

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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April 2025

CHURCH EVENTS

April 2

5:00p Potluck Dinner

April 5

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

April 6

1:30p Deacons' Meeting

April 24

Newsletter Input Due

April 13

Palm Sunday

April 17

7:00p Maundy Thursday
Lord's Supper

April 18

7:00p Good Friday Service

April 19

Easter Egg Hunt

April 20

Easter Sunday
7:30a Sunrise Service
8:15a Potluck Breakfast
10:00a Worship Service

April 21

Church Office Closed

April 24

Newsletter Input Due

April 25-26

D-Now Youth Event

April 27

Business Meeting
Following Worship

April 28

6:30p Church Council
Meeting

Pastor's Pen

Easter is an invitation for Christians around the world to draw closer to God. It is a time for reflection, opening our eyes and our hearts that we may find, and at the same time, be found. Honestly, there are times in our lives when we fail to look for God. The scripture promises that God is faithful and constantly here for us. God is closer to us than the air we breathe and the ground we stand. Easter is a time we look for God. We look so that God can lead us and fulfill His will.

It is a time to focus to be able to see what is already there but hidden and obscured by the other things that distract and occupy life. It is a time for starting out on a journey with the destination of looking and finding ourselves and, more importantly, finding God who has never lost us. Easter is a time to create personal "habits" that awaken us to the wonders of God's grace and love and keep us close to the one true source of hope, joy, and strength we have.

Won't you join us on the journey? Won't you join us in the grace found in the resurrection of our Lord? At Easter, we realize that we can prepare for eternity. And God has plans for us all in this journey. Ephesians 2:10 says: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Missing the message of drawing closer to Christ Jesus is missing the point of your life. I encourage you to share your journey with those you meet and serve. He is Risen! He is risen indeed!

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:
SHAMPOO

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:
CANNED MEATS

APRIL DEACON MINISTRY:
Bill Butler / Cookie Frederick

Services available on CD upon request
and on our YouTube Channel

We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life! Matthew 20:18-19

OUTREACH

Alamance Orange Prison Ministry

Mount Hermon has a long history of involvement with the Alamance Orange Prison Ministry (AOPM). Our Easter Offering goes to support the ministry. AOPM helps prepare correctional residents for successful reintegration into their communities and families upon release. The following information was found on the AOPM website.

"The spirit of the sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to reclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners," Isaiah 61:1

MISSION: The Ministry strives to better prepare OCC residents with skills, abilities, and motivation to successfully reintegrate into their communities and families upon release and, where possible, provide support and encouragement to those receiving them. This is to be accomplished by connecting all concerned to available resources to be found at OCC and in the surrounding community.

"I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:36

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Alamance Orange Prison Ministry would not be able to do the work it does without the generous donations of supporters, who donate both time and money to enable their work. You can make a financial contribution or give of your time and skills as a volunteer.

ABOUT AOPM: Alamance Orange Prison Ministry operates in Orange County, North Carolina, and works primarily out of the Orange County Correctional Facility. Their chaplain works with the men directly, coordinates programs, and provides spiritual guidance and support to people of all faiths.

Dewey Williams is the new Chaplain at Orange Correctional Center. In 2017, Dewey's sermon series Joy On Death Row won top award at Yale Divinity School. He is a graduate of Duke University Divinity School with a Master of Divinity and holds a Doctor of Ministry from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University where he focused his study on prison ministry reform. Dewey is the author of the book Finding Joy On Death Row: Unexpected Lessons from Lives We Discarded which was released in February 2023. His book won the Silver Award in the category of Inspiration from the Independent Book Publishers Association. He has been doing prison ministry for the past seventeen years. Thank you for your support of this life changing ministry. ~ Steve Clayton



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

Church Goal: \$2,000

Raised to Date: \$1,195

Balcony Help Needed!!

Help is needed in the balcony on occasional Sunday mornings with the sound and/or video.



If you can assist on an as needed basis please see Shirley Robinson or Tim Thompson.

Nursery/Children/Youth Workers Needed!!

