

## CHURCH EVENTS

### September 1

New Church Year begins

### September 3

9:00a Baptist Men Mtg

9:00a Ladies at the  
Parsonage

### September 4

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

### September 5

Labor Day  
Church Office Closed

### September 11

Homecoming  
Potluck Lunch

### September 18

Deacon Commissioning  
Lord's Supper  
Business Meeting

### September 20

PrimeTime

### September 22

Newsletter Input Due

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday

9:30a Multiply Class  
9:30 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

## SEPT DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:  
Peggy Mason/Tim Thompson

## OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH

Shampoo

## OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH

Pasta Sauce and  
Canned Tomato Items

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



grow



bearfruit

September 2022

## Pastor's Pen

## Blessings

*When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Deuteronomy 8: 10-11*

Hear the words of Jesus:

"Give to the needy." Matt 6: 2-3; Luke 12: 33

"Give to the poor." Matt 19: 21; Mark 10: 21

"Give to everyone who begs from you." Luke 6: 30

"Give, and it will be given to you." Luke 6: 38

"Give as freely as you have received!" Matt 10: 8

Our understanding is that we have something to give. What we possess to give is not anything that we have created but from the experiences and accomplishments in doing God's will. Everything we possess is provided to us by God, all possessions, capacities, time and character. Often is the case, we do not acknowledge the role of God and think that the stuff of our lives is our own and of our own making. So many times, and it's easy to do, we have lost sight of the God in creation.

Jesus our Savior often used the word "when" in his teachings. He said: "*When* you give to the poor" indicates an expectancy from Jesus that we will give to the needy. It is expressed by Jesus that indicates God's will for us. God wants us to give to others. God expects us to give to others. Giving becomes a visible act of stewardship and is common in fellowship.

The goal in living and expressing our faith is to remember God as the giver of all things. We thank God for His blessings by using these blessings as gifts to others in need, and who are poor of food, clothing, companionship, peace and spirit. I challenge us all to desire to be the image of the God who made us and of Christ who leads us – every day.

Mount Hermon Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming Sunday, September 11, 2022. Reverend Dr. Jerry Harper will be our guest preacher. Dr. Harper has a long history with Mount Hermon. Come join us as we celebrate our long history, enjoy the gifts of the Lord and give in service to the Kingdom of God. We look forward to seeing and worshipping with you as we gather together to praise the Lord in what God has done and continues to do through our congregation. Blessings abound! May God bless you.

In Christ, David Morton, Interim Pastor

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

## Nursery Workers Needed!!

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the nursery on a rotating bases during Sunday School and Worship. If you are willing to help please contact John DeWitt or Teah

## Children and Youth Ministry



August was a big month for the student ministry. We had our block party and back pack giveaway! In this event, we saw around 150 people come through and enjoy our party. We gave out our 26 backpacks in 9 minutes and we got the information for 53 more. Some MHBC volunteers burned up the road delivering the remaining back packs before it was too late into the school year.

September will be a more relaxed month events-wise, but we will have Cheerio, a football game, and trunk or treat all in October!

Thank you all for the way you love and support us. We are so thankful. - John DeWitt

Mount Hermon has become the proud sponsor of a church league softball team. Our team, called the Prayer Posse, is a co-ed teen/adult team and one member is our very own, Shelby Edmonds. Games will be played at the Bushy Fork ball field in Hurdle Mills. Game times will be made available if you would like to attend.



## IN LOVING MEMORY

Donations received in memory of Johnny Mason by:

Virginia Baker ~ Joyce Dennis

**Thank You!** Church Family for all the calls, cards, food, expressions of concern and support shared with me and my family when Johnny went home to his Lord and Savior. I am so grateful for this church family and I truly love you all.

Peggy Mason

## HOMECOMING

Join us for **Homecoming on September 11**. This year we will celebrate 174 years of Mount Hermon serving the community.

Our guest speaker will be our former pastor, Reverend Dr. Jerry Harper. Come celebrate the Anniversary of our Church with music, a message and fellowship. We will have our traditional potluck lunch following the service.

**Save The Date:**  
**Mission Connection '22: October 21-23, 2022**  
**YBA 74th Annual Mission Celebration:**  
**October 25, 2022**

## ♪ Music Notes ♪

In preparation for our 174<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Celebration, I discovered some song lyrics that help me reflect on all that Mount Hermon has meant to me:

*You sowed Your Word of love so many years ago.  
Your message found a welcome; Your Word began to grow.  
By grace, this church was built here by saints who followed You.  
The seed took root and flourished: we hear and follow, too.*

*In times of joy we praise You, in struggling times we search,  
And always we are learning to be Your faithful Church.  
Your Spirit gives us vision, and hearts and lives made new.  
Your harvest is for sharing: sent out, we work for You.*

(You can sing this to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation.")

