

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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April 2024

CHURCH EVENTS

April 1

Church Office Closed

April 5-6

Baptist Mission
Conference

April 14

Lord's Supper
2:00p Deacons' Meeting

April 21

Business Meeting
Following Worship

April 23

Newsletter Input Due

April 26-27

Youth Event D-Now

April 29

9:30a Church Council
Meeting

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

Pastor's Pen

God told us the meaning of life. God also told us his purpose in creating the world. The Bible says that you were made to be loved by God. You were created as an object of God's love. God made you just to love you. The Bible says that God is love. It does not say God has love. It says God is love. And you were made to be part of God's family. But that is not the extent of God's plan. Paul tells us more in Ephesians 1: 10. It says: "and this was his purpose: that when the time is ripe, he will gather us all together from wherever we are-in heaven or on earth-to be with him in Christ forever. Forever! If you do not get anything else, get this: LIFE IS PREPARATION FOR ETERNITY.

God has a plan and a purpose for your life. God wants you to do the things that will prepare you for all the rest of eternity.

The first step is to establish your relationship with God. How? John 1:12, "To all who receive Him, Christ gives the right to become children of God." The Bible teaches that life is a school of character development. God wants to make you like Jesus Christ. Romans 8:28-29, "For those who love God everything that happens fits into a pattern for good, for God chose us to bear the family likeness of His Son so that He might be the eldest of many brothers." Everything that happens to you is not good, but it fits into a pattern for good. Please remember that God is far more interested in your character than He is in your convenience and comfort.

Realize that you can prepare for eternity by practicing service. God has plans for you in eternity. He has plans for you to serve and, at the same time, He has a place for you to serve. Ephesians 2:10 says: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Missing this message is missing the point of your life. I encourage you to share this purpose with those you meet and serve. I'll see you this Sunday. ~ David Morton, Interim Pastor

APRIL DEACON MINISTRY: Shirley Robinson / Janice Thompson

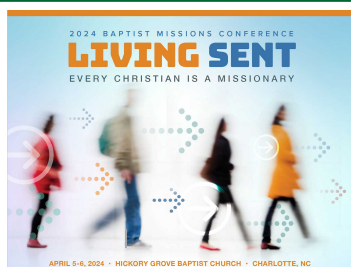
Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Meats

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH

Shampoo



Baptist Mission Conference Information

April 5-6, 2024 is the date for the 2024 Missions Conference.

We will be meeting at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte. Special features include 3 General Sessions, 100 different mission breakout sessions, Friday night missions opportunities supper, mission testimonies, mission fair exhibits and much more.

See Steve Couch or the Baptist on Mission website for more information



Notes from Anne



Last month, I posed the question: How Big is God to you? I've thought about that question all month from the view that actions speak louder than words. How do I show His greatness to others? How do I urge others to believe in the God of Colossians 1:15-20. How do I display my confidence in the Creator of the Universe who is also my greatest friend? What does Matthew 22:37-39 look like in my life?

Through all these questions, I have seen that I need to do some Spring Cleaning. I'm reminded that if I love God with all my heart, soul and strength there's no room for selfish, bitter, anxious, fearful, prideful, or unrepentant thoughts. If I want the world to see the Triune God of Col. 1, where everything was created by Him, through Him and for Him, then some things within me need to die or at least need pruning.

Death and pruning don't bring pleasant visions. Those words can conjure feelings of pain, darkness, or fear. But let's look at those words from another perspective. When you clean a wound - you need to "kill" the bacteria so that healing can begin. You prune a plant or tree so that it will bring more fruit or flowering buds. When I am reluctant to prune or let something die that is hindering my walk with God, I need to remember that the Son of God gave his very life so that today, like the thief on the cross, I am walking with Jesus in paradise. Luke 23:43 His death has brought me life and not just life; ABUNDANT Life!

Almighty God; Maker of Heaven and Earth; Author and Perfecter of our Faith; Redeemer; Healer; Friend; Savior; Sustainer; Our Strength and Shield; and many more names that I don't have room for on this page deserves ALL of who we are. You can trust Him! He is Good!

You are Worthy of It All - by David Brymer/ sung by Cece Winans

All the saints and angels; they bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns before the Lamb of God and sing:

You are worthy of it all; You are worthy of it all;
For from You are all things and to You are all things. You deserve the glory.

Day and night, night and day, let incense (*symbol of our prayers of worship*) arise
Day and night, night and day, let incense arise...

Children and Youth Ministry

Hello, Church!

What a busy time we have had in the youth! We are still missing John and Abby but we are doing our best to keep things going both spiritually and having fun. We had a movie night in the event room and watched the spine chilling classic, "The Tinger" by special request of Paulina. We also prepared for the Easter Egg Hunt by handing out flyers to the neighborhoods nearby and were able to invite some of the children personally. We stuffed Easter Eggs with lots of candy and then had a fire in the pit at the parsonage and had Smores and talked about upcoming events. Then the Easter Egg Hunt.... how awesome!!!! We had 18 children!!! and they were great. So attentive to the story and I think the parents had a good time too. Unfortunately, we had to have it indoors but that didn't put a damper on things.

We continue to have Sunday School and John is doing a great job there. Wednesday is a little more laid back but still a great time of fellowship and learning. What a wonderful group of students we have. Whew! I'm exhausted. Thank you to everyone who is helping in this interim time. If you would like to help out weekly, monthly, bimonthly, whatever we would appreciate it. Just let me know and I'll find you the perfect spot.

