

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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June 2024

CHURCH EVENTS

June 1

9:00a-Noon

Prayer Retreat Follow-up

June 2

Lord's Supper

2:00p Deacons' Meeting

June 5

5:30p Potluck Dinner

June 9

Graduation Sunday

June 16

Father's Day

June 20

Newsletter Input Due

June 21

6:30p Music Collaboration

June 23

Business Meeting
Following Worship

June 30

Favorite Hymn Sunday

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

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your kindness. My whole family thanks you. You have shown so many kind gestures during the birth of our granddaughters. Your prayers are being answered. You have shown love, and I am forever grateful to all of you for your kind words and prayers. Many thanks.

During the 40-day post-Easter period prior to Pentecost, Christians reflect on the meaning for our lives of Jesus' resurrection following his death on the Roman cross. Such reflection was certainly experienced among those who were his earliest followers. The Apostle Paul in his letters to the early church as well as the four gospel writers each wrote significantly in different ways to the resurrection of Jesus, often considered today as the defining event of the Christian faith.

Jesus' concept of that Kingdom was not of this world (John 18:36) as ancient Israelites may have hoped. It was to be a spiritual and earthly quality of the human heart of which God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-33). The Kingdom which Jesus spoke is only possible when we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind; and love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet, it is not enough for Jesus that we know this in our mind and feel it in our heart; rather, he challenges us even today to carry out that love in our actions (Mark 12: 28-34). It is such we seek praying for God's kingdom here on earth in the Lord's Prayer.

Through Jesus' parables and other teachings, his focus was on this earthly life and how we live it, a life of justice and mercy, of sharing God's grace and love with others of all backgrounds, especially those marginalized in society. Where do we stand in each of our own understandings of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and its meaning for our lives? What does the Kingdom of God mean to us? Might Jesus say to us: "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' but do not do as I say?" (Luke 6:46)

God's blessings be on each one of you.

~ David Morton, Interim Pastor

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

JUNE DEACON MINISTRY: Kevin Shinn / Steve Couch

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Pasta
Peanut Butter

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH

Toothpaste



Notes from Anne



P

Our time in prayer requires a proper **Posture** of the heart. (1 Thess. 5:16) I can't always be on my knees or sitting with my eyes closed, but my heart must be in a **Perspective** of humility and openness to God. I need to **Practice** it continually and not fear **Pressing** into God with anything.

R

A **Revelation** of God, Himself, and what He is teaching me (Ps. 86:11); a **Release** of my desires and adopting His desires (Ps. 37:3-5); a **Restoration** of my soul. (Ps. 23:3)

A

A time of **Adoration**. (Ps. 86:12) Glorifying the God of our Salvation and **Always** giving thanks. (1 Chron. 16:35) A time of **Allowing** God to move in our hearts.

Y

Yielding to Him or putting my **Yes** on the table. **Yearning** to be with and like Him.

E

God sees **EVERYTHING**. God knows **EVERYTHING**. God is **EVERYWHERE**.

R

Reverence of God comes from a **Right** heart. He is worthy of our praise. It is difficult to **Revere** Him when your heart is self-focused. Maybe we need to **Radically Reacclimate** our hearts and **Repent** to **Recapture** His **Relentless** love and forgiveness for us. Then, as we **Revel** in His goodness, we can **Reach** out to a world desperately in need of **Rescuing**.

Children and Youth Ministry

The prayer retreat was very special. It was wonderful to see so many people there, especially our youth. Page 2 of our church directory has been there for years (after 2014 when the Frederick's came) but during the prayer retreat, with the reading of the covenant statements, the reading of the scripture to support it, followed by the prayers we read and the ones we added of our own, the Holy Spirit, by his presence, directed our hearts to know who we are as individuals and as a church.

I am so excited that our youth were present, that they are interested in prayer, that they want to grow in their faith, that they are faithful in their attendance. I am especially grateful for the parents and grandparents that encourage these young people, driving them when needed, attending alongside them and living a life that let's Christ light shine through them.