I hope you'll join us on Sunday, September 11 as we thank God for His blessings.

Janice

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*If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.  
If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26*

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

**Thank You** for your service to Mount Hermon! Thanks to everyone who accepted the call to serve on various committees and positions for the new church year. It takes the efforts of many to meet the church needs.



It's time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Now is the perfect time to start finding back to school items, end of summer sales and other items perfect for the shoeboxes. Collection boxes can be found throughout the church.

## Stewardship

2022	July	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$19,227	\$118,857
Budget Need	\$20,450	\$126,790
Difference (short)	(\$ 1,223)	(\$7,933)
<b>Loan Repayment :</b> Beginning Balance: \$32,000		
Repayment to Date: \$ 3,938		
Remaining Balance: \$28,062		

### Property Renovation Fund - July 2022

Beginning Balance \$22,369  
Ending Balance \$23,060

## Those Needing Our Prayers...

Dean Bidgood	Mike Fitzgerald	Jerry Nowell
Candy Brady	Judy Hanson	Joan Page
Maria Brooks	Ann Harper	Peggy Parker
Judith Carrig	Carolyn Harper	Betty Jane Poole
Bill Clayton	Lucille King	Ridge Riley
Bill Clayton	Edith Lee	Robbe Riley
Rachel Clayton	David Lewis	Sheila Seawell
Joan Dixon	Laurie Loving	Phyllis Wallace

## OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews  
Pruitt Health-Carolina Point Ruby Clements  
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera  
The Covington - James Grasty  
Duke Hospital - Stacy Lee  
The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link

### Pray For:

The family of Johnny Mason  
Reverend David Morton and our Church  
The safe gathering of our Church  
The Children and the Children's Ministry  
Our Brothers at OCC and the Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry  
Those in our community with drug and alcohol addiction  
The homeless people in our community  
Families affected by violence  
President Joe Biden  
North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper

## AROUND THE WORLD

Rev. Gideon Thuam, missionary to Myawaddy Myanmar  
Pastor Hammer serving the people of Togo, West Africa  
Roger and Vicki Grossmann, missionaries to Guatemala

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...*

*William Dorrity*

*Lillie Shambley*

*Patricia Rigsbee*

*Johnny Mason*

*...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.  
Hebrews 12:1*





**Pastor:** Rich Goodier  
**Secretary:** Peggy Mason  
**Music Leader:** Janice Thompson

### Church Office

Hours: Monday—Friday 9 am—11:30 am  
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 please contact the office by phone or email.

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### ***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

### ***OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS***

10/01 Margie Whitfield	10/15 Eddie Andrews
10/09 Joyce Dennis	10/24 Fernanda Serrano Gonzalez
10/11 Robbe Riley	10/25 Todd Riley
10/14 Jerry Nowell	10/26 Lucille King
10/15 Susan Walker	



# Prime Time

**SENIOR ADULT EVENT**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

**10:30 AM - 12:00 NOON (lunch follows)**

**Ebenezer Baptist Church**

**1210 Pleasant Green Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278**

**Special Guest Speaker:**

**Rev. Josh Benfield**

**YBA Missionary**



Meal catered by Golden Corral

Menu: Fried Chicken, Pot Roast, Green Beans,  
 Potatoes, Rolls, Drinks, Banana Pudding

*RSVP Required by Thursday, Sept. 8.*

*Cost: \$10.00 - You may pay at the door.*

*\*Please note change in cost due to the increase in price of the meal.\**

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**Church Goal**  
**\$1500**



Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

## **OUTREACH**

On Wednesday nights, we completed a book study titled: The Hole In The Gospel. On Saturday, August 13th our church had a Block Party for Back To School for families in our neighborhood. I think that we filled some holes: we shopped for school supplies, we filled backpacks with school supplies, we served the children and their families-hot dogs, popcorn, and snow cones, we engaged in conversations with families, and we presented them with backpacks filled with school supplies. I was very saddened at the block party when we ran out of backpacks in 8 minutes and 53 children went home without a backpack. Once again Mount Hermon members filled more holes with buying more school supplies, packing the 53 additional backpacks and delivering them. The Lord reminded me that we would be able to have another opportunity to see these families again and to possibly have another conversation. Mount Hermon Baptist Church thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus. Please take a moment to pray for these families.

Please put on your calendar: Yates Baptist Association Missions Conference: October 21-23 (more details to follow)

Blessings! Teah

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33