

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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May 2023

## CHURCH EVENTS

### May 3

5:00p Potluck Dinner

### May 5-6

Men's Outdoor Weekend

### May 7

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

### May 14

Mother's Day

9:30a Mount Hermon 101  
(class 1 of 3)

### May 21

9:30a Mount Hermon 101  
(class 2 of 3)  
Business Meeting

### May 23

Newsletter Input Due

### May 28

9:30a Mount Hermon 101  
(class 3 of 3)

### May 29

Memorial Day  
Church Office Closed

## 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 Study Group

## MAY DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:  
Steve Couch / John Frederick

## Pastor's Pen

Let's tell the truth. Humans cannot live well without resting, so God created the Sabbath. Keeping Sabbath can put things in perspective. It reminds us that we are valued, not because of what we produce, but because we are loved by God. When we take time for Sabbath it helps us to slow down to participate in the rhythm of God's creation. It reminds us that God will provide for our needs. And for a short time we can cease demanding that we have to figure things out ourselves and rely on the Lord to give us the help and resources we need.

To make time for rest and for God, we have to make these a priority over other things. We have to budget into our agendas, time for daily meditation and prayer. Do we have to give ourselves detention for this to happen? Or could we just rest in the arms of the Almighty and find ourselves back in stride with God's creation? The commandment to "**keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary**" should be one of the easiest commandments to keep. Take a look into your heart and consider how holy Sabbath time is evidenced in your life. When was the last time you chose to use time just for you and your relationship with the Lord?

***"You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord. If you follow my statutes and keep my commandments and observe them faithfully, I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. ... And I will grant peace in the land ... And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people."* (Leviticus 26:2-4, 6, 12)**

Come and Sabbath with us at Mount Hermon Baptist Church! Spend some time with the Lord and each other in fellowship and worship! Discover the Lord's love for you and sing His praise! Share God's love with others. Know that your past is forgiven and forgotten by the grace of God. And know that God is holy, directing your daily path.

See you Sunday,

In Jesus' name, David Morton, Interim Pastor

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

**OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH:**  
Soap

**OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:**  
Jelly & Mayonnaise

*If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.  
If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26*

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

## Children and Youth Ministry



April and May were/are lighter months event-wise for our student ministry, but April has been heavy with preparations for our Kentucky Mission Immersion Experience. On April 29th, the students traveled to Roxboro and enjoyed a couple of hours of roller skating at Palace Pointe. The following day, we had a spaghetti fundraiser for our Kentucky trip. Thanks to all who came and supported us. We are so thankful for the way this church family shows us love.

Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

June 17-24  
Kentucky  
Mission Trip

July 9-14  
Passport Camp

July 24-27  
VBS

## PASTOR SEARCH

"Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes--all the time! It must be that way, for God's glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world." - [Henry Blackaby](#) Often times members of the church attempt to outsource their responsibilities as Christians to the pastor. When churches look toward hiring a new pastor or evaluating the old, we can become critical in looking at what we believe is lacking. We attempt to place blame on leadership and fail to see we are all responsible for the church fulfilling its God-given mission. In seasons of transition, a church does not discontinue its witness to the community around it just because a position is not filled. Nor should the members ever sit back waiting for a new hire to come and make the church renewed and full of vision. It is up to the church to demonstrate its values, and what we should value is determined by God: that all his creation would come to know him and share in worship toward him. What are you doing to be his witness in the world? How are you living out His Word? Where is the Spirit leading you? Instead of focusing on how the church will move forward with new leadership, ask how you will help move the church forward and inspire incoming leaders. Continue to pray for the Pastor Search Team as they prayerfully go through the process at hand. Thank you all for your support and encouragement.  
Grace and Peace, The Pastor Search Team



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

Church Goal \$1,200  
Raised to Date: \$1,152

We will collect for this offering through May 28th

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.

## **2023 Graduates!!**

Are you a member graduating or do you have a child or grandchild graduating from High School, College or a Higher Learning Institution? If so, please contact the church office (919-383-2982), we would like to recognize our graduates during the June 4th service.



HAPPY  
*Mother's*  
DAY  
*May 21st*



## DISCIPLESHIP

In Pastor David's sermon on Sunday there were a couple of things that he pointed out that I think bear repeating. Luke 24:13-32 is the story of Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus. The first thing that struck me was that Jesus led those men in a Bible study (vs 27). He taught them the writings of Moses and the prophets and all things from all the Scriptures that concerned him. He wanted to emphasize that his life and death and resurrection were foretold and that what everyone witnessed was real and true.

