

# AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

May 2023



## JESUS TOLD US!

*<sup>16:21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.*

*<sup>17:22</sup>As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, <sup>23</sup>and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised." And they were greatly distressed.*

*<sup>20:17</sup>While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, <sup>18</sup>See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; <sup>19</sup>then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised."*

Have you ever been told something, and your response was, "Nahhhh, that can't be true!" The first time might just catch you off guard or perhaps, you are in denial of what you heard. What happens when you hear the same thing a second time? You might explore if it is true. Then, you hear the same thing a third time and you begin to accept: "This might be true."

Jesus told us three times each in three gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, that he will be put to death and on the third day be raised from the dead. The disciples then, and us today, may have walked through these same stages of shock when they heard of Jesus predicting his death to them. What? Wait? Is this true? On Good Friday, the realization of these predictions was, in fact, true. Matthew writes in chapter 27 <sup>50</sup>*Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. Jesus breathed his last, but God is not finished. And chapter 28: <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead.*

This year almost 2000 years after the Resurrection Event that shocked the disciples and still shocks us today: God so loves the world that His son would die, so that we might live! We may need to hear this more than three times for us to believe it. I declare to you today as we did on Easter Morning!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **He is risen!**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **He is risen, indeed!**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Sister in Christ,

**Pastor Gina**

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## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



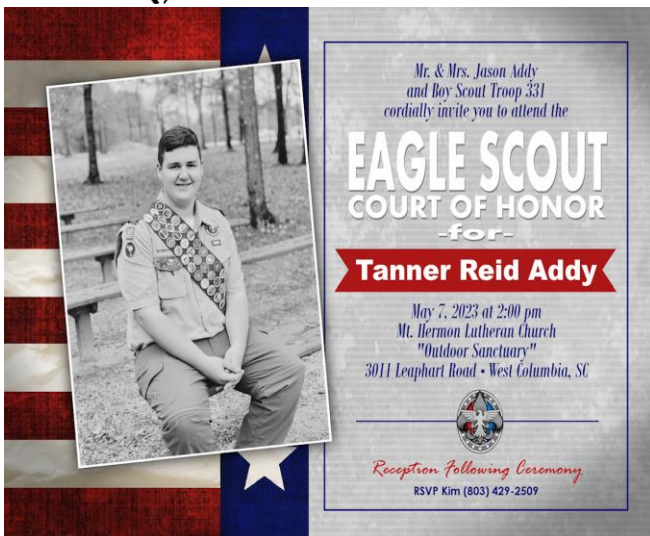
### Mother's Day Honorariums and Memorials:

Please use either a pew envelope or attach a note to your check to honor or remember our mothers. The funds from this bulletin will be used to support women and children when Pastor Gina goes to Tanzania in July.

**Movies on the Mount** will begin on Friday, April 14. We will serve popcorn and drinks in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm when *The Chosen* begins. The Fellowship Hall will open at 6:00pm for anyone who would like to bring dinner with them and enjoy fellowship before the movie. Questions- see Mike Rawl or Pastor Gina if you have any questions.



The annual reports have been printed and are available in the rear of the sanctuary. If there is any update to your information, please send a note to the church office.



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## CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

### Motion from the Council meeting

April Council motions:

#### Support:

- The Lutheran Men recommend that the remaining \$2,673.38 from the Chicken Stew be directed to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church Building Fund to be paid on the principal of the loan, which is where the funds have been directed in the past. This is in addition to the normal payment. **PASSED unanimously.**
- The Safety Committee recommends named members of the congregation be approved to be added to the Safety Committee. **PASSED unanimously.**

#### Worship:

- The Worship and Music Team recommends that the funds from the Mother's Day bulletin be used to help fund a village project when Pastor Gina visits Tanzania in July. **PASSED unanimously.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL  
HIGHLIGHTS**

## Congregational Council Minutes March 19, 2023

**ATTENDANCE:** Absent – Danny Scott and Laura Stevens

**CARES AND CONCERNS:** None

**MEMBER CARE:** James Hallman fell and broke his hip and will have surgery today.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Accepted as presented.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Minutes for February 2023 were accepted as presented.

