

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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May 2024

Pastor's Pen

I am curious about the statements that we make. As you know I always have a question rolling around in my head. I am convinced that there are statements that each of us should make as active participants at Mount Hermon Church. I would like to share some of these statements with you. These are important statements as we move forward anticipating the gracious rewards that only God can render. I have discovered these statements are invaluable for growth, solid relations, and good church health.

"I Am Willing to Learn." These words set the tone for a growing church. Great organizations have a learning culture. The culture starts with each of us, including the ones at the top. When our church leaders learn, their people often develop a learning spirit.

"I Am Responsible for the Success of this Church." Church members bring spirit and life to the growing church. To get the best out of the people that worship with us, people must believe that everyone is giving their best. The success of the church does not fall on one person's shoulders.

"Together We Can Accomplish Great Things." Churches, with the leadership of God, will decide what the church will become. We must be inspired people who work together in unity and constructive interaction. This only happens when the people of the church all work together.

"I care about you." Great churches focus on their people, not just budgets and projects. Church people who get to know other people get better results.

"I See Myself as Responsible to this Church." It is so important to build a community that is connected to each other. We must be responsible to cast a vision, to create meaningful fellowship, and to give appreciation to each other and to God for what He has done. When we make this statement it sends a valuable message to our fellowship.

"We have a Vision Worth Working For." The church is responsible to cast a vision and set a pathway forward. Without a sharp vision people will fall into lack of focus and productivity. We must continually set our vision.

"I Am Willing to Do Any Task." We must convey with honesty the principle that we are willing to do any task in the church if necessary. We should convey the principle of servant leadership. No task is insignificant at Mount Hermon. Everything is important and should be done with excellence.

"You are Valuable to Me and the Church." When people know their value, they strive to become more valuable. Church folks can become discontented because they feel their work does not matter. Our church can go a long way in helping people feel valuable by telling them that we value them. If a church does not value their people, people will find a place they feel valued.

All words and statements have meaning. What we say are some of the most important statements that can be spoken. Every member of every church wants to hear these statements. And when they do the church has greater potential to grow in love and service. It is a pleasure, an opportunity, and an immense joy to serve you. Mount Hermon Baptist Church is a group of people empowered by the Most High God.

Let us say this prayer:

Lord, by Your Spirit, put healing in our hands, life in our words, and drive deep within our hearts your passion for the lost. Amen ~ David Morton, Interim Pastor

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

MAY DEACON MINISTRY: Bob Brewer / Cookie Frederick

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH

Jelly & Mayonnaise

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH

Soap

CHURCH EVENTS

May 4

9:00a Baptist Men
9:00a Ladies Fellowship

May 5

Lord's Supper
2:00p Deacons' Meeting

May 12

Mother's Day

May 14

Senior Adult Luncheon

May 17

6:30p Music Collaboration

May 18

10:00a Prayer Retreat

May 19

Pentecost Sunday
Business Meeting
Following Worship
2:00p Guatemala
Planning Meeting

May 23

Newsletter Input Due

May 27

Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

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



Notes from Anne



ONLY TRUST HIM

The title of this hymn could be presented as a dissertation of theology. If you'll allow me, I'd like to attempt to let you know how these three words speak to me.

ONLY - a single focus: Lord God Almighty; a single act: looking solely to Him; an outcome or result: bringing Him honor and glory and bringing us peace/ joy/ purpose/ love. Basically - everything we need!

TRUST - this requires our action, however, how can we know that He can be trusted? As I've gotten older it has been easier to trust Him. I can look back and see ALL He has done in my life. But I wasted lots of time in my stubbornness and missed many blessings by withholding my trust. Summing it up: if He can create the universe; foretell and fulfill miracles; leave Heaven, come to earth and die on the cross FOR ME; ascend to Heaven and promise to return, then He can be trusted. And there are a myriad of scriptures supporting that He is trustworthy.

HIM - There is ONE GOD, and one God only. The great I AM! Acts 17 declares God created the universe and everything in it. Jude v. 25 "to the ONLY GOD"; Isaiah 44:6 the Lord declares He is the first and the last. He is the LIVING GOD. Everything and everyone else is faulty.

Several years ago, I was going through a dark time. I wanted peace. I wanted joy. I prayed and read God's word. After some time, the Lord revealed that I wasn't fully trusting Him. I thought I was trusting Him. He reminded me of WHO He is and NOTHING is too big for Him. He reminded me of His love and how good He is. He reminded me that He owns everything and that He cares about it far more than I could. Eph. 3 reminded me he has done; is doing and will do things to show me His love that is deeper than my comprehension.

David mentioned in a recent sermon the scripture "My grace is sufficient for you, for (His) power is perfected in weakness." (2Cor 12:9) and what I took from that is (1) my trying to control things (or "help") gets in the way and (2) I don't have to worry. He is fully capable of handling everything and doesn't need my help. Zecharia 4:6 sums that up, "Not by might, not by power but by My Spirit" says the Lord. God desires my time, love and relationship with Him. He handles everything else.

