

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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March 2025

## CHURCH EVENTS

### March 1

9:00a Lenten Prayer  
Retreat  
10:30a Foosball  
Tournament and Lunch  
Youth Fundraiser

### March 2

Lord's Supper  
1:30p Deacons' Meeting

### March 4

6:00p Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner

### March 5

First Day of Lent  
6:00p Ash Wednesday  
Service

### March 9

Time Change;  
Spring Forward

### March 16

Business Meeting  
Following Worship  
OCC Fellowship

### March 24

Newsletter Input Due

## Pastor's Pen

Let us embrace the spirit of the Lord during this Easter season together. Lent is a period of preparation, of fasting and self-denial, of repentance and confession, of putting our spiritual house in order. Lent is about embracing the Resurrected Christ with a whole and longing heart. It involves putting some things away so that we can fully claim all that God offers.

We are called to ponder and embrace Jesus' invitation to follow him. Jesus calls us to leave behind much of what we have known and accepted to join him in a journey that continues through every phase of our lives. The invitation is offered to us not only at the start of the life of faith. It is an offer that is extended to us repeatedly throughout our faithful journey.

We enter the Lenten season 2025 glimpsing the promise of resurrection with renewed strength and promise.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus begins his public ministry with these words: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:15). When Jesus talks about the kingdom of God coming near, we nod like we understand. But do we faithfully understand? These days are wilderness days, filled with chaos, uncertainty, and fighting. The flickers of hope we see today seem vastly different from the complete kingdom God promised.

The kingdom of God has come near, Jesus told us. The kingdom of God touches this wilderness road, and we can see it in glimpses throughout the journey. But we must be looking. And we must take the time to not just believe in the good news, but to embody the good news ourselves.

As we travel in this Lenten journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and to the Cross, let us be intent to extend greater mercy and justice into our world. We prepare and journey through prayer, repentance, good work, fasting, and sacrifice. We renew our faith and reflect on Jesus' love—His living, dying, and rising from the dead. He is our Savior and our Lord. He has redeemed us from our sins. He gives us eternal life. That is God's promise to us through Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace, David Morton, Interim Pastor

## 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

## OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH:

LOTION

## OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:

DRY PASTA / PASTA SAUCE

## MARCH DEACON MINISTRY:

Peggy Mason / Janice Thompson



Services available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

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

## OUTREACH

### The Harvest is Plentiful

*Seeing the crowds, Jesus felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." Matthew 9:36-38 NASB*

When we look out across our community and world we see people in need of a savior, a redeemer, and a friend. They need, we need, the hope and deliverance that only Jesus can provide. The harvest is plentiful, the needs are great, and we are the workers that the Lord has called to share the good news of Jesus Christ. How is the Lord leading you to serve? Let us join together and reach out to a lost but searching world.

Upcoming ministry and training events:

March 14-15 Baptist Mission Conference, Winston-Salem, NC

March 16 Orange Correctional Center, hosting the Sunday night worship service.  
Provide desserts, soft drinks.

May 3 Disaster Relief Training, Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Durham NC

Steve Clayton

## DISIPLESHIP

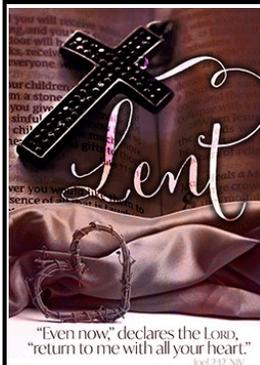
The season of Lent is quickly coming. I realize I may not be alone in expressing a lack of understanding about Lent because in the Baptist Church of days gone by, it wasn't something that got much attention. Other folks talked about giving up this, that or the other thing for Lent only to moan about it while it was going on and then resuming the activity once Lent was over.

Today, I understand Lent is a symbolic representation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness following His baptism. Then again, if it's only symbolism and a conformation to tradition based on the passage of time, have I found its meaning? Nope. Still not on the mark.

Thinking back, I remember when spring and fall revivals were a BIG deal. That doesn't seem to be the case any longer. However, building on the revival concept, I believe the intent of Lent is very much similar.

Jesus' retreat into the desert was a time of denying the flesh and concentrating on feeding the spirit. Revival isn't a service, it isn't a charismatic event, it's a renewal and refreshment of the relationship with God that is part of the life of every Christian. Then what if we begin to look at Lent in a similar fashion? Should we look forward to enhancing our relationship with God and approach the days of Lent not looking in regret for what we might give up but in hope and anticipation of what we might find in faith?

Lenten devotional booklets are available and you're encouraged to pick one up. As you go through the daily devotionals, slow down. Look for that pearl of knowledge you may have either missed or forgotten and let it find its way into your heart. ~Bill Butler



On March 2nd the Baptist Men and the Ladies Fellowship will not meet, however there will be a church wide Lenten Prayer Retreat to kick off the Season of Lent which begins on March 5th. Everyone is invited to join us in the fellowship for a light breakfast and this time of fellowship.

Following the Prayer Retreat the Youth will host their annual Foosball Tournament and Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser. All funds raised will support the Kentucky Mission Trip the youth have planned this summer.



## **STEWARDSHIP**

<b>2025</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
General Budget Income	\$15,166	\$15,166
Budget Need	<u>\$19,740</u>	<u>\$19,740</u>
Difference	(\$4,574)	(\$4,574)

<b>2025</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
General Budget Income	\$15,166	\$15,166
January Expenses	<u>\$11,455</u>	<u>\$11,455</u>
Difference	\$ 3,711	\$ 3,711

Property Renovation Fund - \$28,860

Pray for the financial health of the church.

**Operation Christmas Child is collecting:**  
**empty pill bottles**  
**paper towel rolls**  
**plastic water/soda lids**

**Memorial Donations were made in memory of**  
**R. J. Webb and David Parker**  
**By the Friendship Class**

## *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 Winecoff

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews  
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera

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



On February 9th Mount Hermon Baptist Church participated in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" to support Orange Congregations in Mission to feed the hungry in our community. 300 lbs of food and \$109 was collected to support this effort. Thank you to everyone who brought food items and made donations!!



### **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.

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

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

### **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!

*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*

**Pastor:** David Morton  
**Secretary:** Peggy Mason

**Church Office**

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 please contact the office by phone or email.

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

03/03 Jerald Fuller	03/22 Teah Sinn
03/04 David Morton	03/24 Steve Clayton
03/06 Peggy Mason	03/29 Cookie Frederick
03/11 Shaina Riley	03/30 Jody Brady
03/12 Kevin Shinn	

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

04/06 Blanca Serrano Gonzalez	04/15 Katrina Paschall
04/08 Virginia Pasour	04/24 Amanda Clayton

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

04/28 John & Cookie Frederick

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

Kevin and I would like to say thanks to the Mount Hermon Baptist Church Members for all the cards, phone calls, food, flowers and love that you have bestowed upon us during the passing of Teah's dad. We are so grateful for each of you during this time of grief.  
 ~ Kevin & Teah Shinn



This year’s Easter Mission Offering will be donated to Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry.

**Church Goal: \$2,000**

Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry exists to provide and promote spiritual comfort and growth to the men assigned to Orange County Correctional Center through services rendered by a full-time funded chaplain. Further, the ministry strives to better prepare OCC residents with skills, abilities and motivation to successfully reintegrate into their communities and families upon release.

*'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

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