#### **REPORTS:**

- Pastor Gina: Report for March 2023 was submitted.
- Treasurer: Budget Report for February 2023 and Treasurer's Report for February 2023 were submitted.
- Financial Secretary: Corrected Funds Report for January 2023 and the regular report for February 2023 were submitted.
- Executive Committee: Cameron Blakely has resigned from her position as Parish Secretary.

#### **Team Reports/Recommendations:**

**Team for Ministry:** Church Council should keep Care Team informed of concerns reported to us from our Care Groups.

**Care:** No report submitted. The Team will meet this month.

**Outreach:** Written report submitted. The Blood Drive will be April 2, 2023, from 11:30-4:00.

**Support:** Written report submitted. The Support Team recommends that the damaged roof on the parsonage be repaired at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 with money to come from the Facility Use Fund. **PASSED unanimously.** The Support Team recommends the removal of leaves at the Scout Hut that were raked from the cemetery. The cost to have all the leaves removed is \$350 with money to come from Undesignated Funds with the stipulation that the work can be done before April 7, 2023. **PASSED unanimously.** Earl Sease will be asked to coordinate the work.

**Finance:** Written report submitted.

**Teach:** No report submitted. The Easter Eggstravaganza will be held Saturday, March 25.

**Worship:** Written report submitted.

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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Stephen Price Scholarship Update – The Finance Team will make a recommendation next month.
2. SC Synod – Reevaluating the Church – Pastor Gina will send out a Zoom recording of the most recent meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Safety Team members have submitted their paperwork and are awaiting approval to be part of the Safety Team.
2. Next Meeting: Sunday, April 16, 2023, following Sunday School
3. Next Month's Devotions and Lock Up – Cyndi Leaphart

Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Live Streaming</u>	<u>Total</u>
April 02	118	84	203
Maundy Thursday	90	61	151
Good Friday	73	93	166
April 09 <i>Sonrise</i>	65		65
April 09 9:00	152	110	262
April 16	94	72	166
April 23	108	62	170

## TREASURER REPORT

Year to Date February 2023

	<u>Actual</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current & Benevolence	\$44,212.59	\$36,668.18	\$7,544.41
Building Improvement	4,372.29	3,374.81	997.48
Building on Holy Ground	10,975.00	9,908.96	1,066.04



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## CARE TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The care team meets on the first Monday at 5:30 in the Conference Room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Terry Swygert and attend the next meeting!*

**He\_Brews Supper Club** has been such a great success that we plan to meet every other month in 2023 on May 13, July 15, September 9, and November 11.

**The next He-Brews date is May 13<sup>th</sup>!**



We will be honoring our graduates on May 7<sup>th</sup> with a Coffee, Food, and Fellowship, following worship.

Mark your calendars for this celebration. (If you are graduating and the office doesn't know of your accomplishments, please send a note to [office@WeAreMtHermon.com](mailto:office@WeAreMtHermon.com))

## OUTREACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The outreach team meets on the third Monday at 6:00 in the Conference Room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Bonnie Bouknight and attend the next meeting!*

A special thank you to all those who help in any way with our Food Pantry. Our numbers served have grown so much that we sometimes run out of items. And as you know, the cost of groceries has skyrocketed. If you are able, can you help? Need for May is Beef Stew. Donations are always appreciated. Blessings!



Thank you to those who participated in the Blood Drive. We collected 17 units and we are grateful for your patience and your contributions.

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## SUPPORT TEAM

*The support team meets on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Ronnie Fulmer, chairperson, and attend the next meeting.*

The support team coordinated the removal of the leaves from the Scout Hut in preparation for Sunrise service.

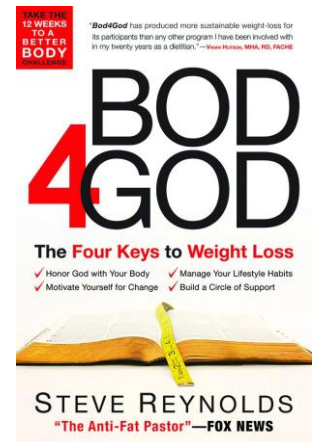
A camera has been installed outside the nursery hallway doors. Those doors will remain locked during worship. Parents are informed about the additional security to keep their children safe during their time at Mt. Hermon.

