

CHURCH EVENTS

October 1

Lord's Supper
(World Communion Day)

October 2

5:30p Deacons' Meeting

October 4

5:00p Dessert Buffet
(bring a dessert to share)
5:30p SHIIP Presentation

October 7

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

October 8

9:30a Mt. Hermon 101
(class 1 of 2)

October 13-15

Youth Camp Cheerio

October 14

Health Screening Ministry

October 15

9:30a Mt Hermon 101
(class 2 of 2)
Deacon Installation and
Commissioning

October 22

Business Meeting
Following Worship

October 24

Newsletter Input Due
YBA Association Meeting

October 28

5:00-7:00 Trunk or Treat

October 7th

Ladies' Fellowship

Will be working on Chrismons

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30a Adult Study Groups
9:30a Children/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



sprout



grow



bearfruit

October 2023

Pastor's Pen

"My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to listen to your words, but they do not put them into practice. With their mouths they express devotion, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain." Ezekiel 33: 31

The words of God are piercing to the heart. This is a suitable time to meditate upon this verse. It is hard to deny the way these words condemn us for living our faith. These words provide a needed message and a great reminder that what we hear on Sunday and read daily in our scripture study is something that we need to practice in our daily lives.

We know we are to love God with our whole being, and to love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves. We have heard it said and we have read it. But do we? Are we consistent at every opportunity? Do we practice what God asks or do we only listen and not respond? Being a disciple, a Christian in practice, is never easy. Jesus said it is so. He spoke about how hard it would be to follow Him. And because it is not easy, we must be more diligent to practice what we hear, what we read, and what we know. When we slip, when we fail, we rise and try with greater determination to practice what is preached. May we be a people full of devotion and may our community see us practice our faith by extending the grace of Christ Jesus.

The church is a body, not of programs and buildings, but of people. Each of us is to bear the image of God. We are called to be made more like Christ every day. The question then becomes, "How are we accomplishing this?" Are we aligned with the purposes Christ called us into with love, truth, grace, and humility? Perhaps many of us are too busy to be available for one another. There are opportunities in front of us we are just missing. Let us pray we open our eyes, so we do not miss the blessing of fellowship and serving one another. Find ways to connect with people and grow with each other. Let us be people who practice our faith together. I pray all of this in the Name of Christ our Savior. In Christ, David Morton, Interim Pastor

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

Nursery/Children/Youth Workers Needed!!

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the nursery on a rotating bases during Sunday School and Worship. We are also looking for teachers and assistants to work with the Children and Youth on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you are willing to help please contact John DeWitt or Teah Shinn

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH

Potatoes (canned, scalloped, mashed, etc)

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH

Soap

OCTOBER DEACON

MINISTRY

Shirley Robinson
Janice Thompson

2023-2024 Directory Corrections:

Steve & Emily Lopez Address: 417 River Rd. Hillsborough, NC 27278
Nancy Dillard Address: 1411 Greenfield Rd. Supply, NC 28462
Vickie & Morgan Sorrell Address: 1411 Greenfield Rd. Supply, NC 28462

Children and Youth Ministry



On homecoming, I talked about the growth of the students in our children and youth ministry and thanked you for your continued support. I am always encouraged when I am with our students. They are so bright, kind, and loving. I am

so thankful for their perspective. They have taught me so much. This month, we will be making the trek to the mountains to retreat at Camp Cheerio. Cheerio is always such a rejuvenating experience for our student ministry and it really brings us together. I am so excited for it. We will also be having Trunk or Treat on Saturday the 28th. This is an event where some church members decorate their cars, give out candy, and read a script to share the Gospel with the kids in our community. We will be making some adjustments this year to hopefully boost attendance. Let me know if you are interested in decorating a car! The final thing I want to ask is that you would prayerfully consider being a volunteer to teach or assistant teach a youth class. Thank you so much for all the support you give.

- John DeWitt



Join us on October 4th at 5:00p in the Fellowship Hall where we will begin with fellowship over desserts then at 5:30p we will have a presentation from SHIIP Representatives. The Seniors' Health

Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) provides free, unbiased education and assistance with Medicare. We can help you understand when and how to enroll, how to choose between the different Medicare options, and how to read your Medicare statements.

