

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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February 2025

## CHURCH EVENTS

### February 1

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

### February 2

Lord's Supper  
1:30p Deacons' Meeting

### February 5

5:00p Potluck Dinner

### February 9

Souper Bowl of Caring

### February 16

Business Meeting  
Following Worship

### February 20

Newsletter Input Due

## Pastor's Pen

To best understand the meaning of the Old Testament and the New Testament Books of Acts, Epistles, and Revelation, one must read and understand the gospels, the heart of the Christian Bible. Even within the gospels, however, our faith is often defined by the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the alpha and omega of Jesus' human life, the celebration of which is our Christmas and Easter experience.

The question I ask of myself often, and ask of you now, is about the focus of our personal reflections and repentance. Are we focused on such matters as our sinfulness and salvation, guided by familiar scriptures like John 3:16 or Romans 8:1-4 and 10:5-10? And are we focused on how our faith is translated into action guided by other scriptures? Scriptures like Mathew 22:37-40, Mark 8:34-35 or James 2:14-18? I reflect that both are essential to Christian discipleship, and that one without the other is lacking to be a faithful follower of Christ. We come together each week to worship God in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit; but does our weekly faith journey begin and end there? Do we faithfully engage also daily or weekly in studying the scriptures, alone or in prayer and devotional groups of one form or another?

Beyond strengthening our faith in these ways, how engaged are we in mercy, justice, and service outreach here among us and in the community beyond our walls, a witness to our faith through action? Mount Hermon offers many opportunities for growth in discipleship. We are alerted always to opportunities through our weekly worship bulletins and email notices, our monthly newsletter, our website, and verbal announcements. My prayer for us at Mount Hermon is that we continue to grow as disciples of Jesus in fellowship with one another, that our faith will be defined by the love of Christ we've personally experienced, the fellowship of His Spirit with us, and the acknowledgment of God's presence in our lives. And it is my prayer that we will extend that love to others in our midst so they too will grow as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Mount Hermon Baptist Church needs willing hands and committed hearts as we continue to strive together for faithful ministry. To reach the potential God offers us, we are called to dedicate time and energy, and treasure and talent. God calls us to be faithful.

I look forward to seeing you in worship and fellowship. We truly have a blessed community of faith. Join us so we can grow and serve together.

David Morton, Interim Pastor

Services available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

## 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

## 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

## FEBRUARY DEACON MINISTRY:

Steve Clayton  
Shirley Robinson

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH: TOOTHPASTE

OcIM ITEM OF THE MONTH: FRUIT & APPLESAUCE

If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit.

Galatians 5:25

**OUTREACH**

**A message from Richard Brunson, Executive Director, Baptists on Mission**

Thank you for giving to our Hurricane Helene relief efforts in western North Carolina. Because of your generosity, we've been able to offer hope to thousands of people affected by the storm. That hope has come in many forms: a hot meal, a tree being removed, a home mudded out, clothes being washed, or, for some, sitting down with a chaplain. The numbers speak for themselves: • Over 500,000 hot meals have been provided so far! • Over 5,000 recovery jobs completed (chain saw, mud out or tear out, tarps on roofs)! • Over 13,000 volunteers so far."

"We are now moving into the next phase of rebuilding homes. The Essential Rapid Repairs (ERR) program will provide the basics... insulation, flooring, sheetrock, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, a functional kitchen with basic appliances and a bathroom. We'll return to finish the homes later, but we want to get 500-1000 families back into a warm, safe, secure, functioning home before the worst of winter. We will need lots of unskilled and skilled volunteers. There is a critical need for licensed plumbers, electricians and people with construction skills because all this work must be done to code, working with county building inspectors. We'll also need hundreds of people willing to assist in many ways. Please encourage volunteers to sign up at [www.helenerebuild.org](http://www.helenerebuild.org). Thank you for praying, giving and going in response to Hurricane Helene. The impact of this storm will be felt for many years. Thank you for your support."



**A message from Tim Etheridge, President, Baptists on Mission**

**"Disaster: God is in Control:** With people in need, we, as Baptists, need to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We can volunteer to help those in need, pray for those in need, and/or give to assist those in need. In James 2, we are told that faith without works is dead. As Christians, we are called servants to help those suffering from the impact of Helene. While volunteering with NC Baptists on Mission, we can help with physical needs like removing trees, cleaning out flooded homes, or putting a tarp on a leaking roof. This allows us to show God's love. While serving in the yellow shirts, we are often asked why do you take time to do this for me? While assisting with these physical needs, we often have the opportunity to speak with them about a much more significant concern: their spiritual needs."

"Our God provides hope for each of His children. The work being done by NC Baptists on Mission in western North Carolina provides a glimmer of hope for those who experienced damage from Helene. In helping those impacted by the storm, we can also offer eternal hope through belief in our Savior. If not accepted, we have planted the seed that God can water and continue to work with in the future."

**THANK YOU FOR PRAYING, GIVING and GOING!**

Steve Clayton



*Ministry Project for February*

On Saturday, February 8, the Ladies' Fellowship will be hosting a Tea Party for the residents of Adorable Living in Hillsborough. We will serve tea, hot cocoa, and finger foods. We will also be making small gift packs of snuggly socks and treats for each of the nine residents.

Since the facility is small, there is room for only a few of us to go at once. But there are ways that everyone can participate. As we prepare for our visit, we hope everyone will attend our meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 1 where we will make decorations, design greeting cards and fill the gift bags.

We look forward to sharing the love of Jesus with the residents of Adorable Living! If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Kathryn or Janice.

