

## CHURCH EVENTS

### November 5

9:00a Baptist Men Mtg  
9:00a Ladies Fellowship

### November 6

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

### November 13

Lord's Supper

### November 19

10:00a Shoebox Packing

### November 20

Business Meeting  
Following Worship

### November 22

Newsletter Input Due

### November 23

No Wednesday Services

### November 24-25

Happy Thanksgiving  
Church Office Closed

## 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

## NOVEMBER DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:  
Steve Couch/John Frederick

**OCC ITEM OF  
THE MONTH:  
Deodorant**

**OCIM ITEM OF  
THE MONTH:  
Canned  
Chicken & Tuna**

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



grow



bearfruit

November 2022

## Pastor's Pen

## Service To God

How is a Christian life lived? There are many scripture verses that give guidance, advice, examples and a lot of things-not-to do to live a Christian life. Paul's letter to the Church at Thessalonica can be a place to start to develop a deeper meaning to your life lived as a Christian. *"<sup>11</sup> to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, <sup>12</sup> so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one."* (1 Thessalonians 4: 11-12)

Living a *"quiet life"* does not mean being a loner or living in an isolation state. It doesn't mean becoming a recluse or monk. What it means is to live a day-to-day life that supports the kingdom of God and doing deeds that help your neighbors who have needs; it means living in an attitude of service and humility. It means giving words of encouragement reflecting the good news. It means conducting your life in opposition to wickedness met in the world. We are called to tell others about God's word, his promises made, his acts of blessings to all and his nature as reflected by Jesus Christ.

There are no grand announcements or parades that call others to see you – but a quiet life lived in service to God's will. To *"mind your own affairs"* is to tend to your personal needs and the needs of those in your care. And the message extends to your neighbor's needs who are poor in body and spirit. They are also your business. Minding your own business is not imposing your will upon others. It is acting with humility, remembering whose world this is and who claims the people of this world. Paul esteemed honest work. Remember, he was a tent maker (Acts 18:3), and he told the Thessalonians that working with your hands is a good value. It prevented idleness, it fortified a means to earn and provided financial support, and it allows people, like us, to have the means to give to the poor.

We work to support ourselves and our families. God, in His unfailing blessing of us, gives us the means to earn to meet those needs. God calls us to be productive and to give back to Him our first fruits of our labor. And it is this giving back that provides the way we can serve the poor. Paul says doing this will have a positive impact on our neighbor. Our testimony and our ways of living will help others see and experience the goodness we reflect that comes from our relationship with God. We do these things so that others may become disciples to Christ and believers in the way of God, so that they too may gain the promises made.

Let us be a generous people. Let us be generous in sharing the good news and God's grace with others today. Let's not misunderstand this scripture because we should be active, not passive; we should be outspoken, not silent; and we should be caring, not detached. And that means that, even today, we need to take seriously the call to encourage one another to be active in the Christian faith. It will change our church and community. It will strengthen our faithfulness.

In Christ, David Morton, Interim Pastor

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

## Children and Youth Ministry



October was a full month for our students! We had a bake sale and raised a lot of money for Cheerio. We went to a Cedar Ridge football game and supported Louis, Brian, and Gio on the football team and the marching band. We had a great time at Camp Cheerio and had Trunk O Treat: an outreach event for our community. We also learned a lot about missions from Margie.

None of these things could have been done without Mount Hermon's care and support of the student ministry.

In November, we will be attending a chorus concert for one of our students.

Please be praying for our students as they live out their faith in the community. Also, please be praying for the growth of the student ministry both in discipleship and in numbers.

Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

## ♪ Music Notes ♪



**On November 6, 2022,  
we'll remember those who  
have gone before us  
during the past year.**

janice

### FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints, who from  
their labors rest,  
Who Thee, by faith before  
the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be  
forever blessed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their  
Fortress and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain  
in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear,  
Their one true Light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful,  
true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who  
nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the  
victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## DEACON ASSIGNMENTS:

Steve Couch	A-B
Peggy Mason	C-D
Bob Brewer	E-I
Tim Thompson	J-M
John Frederick	N-Q
Robbe Riley	R-S
Kevin Shinn	T-Z

Deacon Chair,  
Tim Thompson

## Welcome

New Members to the  
Community of  
Mount Hermon  
Baptist Church!

