

CHURCH EVENTS

February 4

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

February 5

Lord's Supper
2:00p Deacons' Meeting

February 11

9:00a-Noon
Prayer Retreat

February 12

Souper Bowl of Caring

February 17-19

Ladies Weekend Retreat

February 21

Newsletter Input Due

February 21

6:00p Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner

February 22

6:00p Ash Wednesday
Service

February 26

1st Sunday of Lent
Business Meeting

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

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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February 2023

Pastor's Pen

IN CHRIST

We are called to be in Christ. Jesus said, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32) Paul writes that we can only know freedom if we accept Christ as the One sent to us to show us how to be reconciled, how to be fulfilled and how to be as God intends us to be.

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ..." (II Cor. 5:16-20) If we are in Christ, living, doing and speaking in Christ, we will know the freedom we so desperately seek. If we are in Christ, we will open doors and work to see that others know that freedom too.

The Easter Season is upon us and we are preparing to celebrate this wonderful time. Lent begins Wednesday, February 22 with Ash Wednesday. The Good News of Easter is that Jesus lives. He lives in us as we live the truth. We cannot deny the truth and still be free. As Christians, we are "in Christ" and we are new creations. "All this is from God, who reconciled us through Christ" and this is truly the greatest news of all. Mount Hermon church needs willing hands and committed hearts as we continue to strive together for faithful ministry. To reach the potential God offers us, we are called to dedicate time and energy, and treasure and talent. We are instructed to practice forgiveness and grace, and pray for God's will to be done in each of us. God calls us to be faithful.

I look forward to seeing you in services and fellowship. We truly have a blessed community of faith. Join us as we serve together and may each of us be a blessing during the season of Easter.

Prayerfully, In Christ, David Morton, Interim Pastor

LOOKING AHEAD

Ash Wednesday - February 22
Palm Sunday - April 2
Maundy Thursday - April 6
Easter Sunday - April 9

Directory Corrections

Make the following corrections to your 2022-2023 Church Directory:
Judy Hanson - Email: Jcshanson@gmail.com
Ronda Barton - Phone Number: 984-227-2274

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

FEBRUARY DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:
Steve Couch / John Frederick

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ~2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV)

Children and Youth Ministry



In January, the students had a movie night at the parsonage where we watched a movie on the Apostle Paul and we had a foosball tournament in order to raise funds for youth missions/camps. Thank you all for how you supported the youth in the foosball tournament sponsoring them so that the costs of trips are significantly lower.

In February, the students will have a shrove pancake dinner on the 21st. This dinner will be from 6-7 pm. It will be a time when youth serve pancakes and other breakfast food to the congregation. Shrove Tuesday (sometimes called Fat Tuesday) is the day before Ash Wednesday--the start of Lent. For centuries, Christians have eaten

pancakes on the Tuesday before Lent as a sort of "last hurrah" before the traditional season of fasting in the Christian calendar. Donations to cover food costs will be accepted, but are totally optional. Any excess donations will go to youth missions/camps.

The last thing I would like to mention is that we are having a prayer retreat on February 11th from 9a-12p at the church! Join us for a few hours of different types of prayer and worship. We hope to see you there!

As always, thank you for all the ways you support the student ministry. We could not be more grateful!

Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

♪ Music Notes ♪

**Join the
CHOIR**

**Everyone is
Welcome!**

*Join us as we praise
God through music.*

Wednesdays
7:15 pm
Church Sanctuary

*"Make a joyful noise unto
the Lord, all ye lands. Serve
the Lord with gladness:
come before His presence
with singing."
Psalm 100:1-2*



The Youth will sponsor the **Souper Bowl of Caring** again this year! This will take place on **February 12th**. Be sure to bring canned goods or donations to church that Sunday to be collected after the service.

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

DEACON ASSIGMENTS:

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	

Prayer Retreat:

The prayer retreat will be a morning where the church comes together to pray for ourselves, our church, our community, our nation, and our world through different expressions of prayer. We like having a prayer retreat before the season of Lent to focus ourselves on God and our dependence on Him. We hope you can join us!

**OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:
Fruit/Applesauce**

**OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH:
Toothpaste**

Stewardship

2022	December	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$22,040	\$208,477
Budget Need	\$16,360	\$212,699
Difference (short)	\$ 5,680	(\$ 4,222)

2022 Year End Expenses vs. Income

Budget Income	\$208,477
Expenses	\$204,070
Difference	\$ 4,407

Property Renovation Fund - December 2022

Beginning Balance: \$25,888

Ending Balance: \$14,728

\$13,000 was moved from PRP to the Money Market Account to retire the Parsonage Renovation Loan

Thank you to everyone who supported Mount Hermon in 2022 through your gifts and offerings. As we move into 2023 with an increased budget please continue to be faithful. A vote to support the budget is not just checking a YES box on the ballot but a commitment to financially support the church.
~Peggy Mason, Treasurer

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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

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 Pastor Search Committee
The Guatemala Mission Team
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

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

DISCIPLESHIP

January is gone, February is present but what I want to tell you about starts in March. We are going to start having a potluck on the first Wednesday of the month beginning March 1st at 5:00. So bring your favorite dish to share, have a little conversation and fellowship then stay for Bible Study. Pastor David is doing a wonderful job of leading us and making us think about the Bible and our relationship with the Lord and how we can carry out His Mission

I also wanted to share another exciting event we will start beginning in March called "Conversational Dinners". Here's how it works:

You will sign up on the list on the glass case. Once a month you will have dinner with friends. Dinner consists of a meat, veggies, dessert and bread. The host will provide the place where dinner will happen, entree and drinks. One person(s) will provide the veggies and another person(s) will provide the dessert and bread. The date of the dinner would be determined by the host along with the menu. This would rotate so that if you are host this month then you would bring veggies or dessert the next time. We would do this in March, April or May. Concerned because you don't have a place to host? You are welcome to use the fellowship hall or event room just check with Peggy for availability.

I've heard from a lot of people that they would like to get to know the other people in the church especially since we have so many new and wonderful people. So take advantage of this opportunity to have some fun, a good meal and some wonderful conversation. All are welcome! ~Cookie Frederick

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins. It has been a Christian tradition to feast on pancakes on Shrove Tuesday before the Lenten season begins the next day. Come join us at 6 pm and let the youth cook you some delicious pancakes.

(Donations are optional for food costs. Anything left over will go to Youth Missions.)

Ash Wednesday Service: Ash Wednesday is the first day of lent--the season in which we remember our sins and our need for a Savior. The season of Lent is the season right before Easter. Our Ash Wednesday service celebrates the first day of lent. In this service, we grapple with our mortality and our need to be saved. Join us for this special service. it begins at 6 pm on Wednesday, February 22nd, and will take the place of our traditional Prayer and Bible Study.

Pastor: David Morton
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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

02/05 Tim & Janice Thompson

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/03 Maria Butron
03/03 Jerald Fuller
03/04 David Morton
03/04 Donnie Riley
03/06 Peggy Mason
03/11 Shaina Riley
03/12 Kevin Shinn
03/13 John DeWitt
03/16 James Warren
03/22 Teah Shinn
03/26 Charles Harrison
03/29 Cookie Frederick
03/29 Ted Darby
03/30 Jody Brady

OUTREACH - In the name of Jesus

This January a group of men from our church responded to a call for help that came through Orange County Social Services. The family of 5 had a floor rot out in their bathroom. They needed help. A group of 5 men responded. Steve Lopez, Steve Clayton, Bill Butler, Chris Lewis and Donnie Riley gave parts of two days of their lives to serve a neighbor, in the name of Jesus. That's a critical part of our Lord's Commission. Others in our family dropped by with greetings and gifts of encouragement. Thanks to all who engaged in that work. ~ Steve Paschall

Chaplain Khimich, who leads the Ukrainian Baptist Union chaplains has ask for us to support them with prayer. February will see intense fighting because it is the anniversary of the invasion and the fact that tanks are on the way to the Ukraine. When the Russians see hope for Ukraine, they tend to become even more aggressive.

Prayer requests:

1. For the courage of Ukrainian soldiers and wisdom for the military and political leadership of Ukraine.
2. For the restoration of the Ukraine's infrastructure which was destroyed by Russia. We have big problems with electricity, communications and the Internet.
3. For the Lord to help us get through the winter and the cold.
4. For the liberation of the occupied territories of Ukraine.
5. For the release of all captured Ukrainians and the healing of the wounded.
6. For the consolation of those who have lost people dear to them.
7. For the restoration of the economy of Ukraine.
8. For our ministry to soldiers, their families and widows.
9. For the blessing of all who help Ukraine in this war.

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.