

## CHURCH EVENTS

### March 1

5:00p Potluck Dinner  
6:00p Guatemala Mission Report

### March 4

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

### March 5

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

### March 12

2:00a Daylight Saving Time Begins

### March 19

Business Meeting

### March 20

9:30a Church Council Meeting

### March 23

Newsletter Input Due

### March 24-25

Youth - D Now

### March 26

2:00p Clayton Baby Shower

## 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

## LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday - April 2  
Maundy Thursday - April 6  
Easter Sunday - April 9

## MARCH DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:  
Peggy Mason/Tim Thompson

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



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bearfruit

March 2023

## Pastor's Pen

## Be In Christ

The Bible calls us all 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) If we are in Christ, doors will open and we will work to see that others know this freedom too.

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)

We all need to hear this message during the Easter season. Easter's Good News is that Jesus lives! He lives in us as we live God's truth. It is impossible to deny God's truth and still be free. "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ" and this is truly the greatest news! Praise God that we are new! And in Christ we are free! Christians, may the joy of Christ's resurrection renew your faith and set you free with unbound hearts!

I am grateful to God for the opportunity to share something so important with you. We are grateful for our Guatemala Mission Team and the wonderful work and spirit they have shared with others and us. And we are thankful for God's faithfulness as we rely upon His presence during this Lenten season. We are reminded of His grace that is sufficient for us. Be reconciled unto the Lord today!

Grace and peace to all of you because we are in Christ,  
David Morton, Interim Pastor

## March Sermon Schedule

03/05	Nicodemus' Questions	John 3: 1-15
03/12	A Woman and Her Water Jar	Joshua 24:14-15 / John 4:27-29
03/19	A Blind Man	John 9:1-41
03/26	We All Wonder	John 11:1-44

## Directory Corrections

Make the following corrections to your 2022-2023 Church Directory:  
Tim and Janice Thompson - delete home phone - cell phones only

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

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

## Children and Youth Ministry



As we transition to the spring months, the student ministry prepares for a busy season! This month, we will have DNOW on March 24th and 25th. The theme of DNOW this year will be Call. We will be learning about what it means to be called by God and how we are all called to something, whether that be missions, pastoring, or serving God in the workforce. We will be doing a couple of mission projects that weekend, one of which will be painting VBS sets and another that will be outreach-oriented.

In February, the students put on the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. We also began a new lesson series in the middle and high school classes. The high schoolers are studying Galatians. The middle schoolers began a series on spiritual beings. Abby and I are so grateful to have classes that are excited to learn about God and how to live as Christians.

Thank you for your support, and please continue to keep the students and student ministry in your prayers. Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

## ♪ Music Notes ♪



## Preparing for Easter

As I chose music for our Ash Wednesday service, the old and familiar hymn "Whiter Than Snow" came to mind. The beautiful lyrics express a desire for Christ to make us clean and forgive us. Sing (and pray) the lyrics below as you go through Lent and prepare for Easter.

*Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;  
I want Thee forever to ransom my soul.  
Break down ev'ry idol, cast out ev'ry foe:  
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow;  
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

I am thankful for hymns that can be used in our daily lives.

janice



The Youth sponsored the **Souper Bowl of Caring** again this year on February 12th.

100 food items and \$380 was collected to support OCIM and hunger in our community. Thank You to those who gave!

### 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.

### **OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:**

Dry Pasta / Pasta Sauce

### **OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH:**

Lotion

### **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	

This year's Easter Mission Offering will be donated to Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry.

Church Goal \$1,200

Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry exists to provide and promote spiritual comfort and growth to the men assigned to Orange Correctional Center through services rendered by a full-time funded chaplain. Further, the ministry strives to better prepare OCC residents with skills, abilities and motivation to successfully reintegrate into their communities and families upon release.

*Jesus said to them again, "peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." John 20:21*

## Stewardship

<b>2023</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
Budget Income	\$18,335	\$18,335
Budget Need	\$21,700	\$21,700
Difference - (short)	(\$3,365)	(\$3,365)

<b>2023</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
Budget Income	\$18,335	\$18,335
Budget Expenses	\$17,730	\$17,730
Difference - over	\$ 605	\$ 605

**January PRP Balance \$ 15,265**

In the coming weeks we will be installing a camera in the balcony to live-stream and record our services. We will also be replacing the outdated computer and projectors. Much of the funds needed for this project have been received through generous donations to the PRP fund. All payment for this project will come from the PRP fund. Please continue to support this fund for future needs. ~Peggy Mason, Treasurer

*You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.*

Deuteronomy 15:10

## DISCIPLESHIP

March is here and I can hardly believe it! We just celebrated Shrove Tuesday with a wonderful pancake supper and followed it with a very moving Ash Wednesday service which kicks off the Lenten season. Here at Mount Hermon, there is always something going on and I want to encourage you to become involved. Read the back of the bulletin, watch the screens in the sanctuary, be the one that reminds others about what is happening. I hear all the time that you want opportunities to get to know each other better, be on the lookout and join in.