Paulina Serrano  
Gonzalez  
Bill & Kate Butler  
Steve & Emily Lopez  
Shirley Robinson  
Noah Dellinger  
James Warren  
William & Amanda  
Clayton

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### Donations received in memory of Johnny Mason by:

Janice Thompson ~ Peggy Mason ~ MHBC Sanctuary Committee ~ Lucille King ~ Steve Couch

### Donations received in memory of Rachel Clayton by:

The Nowell Family ~ Worth & Carolyn Shelton ~ Rich & Judy Hanson ~ Robert & Jenny Simchock  
Dwight McFarland ~ Donna Henderson ~ Joyce Dennis ~ Steve Couch ~ MHBC Sanctuary Committee

A Donation was made in honor of those who assisted the service of Rachel Clayton by the Clayton Family

### Stewardship

2022	September	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$15,430	\$150,231
Budget Need	\$16,360	\$159,510
Difference (short)	(\$ 930)	(\$ 9,279)
<b>Loan Repayment :</b> Beginning Balance: \$32,000		
Repayment to Date: \$ 5,206		
Remaining Balance: \$26,794		
<b>Property Renovation Fund - September 2022</b>		
Beginning Balance: \$22,766		
Ending Balance: \$23,447		

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

### Congratulations to Nica Aram

Nica Aram of the Philippines, our Compassion International Sponsored Child, was adopted by our youth group in 2005. Subsequent youth groups have continued to sponsor Nica until her 22nd birthday on October 1st. Nica has graduated from the Compassion International program and is in the final semesters of her college studies. We wish her all the best!

### *Those Needing Our Prayers...*

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

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

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

### **Pray For:**

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

### **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  
Josh & Maggie Miller, missionaries to Cambodia

### OUTREACH

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child is just around the corner. Operation Christmas Child is when we get together and we pack Christmas boxes for children. These boxes are then gathered and taken all over the world. Boxes this year will be delivered nationally to children in Kentucky who were victims of the flood, Florida who were victims of the most recent hurricane and to the American Indian tribes. When children receive these boxes they will first hear about the love of God.

We will gather in the fellowship hall on Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 to pack the boxes. Following the packing, we will have a time of fellowship.

We are collecting the following items: toys, washcloths, bars of soap, toothbrushes, balls, dolls, gloves, hats, socks, school supplies, water bottles, small sewing kits, combs/brushes, flash lights, costume jewelry, playdough (and anything else that you think a child may enjoy)

Do NOT send: anything liquid, war related toys, toothpaste, food, candy or gum

Items can be dropped off in the fellowship hall.

We will also appreciate any donations toward shipping cost at \$10.00 per box.

Please let us know if you have any questions! Steve P. and Teah



### **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 Shinn.

### **Audio/Visual Technicians Needed!!**

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Audio/Visual technology on Sunday Morning. No experience necessary. See Janice Thompson for more information

**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 keep church office informed of change of address.  
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***

***NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS***

11/01 Jeff Brueggeman	11/11 James Grasty
11/03 Wendy Dixon	11/20 Daniel Poma Butron
11/05 Jamie Riley	11/21 Kate Butler
11/09 Bill Clayton	11/30 Joan Page
11/10 Candy Brady	

***NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES***

11/16 Bob & Beth Brewer  
11/17 Jody & Candy Brady  
11/20 Dean & Wendy Dixon

***DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS***

12/01 Mike Fitzgerald	12/21 Louis Tedder
12/02 Chris Lewis	12/25 Jesus Christ
12/17 Elizabeth Millar	12/25 Wendy Riley



Church Goal: \$1,500

Final Amount: \$2,327

Thank you to all who gave!!

**"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**

**DISCIPLESHIP**



Orange Congregations in Missions (OCIM) is an organization that Mount Hermon has been involved with for many years. When we first started coming here, Rachel and Billy Clayton were the fearless leaders, encouraging the congregation to give, collecting the food and delivering it on behalf of the church. But because of health issues, they had to give it up so John and I have taken over this role gladly. OCIM has many hands. The main one we are involved in is the food pantry. Through social services, families are given a referral and will come to OCIM where we will "shop" a list based on the number of people in the family. We will provide them with food for a week along with laundry detergent and a personal pack that includes toilet paper, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc. Each month in the newsletter or bulletin, you will see a suggested food item to be donated. Donations are to be placed in the wooden box beside the glass case in the hallway. On Monday, John, John Mark and I will deliver them to OCIM, date check and then put them on the shelves.

Because of Covid, our donations have dropped tremendously and we would like to revitalize that. Beginning in November, we would like to encourage you to pick up one extra can or box item when you do your grocery shopping. This month, focus on items you would have at Thanksgiving dinner....cranberry sauce, stuffing, instant potatoes, gravy packets etc. The families are given the fixins for Thanksgiving dinner in addition to the regular groceries. Right now, the shelves are as empty as I've ever seen them so our donations are greatly needed. I'm encouraging you to fill up the box either weekly or monthly however you fill led and bless the families that are in great need.

God's blessing on each and every one of you and thank you on behalf of the families served by OCIM.  
~Cookie