As a collective group of interim youth leaders, we say thank you! John and Cookie, Kevin and Teah

Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6 (ASV)

Stewardship

2024	April	Year-to-Date
Budget Offering	\$15,245	\$67,981
HCC Usage Fee	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,200</u> (Jan - Mar)
General Income Total	\$17,245	\$73,181
Budget Need	<u>\$19,880</u>	<u>\$84,490</u>
Difference	(\$ 2,635)	(\$11,309)

2024	April	Year-to-Date
General Income Total	\$17,245	\$73,181
April Expenses	<u>\$12,048</u>	<u>\$67,790</u>
Difference	\$ 5,197	\$ 5,391

Property Renovation Fund - \$19,701

Beginning in May monies collected from Hillsborough Community Church for the use of the facility will be deposited to our money market account and will not be included in our General Income. Please continue to pray for the financial health of the church.

~Peggy Mason, Treasurer

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

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera
Duke Hospital - Mike Ostoyich

Reverend David Morton and our Church
The Personnel Committee
Pastor Search

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

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

DISCIPLESHIP

To look at discipleship is like looking at the facets of a fine jewel. When the stone came to the stone cutter, it didn't look like that. It was rough, lackluster and for lack of knowledge could be discarded as just a rock. We're all similar to that in our various ways. However, we come to the Master stone cutter with all of our imperfections and allow him to do the cutting and polishing until we gradually become more like Jesus.

One of the facets of the work of the Master on us comes in the form of the realization of the freedom we have in Christ. Workers work a lot better when they feel they can work without heavy handed judgment and God wants us to work that way with a feeling of contribution and liberty. While this may sound like a broken record to us, you're encouraged to read the book of Galatians. It's a short read and although the core subject is Judaizers, the applicability extends to any concept presented in a way that might imply God's grace through faith isn't sufficient. The book also offers warnings about taking too much personal liberty with our faith and that's why it's better written there than may be offered here.

Discipleship director, in some ways, seems to have been a change in the role formerly known as Sunday School director. While Sunday School satisfies the qualifications of a small group, we have other opportunities. If you have some area of development that you believe would be beneficial to you as well as your brothers and sisters, let's talk about it. We need to be the happy congregation God wants us to be that daily celebrates the freedom in Christ.

Bill

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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Secretary: Peggy Mason
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/01 Piper Clayton 06/25 Morgan Mayse
06/07 Steve Couch 06/27 Rhonda Barton
06/08 Paulina Serrano Gonzales

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06/02 Todd & Wendy Riley
06/06 2nd Anniversary of
Rev. David Morton as our interim Pastor

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 ~ Independence Day - Church Office Closed

July 6 ~ Independence Day Lunch Celebration

July 7-12 ~ Passport Youth Camp

July 14 ~ Deacon Elections

July 22 ~ 9:30a Church Council Meeting

Thank you! to everyone who contributed to the Ladies Fellowship project by donating supplies for the Durham Rescue Mission. The Ladies at the Mission were so thankful and we were truly blessed by them.

If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit.
Galatians 5:25

OUTREACH: PRAYER

For over 10 years now, Mount Hermon has developed a partnership with "The Good Shepherd" children's home in Guatemala. For the past 3 years we have sent a mission group from our church, to labor beside Vicki and Roger Grossman on their campus in the highlands of Guatemala. It's much more than a children's home. It serves as medical clinic, and church planting organization. Last year for example, we put a new roof structure and painted a local church. The effect has been inspiring. Under the leadership of Pastor Yax, they have grown exponentially since our visit and service. In this manner, Mount Hermon is participating with other churches across the globe to spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. What you might not see with all the activity, your mission ministry is built on PRAYER.

The focus is built on God's call to members of Mount Hermon to go and serve there. The location, the timing, those who respond to God's call to missions, is all about God speaking, us listening and obeying. I'm asking that you join with us in prayer as we send:

Shaina Riley
Blanca Serrano Gonzalez
Valentina Serrano Gonzalez
Shelby Edmonds
Steve Clayton
Kevin Shinn

Off to Guatemala 21-28 June. We will send them off with a commissioning service during our Sunday Service on 16 June. As you pray, you will both empower and share in their journey. Put these dates and names on your prayer calendar this month of June. They will be forever changed because they answered the call to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Glory! Your Mission Team.



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

Church Goal: \$1,500
Final Amount Raised: \$2,055