

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

CHURCH EVENTS

January 1

Happy New Year

January 2

Church Office Closed

January 7

9:00a Baptist Men Mtg

January 8

11:00a Called Business Meeting

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

January 9

9:30a Church Council Meeting

January 15

Business Meeting Following Worship

January 18

6:00p Vietnam Mission Trip Presentation

January 24

Newsletter Input Due

January 28

1:00p Foosball Tournament Youth Fundraiser

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30a Adult Study Groups

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

JANUARY DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:
Bob Brewer/Kevin Shinn

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



grow



bearfruit

January 2023

Pastor's Pen

I believe New Years has great significance for us as it reflects deep spiritual principles. The old year is over and gone. Jesus calls it "forgiveness." What we have done is not permanently imprinted on our lives to define us forever. There is a mysterious process of eradication which wipes our slate clean and we start over again with a new day, a new month, a new year, and new life. We've said goodbye to 2022. Happy New Year 2023!

There is also the practice of new year's resolutions. Deep beneath these resolutions, I am convinced there remains something of the Spirit. Apostle Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5: 17 that in "Christ we are a new creation." There is a certain resolve when we hear his words. Yet there is something more. Two reasons my new year's resolutions fall flat. First, my resolutions are not extensive enough, they are not earth changing. They are too self-focused. The second reason is that the resolutions are solo activities—requiring only my determination, only my strength, only my energy alone.

When we hear and truly digest that in Christ "we are a new creation," we are challenged to give up our "I require what I want" life. It's simply not substantive enough. Please be reminded that all are invited to find purpose in God's salvation and restoration. We are challenged in this relationship with Christ to step forward, not under our own power, but by the strength of Christ Himself. It is our greatest challenge to live for Christ's purposes. Abiding in Christ's living presence is to find oneself in a New Year. As the old hymn says, "Lord I want be like Jesus in my heart." There's a resolution worth striving for!

We're blessed to be Faithful Servants. See you this Sunday. God bless us all in 2023.

In Christ, David Morton, Interim Pastor

Directory Corrections

Make the following additions/correction to your 2022-2023 Church Directory:

Joyce Dennis - Email: joyceburnsdennis@gmail.com

James Grasty - Address: c/o Debra G. Weinel, 1612 Sherburg Ct., Raleigh, NC 27606

Kevin Shinn - Phone Number: 919-724-0829

Teah Shinn - Phone Number: 984-227-0850

Teah Shinn - Email: teahdshinn@gmail.com

Susan Walker - Address: 301 S. Eighth St. Mebane, NC 27302

James Warren - Email: jameswarren0367@gmail.com

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



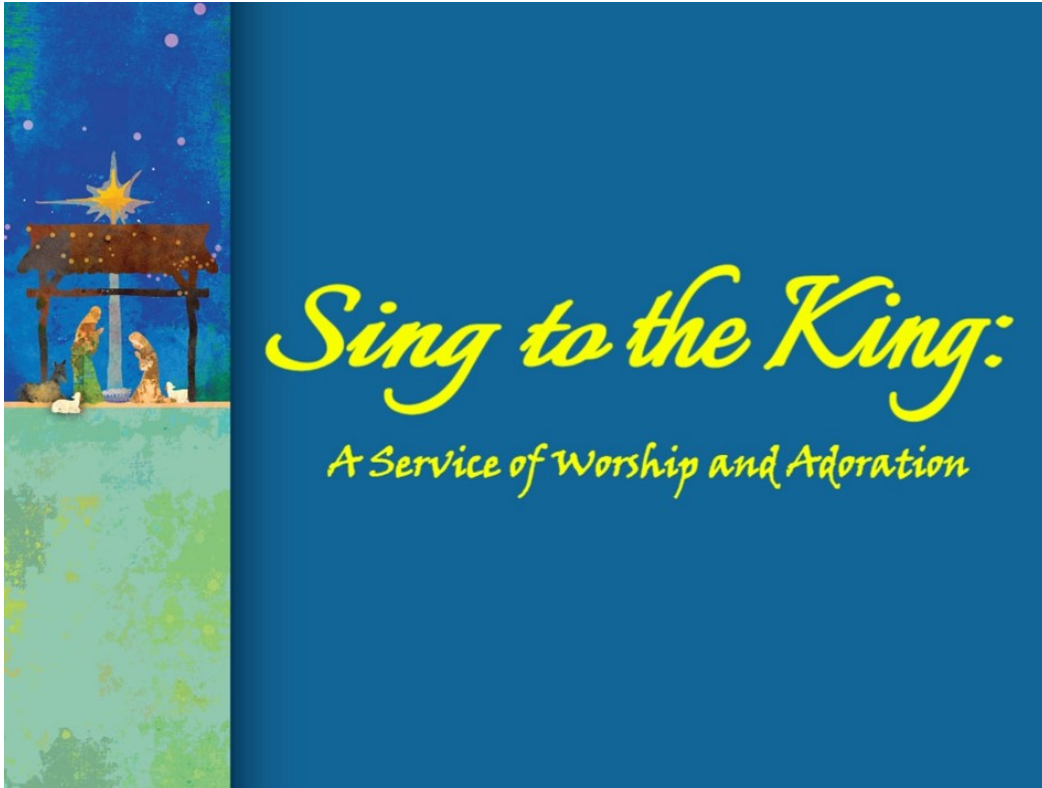
The Student Ministry had a great December! We had a gift-wrapping fundraiser that raised over \$700, we caroled at some of our church members' homes, and we also had a Christmas party!

As the New Year begins, I want to draw your attention to some events that are coming up. On January 28th, we will have our Foosball Tournament Fundraiser. All of the proceeds of this fundraiser will go to Youth Missions/Camps/Trips. Thank you for how you support our students.

