

CHURCH EVENTS

August 5

9:00a Baptist Men Meeting

August 6

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

August 7

8:00a Carowinds Youth Trip

August 9

5:00p Potluck Dinner
5:30p Safe Kids Training

August 12

Block Party & Backpack
Ministry

August 18

Durham Bulls Outing

August 19

9:00a Ladies' Fellowship
At the Parsonage

August 20

Business Meeting
Prison Ministry

August 21

9:30a Church Council Meeting

August 22

Newsletter Input Due
Missions Rally - Knightdale

August 26

9:00 - Noon
Committee Orientations

Looking Ahead HOMECOMING 2023

SEPTEMBER 9

2:00p Ice Cream Social
Open Time Capsule

SEPTEMBER 10

10:30a Worship Service
Potluck Lunch
Bury New Time Capsule

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

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout

grow

bearfruit

August 2023

Pastor's Pen

Jacob's dream in Genesis 28:10-19 unfolds in the scriptures like this. We read where Jacob tricked his father into giving him the blessing that would have gone to his older brother, Esau. After the heist Jacob gets out of town escaping his brother's anger. While journeying, Jacob spent the night in the wilderness sleeping on the ground and using a stone for a pillow. He had a dream that night. He saw a "raised staircase," a "ladder" with angel messengers ascending and descending. This passage is the basis of the old spiritual "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder."

God stood before Jacob in his dream. God gave him the promise that he will have scores of descendants and they will be blessing to all the families of the earth. And God said to him: "I am with you now, I will protect you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised you" (v. 15).

Up to this point, Jacob had been operating on his own. He had not given any thought to God's promise or God's provision and care. This encounter with God was Jacob's first direct encounter and the promise that God made to his ancestors extended to him and his descendants. He awakened from the dream and had the presence of mind to recognize that something significant had happened.

Jacob thought, "The Lord is definitely in this place, but I didn't know it." And he took his stone pillow and set it as a sacred pillar and poured oil over it. And Jacob named the sacred place Bethel. It is striking that Jacob recognized that God was there and present with him. While Jacob's life was all messy and complicated, he was able to distinguish the message God had for him. God gave Jacob the gift of discernment.

While Jacob looked back over his life, in his reflection, Jacob was able to see something that at first, he was not able to see. **God was in this place.** God was present. God was at work in the world and at work in Jacob's life, even though he was not aware at the time.

We all seem to move through times like these. And when our lives move through uncertain times, times of fright and insecurity, times of frustration and irritation, times when our lives are uncomfortable, not even having a decent comfortable place to lay our heads, we might realize God was present with us. We may even realize that God was for us all along, even if we did not realize it at the time.

Honestly, that is an important thing to know. I know God is at work in our world. God is present and working in your world and He loves us each as if we are the only one. Do you feel His presence? Do not fret because God is in this place, even when you don't recognize His presence. God is working even when you think you are doing the work on your own. And like Jacob, God says to us: "I am with you now, I will protect you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised you" (v. 15). I find personal peace in these ancient words. I can rest in God's promises today. I pray that you will depend on and listen to Him too. We pray together in Christ name. David Morton, Interim Pastor

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

AUGUST DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:
Steve Couch / John Frederick

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH: Lotion

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH: Canned Vegetables

Children and Youth Ministry



July was a busy month for the student ministry. We had Passport in the middle of the month and Vacation Bible School at the end. Thank you so much to all who helped with VBS whether that was volunteering time, money, prayer, or a mixture of these three and more. I greatly appreciate the support that Mount Hermon gives to the student ministry.

August is another busy month for us! We are going to Carowinds on August 7th, we are having the safe kids training on August 9th, we are having the backpack ministry event and block party on August 12th, and we will be heading to a Bulls game on August 18th!

Please continue to pray for the students and their leaders as we strive to be all God calls us to be.

Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

From our Pastoral Intern:

Our church family is in the process of transition — interim pastors, music ministers, new deacons and committee members. When things begin to change, our knee jerk reaction can be to grab hold of what we can control. We clench our fists and form a tight grip, rather than surrendering them to God's merciful hand. The strange thing that happens is we begin to choke the life out of the very things we were trying to preserve or control. We all want the best for our church, and we all have ideas about what that entails. However, let us not forget the people whom God has appointed to guide our congregation through this time of change. Let's continue to pray for and encourage the pastor search committee. Let's thank them for the hours they have committed to looking out for God's leading hand. Lastly, let's get excited together for the wonderful things God will accomplish through these many changes happening at Mount Hermon.

Thank you for embracing me as your pastoral intern in this time of change.

With love in Christ, Noah Dellinger



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



Region 4
NC Missions Rally 2023
Bethlehem Baptist Church
8400 Poole Rd Knightdale NC

Tuesday, August 22

5:45 pm Meal
Missions Program
6:50-8:30

See Steve Couch for
more information.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

As the new church year approaches, the Nominating Committee is actively seeking members who are willing to contribute to the Mount Hermon community beginning September 1. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to serve the church.

ROTATING COMMITTEE ORIENTATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

On Saturday, August 26, the Nominating Committee will host Rotating Committee Orientation Sessions.

Our schedule will be as follows:

Sanctuary Committee	9:00 am
Properties Committee	9:30 am
Special Events Committee	10:00 am
Personnel Committee	10:30 am
Stewardship Committee	11:00 am
Nominating Committee	11:30 am

If you are on a committee, please attend.

Deacon nominations were held on July 23rd. The 4 new deacons that will begin serving on September 1st will be named in the coming days.

"Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!" - 1 Chronicles 16:11



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.