Mulch was placed outside the fellowship hall doors.

## TEACH TEAM

*The teach team meets on the first Sunday at 4:00 in the education building in a classroom near the church nursery. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Daryl Leigh Anthony and attend the next meeting!*

It's never too late to begin eating healthy! Join us for conversation and encouragement as we read and discuss **Bod for God** book. The book was written by Pastor Steven Reynolds if you'd like your own copy of the book. It's not required! This challenge is for men and women!



### Nursery Volunteers

We need your help in the nursery during Worship and Sunday school. Please sign-up in the breezeway or contact Brittany Allen 803-206-7588.

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## WORSHIP TEAM

*The teach team meets on the fourth Mondays at 6:30 in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Wynne Price and attend the next meeting!*



June 11

9:00 worship will be outdoors!  
Mark your calendars now.  
More events will be planned around this  
worship service.

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

May 2023

	5/7/2023	5/14/2023	5/21/2023	5/28/2023	6/4/2023
Ushers:	Arron Kinard	Ronnie Fulmer	Teddy Koon	Kay Bryant	Terry Swygert
	Dion Metze	Randy Clark	Joey Koon	Larry Amick	Allison Swygert
Greeter:	Dion Metze	Ronnie Fulmer	Joey Koon	Kay Bryant	Allison Swygert
Crucifer:	Lawson Morris	Hayden Eargle	Sam Koon	Tanner Addy	Sydney Bucknam
Acolyte:	Chandler Coppens	Avery Rawl	Dylan Whitaker	Adelaide Bryant	Jake Dugan
Lector:	Frank Bouknight	Wynne Price	Alyson Price	Larry Amick	Terry Swygert
Communion	Lawson Morris	Ronnie Fulmer	Sam Koon	Tanner Addy	Terry Swygert
Assts:	Chandler Coppens	Hayden Eargle	Connor Eargle	Kay Bryant	Sydney Bucknam
	Frank Bouknight	Joel Price, Sr	Joey Koon	Larry Amick	Jake Dugan
	Lynn Bouknight	Wynne Price	Mary Koon	Daryl Leigh Anthony	Allison Swygert
	Quentin Kinard	Teri Rawl	Josh Koon	Sherwood Garrett	Dion Metze
Nursery:	Cassie Swygert	Katie Donaldson	Leah Rawl	Audrey Jennings	Charlene Corley
	Noah Swygert	Melanie Jackson	Terri Ashley-Rawl	David Jennings	DJ Plummer
Flowers:	Scotts	Metzes	Rose Little	OPEN	OPEN

### **SERVING IN MAY**

**COUNCIL REP:** Sheila Starkey

**ALTAR GUILD:** Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease

**TABULATORS:** Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick

**USHERS:** Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

**AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM:** Mike Rawl, Leah Rawl

*\* If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to serve in your absence.  
Please also notify the church office of the change.*



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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



	♥ May 01	Brandon & Katie Donaldson
May 02	Jenny Scott	
	♥ May 02	Gene & Jan Schofield
May 04	Michelle Gantt	
May 05	Adam Bryant	
May 06	Ricky Bouknight	
May 09	Sydney Bucknam, Emily Carroll	
	♥ May 09	Mike & Leah Rawl
May 10	Devona Price	
May 11	Abbey Carroll	
	♥ May 11	Dion & Pastor Gina Metze
May 12	Kenneth Bouknight	
May 16	Kitty Boulware, Lauvenia Butts	
	♥ May 17	Jeff & Alyson Price
May 18	Johnny Lewis	
	♥ May 18	Moises & Emily Arroyo
May 21	Courtney Bucknam	
May 22	Dylan Mills	
	♥ May 22	Blake & Lauren Donaldson
	♥ May 22	Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer
May 23	Missy Addy	
May 26	Herb Bucknam, Joel Price, Jr.	
	♥ May 26	Perry & Trudy Bouknight
May 27	Patricia Bachman, Kim Jolly	
	♥ May 29	Robert & Joye Haygood
May 30	Ryan Price	