Let me take off my Student Pastor hat for a second and talk about Lent. The New Year is also the time to begin thinking about Lent. Last year, we devoted ourselves to prayer throughout Lent. We had a prayer retreat to kick off Lent in 2022 and we plan to do the same this year. The retreat will start at 9 am on February 18th and last all morning. We hope to see you there!

I want to finish by saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you all so much for your support of the Student Ministry. Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

♪ Music Notes ♪



During our December 18 Christmas music service, we could feel God's presence as we worshiped together. I appreciate all who serve as worship leaders at Mount Hermon.

Our next choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 7:15 pm. All are invited to join us as we begin a new year of worship and praise!

Happy New Year to everyone! - janice

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

**OCIM ITEM OF
THE MONTH:
Soup & Crackers**

**OCC ITEM OF
THE MONTH:
Deodorant**

Nursery Workers Needed!!

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the nursery on a rotating bases during Worship Service on a rotating bases. 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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Donations were received in memory of Rachel Clayton by: Glen Clayton ~ Lucille King

IN HONOR OF

A donation was received in honor of the Griffin, Whitfield and Ellis families by: Frank Gibson, Jr

Stewardship

2022	November	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$15,319	\$186,437
Budget Need	\$16,360	\$196,320
Difference (short)	(\$ 1,041)	(\$9,883)
Loan Repayment :	Beginning Balance:	\$32,000
	Repayment to Date:	\$6,674
	Balance Remaining:	\$25,326

Property Renovation Fund - November 2022

Beginning Balance: \$25,888
Ending Balance: \$25,969

At the December business meeting it was voted on and approved to move \$13,000 from the Property Renovation Fund (PRP) and \$12,326 from the General Fund to retire the parsonage renovation loan. Please continue to contribute to the PRP Fund to rebuild the balance for future needs.

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

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

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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

OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Pruitt Health-Carolina Point - Ruby Clements
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera
Independent Village - James Grasty
Cambridge Hills (Roxboro) - Edith Lee
Home Health Care - Stacy Lee
The Oaks of Alamance - Bob Link

Pray For:

The Family of Faye Oakley Bassett
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

As you plan your new year, make some time to take the Love of Jesus with you. Remember we are engaged in sharing the saving gospel of God's love for all humanity. That love and the Christ's Spirit empower that outreach.

Our ministry at Orange Correctional Center (OCC) continues to move forward as we look forward to a time when we can bring those men out for worship with us on Sundays and Wednesdays. Our Easter offering traditionally goes to Alamance Orange Prison Ministry. That along with contributions from other local churches provides a full time chaplain to help the men there to walk with Christ while incarcerated and when they earn their freedom. (See Steve Paschall if you would like to receive the training you need to go to OCC and encourage the men there.)

We will send a team to Guatemala in February to help Roger and Vicki Grossman continue building the Good Shepherd Children's Home and develop churches in the surrounding countryside. We have been ministry partners with the Good Shepherd for about 10 years now. Our international missions offering during the Christmas season goes to fund our work there.

Our youth will be on mission this summer in the Kentucky coal fields ministry. They will need our prayers and support for their efforts to take Jesus with them to that mission field.

We look forward to continue our ministry to the Ukraine and Armenia through our partnership with Baptist on Mission. Have you ever worked with our Disaster Relief team in the aftermath of a hurricane? If the answer is no, then you are encouraged to get trained for such a ministry this March.

Of course our most important Mission outreach every year is VBS. Look for John and Abby DeWitt to announce that outreach for a major summer mission event soon.

As you can see we are engaged in missions. What's missing? YOU ARE!

~ Steve Paschall

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

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Secretary: Peggy Mason
Music Leader: Janice Thompson

Church Office

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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

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	

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01 William Clayton	02/17 Morgan Sorrell
02/03 Bob Brewer	02/19 Shirley Robinson
02/04 Eddie Lee	02/12 Valentina Serrano Gonzalez

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

02/05 Tim & Janice Thompson



Good Shepherd Ministries
Christmas Offering

Church Goal: \$1,500
Raised to Date: \$2,412

We will continue to collect for this offering through
Sunday, January 8th.

**"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

As I sit here after Christmas wondering what the new year will bring, I want to offer you a challenge that will change your life if you chose to accept it. It is a CALL TO ACTION. Each day I want you to ask yourself the following questions:

- 1) What am I grateful for?
- 2) Who will I share the gospel with today?
- 3) Who will I serve and uplift today?
- 4) What will I strive to prove today?
- 5) Who is one person that I need to call today?



Then, answer the CALL TO ACTION and do something. God bless you and keep you and help you be eager to accept the call. ~ Cookie

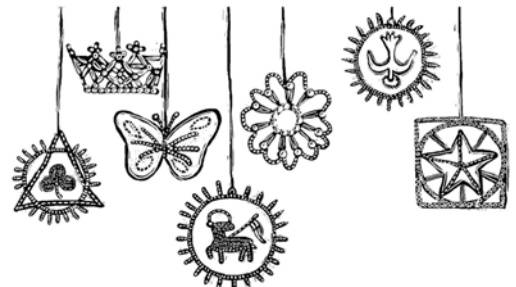
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1 ESV



**Attention
LADIES!**

On Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 9:00 am, all ladies are invited to gather in the event room for a time of fellowship. As promised, our focus will be on the Chrismons that adorn our sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

During our time together, we will mend the ornaments that have become tattered after many years of use, make new Chrismons and learn about their history and meaning.



Questions should be directed to Abby DeWitt and Janice Thompson.

Hope to see everyone there!