

CHURCH EVENTS

July 1

Noon - July 4th
Celebration Lunch

July 4

Independence Day
Church Office Closed

July 9 - 14

Youth Passport Mission Camp

July 16

Business Meeting

July 24

Newsletter Input Due

July 22

Baby Shower for
Abby & John Dewitt

July 24-27

Vacation Bible School
5:30 Dinner
6:00-8:30 Activities

July 30

Favorite Hymn Sunday

Looking Ahead

August 7

Youth Trip to Carowinds

August 12

Block Party &
Backpack Giveaway

August 18

Youth Durham Bulls Outing

August 20

Prison Ministry

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

JULY DEACON MINISTRY

Assisting the Pastor:
Bob Brewer/Kevin Shinn

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout

grow

bearfruit

July 2023

Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.
(1 Cor. 13:13)

One of the gifts that made Paul the most effective apostle of the early church was his gift for communicating the gospel message. Our Wednesday evening studies have centered on these letters to the churches in Rome and Corinth. Paul was a great evangelist and missionary. He was a teacher of faith. He also watched eagerly over the spiritual welfare of congregations near and far.

In I Corinthians, Paul summarized his core basis in a straightforward sentence: . . . now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor. 13:13). We are privileged, as Christians, to enjoy the privilege to have a fresh start every day at living out the values of faith, hope and love. Love is shown in the way we conduct ourselves with one another and with people we encounter outside our normal circles, outside of our comfort zones. Following Jesus's teaching and Paul's reminder, we can become a loving people.

It may sound easy, but this is no easy way to live. It requires constant attitude adjustment – from me centered to other-centered, from judgment to forgiveness, from prejudice to open heartedness. The Scripture tells us love starts the process. Remember the greatest of what ultimately abides, what lasts, is love.

We, as a church at Mount Hermon Baptist Church, are eager to get the message out about the lasting message of love. That's one of our many missions. And for the church, the mission has changed and also remained the same. As a part of sharing the love of Christ we continue to seek out and invite people to become disciples for the transformation of our community and our world. And now our focus is on offering a beacon of light to people here in our surrounding communities. We can offer hope to those who are feeling restless or gloomy. We can offer encouragement to those feeling isolated or uncertain about tomorrow. We can provide support to those who feel disenfranchised, misunderstood and beaten down. We can remind people that God is with us in the difficult times as well as in the times when things are easy. And we can offer a message that is trustworthy and true rather than confusing or overly optimistic. These words are a part of the message of love. This can be an important time to be the church, not just for us, but for everyone.

It is my prayer that you will be guided by the Lord of life who shows us love. It is a message to be shared. It is a message to be lived. My prayer is that God will show you and all of us who we are and provide us the message of eternal hope to share with the world. I make this prayer in the name of Christ our Lord. ~ David Morton, Interim Pastor

NURSERY COVERAGE FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

07/02 Jamie Riley / Fernanda Serrano Gonzalez
07/09 Abby DeWitt / Kevin Shinn
07/16 Shaina Riley / Elizabeth Millar
07/23 Robbe Riley / Donnie Riley
07/30 Shelby Edmonds / Peggy Mason

Services Available on CD upon request
and on our YouTube Channel

**OCIM ITEM OF
THE MONTH:**
Cereal and Juice

**OCC ITEM OF
THE MONTH:**
Deodorant

Children and Youth Ministry



Greetings, all! As I write this, the Kentucky team is halfway through our trip. We have had a wonderful time here in Middlesboro. We have seen God show up every day this week. John Mark told us that we are here to “laugh, learn, and worship.” I would add “serve” to John Mark’s statement as well. We have certainly laughed this week. We have grown closer together by picking on one another and joking around. We have learned about Appalachia and Appalachian culture and how valuable it is. We have worshipped God every day we’ve been here. We have also served local organizations by organizing donation rooms, delivering books to kids, and setting up displays for a thrift shop and food pantry. By the time we leave, we will have worked with the city of Middlesboro, gone to a free concert, and traveled to Cookie’s home town of Lynch, KY to learn about coal mining and take a tour of a dormant coal mine.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support. God has been and will continue to be on the move.

Blessings, Brydon John DeWitt

In Loving Memory

Donations were received
in memory of
Rachel Clayton and Jay Grasty
by Joyce Dennis

I THANK GOD

Wandering into the night,
Wanting a place to hide.
This weary soul, this bag of bones
And I tried with all my mind,
And I just can't win the fight.
I'm slowly drifting, oh vagabond,
And just when I ran out of road,
I met a man I didn't know
And he told me
That I was not alone.

He picked me up,
He turned me around
He placed my feet on solid ground.
I thank the Master,
I thank the Savior,
Because He healed my heart.
He changed my name,
Forever free, I'm not the same.
I thank the Master
I thank the Savior, I thank God.



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

Church Goal \$1,200

Final Amount Raised: \$2,120

Thank you to all who gave so generously!!



DEACON ASSIGNMENTS:

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|----------------|-----|
| 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

Music Notes

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Janice for her faithful service to Mount Hermon these past 8 years as our Music Director. The commitment and dedication to the choir is appreciated beyond words to those who served with her. The staff was honored to serve beside her. Although Janice is stepping aside as the Director to pursue other endeavors, she will continue to be part of the choir using her talents to serve the Lord and to serve Mount Hermon. Join us in wishing Janice well as she transitions.
~ MHBC Staff

DISCIPLESHIP

We literally just arrived home from Kentucky. We had a great time and can't wait to share with you what we saw, what we did and how much God used us. But most of all we want to share with you how God worked in our lives and changed us and our perspective.