OUTREACH: MISSIONS AND MOUNT HERMON

When you think of Mount Hermon Baptist Church, what mental picture forms in your mind? When we celebrated our 175 years of ministry in September, I saw many memories uncovered as we opened the time capsule. Then the next day we buried another time capsule to be unearthed in 2048. My first thought quite frankly was, I will not be around for that one. Many of us will not be. That's not a bad thought because those of us who walk in covenant with Jesus will be with Him and all of His provision in that covenant will be fulfilled. Glory! But what of those in our neighborhood who do not know Jesus as their covenant keeping Savior? According to the authority of Holy Scripture, they will eternally experience hell. So one of your mental pictures, I pray, will be MHBC as a lighthouse on the corner of Mount Hermon Baptist Church Road and Old NC 10. A lighthouse signaling passers by and neighbors, here is the way to eternal life in the Kingdom of God. Of course to send that signal, we must live the high calling of a disciple of Jesus. We must live as His hands and feet. What we see Him doing in the gospel accounts, we must reflect in our lives. We must be His church.

On October 14 (9am-4pm) Kathryn Dempsey is serving as our team leader for a medical screening ministry. We will reach out to our medically underserved neighbors. We need you to pick up a flyer this week and find one person who would benefit from this outreach and get them signed up for their scheduled appointment on the 14th. Kathryn has put together a team of people, identified by our Baptist on Mission leaders, to man the screening bus on the 14th. Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus. Glory ~ Your Missions team.

DISCIPLESHIP: Saints look long at the face of Love. When we love God, we give him our attention. This attention is more than a matter of the mind. It involves the senses — bodily and spiritual. We call this attention to God *prayer*. We look with our eyes to see the handiwork of Him whom we love, and we listen to Him with our ears. We draw our bodies near to Him as we prostrate ourselves, and we offer Him residence within our thoughts. We can even use our mouths to sing and praise Him, hosting His name on our lips. Is this — our prayer — not the makings of being *in love*?

A friend of mine recently told me, "I saw God last night in the swaying of the trees." My friend pays attention to creation in order to love God. He looks on the world with a *transfigured* vision. What would it be like to look out at the world with the same eyes that have beheld the resurrected Christ? Matter becomes *creation*. Timber becomes a *cross*. Wrathful currents into *baptismal tides* — bitter water made sweet. Paupers become *princes*. Pagans become *priests*. Death gives way to *life*. Sinners become *saints*. Enemies become *friends*. Bread becomes *body*. This isn't just finding "another way of looking" at the world or "putting a positive spin" on things: this is looking at world as it has been recreated by our Creator King. If we are the Body of Christ, why should we look at the world with any other eyes but the eyes of Christ? Do you seek to love God? Lend him your attention — your mind, body, soul, *everything*. With love in Christ, Noah Dellinger, interim discipleship director



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Now is the perfect time to find back to school items, end of summer sales and other items perfect for the shoeboxes.

Collection boxes can be found through out the church.

Shoebox packing date: November 11

Stewardship

2023	August	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$20,382	\$150,955
Budget Need	\$17,360	\$151,900
Difference (short)	\$ 3,022	(\$ 945)

2023	August	Year-to-Date
Budget Income	\$20,382	\$150,955
Expenses	\$16,548	\$132,536
Difference	\$ 3,834	\$ 18,419
Property Renovation Fund - \$16,290		

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Don't miss the opportunity to let Pastor David and John DeWitt know how much they are loved and appreciated by all of us here at Mount Hermon!

Welcome New Member: Kathryn Dempsey

Those Needing Our Prayers...

