

## CHURCH EVENTS

### November 3

2:00a Time Change  
Lord's Supper  
2:00p Deacons' Meeting

### November 6

5:00p Potluck Dinner

### November 11

Veteran's Day

### November 12

SHIIP Appointments  
Men's Worship Rally  
Pittsboro Baptist Church

### November 15

6:30p Music Collaboration

### November 16

9:00a Ladies Fellowship/  
Shoebox Packing  
Party

### November 17

Business Meeting  
Following Worship

### November 24

Newsletter Input Due

### November 27

No Wednesday Night  
Activities

### November 28-29

Thanksgiving  
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

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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bearfruit

November 2024

## Pastor's Pen

Our hearts are exposed in the Bible more than any other topic. The scripture addresses the heart and matters of the heart in detail.

Consider a few passages from the scripture about the human heart:

- *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (Deuteronomy 6:5) (Jesus called this the greatest of commandment.)*

- *Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. (1 Sam. 16:7)*

- *Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Luke 12:34)*

- *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. (Prov. 3:5)*

- *Your word have I treasured in my heart, that I might not sin against you. (Ps. 119:11)*

- *These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. (Matt 15:8)*

- *For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. (II Chron. 16:9)*

There is a lot at stake these days. Divisiveness and fear are being stirred up and we are bombarded with messages that attempt to divide us and undermine our trust. How does our faith in Christ equip us to thrive spiritually and relationally? This is the perfect time to talk about "doing unto others" in ways that foster kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love.

The key to the continuing vitality of Mount Hermon Baptist Church is to be found in the relationship of our hearts toward God and toward each other in fellowship. Let us reflect and be thankful during this season on God who is the "great lover of our souls." May our lives reflect that love as we share it with others.

We are reminded that Jesus declared that our lives could flow rivers of living water. My experience and heart tell me that there is more in store for us waiting to be discovered. I invite you to come along and invite others to join us in our fellowship at Mount Hermon Church. And with Thanksgiving we can look forward to the journey. I am so thankful to be in fellowship with you. Blessings to you all as we celebrate this season together.

~ David Morton, Interim Pastor

## OUTREACH

### HURRICANE HELENE RECOVERY

Baptists on Mission is responding in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene in the mountains of western North Carolina. We've set up large feeding and recovery (mud out, tear out, chainsaw, etc.) operations in 14 locations in Western North Carolina.

Volunteers are helping with feeding; shower and laundry; chain saw teams; tarping roofs; mudding and tearing out homes; and more. You don't need to be trained to serve with some of these opportunities. Please know that there will be many opportunities to serve for many weeks, months and years to come. Volunteers must be flexible as needs and opportunities change daily.

You can sign up to volunteer as well as give financially to support the relief efforts by clicking the "Volunteer now" button on the Baptist on Mission web page.

All financial gifts go directly to assist those impacted by the storm.

Thank you for helping us offer hope to families affected by this massive storm. Please continue to pray for everyone impacted by Hurricane Helene, including first responders and volunteers.

Steve Clayton

Source: Baptist on Mission website article

## DISIPLESHIP

Crowns, rocks and family obligations. I don't like writing about personal things but sometimes God provides lessons that should be shared. We all have those weeks where the daily scheduled events are minimal and then it seems that every day gets filled up. It makes it tough to stay focused on the real purpose of our life. We become burdened by things and then want to wallow a bit in our own perceived difficulties.

Yep, I had one of those moments. Then a dear brother sent me a text. He was doing what he should be doing and visiting someone who had some real problems. Through the next few lines of text, I was reminded of a couple of different things. The first item is the necessity of relationships. We need them to inspire us and keep us moving forward in our Christian walk, to keep us focused and realize we're not alone in our journey in faith. The second thing is accountability. Accountability has become somewhat of a bad word but it's really not. Accountability isn't owning your sins then having someone else fashion a Bible into a big cudgel to beat you over the head with. Accountability is best described in Galatians 6:1-2. Where we're instructed to restore one another in spiritual gentleness.