This was by far one of the best youth mission trips I've ever been on and I am so appreciative of being included. For me, it was another chance to go home, to share a little bit of what it was like to grow up in Appalachia and getting to go into what was once an active coal mine. Our group worked well together, doesn't always happen, didn't complain at all, guaranteed never happens, and shared love to all they came in contact with. I was so very proud of our group and you should be too. They represented Mount Hermon Baptist Church well.

So thank you church for your support, love and prayers. We are really appreciative.

~ Cookie

For all who are
led by the Spirit
of God are
children of God.

"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

Stewardship

| 2023 | May | Year-to-Date |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Budget Income | \$18,211 | \$92,412 |
| Budget Need | \$17,360 | \$95,480 |
| Difference - (short) | \$ 851 | (\$ 3,068) |

| 2023 | May | Year-to-Date |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| Budget Income | \$18,211 | \$92,412 |
| Budget Expenses | \$18,575 | \$84,380 |
| Difference | (\$ 364) | \$ 8,032 |

May PRP Balance \$ 16,982

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

SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 10 HOMECOMING 2023

Planning is underway for our 175th Homecoming. This will be a special day as we will open our time capsule that was buried 25 years ago. We will also have our traditional covered dish lunch. Please plan to join us!

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. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to serve the church.



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.



OCIM is seeking help restocking their shelves due to overwhelming needs in our community. During our July 4th celebration lunch on July 1st we will be collecting non-perishable items to "fill the pick-up in support of OCIM. There is a box in the main hall for donations at any other time.

Those Needing Our Prayers

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| Jody Brady | Joan Dixon | Peggy Parker |
| Judith Carrig | Alex Fitzgerald | Betty Jane Poole |
| Donna Chamberlain | Mike Fitzgerald | Joseph Albert Revell |
| Bill Clayton | Richard Hanson | Justin Riley |
| Georgia Barnette | Variana Jackson | Ridge Riley |
| Robbie Davidson | Lucille King | Robbe Riley |
| Vic Davis | David Lewis | Peggy Rhodes |
| Joyce Dennis | Joan Page | Bob & Virginia Winecoff |

Our shut-ins and hospitalized

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Brookdale - | Bonnie Andrews |
| Pruitt Health-Carolina Point - | Ruby Clements |
| Friends Home Assisted Living - | Betty Fera |
| Bright Horizon @ Lake Boone - | Ethelene Futch |
| Hillcrest Convalescent Center - | Stacy Lee |
| Las Coilnas of Westover - | Roberta Lopez |

Pray For:

The mass number of immigrants drowned in Greece
The victims and families of the Titan Implosion
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

Noah Dellinger - Pastoral Intern

Mount Hermon family,

Last month, I began serving as the pastoral intern for our church. I consider myself the luckiest amongst my other seminary classmates because I get to serve at my own church! Thank you – all of you – for this wonderful opportunity. I have already enjoyed leading the Thursday night class, working closely with pastor Morton, and growing closer to the staff and youth. I look forward to preaching a few times this month also!

I hope that this summer will be a chance for mutual growth. All of you have a hand in my formation as a minister of Christ while I am also engaged in your formation. This is a busy summer for the church, and I am excited to work alongside y'all in our mission of furthering God's kingdom in our neighborhood. One upcoming kingdom project will utilize the gifts from our church garden and local farms in order to meet the needs of the community and spread Christ's love. Keep an eye out for opportunities to work together!

With love in Christ, Noah Dellinger

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

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 07/02 Betty Fera | 07/10 David Lewis |
| 07/03 Dianne Daniel | 07/15 Shelby Edmonds |
| 07/04 Gio Poma Butron | 07/16 Vickie Sorrell |
| 07/06 Bill Butler | 07/16 Gary Paschall |
| 07/06 Eric Neal | 07/19 Betty Jane Poole |
| 07/08 Dixie Paschall | 07/25 Judith Carrig |

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 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 | |

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

07/05 Bill & Kate Butler
07/05 Steve & Dixie Paschall
07/11 Eddie & Stacy Lee
07/11 Donnie & Robbe Riley
07/25 William & Amanda Clayton

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.

Pastor Search

The Pastor Search team will officially begin to receive applications beginning July 1st. Candidates for this position are encouraged to send a resume and cover letter to MHBCresumes@gmail.com.

We ask that our congregation continue in their earnest prayers for God to make known to us the right candidate in the right time. Please be patient as we go through the process of interviewing candidates as this process will take time. Thank you for your support of the Pastor Search Team.

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



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.

OUTREACH

Missions

Mount Hermon has deployed a youth mission to Middlesboro KY, in the KY coal fields. Our youth along with adult sponsors have learned many lessons about reaching out and being the hands and feet of Jesus. Perhaps our clearest message is we must be doing outreach at home.

This is just in time to invite our neighbors to our VBS the last week of July. I have said again and again, traditionally VBS is our most important mission effort in our church year. Why? Because every person in our body can be involved in outreach through prayer and visiting homes in our community to invite our neighborhood children to come enjoy our hospitality and hear about the One who saves us. Pick up your flyers from John Dewitt and let's begin to pray and prepare for the children of our community.

This year will be a bit different because we have committed to share dinner with children and their parents alike. So you are needed to help us tell the story of God's love to our neighbors.

Grace and Peace ~ Steve Paschall

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