*Please let the office know if your information is not printed in this listing.*



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## MT HERMON PRAYS

### **Continual Prayers**

Patricia Bachman, *Generations*

Alberta Berry, *home*

Nell Buff, *NHC*

Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*

Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*

Eldon Eargle, *home*

James Hallman, *Presbyterian Home*

Becky Koon, *Laurel Crest*

Tom Roof, *home*

Cyndi Thurman, *Encompass Rehab*

Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Pastor Derald Edwards, *home*

### **Members in Special Need of Prayer**

Kim Addy      Easton Donaldson

Jane Sexton      Jean Shealy

Dot Mathias

Gene Schofield

Jimmy Maddox

### **Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers**

David Hydrick, *family of Angie Hydrick*

Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*

Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*

Lewis Turner, *friend of Jo Leach*

Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*

Stan Weber, *husband of Debi Weber*

Keith Saxton, *friend of Cyndi Leaphart, serving our country*

Dr. Kay Moore, *friend, and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart*

Josh Jackson, *friend of Joel Price, Jr.*

Brannon Yonce, *friend of Michelle Gantt*

Joe & Barbara Cooper, *friend of Herb Bucknam*

Jean Boswell, *stepmother of Michelle Gantt*

Greg Cantrell, *friend of David & Audrey Whitaker-Jennings*

Logan Wittwer, *friend of Jessica Goodwin & Cameron Blakely*

Paul Garner, *friend of Robert Haygood*

Debbie Browning, *Sister of Donna Kirkpatrick*

Mr. & Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr., *friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*

Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Dale Miller, *son-in-law Wynne and Mary Price*

Steven & Dee Howell, *friends of Kathy Whitaker*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*

Mike Ondera, *friend of Sherwood Garrett*

Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*

Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*

Jeff Tarlton, *friend of Michelle Gantt*

Pat Jackson, *mother of Frankie Jackson*

*Please note that this prayer list will be updated soon and those who you wish to remain on the list, please send an email to [office@WeAreMtHermon.com](mailto:office@WeAreMtHermon.com)*

# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15am Children's Choir	<b>1</b> 5:30pm Care Team 6:30pm Team for Ministry	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Bod for God	<b>3</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Frank Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Movies on the Mount	<b>6</b> FH: Kim Addy 9:00am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley)
<b>7</b> FH: Kim Addy 9:00am Worship 10:30am CFF: Honoring Graduates 10:30am Sunday School 11:15am Children's Choir 12:00pm Confirmation 2:00pm Tanner Addy Eagle Scout 4:00pm Teach Team	<b>8</b> 6:30pm Lutheran Men & Women	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Bod for God 6:30pm Executive Team	<b>10</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Herb Bucknam, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:30pm Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Movies on the Mount	<b>13</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (DJ Plummer & Youth) 6:00pm He_Brews
<b>14</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15am Children's Choir 11:30am Council Meets (via email)	<b>15</b> 6:00pm CR: Outreach	<b>16</b> 6:00pm CR: Finance Team 6:30pm Bod for God	<b>17</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease, Mary Price) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Choir	<b>18</b> <b>Ascension Day</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Movies on the Mount	<b>20</b> 9:00am Adopt-a-Highway 9:00am Food Pantry (Kinard Family)
<b>21</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15am Children's Choir 11:30am Tanzanian Luncheon 5:00pm Youth Meets	<b>22</b> 6:30pm CR: Worship Team	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Bod for God 6:30pm CR: Support Team	<b>24</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Bonnie & Frank Bouknight, Andrea Bowers) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:30pm Choir	<b>25</b> 6:30pm FH: HOA Oakwood Commons	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Movies on the Mount	<b>27</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Melanie & Frankie Jackson, Katie Donaldson)
<b>28</b> <b>Pentecost</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15am Children's Choir	<b>29</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 7:00pm Community Memorial Day Worship	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Bod for God	<b>31</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Dave & Debra Butts) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Choir	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Movies on the Mount	<b>3</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Swygerts and Carrolls)

\*\*\*Please see “calendar of events” at [WeAreMtHermon.com](http://WeAreMtHermon.com) for updates.\*\*\*

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