

## CHURCH EVENTS

### October 2

5:00p Pancake Dinner  
Youth Fundraiser

### October 5

9:00a Baptist Men's Mtg  
9:00a Ladies Fellowship

### October 6

Deacons & Leadership  
Installation  
Lord's Supper  
2:00p Deacons' Meeting

### October 9

6:00p SHIIP Presentation  
(Senior Health Insurance  
Information Program)

### October 11-13

Camp Cheerio

### October 16

5:30p Soup Dinner

### October 18

6:30p Music Collaboration

### October 20

Business Meeting  
Following Worship

### October 24

Newsletter Input Due

### October 28

9:30a Church Council  
Meeting

### October 29

TriWest Annual Mission  
Celebration  
4:30p-Mission Fair  
5:00p-Dinner  
6:00p-Program

## 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



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October 2024

## Pastor's Pen

We are proud of the church family at Mount Hermon Church. We were delighted to celebrate our 176th year as a congregation at Homecoming with our friends, families, and guests. So many thanks and hugs for the folks who provided outstanding service in areas necessary to make our celebration special. We talked history, we played and sang our praises to God, we prayed at the altar of our Lord, and we consumed the spoken word with open hearts. Dr. Scott Ryan provided us with the word of the Lord. We are grateful that we were a part of his call, formation, and growth. We pray for his continued service and growth. Our Special Events team created a wonderful setting for fellowship filled with beautiful décor, laughter, community, and opportunities to share and consume our favorite dishes. All-in all, we celebrated, remembered our history and legacy, embracing the challenge to begin our 177th year and beyond. Thank you for your spirit filled hearts and your hearts for missions.

Our walk with God, as members of Mount Hermon, brings us to understand that there is no greater way to partner with God and perform His work than through the Body of the Church established by Jesus. Giving to Mount Hermon and supporting the ministries it conducts; we know greater things happen to those who are the receivers of God's good news experienced by the honorable deeds of the church. God's good news is our mission! God calls us to Sprout, Grow and Bear Fruit. When Mount Hermon sends men, women, and youth into the world to do direct mission work, they are doing God's "heart healing." That is worthy of our fullest support. Stewardship of time and money is not just about to whom or how much you give. It is reflected in your acceptance of God's love and care for all His children, all His disciples and for all who do not know Christ in their lives. These are great needs that we can help to relieve.

As faithful members of Mount Hermon Church we must create through God's grace the picture of the future. We cannot leave that out because in a renewal of commitment we do not just look back. We look forward to the future that produces passion in our hearts. It is a picture depicting our church where members are passionately committed to sharing their faith in Christ. I want to always proclaim a gospel of grace. Grace was at the heart of Jesus' message to us. That means that all are created in the image of God, beloved and worthy. When we look at one another, we are to see each other in this way. That means we must let go of labels and categories that say some people are worth less than others. Jesus said, "love your neighbor as yourself" and "Love one another as I have loved you." There isn't room for exceptions or qualifications.

Our dream is that we will one day have a core of people who are motivated to lead people to faith in Christ. We see that in our past and in our present. That is our history. That is what got us started in the first place. We pray that you will catch and hold that vision that Christ holds for you and our church. The scripture reminds us to go home and tell how much the Lord has done. Welcome all who come through our doors so they can tell the story. Thank you for your story, your faithfulness, and your endurance. Welcome home. ~ David Morton, Interim Pastor

Services Available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...*

*Ruby Clements*

*Victor Davis*



*...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

*Hebrews 12:1*

## **DISIPLESHIP**

As October rolls in it seems excitement is building on some studies we're undertaking. Two of our Sunday school classes are picking up subjects from the book "Discipleship Essentials". Our Wednesday evening study is currently reviewing our individual and corporate strengths. We'll soon be moving on to other attributes individually and corporately.

Why does any individual or organization need to review Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats? Without doing so, it's hard to chart a course through challenges that will be faced. Superficially, when you think about this, there is a tendency to put the onus on our frail human selves. However, as we review, we want to concentrate on how God provides and how we might fail to recognize or utilize what He's already given us. That's what the studies are about. Discovering where we are in our path to spiritual maturity so we know how to ask God to help us reach full maturity.

We know we have to rely on God to help us mature but sometimes we don't focus enough on what we need from our brothers and sisters to help complete us where we are weak. God designed us to participate in a community and thus create a whole and fully functioning body. Knowing our weaknesses helps us do that too. Don't be ashamed of weaknesses. Turn them around. While you're praying to God about it, don't forget to reach out to others in the church body offering your strengths to complement their weaknesses just as they offer the same to you. ~ Bill Butler

This is one of my favorite times of the year: **Operation Christmas Child**. This is a time where we collect new items for children: toothbrushes, small toys, school supplies, stuffed animals, hygiene items, and clothes - socks, hats, gloves. After collecting these items we meet in the fellowship hall for our packing party, where we pack individual shoe boxes. These boxes will go to Boone and they are processed and sent all over the world. When children receive these shoe boxes, they will have the opportunity to listen to a story about Jesus. Many children have come to know Jesus Christ as their Personal Savior through Operation Christmas Child.

We have boxes wrapped in snowmen paper at each entrance where you can drop off your items. Our packing day will be Saturday, November 16 at 9:00. Ways to help: 1. Pray. 2. Shop. 3. Help pack shoe boxes. 4. Help with the shipping cost. (\$10.00 per box.) The Operation Christmas Child has requested No liquids, medicine, food/candy, toothpaste, or war related toys. If you have any questions, please reach out to Teah Shinn or Joyce Dennis. Blessings!