Please be in prayer for the personnel committee as they have begun looking for a new Youth Pastor. And a very special thanks to all who have stepped up and helped in the nursery during worship. It is so wonderful to have willing helpers with the children. ~ Cookie

Stewardship

| 2024 | February | Year-to-Date |
|---------------|----------|--------------|
| Budget Income | \$19,591 | \$34,279 |
| Budget Need | \$19,880 | \$39,760 |
| Difference | (\$ 289) | (\$ 5,481) |

| 2024 | February | Year-to-Date |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| Budget Income | \$19,591 | \$34,279 |
| February Expenses | \$28,654 | \$39,760 |
| Difference | (\$ 9,063) | (\$ 7,151) |

Property Renovation Fund - \$18,456

Expenses were high in February due to 2 major repairs that were completed.

Pray for the financial health of the church.

~ Peggy Mason, Treasurer



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

Church Goal: \$1,500
Amount Raised to Date: \$615

Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry exists to provide and promote spiritual comfort and growth to the men assigned to Orange County 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.

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Georgia Barnette | Dale Dixon | Joan Page |
| Rhonda Barton | Joan Dixon | Peggy Parker |
| Edna Berry | Alex Fitzgerald | Betty Jane Poole |
| Donna Chamberlain | Alan Harper | Peggy Rhodes |
| Bill Clayton | Marlo Jackson | Justin Riley |
| Ruth Crispin | Lucille King | Ridge Riley |
| Robbie Davidson | Stacy Lee | Robbe Riley |
| Vic Davis | David Lewis | J.R. & Mary Webb |
| Joseph Dennard | Jerry Nowell | Bob & Virginia Winecoff |
| Joyce Dennis | Chuck Olson | |

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera

Prayers needed for the Pastor Search Team and the Personnel Committee during this time of transition.

Eddie Andrews for the loss of his mother Shirley, Shirley went home to her Lord, March 23rd.

Reverend David Morton and our Church
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 & NC Governor Roy Cooper
Unity for our Country

AROUND THE WORLD

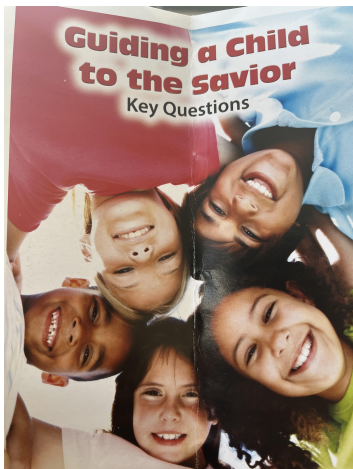
Peace in Ukraine and Israel
Rev. Gideon Thuam, missionary to Myawaddy Myanmar
Pastor Hammer serving the people of Togo, West Africa
Graham & Debbie Frith, Missionaries to Bolivia
Roger and Vicki Grossmann, missionaries to Guatemala
and the Good Shepherd Ministries



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



As we consider the good news of the Easter season we must answer the question of reaching those who do not show up in our churches on Sundays to celebrate covenant with us. Prayer demonstrates and develops a passion for the lost.

We have an opportunity to start a Good News Bible Study in a local afterschool ministry. I have watched 6 youth come to Christ in this effort in a Hillsborough school in the past two months. In cooperation with Child Evangelism Fellowship, and other local churches we are praying to develop this ministry.

1. Pray we could engage locally in such an effort
2. Call Steve Clayton, Shirley Robinson, Bobby Brewer, or Steve Paschall (all part of your mission team) to let us know of your prayers and willingness to support such an outreach. ~ Your mission team

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
Worship Leader: Anne Basden

Church Office

Hours: Monday–Friday 9 am–11:30 am
 Phone: 919-383-2982
 Email: mounthermondurham@gmail.com
 Pastor David's Email: morton10@centrylink.net

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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DURHAM, NC 27705

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Birthdays & Anniversaries

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 04/02 Noah Dellinger | 04/15 Katrina Paschall |
| 04/06 Blanca Serrano Gonzales | 04/16 Steve Lopez |
| 04/08 Virginia Pasour | 04/24 Amanda Clayton |
| 04/09 Dan Vogel | 04/24 Ruth Crispin |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04/28 John & Cookie Frederick

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 05/01 Brian Tedder | 05/13 Caleb Clayton |
| 05/04 Terri Anne Darby | 05/31 Abby DeWitt |
| 05/07 Stacy Lee | |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/17 Dan & Ethel Vogel
 05/18 Gary & Katrina Paschall
 05/18 Steve & Alice Clayton

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



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| Steve Couch | A-B |
| Cookie Frederick | C-D |
| Bob Brewer | E-I |
| Shirley Robinson | J-M |
| Janice Thompson | N-Q |
| As Assigned | R-S |
| Kevin Shinn | T-Z |
| Deacon Chair: Steve Couch | |

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

Declare his glory
 among the nations,
 his marvelous deeds
 among all peoples.
 1 Chronicles 16:24

You provide NC children
 food while pointing
 them to Jesus.



HELP PROVIDE THREE MEALS EVERY DAY



TriWest Collection Dates: April 22-26, 2024
 Dropoff Location: Rose of Sharon Baptist Church
 4109 Guess Road, Durham, NC 27712
 HOURS: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

By filling their plates, you fill their hearts.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5-6 ~ Baptist Mission Conference

April 26-27 ~ Youth Event: D-Now

May 3-4 ~ Men's Outdoor Weekend

June 22-29 ~ Guatemala Mission Trip

July 7-12 ~ PASSPORT Camp (Youth)

August 3-10 ~ Serve NC

*'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**

**Do your children know
 how much GOD LOVES THEM?**

Let us help you tell them.



Come on in!

Nursery/Children/Youth Workers Needed!!

Sundays and Wednesdays

If you are willing to help please contact
 Cookie Frederick or Teah Shinn