Donna Chamberlain	Lucille King	Peggy Rhodes
Bill Clayton	Stacy Lee	Justin Riley
Robbie Davidson	David Lewis	Ridge Riley
Vic Davis	Joan Page	Robbe Riley
Danny Dennis	Peggy Parker	J.R. & Mary Webb
Joan Dixon	Betty Jane Poole	Bob Winecoff
Marlo Jackson	Joseph Albert Revell	Virginia Winecoff

OUR SHUT-INS AND HOSPITALIZED

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Pruitt Health-Carolina Point Ruby Clements
Hillcrest Convalescent Center - Joyce Dennis
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera
Hospice Care - Russell Hoffman
Las Colinas of Westover - Roberta Lopez

Pray For:

- Reverend David Morton and our Church
- The safe gathering of our Church
- The Pastor Search Committee
- The Children and the Children's Ministry
- Our Brothers at OCC and the Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry
- Those in our community with drug and alcohol addiction
- The homeless people in our community
- Families affected by violence
- President Joe Biden
- North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper
- Unity for our Country

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

♪ Music Notes ♪

One Day – Matt Redman

*One day You'll make everything new, Jesus. One day You will bind every wound.
The former things shall all pass away. No more tears.*

*One day You'll make sense of it all, Jesus. One day every question resolved.
Every anxious thought left behind, no more fear.*

*When we all get to heaven What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus we'll sing and shout the victory!*

*One day we will see face to face, Jesus. Is there a greater vision of grace?
And in a moment we shall be changed, on that day.*

And one day we'll be free, free indeed, Jesus.

One day all this struggle will cease. And we will see Your glory revealed, on that day.

I've been learning this song and am touched by not only the glorious thought of being in heaven but of the vulnerability in the lyrics. We have all questioned why; we have all been anxious; we are all bound to something or are living with our "former" selves instead of celebrating our freedom in Christ. Yes, there will be No More Tears, Fear or Pain in heaven, however, I've also been thinking ... When I see Jesus Face to Face, I won't care about any of my anxious thoughts or the "why's" and I will already be in my transformed state. I will be worshipping!! So, what if I live today as a person of the Risen Lord who is already transformed, knowing that I already have the victory EVEN when I'm anxious or doubting or suffering. Remember, we are ALREADY walking through eternity with Him. ~ Anne Basden

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

Church Office

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 please contact the office by phone or email.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Belated 09/23 Birthday to Sherry Stone

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Margie Whitfield	10/15 Eddie Andrews
10/09 Joyce Dennis	10/24 Fernanda Serrano Gonzalez
10/11 Robbe Riley	10/25 Todd Riley
10/14 Jerry Nowell	10/26 Lucille King
10/15 Susan Walker	

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/03 Wendy Dixon	11/10 Candy Brady
11/05 Jamie Riley	11/20 Daniel Poma Butron
11/09 Bill Clayton	11/21 Kate Butler
	11/30 Joan Page

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/16 Bob & Beth Brewer
 11/17 Jody & Candy Brady
 11/20 Dean & Wendy Dixon

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



IN LOVING MEMORY

**Donations received in
 memory of Judith Carrig
 and Ethelene Futch
 by Edna Berry and Margie Whitfield**



Steve Couch	A-B
Cookie Frederick	C-D
Bob Brewer	E-I
Shirley Robinson	J-M
Janice Thompson	N-Q
Steve Lopez	R-S
Kevin Shinn	T-Z

Deacon Chair: Steve Couch



State Goal:
 2.5 Million

Church Goal:
 \$1,500

Raised to Date:
 \$2,880

Collecting until 10/15

Pastor Search I often think about Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." That's the power that a God present in his creation has; the power to transform the lives of those who lean on him. The pastor search team has been diligently seeking God's will through the direction of his Holy Spirit. We have done this by recognizing that God is in control of this situation, and we can only be guided according to his will if we are in communion with him. We have worked on this as a team by being ceaseless in prayer and vigilant toward protecting unity for a common goal. We have also done this, somewhat inadvertently, by recognizing that we are a team and not just a committee. Committee members are often drafted to represent different groups and are called to participate and do their part for the organization. On the other hand, a team represents a commitment, an all-in perspective, and a desire to utilize each individual's strengths to move toward a common goal and deliver on a shared promise. A committee of people may just take a vote to decide how to move forward, but a team of people will choose to align with one another toward a common vision. Teams are effective because they overcome obstacles together to support their pre-determined core values. Teams see each member's role and gifting as valuable to the whole. I note this difference because I want the congregation who affirmed and blessed this group's work in searching for the next pastor to know that, above all, we have sought to move as God has directed— mindful that Mount Hermon's future does not rest in our hands but in His. As we patiently await what God has in store, let us "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,[and] give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)
 ~Grace and Peace, Shaina, The Pastor Search Team