## **STEWARDSHIP**

<b>2024</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
General Budget Income	\$16,835	\$147,019
Budget Need	<u>\$19,880</u>	<u>\$168,980</u>
Difference	(\$ 3,045)	(\$ 21,961)

<b>2024</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
General Budget Income	\$16,835	\$147,019
August Expenses	<u>\$20,054</u>	<u>\$133,063</u>
Difference	(\$ 3,219)	\$ 13,956

Property Renovation Fund - \$19,969

Non Budget Renovation Expenses - \$11,836  
(courtyard renovation)

HCC Usage Fee: July: \$1,600 YTD: \$11,600

Our Covenant calls us to "support the church with our prayers, attendance, service, and giving." While each of these is equally important, it is through sacrificial giving that the church is able to carry out its mission.

Each year, when the church votes to approve its budget, we agree to support it through our giving. To help us understand how God's Kingdom grows through our tithes and offerings, a series of articles will be provided over the next few months.

**Fact #1: A portion of our offerings is designated to support the following missions ministries:**

- Cooperative Program (Southern Baptist Convention)**
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF)**
- State WMU (Woman's Missionary Union)**
- Tri-West Baptist Network (Yates Association)**
- Orange Congregations in Mission**
- Benevolence (distributed as local needs arise)**
- Mission Opportunities (local and foreign)**
- Youth Mission Scholarships (for our own youth)**

Through our contributions, Mount Hermon can be a part of missions that take place in the world, our state and our community. To see specific amounts designated for these offerings, you may refer to monthly financial reports.

We are appreciative of everyone who gives of both their time and money as we seek to do God's Will.

Coming Next Month: Fact #2

Your Stewardship Committee

### **Nursery/Children/Youth Workers Needed!!**

Sundays and Wednesdays

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

### *Those Needing Our Prayers...*

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

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews  
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera

Reverend David Morton and our Church  
The Personnel Committee  
The Pastor Search Committee  
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  
Asael Briones, Missionary to Honduras

### **OUTREACH Remember our Purpose!**

The projects that we participate in and the interaction that we have with neighbors, co-workers and people in the community are important and needed but they can also serve as a platform, a gateway, for our efforts to share the gospel. In the Olympics, the 10-meter-high diving competition can serve as an illustration. The divers climb the 10 meter, 33 feet tall structure to make their way to the diving platform. The platform itself is important and essential to the event but its true significance is understood when the divers approach the edge of the platform extending over the swimming pool and execute the purpose for which the platform was constructed. They dive! The divers when they climb to the diving platform must stay focused on the purpose of their mission.

Jesus expects and empowers us as we go to the people of the world to stay focused on the purpose for which he sends us. We must seek to teach, baptize, and disciple those people we meet. Serve the Lord with purpose and gladness!

~ Steve Clayton

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

**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

**Church Office**

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

10/01 Margie Whitfield	10/15 Eddie Andrews
10/09 Joyce Dennis	10/24 Fernanda Serrano Gonzalez
10/10 Lana Morgan	10/25 Todd Riley
10/14 Jerry Nowell	10/26 Lucille King
10/15 Susan Walker	

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

11/01 Jeff Brueggeman	11/10 Candy Brady
11/03 Wendy Dixon	11/17 Dillon Murphy
11/05 Jamie Riley	11/21 Kate Butler
11/09 Joyce Dennis	11/30 Joan Page

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

11/16 Bob & Beth Brewer  
 11/17 Jody & Candy Brady  
 11/20 Dean & Wendy Dixon

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

**Children and Youth Ministry**

Hurry, hurry, hurry! Step right up and support the Youth and Children's Pancake Supper Fund Raiser on Wednesday, October 2 at 5:00p. There will be pancakes, syrup, bacon or sausage, eggs and maybe some grits. The money raised will go to support missions and activities in which the youth are involved. Come show your support and get some delicious dinner prepared and served by the youth and their workers.

Just so you know, our youth were involved in the Women's Ministry Vacation Bible School at the Durham Rescue Mission. What an awesome job they did! Then, the weekend of October 11-13, they will be heading for Camp Cheerio with the youth from Yates Baptist Church. Our youth are learning and growing in their walk with the Lord and it is very evident in the lives they are living. I couldn't be prouder!  
 ~ Cookie

A donation was made to cemetery fund  
 by Louise Dillard in memory of Linwood Dillard

A donation was made to the music fund by Anne Basden

**DEACONS**

Steve Clayton	A-B
Cookie Frederick	C-Dem
Shaina Riley (chair)	Den-G
Shirley Robinson	H-L
Janice Thompson	M-O
Bill Butler	P-R
Peggy Mason	S-Z

**MUSIC**

**Welcome Ted Reed!** Ted will be leading the music at Mount Hermon through the month of October. He served as Minister of Music for 35 years at Yates Baptist Church in Durham

**OCIM**



**OCIM Needs Food items,** particularly needed are jelly, soup, condiments and canned meat. Bags of potatoes are also desired.

**OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:**  
**PASTA SAUCE /**  
**CANNED TOMATOES ITEMS**

**OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH:**  
**SHAMPOO**

**North Carolina**  
**Missions Offering:**  
**Church Goal: \$1,500**  
**Raised to Date: \$2,131**  
**RELIEF FOR TODAY**  
**HOPE FOR TOMORROW**

"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

*Jesus said to them again, "peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." John 20:21*