I ONLY have to TRUST in HIM.

Children and Youth Ministry

I am sure many have heard the old African proverb, "It takes a village..." In our modern-day language we may say, 'It takes a team,' or "It takes a committee, or even "It takes a family." Scripture however tells us that, "It takes a body" to accomplish great works for Christ. Every believer in our Lord and Savior exists as the Body of Christ here on earth to move His Kingdom forward. In smaller churches we need every member to be the hands, feet, ears, eyes, and every other part of our body to be Christ's Body to glorify Him and be salt and light to those around us. We are blessed in this interim time for children and youth to have committed leaders to keep our youth and children's ministry moving forward. Thank you Kevin, Teah, Cookie and Peggy for your week by week leadership, and to the many others who serve as Sunday childcare workers and other needed volunteers. Continue to pray for our Personnel Committee as they seek out God's leader for our youth and children, and pray that the Lord will be glorified in the planning and implementing of all our activities in the weeks and months ahead. ~ John F.

Stewardship

2024	March	Year-to-Date
Budget Offering	\$20,057	\$52,736
HCC Rental	<u>\$ 1,600</u>	<u>\$ 3,200</u> (Jan & Feb)
General Income Total	\$21,657	\$55,936
Budget Need	<u>\$24,850</u>	<u>\$64,610</u>
Difference	(\$ 3,193)	(\$ 8,674)

2024	March	Year-to-Date
General Income Total	\$21,657	\$55,936
March Expenses	<u>\$13,483</u>	<u>\$55,741</u>
Difference	(\$ 8,174)	\$ 195

Property Renovation Fund - \$19,151



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

Church Goal: \$1,500
Amount Raised to Date: \$2,020

Last day to donate to this years Easter Offering is May 19th.

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera

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

OUTREACH

“Reaching Our Neighbor Children With The Gospel”

On April 21, 2024, Mount Hermon met with 5 volunteers who are members of Hillsborough Community Church. Also at that meeting was Lou Brodgen, a board member with Child Evangelism Fellowship.

The topic was starting a Good News Bible Study at our nearest elementary school. This ministry has been in operation for many decades and operates internationally. It reaches kids during the years when they are most likely open to receiving Christ as their Savior.

It remains committed to working in conjunction with parents to bring spiritual nurture to the children who decide to attend this after school Bible club. We need you to pray that these efforts will help us develop a new mission to our local elementary school. We also need volunteers to help us with this one day a week ministry. Please pray and please volunteer to help us get this started next fall. Call Steve Clayton or Steve Paschall to find out more about sharing the gospel with our neighborhood children. ~ Your Mission Team.

PASTOR SEARCH

To: Mount Hermon Church Congregation
From: Deacons

The following message has been received from our Pastor Search Team:

The Pastor Search Team started meeting in January 2023. They have faithfully met, prayed, used available resources, and interviewed multiple candidates. The congregation has also faithfully prayed for this team. This team has also met with the sitting deacons a few times and updates were given to the deacons regularly.

Due to recent events, the members of this team have decided to focus their energies on other ministries or personal matters.

Please continue to pray for our church leadership and this process. You will be receiving an update soon regarding next steps.

Thank you, Mount Hermon congregation, for praying, giving, and going as we build up the Kingdom together.

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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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Birthdays & Anniversaries

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/01 Brian Tedder 05/13 Caleb Clayton
 05/07 Stacy Lee 05/31 Abby DeWitt

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

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



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

2024 Graduates!!

Are you a member graduating
 or do you have a child or
 grandchild graduating from
 High School, College or a
 Higher Learning Institution? If so, please
 contact the church office (919-383-2982), we
 would like to recognize our graduates during
 the June 9th service.



~ LADIES' FELLOWSHIP PROJECT ~
MAY 2024~CHURCH-WIDE COLLECTION FOR THE
DURHAM RESCUE MISSION

WHAT: Collection of Items for Good Samaritan Inn
 Residents (Women's Campus)

WHEN: By Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 am (Items will be
 prepared for delivery during the Ladies' Fellowship)

ITEMS NEEDED: Wash Cloths, Towels, Shampoo,
 Conditioner, Children's Over-the-Counter Cold and
 Flu Medicine, School Supplies for All Ages/Grades

COLLECTION AREA: Table in the Main Hallway

QUESTIONS?: See Janice Thompson or Kathryn Dempsey

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9 ~ Graduation Sunday
June 16 ~ Father's Day
June 21-28 ~ Guatemala Mission Trip
July 7-12 ~ PASSPORT Camp (Youth)
August 3-10 ~ Serve NC

COME CELEBRATE THE
GRADUATION OF JOHN DEWITT
SATURDAY, MAY 11TH 2-4 PM
IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
ROLESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
203 E YOUNG STREET
ROLESVILLE, NC 27571
TEXT RSVP TO ABBY @ 740-243-9288

Nursery/Children/Youth Workers Needed!!

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