

CHURCH EVENTS

July 4

Independence Day
Church Office Closed

July 6

Noon - Independence
Day Celebration Lunch
And Fill the Truck for
OCIM Fundraiser

July 7

Lord's Supper
2:00p Deacons' Meeting

July 7-12

Passport Youth Camp

July 14

Deacon Election

June 19

6:30p Music Collaboration

July 19-20

Rose Hill Charity Mission

July 21

Business Meeting
Following Worship

July 22

9:30a Church Council Mtg

July 23

Newsletter Input Due

Looking Ahead

VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL

Aug 9; 5:30p-8:00p
Aug 10; 9:00a-2:30p

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

July 2024

Pastor's Pen

Dear fellowship of faith at Mount Hermon,

My prayer for us all is to continue to sprout, grow and bear fruit to serve this summer. Make yourself available and God will make you able in service for Him. These phrases are important steps in our spiritual journey:

KNOW JESUS AS LORD GROW IN FAITH THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP GO TO SERVE OTHERS IN OUTREACH

I encourage you to respond as God leads. God certainly guides our steps as our relationship with Him matures. Hebrews 10:25 says: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching." This verse and others like it teach the importance of being an active part of a local church. The Bible tells us that it is difficult to grow alone and distant from a fellowship of believers. And the church does not rest on just one person's shoulders.

The Lord's church depends on all of us journeying and working together. Mount Hermon offers wonderful opportunities to sprout, grow and bear fruit. Draw closer anticipating the wonderful scene of fellowship and learning. Draw nearer and know that Jesus is the Lord. Move forward and grow in faith. Be set free to go and serve others. Our communion and fellowship will remind us to know that Jesus is the Lord, the Savior, and the Redeemer. Our community and fellowship will equip us to grow in faith and serve others. And new opportunities abound!

The challenge for each of us is to allow the Lord to lead us to Sprout, Grow, and Bear Fruit! I pray that your faith will become alive and move you to action that has eternal significance. God's heart and altar are open to you. Bless you and may God be present in your lives and may His grace abound in you. Our surrounding communities need to hear from you.

Blessed be His Name ~ David Morton, Interim Pastor

JULY DEACON MINISTRY:

Shirley Robinson / Janice Thompson

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH

Cereal and Juice

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH

Deodorant

DEACONS

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 Loving Memory

Donations received in
memory of Vic Davis by:

Donna Adair
Rich & Judy Hanson
Peggy Mason
Steve & Dixie Paschall
MHBC Sanctuary
Committee



Notes from Anne



OUR NATION

This is the month our nation celebrates its freedom. I am a proud Patriot, but I am always hesitant to share our time of Worship on Sundays with anything else. We gather so infrequently that I want to dedicate every minute of that time to the Almighty Triune God. However, I decided we will sing America the Beautiful. The original poem was written in 1893 by Katherine Lee Bates, a Professor at Wellesley College (known then as Wellesley Female Seminary) after a trip up Pike's Peak in Colorado. The country was going through an Economic Depression with political unrest. No doubt, Prof. Bates was aware of this. YET, her mindset after seeing the beauty of God's creation from that mountaintop was **God!** His grace; His power; His healing; His reconciliation; His Heavenly home!

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain, divine!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

We celebrate not only our national independence but our ultimate freedom in Christ.

OUTREACH: Where Do We Begin Missions?

This past month (June) we sent 6 of our body of faith to Guatemala, to serve the Good Shepherd ministry. Where did this all begin? With God's Word. In Jesus' "Great Commission" He sends us out with a mission to reach the world with His Word. Read it again Matthew 28:18 and following. What are we told to do is bring people to Jesus (can't disciple them if you haven't led them to Christ), disciple them, and baptize them. Under Jesus authority which has no limits.

So how long has it been since you shared your faith with someone and they responded by giving their lives to Jesus? It's not the preachers job, that responsibility belongs to all of us. How do you know when to share your faith? The Holy Spirit will lead you as you seek time with Jesus and develop a listening ear. If you are like most people in the local church, you haven't done this in a long time, or perhaps never? If either of these is true, something is wrong with your walk. We really need to check ourselves if this is true.

Let me give you 3 questions that you can ask that will give you a green light to share Jesus with a person you might be talking to. They are not difficult questions, and the foundation for these questions are found in God's Word, John 16:5-11. You will need to read this passage to go forward from this point. Here are your 3 questions that will allow you to know you have His authority to lead anyone to Jesus.