Sundays and Wednesdays

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

You will not want to miss this evening of fellowship and renewal.

FRIENDSHIP DINNER

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

Mount Hermon Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm

Dinner and Fellowship

with

Inspirational Speaker: Phyllis Elliott Elvington

Phyllis Elliott Elvington is well-known in Baptist circles for her energetic, uplifting and well-prepared speaking style. She is an awesome woman of God who loves to laugh. The entire church family is invited to participate in this uplifting evening! Watch for further information in the days to come.

STEWARDSHIP

2025	February	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$16,156	\$31,322
Budget Need	<u>\$19,740</u>	<u>\$39,480</u>
Difference	(\$ 3,584)	(\$ 8,158)

2025	February	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$16,156	\$31,322
February Expenses	<u>\$17,004</u>	<u>\$28,459</u>
Difference	(\$ 848)	\$ 2,863

Property Renovation Fund - \$29,250

Pray for the financial health of the church.

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

*'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*

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews

Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera

Hock Pavilion - David Lewis

Those lost to recent natural disasters

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

We're about at the halfway point of Lent. I pray the devotional booklets have enriched your life and have been an inspirational part of your day.

As we observe this time, I also pray that we are taking the time to listen to what God is saying to us. I've been encouraged by one of our folks as the individual always brings me back to the fact that Jesus paid it all. That's why I find the traditional solemnity of Lent so challenging. If we wake up every morning acknowledging that Jesus is Lord, realizing that He accepts us and realizing that it's because of His love for us, it makes it hard to cover ourselves with sackcloth and ashes.

Yet sometimes we take that acceptance and love a little too much for granted. That behavior puts me in mind of a verse from Song of Solomon 2:15. *Catch us the foxes, The little foxes that spoil the vines, For our vines have tender grapes.* Yes, I know, Song of Solomon is a love text between a man and a woman but it does express great love and can be compared to the love between Jesus and His church. It's not the big sins that rock the boat. In most cases they're easier to guard against. It's the little ones we have to watch. They're just as wily as their bigger siblings and equally damaging to our relationship with the Holy Spirit.

The relationship with the Holy Spirit goes full circle and brings us back to the first point. Ephesians 4:30 says it this way, *"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."* Does the realization that Jesus paid it all propel you through the day or do you feel covered with sackcloth and ashes? As you continue to use the Lenten Devotional, ask how real and relevant the Holy Spirit feels in your life. If you feel a need for restoration, it's only a prayer away.

Live in the joy of Christ every day. Share it! ~Bill Butler

*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*

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Secretary:

David Morton
Peggy Mason

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/07 Stacy Lee 05/29 Glenn Lilly
05/13 Caleb Clayton

May ANNIVERSARIES

05/18 Gary & Katrina Paschall
5/18 Steve & Alice Clayton

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
DEAN AND DIANE BIDGOOD

TO THE COMMUNITY OF
MOUNT HERMON BAPTIST CHURCH!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped me through my ACL surgery and recovery. Your prayers, food, well-wishes, transportation, and general thoughtfulness have greatly contributed to making this lengthy process much smoother. I am truly grateful for my church family. Grace and Peace, Shaina



*April Gathering
and Upcoming Events*

On **Saturday, April 5**, the Ladies' Fellowship will welcome a special guest, Amy Boone, Executive Director/Treasurer of the NC Woman's Missionary Union (WMU). We look forward to having Amy share how WMU is ministering to others.

Also on that day, we will be making plans for the **May 4 Women's Day Service**, which will be led by us, the ladies of Mount Hermon. Be thinking about how you'd like to participate (prayer, ladies' choir, testimony, etc.).

Upcoming Events:

Prayer Walk - May (date and time TBA)
Tea Party at Spring Glen - June 15

All ladies of the church are invited to be a part of our fellowship. As we serve others, we grow closer to God and to each other.

See you on April 5 at 9:00 am!

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

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

TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES

DEODORANT

LAUNDRY DETERGENT (POWDER & PODS)

TOILET PAPER

BABY WIPES