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

Stewardship

2023	June	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$20,053	\$112,465
Budget Need	\$17,360	\$112,840
Difference	\$ 2,693	(\$ 375)

2023	June	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$20,053	\$112,465
Budget Expenses	\$19,588	\$103,968
Difference	\$ 485	\$ 8,497

June PRP Balance \$ 14,559

Continue to pray for the financial health of the church.
Peggy Mason, Treasurer

DISCIPLESHIP

Dear Church,
First of all, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity and love. Our fill-up the Pick-up was a great success. We collected over 700 lbs of food and by the end of July with the garden donations, it will exceed 1200 lbs. Absolutely amazing! Your kindness will benefit many families in need.

I also want to express my gratitude and thanks for your support over the last 8 years. It has been my honor to be the Discipleship Director, but I feel like it is time for me to step aside and let someone else take the reins. My prayer is that you will volunteer to join the next Director...there needs to be a representative from each small group, Baptist Men and Baptist Women...and continue to help the church grow in furthering the Kingdom of God. This church is very dear to my heart and I look forward to continuing to watch it grow. ~ Cookie

🎵 Music Notes 🎵

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MUSIC MINISTER!!!

Beginning August 1, Anne Basden will begin serving Mount Hermon as our Minister of Music. Anne, a Durham native, comes to us with a great deal of church music experience, talent, and enthusiasm.

The choir will resume rehearsals with Anne as our leader on Wednesday, August 2 following Bible Study.

We look forward to worshipping together and know everyone will make Anne feel welcome.

Those Needing Our Prayers

Jody Brady	Lesley Nowell Day	Betty Jane Poole
Judith Carrig	Joyce Dennis	Joseph Albert Revell
Donna Chamberlain	Joan Dixon	Justin Riley
Bill Clayton	Lucille King	Ridge Riley
Georgia Barnette	David Lewis	Robbe Riley
Robbie Davidson	Joan Page	Peggy Rhodes
Vic Davis	Peggy Parker	Bob & Virginia Winecoff

Our shut-ins and hospitalized

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Pruitt Health-Carolina Point - Ruby Clements
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera
Bright Horizon @ Lake Boone - Ethelene Futch
Veterans Administration Hospital - Richard Hanson
Duke Hospital - Russell Hoffman
Hillcrest Convalescent Center - Stacy Lee
Las Coilnas of Westover - Roberta Lopez

Pray For:

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

MOUNT HERMON BAPTIST CHURCH 175th HOMECOMING CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2023

You're invited to join us as Mount Hermon Baptist Church celebrates 175 years of blessings.

Our homecoming weekend will begin on Saturday at 2:00 pm when we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for an ice cream social. As a special treat, a time capsule that was buried in 1998 will be opened for all to see.

On Sunday, our worship service will begin at 10:30 am to be followed by our traditional potluck lunch. We will end the day by burying a new time capsule that will be opened at the church's 200th anniversary in 2048.

To fill the new time capsule, the Homecoming Planning Committee welcomes your contributions. Items may include things that convey current events and happenings in our church, the surrounding community, and the world.

We would be honored by your presence and participation in this weekend of thanks and celebration.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22

Pastor: David Morton
Secretary: Peggy Mason
Music Leader: Anne Basden

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/02 Monique Tedder	08/26 Ethelene Futch
08/09 Peggy Parker	08/26 Alice Clayton
08/20 Donna Adair	08/27 Alex Mayse
08/22 Ruby Clements	08/30 Edna Berry
08/24 Ella White	08/30 John Frederick
08/25 Alex Fitzgerald	

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/03 Beth Brewer	09/27 Tammy Bowling
09/15 Vic Davis	09/28 Tim Thompson

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09/10 Ivan & Catalina Serrano
09/21 Steve & Emily Lopez

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

08/05 Kevin & Teah Shinn
08/08 John & Abby DeWitt

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

AUGUST LADIES' FELLOWSHIP
9:00a August 19

A special treat is planned for the August Ladies' Fellowship. Instead of meeting at our regular time on August 5, Abby has invited us to the parsonage on Saturday, August 19. We will gather at 9:00 am for fellowship, prayer, and refreshments.

Thanks to Abby for opening up her home to us.
 All ladies are invited!



Food Pantry Needs
 OCIM is seeking help restocking their shelves due to overwhelming needs in our community. Place non-perishable items in the box in the main hall to be delivered to OCIM.



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.



It's time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Now is the perfect time to start finding back to schools items, end of summer sales and other items perfect for the shoeboxes. Collection boxes can be found throughout the church.

OUTREACH Missions Focus

With VBS in the rear view mirror Mount Hermon continues in August to reach out to our neighbors being the hands and feet of Jesus.

1. John DeWitt and youth are holding a back to school backpack ministry on 12 August. Last years event was extremely popular with students and parents in our neighborhood. This year every backpack will contain a Bible for our local youth to carry them into the new school year. Pray for our youth as they reach out to our neighbors.
2. A region 4 Missions rally will be held on the 22nd of August. This will be sponsored by the NC Baptist on Mission folks out of Cary. This is always an inspiring evening filled with opportunities for us to get involved with our vital missions partner BOM.
3. John DeWitt and youth will sponsor a 26 August Farmers Market here at Mt Hermon to offer our neighbors fresh farm grown food for their tables. This food will be offered at no cost for deserving neighbors in the name of Jesus. Plan to come and greet out neighbors and encourage our youth.
4. Finally August and September are the height of hurricane season. Disaster relief ministry is normally exercised during these months. If that happens we hope to deploy volunteers to help our region recover.
 Be in prayer that Mount Hermon will continue to love our neighbors and remind them of God's love through Jesus our LORD! Grace and Peace ~ Steve Paschall