1. Are you a sinner?
2. Is Jesus the righteous One of God?
3. Is the world already condemned and separated from God?

Clearly if a person answers yes to all of these questions, the Holy Spirit has already been working in their lives and your next action is to boldly invite them to repent and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. It really is that simple (the gospel is not complicated, it does not require a seminary degree or long years in service of Jesus. When we recognize the great salvation we have received, then it's just a supernatural response to want to share that with others. So ask God for the faith to believe in His Word, and do something supernatural about it. ~ Your Mission Team

Nursery/Children/Youth Workers Needed!!

Sundays and Wednesdays

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



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.

Stewardship

2024	May	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$18,886	\$ 92,068
Budget Need	<u>\$19,880</u>	<u>\$104,370</u>
Difference	(\$ 994)	(\$ 12,302)

2024	May	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$18,886	\$92,068
May Expenses	<u>\$20,315</u>	<u>\$88,105</u>
Difference	(\$ 1,429)	\$ 3,963

HCC Usage Fee: April: \$1,600 YTD: \$6,800

Property Renovation Fund - \$17,045

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

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera

The Family of Vic Davis
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

A friend once told me she wished she could just move to the moon. The challenge of relationships with other people was bringing her down and coping with the situation was strenuous. We've all been there. We explore the expectations others have for us and the expectations we have of ourselves. Yet we just can't seem to find the source of the elusive friction. Sometimes that's just because we're prideful enough, independent enough, correct enough or well, you pick the rationale because we just can't admit not being right. If we carry that inside us, what good would going to the moon do? We'll carry our weaknesses with us there as well.

Last month, we took a look at an external thing that can cause us to lose our joy and freedom in Christ. This month, you're encouraged to read Psalm 51. Our peace and joy can be most severely interrupted by our own actions. Actions that we choose to try to hide and ignore. God gave us a conscience though and hiding things usually just makes them worse and allows the figurative sore to fester. Psalm 51 is a reflection of King David at such a point in his life. If you're missing out on the freedom and joy in Christ, pay particular attention to verse 12. You can even cheat and read that verse first then back fill with the whole of Psalm 51.

Adam and Eve tried to hide from God in the Garden of Eden and hiding has been the first defense for mankind ever since. Hiding didn't work for them and it won't work for us. Please seek to embrace the lesson of Psalm 51 and let's join together in joy and freedom. ~ Bill

From the Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee will soon begin its work to fill open committee positions.

Our rotating committees include; Properties, Special Events, Sanctuary, Nominating, Personnel and Stewardship.

If you are a member, and not on a rotating committee or are rotating off, and may be interested in a position on one of these committees, contact a member of the Nominating Committee (John Frederick, Bill & Kate Butler, Jerry Nowell).

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

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

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**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

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

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

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

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP NEWS

As part of our mission to serve others, the women of Mount Hermon are going to make Vacation Bible School a priority in the coming months. All are invited to serve in our very own VBS (August 9-10) and then take our theme ("Genesis/Creation") onsite 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. All who participate will be required to complete the Durham Rescue Mission's Daycare Volunteer Form and background check. You may do this by clicking on this link: [Durham Rescue Mission Daycare Volunteer Information](http://DurhamRescueMission.org). Once completed, the daycare form should be sent to: donation.assist1@durhamrescuemission.org.

For assistance or to complete a paper form, please see Kathryn Dempsey. Since there is a two-week turnaround, let's get everyone approved asap. (The mission will handle the \$30 background check fee.) Stay tuned for specific ways you can be a part of this exciting project.

For more information contact Kathryn Dempsey @ 919.624.7078

Children and Youth Ministry

It's hard to believe that it is already July! This year is flying by! First, I want to remind everyone to come to the Independence Day cookout at the church on July 6th at 12 noon. There is a sign up sheet on the class trophy case in the hallway. We will again be "Filling Up the Pickup for OCIM ". So bring some personal items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, laundry detergent, toilet paper) along with food items and we'll get them to OCIM on Monday, July 8th.

I also want everyone to save the dates August 8th 5:30-8 and August 9th 9-2:30. We will be having Vacation Bible School. We need many volunteers to make this happen and a Volunteer Sign-up sheet will be on the glass trophy case with opportunities to help. The Ladies Fellowship has agreed to "adopt" VBS as their mission project for the month of August (thank you for that). At a later date, will be taking what we use here at MHBC and having a Bible School event at the Durham Rescue Mission. How exciting is that!

A lot is happening, with our Youth this summer. Some are in Guatemala, some will be going to Passport, we meet every Wednesday for supper and Bible Study. If you would like to help in any way talk to Cookie or Teah. We are always looking for volunteers to help or if you would like to contribute a meal or monetary donation for a meal it would be appreciated.

In Christ, Cookie