

CHURCH EVENTS

December 3

9:00a Baptist Men Mtg

December 4

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

December 11

Business Meeting
Following Worship

December 17

10:00-2:00
Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

December 18

Sing to the King
Christmas Presentation

December 22

Newsletter Input Due

December 24

5:00p Christmas Eve
Service - Lord's Supper

December 25

No Sunday School
9:30a Worship Service

December 26-27

Church Office Closed

December 28

No Wednesday Services

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

DECEMBER DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:
Peggy Mason/Tim Thompson

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



grow



bearfruit

December 2022

Pastor's Pen

ADVENT

If you had asked me years ago whether I preferred the season of Advent or the season of Christmas, my answer would have come quickly. Christmas is the answer, of course! Christmas is that joyous, happy, cheerful holiday, with greenery and lights and fruit cake. It's the season with the newborn Jesus and carols and gifts and food and family and fun.

Today, I'm not so quick to answer. There is something gripping about Advent. It's all about the process, the making ready. Advent is about preparing and anticipating. My life, perhaps like yours, is filled with demands and concerns, so I find there is something hopeful about Advent, something pleasing about slowing down to watch and wait.

Advent is a time of focusing on what God can and will do. It's not about what we will do. Certainly Advent is a time of preparing, but what are we preparing for? There's something far more important than the preparations of gift-giving and event planning.

Advent is planning that begins with culling and emptying. We are to prepare a way for the Lord, not for a feast, but for a place for God to move into our hearts. And the only way to make way for the Lord is to clear the clutter that keeps God out.

What clutters your life? Maybe Advent is calling to you, reminding you that there is no list more important than the one with just two words: "Watch. Wait."

In this season of giving and generosity, let us remember the gift that God has given and the love that is made flesh in Christ. May this Advent and Christmas season be full of God's blessings and grace for you.

Join us for our Christmas Eve Communion Service on December 24th. Come watch and wait with us this Advent. I'll see you in church on Sunday.

Peace and Grace to you during all of God's seasons,

In Christ, David Morton, Interim Pastor

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 18: 11:00a - Sing to the King Christmas Presentation

December 24: 5:00p - Christmas Eve Service - Lord's Supper

December 25: 9:30a - Worship Service (No Sunday School)

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

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

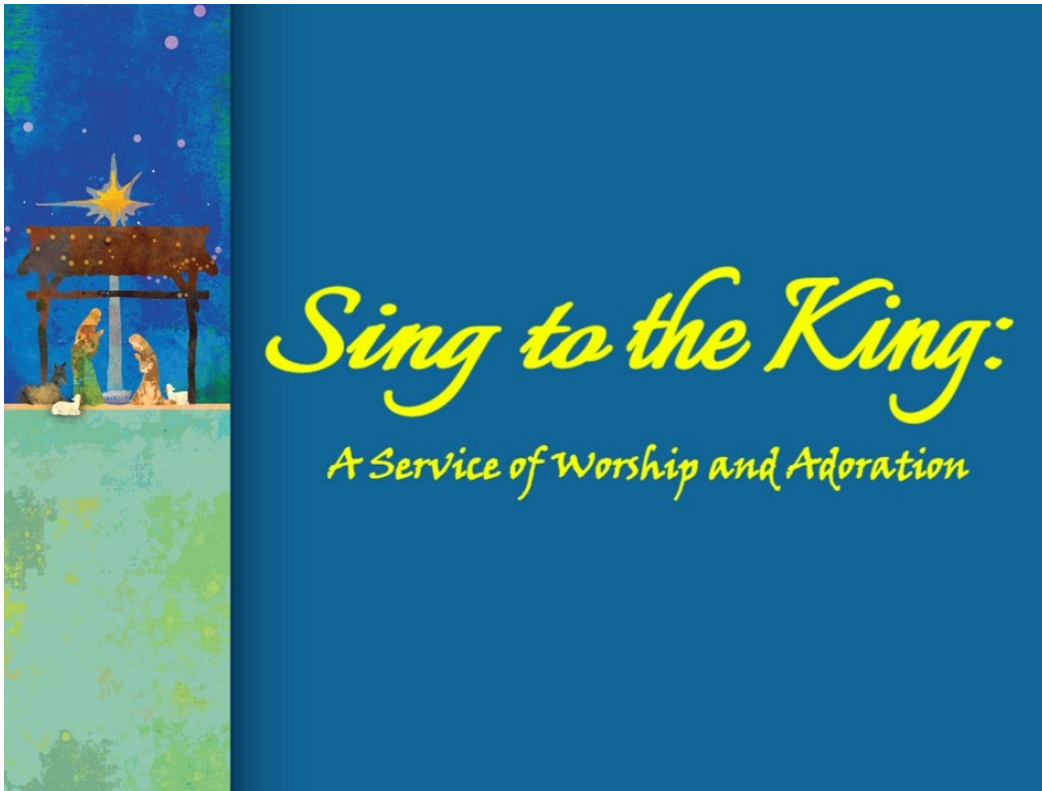
Children and Youth Ministry



As November ends and December begins, we are reminded of Christ's coming into the World. There is a palpable excitement in the church as a new candle is lit each week and we shift our thoughts to focus on Christ. For our students, this season is a busy time of year. They are finishing class before winter break and they have rehearsals and recitals in observance of the Christmas season. I think we are all very busy this time of year. Our society is a society ruled by hurry. We are constantly hustling and bustling, trying to keep up with the demands of everyday life. We don't, or at least I don't, take a lot of time to reflect and be patient--to wait on God. Cheerio's theme this year was patience. I am not a very patient person. In order for me to be patient, I have to shift my mindset from one of hurry to one of patience. This Advent season, take time to wait, to be patient, waiting on our Lord.

Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

♪ Music Notes ♪



Make plans now to attend "Sing to the King: A Service of Worship and Adoration" on Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 am.

This is a great opportunity for all to invite someone to worship with us! Invitations to this special presentation will be available. - janice

IN LOVING MEMORY

Donations received in memory of Rachel Clayton by:
Edna Berry ~ Janet Clayton ~ Lauren Gaydon

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

OCC ITEM OF
THE MONTH:
Toothpaste

OCIM ITEM OF
THE MONTH:
Personal Hygiene
Products

2023 Budget Planning

2023 budget planning is underway. The finalized proposed budget will be mailed on December 7th by postal service and email. The budget will be open for discussion at the December 11th business meeting.

A called business meeting will be held on January 8 to vote on the new budget.

Stewardship

2022	October	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$20,787	\$171,118
Budget Need	\$20,450	\$179,960
Difference (short)	\$ 337	(\$ 8,842)
Loan Repayment :	Beginning Balance:	\$32,000
	Repayment to Date:	\$ 5,940
	Remaining Balance:	\$26,060

Property Renovation Fund - October 2022

Beginning Balance: \$23,447
Ending Balance: \$25,888

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



The 2022 Advent Daily Devotional Package is available at the church. We hope you will enjoy reading the stories though the advent season written by many in our congregation.

Those Needing Our Prayers...

Candy Brady	Mike Fitzgerald	Jerry Nowell
Judith Carrig	Ann Harper	Joan Page
Donna Chamberlain	Carolyn Harper	Peggy Parker
Bill Clayton	Edith Lee	Betty Jane Poole
Danny Dennis	David Lewis	Ridge Riley
Joan Dixon	Laurie Loving	Robbe Riley
Alex Fitzgerald	Linda Morton	Lucy Shinn

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

Here is a word of thanks for being a sending church. The 5 members on the team sent by Baptist on Mission to help the people of the Ukraine recover from war trauma are also thankful for your prayers. We have touched the heart of the spiritual leaders of the Ukrainian Baptist Union.

I write this as we are engaged in our last of 4 seminars. About 200 leaders have participated. We have also visited 2 local churches and shared your love for their people in these demanding times.

As you read the headlines, be sure to know things are much worse than what you read about. War has been waged on the civilian population even more intensely than on the military. As winter here advances many remain sheltered at best, even the shelters are having to deal with power grid destruction designed to destroy the civilian population during the harsh Ukrainian winter.

Pray for our brothers and sisters as they point their nation to the love of Christ.

As always, I ask you to pray our Lord will silence the evil here. Grace and Peace ~ Steve Paschall

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

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

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

Church Office

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Pastor David's Email: morton10@centrylink.net

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please contact the office by phone or email.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Birthdays & Anniversaries

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/14	Emily Lopez	01/21	Steve Paschall
01/19	Dean Dixon	01/22	Janice Thompson
01/20	Edith Lee	01/26	Nancy Dillard
01/21	Benita Burton		



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you! to everyone that helped make Operation Christmas Child a success!!

Due to the efforts of all who donated, packed, and prayed for this project, 130 shoeboxes were packed. We also collected \$1,250 for shipping. These boxes will bring joy to children in need around the world.

DISCIPLESHIP

This month we collect our Christmas offering to support Good Shepherd Ministries, a ministry of International Indigenous Community Development (IICD) founded by Roger and Vicki Grossmann. Roger and Vicki are very involved in the orphanage, medical missions, building churches and training pastors along with a plethora of other things...whatever needs done, they do. They receive groups from all over the world who come and work wherever needed.

Recently, they hosted a youth conference that had many challenges. There were demonstrators blocking the road protesting the rising prices of food and transportation. Briefly, the road was opened allowing the youth to get through safely but it took some time to get them to the areas they were to serve. As Roger was taking one group on their 4 hour journey, they stopped on the side of the road in a forested area to eat their lunch. While there, they noticed a gentleman on the side of the road with a guitar sing Gospel songs. They shared their lunch with him and sang along. What a wonderful experience for those young people as they began their week of service.

Your support of the ministry will be far reaching. Our goal is \$1500. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Merry Christmas ~ Cookie



GREY STONE CHURCH (2601 Hillsborough Rd., Durham, NC 27705)

Celebration of Lights is an outdoor Christmas experience for the whole family. You can just drive through the campus and enjoy the lights and festivities or you can park and walk to enjoy the live entertainment, hayrides, Live Nativity, train ride for the kids, laser tag, giant inflatable slide, a huge Christmas maze, food, ton of other games and stuff to see and do. The best part of it all is that there is no admission charge or cost for anything except the food trucks and a couple of our vendors selling Christmas items.

December 2 - Friday, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

December 3 - Saturday, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

December 4 - Sunday, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

