

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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August 2024

CHURCH EVENTS

August 3

9:00a Baptist Men Mtg

August 3-10

Serve NC

August 4

Lord's Supper
2:00p Deacons' Meeting

August 7

5:30p Potluck Dinner

August 9-10

Vacation Bible School
5:30p - Registration
6:00p - 8:30p
9:00a - 2:30p

August 16

6:30p Music Collaboration

August 18

Business Meeting
Following Worship

August 22

Newsletter Input Due

August 24

9:30a-Noon
Prayer Retreat

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

Deuteronomy 8: 10-11 says: *When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws, and his decrees that I am giving you this day.*

Hear the words of Jesus:

"Give to the needy." Matt 6: 2-3; Luke 12: 33

"Give to the poor." Matt 19: 21; Mark 10: 21

"Give to everyone who begs from you." Luke 6: 30

"Give, and it will be given to you." Luke 6: 38

"Give as freely as you have received!" Matt 10: 8

We read these verses closely and it is our understanding that we have something to give. What we possess to give is not anything that we have created but from the experiences and accomplishments in doing God's will. Everything we possess is provided to us by God, all possessions, capacities, time, and character. Often is the case, we do not acknowledge the role of God and think that the stuff of our lives is our own and of our own making. So many times, and it is easy to do, we have lost sight of the of God in creation.

Jesus our Savior often used the word "when" in his teachings. He said: "*When you give to the poor*" indicates an expectancy from Jesus that we will give to the needy. It is expressed by Jesus that indicates God's will for us. God wants us to give to others. God expects us to give to others. Giving becomes a visible act of stewardship and is common in fellowship.

The goal in living and expressing our faith is to remember God as the giver of all things that is about me. We thank God for His blessings by using these blessings as gifts to others in need, and who are poor of food, clothing, companionship, peace, and spirit. I challenge us all to desire to be the image of the God who made us and of Christ who leads us – every day.

Mount Hermon Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming, 176 years as a congregation, Sunday, September 8. Discussions for all the fixings to celebrate our fellowship and faith are in the planning stages. We have so much to be thankful for and celebrate as a congregation. Come join us as we observe our long history, enjoy the gifts of the Lord, and give in service to the Kingdom of God. We look forward to seeing and worshipping with you as we gather to Praise the Lord and what He has done and continues to do through our congregation. God has given so much.

Blessings to you all ~ David Morton, Interim Pastor

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

AUGUST DEACON MINISTRY:
Bob Brewer/Cookie Frederick

OCCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH
Canned Vegetables

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH
Lotion



Notes from Anne



ABIDE WITH ME

I played this hymn on July 21 for Offertory music. After the service Wendy Dixon approached me and said that hymn is one her top 5 favorites. I went home and read the story on this beautiful hymn: Here is what I found from reasonabletheology.org.

The popular hymn "Abide with Me" was written by pastor Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) just before he died of tuberculosis. The title of the hymn is taken from [Luke 24:29](#), when those who walked with Christ on the road to Emmaus said, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." This has been sung at the close of many a day, and, indeed, of many a Christian life, as believers have uttered it as a prayer for the presence of Christ.

It was composed one Sabbath evening in 1847 out of a deep sadness that had settled down upon its author, the Rev. Henry F. Lyte. He had conducted his last communion service that day at the close of a pastorate of twenty-four years at Brixham, England. A fatal illness had already seized him and he was about to leave England to prolong his life, if possible, in the South.

Toward evening he walked down his garden path to the seaside and there thought out the imagery and many of the lines of his famous hymn. Into this he has woven the sense of change and of helplessness that one must feel in the presence of death, and also the trustful dependence upon Jesus Christ, the "Help of the helpless," which every true Christian must feel in that solemn hour.

Returning to his home, he wrote out the hymn, perfecting its lines and giving to the Christian world one of its tenderest prayer-hymns. He left at once for the south of France, and soon after his arrival in Nice his strength failed him, whispering the words, "Peace! Joy!" while he was pointing his hand heavenward, he died.

The hymn was sung for the first time at his funeral, and it has been sung in Christian homes, churches, and at countless funerals ever since. May it be a comfort to you as you think on the richness of its lyrics and on He who abides with us even in our darkest hours.

Hymn:

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,
But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,
Familiar, condescending, patient, free.
Come not to sojourn, but abide with me.

Come not in terror, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee.
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me

Fill up the Pickup Report- Over 265 lbs. of food was collected at our July churchwide cookout held on July 6th! OCIM appreciates so much this generous donation! And thank you Special Events Committee for the wonderful food and fellowship so many enjoyed.

Scott Mason coming to Mount Hermon!- The Tar Heel Traveler, WRAL's Scott Mason, will be speaking at Mount Hermon Baptist Church Tuesday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m. Tri-West Baptist Network, formally Yates Baptist Association, will be sponsoring this event as part of the annual senior adult Prime Time celebration of worship, fellowship and food. The cost is \$15 per person, and reservations must be made by Thursday, September 5th. Contact John Frederick for more information. All ages are invited.