The second thing I want to point out is how the hearts of these men burned within them as Jesus taught them and explained the scriptures. Is this what happens when you read and study God's Word? Is your time with the Lord a priority? Do you miss it when it doesn't happen? Do you give him the best you have? I want to challenge you to give God an hour a day. Set it aside as sacred so nothing else interferes with it. Use this time to read and study his Word, listen to his voice, sing praises and worship, be still and know that He is God. The passion you have for the Lord will be alive and burning, you'll hear His voice call you to fulfill specific plans for your life. Then your challenge will be to go and share the gospel with courage just as the men from Emmaus did. Will you accept the challenge? I hope so! ~Cookie Frederick

**Stewardship**

2023	March	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$16,900	\$52,460
Budget Need	\$17,360	\$56,420
Difference - (short)	(\$ 460)	(\$ 3,960)

2023	March	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$16,900	\$63,460
Budget Expenses	\$15,331	\$52,535
Difference	\$ 1,569	(\$ 75)

**March PRP Balance \$ 14,107**

Please continue to support the Property Renovation Phase (PRP) fund for future needs of the church along with your general tithing and gifts. Pray for the financial health of the church

~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

**Those Needing Our Prayers**

Candy Brady	Ann Harper	Joan Page
Jody Brady	Carolyn Harper	Peggy Parker
Judith Carrig	Ann Hicks	Betty Jane Poole
Donna Chamberlain	Sue Johnson	Ridge Riley
Bill Clayton	Lucille King	Robbe Riley
Jacob Cook	David Lewis	Joseph Albert Revell
Joyce Dennis	Laurie Loving	Peggy Rhodes
Joan Dixon	Linda Morton	Bob Winecoff
Alex Fitzgerald	Jerry Nowell	Virginia Winecoff

**Our Shut-ins and hospitalized**

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

**Pray For:**

The family of Edith Lee  
 The victims and families of the recent acts of violence.  
 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

**Music Notes**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY  
 MAY 28, 2023**

As you prepare for Pentecost, sing (or pray) the lyrics to this beautiful hymn:



**Holy Spirit, Rain Down**

*Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;  
 O Comforter and Friend,  
 How we need Your touch again.*

*Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;  
 Let Your power fall,  
 let Your voice be heard,  
 Come and change our hearts  
 as we stand on Your Word.  
 Holy Spirit, rain down.*

*No eye has seen, no ear has heard,  
 No mind can know  
 what God has in store;  
 So open up heaven, open it wide  
 Over Your church and over our lives.*

*Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;  
 Let Your power fall,  
 let Your voice be heard,  
 Come and change our hearts  
 as we stand on Your Word.  
 Holy Spirit, rain down.*

**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

**In Loving Memory**

donations were received in memory of Edith Lee by:

Edna Berry  
 Larry & Judy McPherson



**Congratulations!!**

Fernanda Serrano Gonzales  
 on your Baptism and Church Membership

**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**

Hours: Monday—Friday 9 am—11:30 am  
Phone: 919-383-2982  
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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***

***MAY BIRTHDAYS***

05/01 Brian Tedder            05/07 Stacy Lee  
05/04 Terri Anne Darby      05/31 Abby DeWitt

***MAY ANNIVERSARIES***

05/17 Dan & Ethel Vogel  
05/18 Gary & Katrina Paschall

If we missed your birthday or anniversary please let us know so we can update our records.

***JUNE BIRTHDAYS***

06/01 Piper Clayton            06/25 Morgan Mayse  
06/08 Paulina Serrano Gonzalez   06/27 Rhonda Barton  
06/13 Luke Daniel

***JUNE ANNIVERSARIES***

06/15 Todd & Wendy Riley

**OUTREACH**

April 14-15 offered us a first hand look at missions at home and to the uttermost parts of the earth. It was a model of Jesus instruction in Acts 1:8. I was very proud of Mount Hermon because we had 19 people at the missions conference and everyone of us were truly blessed to be there. Next year, don't miss it. It was a spiritual shot in the heart.

One of the speakers was Lee Strobel who has written books that fix our hearts on Jesus and His kingdom. Most of us are aware of the book "Case for Christ." But he has also published "The Case for Miracles" and "The Case for Heaven." He is one of the foremost evangelist in the US today. This was his message in a small group break out session. He spoke about how we increase the evangelistic effect in our churches. This is simply a bullet report about his message.

It now takes 86 church members to bring 1 person to Christ. This tells us that American churches are not sustainable. 73% of our churches are in decline and only 3% of them are currently growing.

1. Leaders must own and model that the lost are valuable to God. "Are we willing to die for the lost?"
2. Leaders must instill these evangelistic values to members of the church
3. Leaders must empower an evangelistic person keep watch of this vital aspect of outreach. Put one person in charge of this ministry and it's not the pastor
4. We can take contagious Christian leader courses on line at his school
5. Let passion for evangelism go free. In other words fan the evangelistic fervor to flame



We must create events where evangelism can take place like revivals and VBS.

Well, I hope this sets all of to think about what kind of job Mount Hermon has done in this Spiritual discipline. How many of us can/should be engaged? All of us. Think about it. We better pray about it.

In the Love of Jesus ~Steve Paschall

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

**Nursery Workers Needed!!**

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the nursery on a rotating bases during Sunday School and/or Worship Service on a rotating bases. If you are willing to help please contact John DeWitt or Teah Shinn.



**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.