### **Upcoming events:**

**March 1:** 5:00p First Wednesday potluck  
6:00p Guatemala Mission Report

**March 4:** 9:00a Baptist men in the fellowship hall  
9:00a Ladies in the event room

**Small groups:** 9:30a Sunday morning  
6:30p Thursday evening

Conversational dinners. Sign up sheet in the hallway. If your reluctance has been hosting, worry no more. I have someone who wants to host all three times so you could be one that brings the sides and/or dessert. Come join us for a meal and conversation. Have a great March!!! ~Cookie Frederick

## *Those Needing Our Prayers...*

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

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

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

### **Pray For:**

The family of James Grasty, James went home to his Lord 2/26  
The Pastor Search Committee  
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



## **Attention LADIES!**

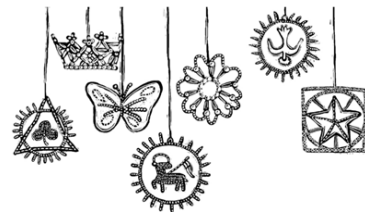
### Chrismons 2.0

The ladies had a great time on February 4 with 15 in attendance. We made great progress with the Chrismons but decided more time is needed to complete the project.

On Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 9:00 am, all ladies are invited to gather as we continue to work on these beautiful ornaments that will adorn our sanctuary during Advent and Christmas for years to come.

All are welcome – we have plenty of supplies for everyone to join in the fellowship!

Hope to see everyone there!



### **Prayer Room**

Our Prayer Room is open and available at all times for those who may need a quiet moment in prayer. Instructions for the room's use are provided along with prayer materials.

**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.  
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 please contact the office by phone or email.

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Birthdays & Anniversaries*

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

04/02 Noah Dellinger	04/15 Katrina Paschall
04/06 Blanca Serrano Gonzalez	04/16 Steve Lopez
04/08 Virginia Pasour	04/24 Amanda Clayton
04/09 Dan Vogel	

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

04/28 John & Cookie Frederick

**PASTOR SEARCH**

Dear Church,  
 The Pastor search committee members have been meeting for the last two months and praying earnestly for God's direction through this process. We have been fortunate to have many resources to aid in this search. Now with surveys returned, the team can begin reviewing each one together. The surveys have made it so that we can have the opportunity to hear from all in our congregation as we continue this process. The committee will keep the church informed through reports in the newsletter and from church-wide emails. Please be in prayer for our church during this time of transition that this season can be one of reflection and visioning for the future. Also, be in prayer for the members of the Pastor Search Committee as they listen for God's discernment during this process. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

In Christ,  
 Shaina Riley, Bill Butler, Beth Brewer, Steve Paschall, Don Riley, Shirley Robinson

**OUTREACH**

The mission team did a great job of building a new roof and painting New Covenant Baptist Church. Mount Hermon sent \$3000 which was mached by Roseboro First Baptist. In addition Pleasant Memory Baptist sent \$1100. All in all donations from over the state allowed us to donate nearly \$9,000 to renew the physical plant during the church renewal project. We also held a 3 day pastors conference to train local pastors in the disciplines of Systematic Theology and Leadership. 12 local pastors attended. Mount Hermon has been in partnership with Roger and Vicki Grossmann and the Good Shepherd Ministry for nearly 10 years. You are always invited to be part of the mission team to help pland and participate on our effort to reach our world with the soul saving message of Jesus' love. ~ Steve Paschall



*We're Having a  
 Baby Shower  
 For  
 AMANDA AND WILLIAM  
 CLAYTON*

*Sunday, March 26, 2023  
 2:00 PM  
 Mount Hermon  
 Fellowship Hall*

*Baby Registry Available  
 at Amazon.com*



**March 12  
 Spring Forward  
 to  
 Daylight Saving  
 Time**