Stewardship

2024	June	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$22,140	\$114,208
Budget Need	<u>\$24,850</u>	<u>\$129,220</u>
Difference	(\$ 2,710)	(\$ 15,012)

2024	June	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$22,140	\$114,208
June Expenses	<u>\$12,679</u>	<u>\$100,284</u>
Difference	\$ 9,461	\$ 13,924

Property Renovation Fund - \$18,494

Non Budget Renovation Expenses - \$400

HCC Usage Fee: May: \$1,200 YTD: \$8,000

The added line for Non Budget Renovation Expenses are the expenses associated with the courtyard renovation. This cost will come directly from the main checking account and will not be part of the budget or PRP.

Please continue to pray for the financial health of the church. ~Peggy Mason, Treasurer

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	Joan Page	J.R. & Mary Webb
Joseph Dennard		Bob & Virginia Winecoff

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews

Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera

Duke Hospital - Mike Ostoyich

Reverend David Morton and our Church

The Personnel Committee

The Nominating 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

Balcony Opportunity

The balcony operations are essential to the worship service and to our YouTube viewers. Two people are needed each time we have a worship service and broadcast to YouTube. Our homebound friends and others that are interested in our services look forward each week to listen/view our services. Please consider helping occasionally. Training is available and essential for everything to go smoothly. There are two components: audio and visual. There will be times when the two – three people will be unavailable, so help is welcome for this ministry to continue. Please contact Tim Thompson (audio) or Shirley Robinson (visual) if you are interested in serving. Thank you!

DISCIPLESHIP

Joy in Christ is one of the greatest things to have. However, that prize is really the result of gaining maturity in Christ. How do we do that? The process is called discipleship. If you think about it, the recent lessons from our pulpit have been based on our church covenant. That covenant is an excellent map for development as a disciple. Our review of that map is quickly coming to an end but it's important to continue a pathway to development.

I'd like to share a quote with you from Greg Ogden's book, "Discipleship Essentials". "Discipling is an intentional relationship in which we walk alongside other disciples in order to encourage, equip and challenge one another in love to grow toward maturity in Christ. This includes equipping the disciple to teach others as well."

If you look around our church, you'll see lots of items that say, "Sprout, Grow and Bear Fruit". The reminder of the necessity of continuing discipleship is all around us. If we can adapt the concepts in "Discipleship Essentials" for our current small group studies, it would be a good thing. When I say adapt, the material was really targeted toward an intimate group of three to four people who could confidently share their concerns and weaknesses with one another. If we do look at this study and you find that a deeper relationship is needed, pray about it and then let's talk. ~ Bill

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

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/02 Monique Tedder	08/26 Alice Clayton
08/09 Peggy Parker	08/27 Alex Mayse
08/20 Donna Adair	08/30 Edna Berry
08/24 Ella White	08/30 John Frederick
08/25 Alex Fitzgerald	

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

08/05 Kevin & Teah Shinn

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/03 Beth Brewer	09/27 Tammy Bowling
09/23 Sherry Stone	09/28 Tim Thompson

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09/10 Ivan & Catalina Serrano

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 Vic Davis by:

Glenn & Evelyn Lilly ~ Shirley Robinson
Joyce Dennis Edna Berry ~ Margie Whitfield
Bob & Beth Brewer ~ Tim Thompson

Children and Youth Ministry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Theme: I Am Incredible



August 9 ~ 5:30p-8:00p
5:30p - Registration
6:00p - Dinner



August 10 ~ 9:00a-2:30p
8:30a - Registration
Lunch Provided

SAVE THE DATE

September 8
HOMECOMING
Guest Speaker: Scott Ryan
Former MHBC Youth Pastor

SAVE THE DATE

September 10
PRIME TIME
Guest Speaker: Scott Mason
The Tarheel Traveler

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Our August project will be participating in our very own Vacation Bible School on August 9-10. We will not meet as a group on Saturday, August 3.

In September, we will be taking Bible School to the Durham Rescue Mission's Women's Campus on **Saturday, September 21 from 9 am - noon**. We will also be providing a pizza lunch on that day, as well as desserts.

There are many opportunities for service, and we hope all ladies will participate. To do so, you must complete the Durham Rescue Mission's Daycare Volunteer Form and background check. Forms have been printed and are available in the hallway and vestibule. Once completed, scan and upload the form on this website: [Durham Rescue Mission Volunteer Form](#) (jump down to the Day Care Volunteer Form). You may also ask Kathryn or Janice to upload the form for you. Since there is a two-week turnaround, let's get everyone approved asap. (The mission will handle the \$30 background check fee.)

Look for a sign-up sheet that will list specific ways you can help with this exciting project. Our next meeting will be at **9:00 am on Saturday, September 7th** where we will work out the details of our mission.

For more information, contact Kathryn Dempsey @ 919.624.7078.