## STEWARDSHIP

2024	December	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$39,349	\$247,875
Budget Need	<u>\$24,850</u>	<u>\$258,524</u>
Difference	\$14,499	(\$ 10,649)

2024	November	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$39,349	\$247,875
December Expenses	<u>\$ 16,750</u>	<u>\$194,403</u>
Difference	\$ 22,599	\$ 53,472

Property Renovation Fund - \$34,421

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

HCC Usage Fee: November: \$1,600 YTD: \$18,400

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the general budget the month of December. While we did not meet our budget need for the year, it was impressive.

Remember as we begin 2025 that our budget represents what we need to operate the church and your YES vote for the 2025 budget is a pledge to give toward that goal.

Please pray for the financial health of the church.

## *Those Needing Our Prayers...*

Georgia Barnette	Joseph Dennard	Betty Jane Poole
Ronda Barton	Joyce Dennis	Peggy Rhodes
Edna Berry	Lucille King	Ridge Riley
Donna Chamberlain	Stacy Lee	Robbe Riley
Bill Clayton	David Lewis	Shaina Riley
Ruth Crispin	Joan Page	Rosa Shambley
Robbie Davidson	Peggy Parker	Bob & Virginia Winecuff

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews

Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera

Teah Shinn and family on the loss of her Father

Peggy Parker and family on the loss of her son, David

Those lost to and affected by the California fires

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

Victims of 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

## DISIPLESHIP

Most of us get a little antsy when we read "some assembly required" on the side of a box. We've likely learned that phrase may mean anything from five minutes to three hours of searching through parts and trying to identify just which one goes in the right place.

Discipleship is an ever growing and evolving relationship with Christ. When you listen to sermons, scripture or the voice of fellow believers, do you ever walk away wondering just how the new or even old knowledge should be assimilated into your life to continue the transformation into who God wants you to be?

If we go back to "some assembly required", how many times have you been determined to get through those instructions without help no matter how painful? Maybe we know somebody who put one of those things together before and we can get some help. Hmm. No then I'll be perceived as weak. I doubt it though. We'll often find that friends are happy to help and the time we get to spend together benefits both of us. When we hear or read those words that we just can't get to fit into place. Talk to your fellow Christians. Let the relationship grow. You'll be amazed at the growth that follows.

One other thing that comes up in assembly is sometimes we miss something in the small details. In our relationships, we'd call that intimacy. It's challenging to find a friend that we can share those small details with. Certainly we have a friend like that with Jesus and we can ask Him for direction in the smallest and most difficult places our lives may have. It helps too, if we can develop that kind of relationship with a fellow Christian where we can let them be privy to some of our deepest questions and pain. Why? Because it's hard to resolve issues if part of the facts are left out.

The conclusion is as always, we need one another as highlighted by these words from Ecclesiastes 4

**9** Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

**10** For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

**11** Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

**12** And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

~Bill Butler

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

**Church Office**

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Please keep church office informed of change of address.  
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 please contact the office by phone or email.

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

02/01 William Clayton    02/12 Valentina Serrano Gonzalez  
 02/03 Bob Brewer        02/14 Kathryn Dempsey  
 02/04 Eddie Lee          02/19 Shirley Robinson

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

02/05 Tim & Janice Thompson  
 02/14 Glenn & Evelyn Lilly

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

03/03 Jerald Fuller            03/12 Kevin Shinn  
 03/04 David Morton         03/24 Steve Clayton  
 03/06 Peggy Mason         03/29 Cookie Frederick  
 03/11 Shaina Riley         03/30 Jody Brady

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



Good Shepherd Ministries  
 Christmas Offering  
 Church Goal: \$2,025  
 Final Amount Raised: \$3,121



**Children and Youth Ministry**

The Youth and Children have been busy on Wednesday night learning about Spiritual Warfare and putting on the Armor of God and how important it is to be prepared when temptation strikes. We also went to Harmony House, a Senior Adult Care Cottage where we sang hymns and played Bingo and socialized with the residents and had a great time. Afterwards we went to Freddie’s for some ice cream (I know it’s cold outside but ice cream is good any time of the year).

As you may have heard, the Youth are headed back to Middlesboro, Ky for their Mission trip. We are very excited to be going back and we need your help. Over the next few months, we will be having several fundraisers to offset costs. The next one will be Saturday, March 1, for our annual Foosball Tournament and Hot-dog lunch. Be on the lookout how you can be a part of this awesome event!

Until next time! Cookie

ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

HELP US RESTOCK OUR SHELVES!

- CANNED VEGETABLES (MIXED, PEAS, BEETS, TOMATOES)
- CANNED PASTA (RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTI O’S, ETC.)
- PINTO BEANS (DRY/CANNED)
- MACARONI & CHEESE
- SCHOOL SNACKS/FRUIT BARS
- CANNED FRUIT & APPLESAUCE
- OATMEAL
- JELLY
- CANNED CHICKEN
- RICE
- SOUP (CHICKEN NOODLE, TOMATO, CHUNKY)



- CRACKERS
- CEREAL (HOT & COLD)
- PASTA SAUCE
- BEEF STEW
- MAYONNAISE
- DOG AND CAT FOOD
- TOOTH PASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES
- DEODORANT
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT (POWDER & PODS)
- TOILET PAPER
- BABY WIPES

2025 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE



**2025 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE**  
 The 2025 Missions Conference will be held on  
 March 14-15 2025 at Calvary Baptist  
 Church Winston Salem, NC