fun and fellowship, please let me know. Exciting times here at Mount Hermon. Come and join us. It won't be the same without you. ~Cookie

OUTREACH

There are so many opportunities for MHBC folk to reach out to the community around us. The best way is for each of us to reach out to our neighbors. Share God's love to the world by word and deed. An act of kindness frequently gives us a chance to share Jesus with those around us daily. Be intentional, ask the Lord to give you a chance to share God's love early each day. You will be surprised how the doors will open.

Our youth will lead the charge on 13 August by giving back packs to the first 24 deserving young folks who come to the church for fun, games and food. I'm sure John and Abby would love to have you help.

HOME COMING 11 September will be another great outreach opportunity. That's what Baptist do best, fellowship and eat. But we will have more visitors that day than perhaps any other Sunday of the year. There will be old friends and new friends for us to enjoy. Be sure to invite your neighbor and bring extra food for them.

MISSIONS FAIR 21-23 October. Yates Baptist Association is sponsoring a missions fair where we will have missionaries visiting over 20 churches sharing what God is doing on the mission field around the world. Our youth will participate in a missions youth rally on Saturday night to highlight what is going on around the world where Jesus is being shared in a dynamic way.

Baptist on Mission continues to lead teams to Eastern Europe to comfort the Ukrainians who have been driven from their homes, to shelters around Eastern Europe. Please pray for a cessation of violence, healing for the affected people, and for the gospel of salvation to be preached in the face of evil. Ask God to shelter these traumatized brothers and sisters. Ukraine is a country where 71% of its inhabitants claim Christianity as their faith. Come Lord Jesus, stop this evil and allow us to preach God's love to a hurting people group.

In Jesus Name ~ 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

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Birthdays & Anniversaries

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/02 Monique Tedder	08/25 Alex Fitzgerald
08/09 Peggy Parker	08/26 Ethelene Futch
08/20 Donna Adair	08/27 Alex Mayse
08/22 Ruby Clements	08/28 Johnny Mason
08/24 Ella White	08/30 Edna Berry
	08/30 John Frederick

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/03 Beth Brewer	09/27 Tammy Bowling
09/09 Rich Goodier	09/28 Tim Thompson
09/15 Vic Davis	

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09/10 Ivan & Catalina Serrano
 09/30 Johnny & Peggy Mason

Children and Youth Ministry

I usually use this platform to talk about upcoming events and give a brief recap of all that has gone on in the Student Ministry the month before. While I will still do that here, there has been so much more happening in the student ministry and in the life of the church the past few months about which I want to write.

In July, the students went to both passport youth and passport kids. I am actually writing this article from the common area in the dorm in which I am staying for Passport Youth. These events have been fun and formational in my life and, I believe, in the lives of our students.

We also had a water and worship event in July that was rained out and rescheduled for July 30th. I look forward to telling you all more about that at another time.

On August 13th from 3-5 pm, we have a block party and backpack giveaway. We want to use this opportunity to have fun and be missional in our community.

That brings me to what I want to say; our student ministry is growing, the Spirit is moving, and our students are learning more and more of what it means to be like Christ. I am so thankful to be a part of a church who loves and serves as much as our church does. I am so excited for this new season of ministry in which we are entering. I pray that this coming year will be the best year yet for our students and the student ministry at Mount Hermon. I pray that our kids and youth would become disciples who make disciples. Thank you all for your continued support of the ministries that Mount Hermon offers. I appreciate you all.

PS. We want to start offering nursery care for Sunday school. If you are interested, please talk to Abby, Teah, or myself. Thanks again!
 Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

Stewardship

2022	June	Year-to-Date
General Budget Need:	\$16,360	\$106,340
General Budget Income:	<u>\$15,200</u>	<u>\$ 99,490</u>
Difference:	(\$ 1,160)	(\$ 6,850)
General Budget Income:	\$15,200	\$ 99,490
June Expenses:	<u>\$19,942</u>	<u>\$107,144</u>
Difference:	(\$ 4,742)	(\$ 7,654)

Loan Repayment: Beginning Balance: \$32,000
 Repayment to Date: \$ 3,404
 Remaining Balance: \$28,596

PRP Fund Balance: \$22,369

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