In the end, the concerning things were really trivial. A simple rock in the control arm of a vehicle made it sound like it was in self destruct mode. The family events were on the calendar and should have been fun events. The crown, well, anyone who has had that type of dental work done knows that now and again, they may come off. All pretty silly until they work together and consume time. What did my brother send me in a text? John 3:30. He must increase and I must decrease. Words we'd read together just a day before came crashing in like a flood. ~ Bill Butler



Time Change  
Sunday November 3rd  
@ 2:00am



**Veterans Day**  
**November 11**  
**Thank you!**  
**To all who served**

*If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.  
If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26*

## STEWARDSHIP

2024	September	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$21,132	\$168,151
Budget Need	<u>\$24,850</u>	<u>\$193,8300</u>
Difference	(\$ 3,718)	(\$ 25,679)

2024	September	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$21,132	\$168,151
September Expenses	<u>\$13,676</u>	<u>\$146,739</u>
Difference	\$ 7,456	\$ 21,412

Property Renovation Fund - \$20,434

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

HCC Usage Fee: August: \$2,000 YTD: \$13,600

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: FACT #2

As we continue our series of articles about stewardship, this month's topic is:

"Types of Offerings: Designated vs. General Fund"

Fact #2: In order for the church to function effectively, offerings given to the General Fund must meet or exceed expenses with a goal of meeting the yearly budget (and not expenses alone).

This statement may seem unnecessary, or just common sense, but in reality, it is important as we think about tithing. When we give to the General Fund (or Budget), we are supporting the church's total operation including:

Discipleship	Utilities
Outreach	Property Upkeep
Youth Ministry	Salaries

Music Ministry  
Fellowship Hall Supplies  
Missions (see Oct Newsletter)

Ways are also made available to support Designated Funds (e.g., Property Renovation Fund) as well as to additional church-sponsored projects, but the General Fund is the means through which we can carry out the church's purpose and mission.

Much thought and planning goes into arriving at each year's budget. Soon, the Stewardship Committee will be fashioning various budget requests into its 2025 proposed budget. Please be in prayer for this process and for how you can contribute to keeping Mount Hermon's mission alive.

Coming Next Month: Fact #3

Your Stewardship Committee

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

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

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews  
Duke Regional Hospital - Ann Brooks  
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera  
Hillcrest Convalescent Center - Lucille King

Ethel Vogel and the family of Dan Vogel, Dan went home to his Lord and Savior October 2nd

Those lost to and affected by Hurricanes Helen and Milton  
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



Memorial donations made in memory of Dan Vogel by:

MHBC Sanctuary Committee  
Peggy Mason ~ Levirn Shoffner  
Wanda Allen ~ Bruce Bonar  
Rich & Judy Hanson  
Glenn & Evelyn Lilly



#### **OCIM**

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

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

Sundays and Wednesdays

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

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

**Church Office**

Hours: Monday–Friday 9 am–11:30 am  
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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**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

11/01 Jeff Brueggeman	11/17 Dillon Murphy
11/03 Wendy Dixon	11/20 Daniel Poma-Butron
11/05 Jamie Riley	11/21 Kate Butler
11/09 Bill Clayton	11/30 Joan Page
11/10 Candy Brady	

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

12/01 Mike Fitzgerald	12/21 Louis Tedder
12/02 Chris Lewis	12/25 Jesus Christ
12/02 John Mark Frederick	12/25 Wendy Riley
12/17 Elizabeth Millar	

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

**Children and Youth Ministry**

**SAVE THE DATE**

December 7  
 10:00a-2:00p  
 Gift Wrapping  
 Youth Fundraiser



~ Cookie

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)

**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

**OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:**  
**CANNED CHICKEN AND TUNA**

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**OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH:**  
**DEODORANT**

**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.



**On November 16 we will be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.** We will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:00. We are still collecting items. We still need school supplies, small toys, hygiene items, and small clothing items such as hats, gloves, socks. This is a family event so everyone is invited to attend. We also will be collecting money for shipping cost. The cost is ten dollars per box. Looking forward to seeing everyone and we will also have a time of fellowship at the end of our packing party. ~ Blessings! Joyce and Teah

"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