

## WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

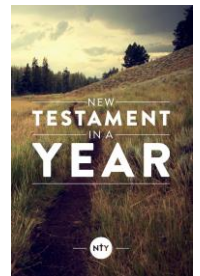


<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Matthew 16:13-15

During a sermon on August 27, I mentioned that Matthew makes a pivot in his gospel in chapter 16 and begins to focus on the actions and responsibilities of what it means to be a follower of Christ. I

began serving God at Mt. Hermon on October 1, 2018. On the first Sunday in October, I will begin my 6<sup>th</sup> year of ministry at Mt. Hermon. We have engaged in life changing ministries and it’s time for a faith pivot! We are at the point that Matthew writes about beginning in the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of his gospel. Matthew asks, “Who do you say that Jesus is?” I ask the same question and additionally, I ask, “And why do you believe, understand, profess that Jesus is the Son of Man. What is your answer when someone asks you: Who is Jesus?”

These next months, my focus will be on giving you tools to help you be able to tell each other, someone off the street, your co-worker, and your family: Who Jesus is to you. One tool will be this copy of Sean McGeever’s, *New Testament in a Year*. More than 26 of you have asked for and received a copy of this bible. I pledge to buy as many as we need for each of you who want one – will have one. I know some of you like reading from your electronic devices and this is also available on kindle. Beginning in January, as we all get on the same page again. We will begin reading parts of these daily readings as our Sunday morning readings. He is up to something in His Word, and he wants to share his vision and his word with us, his faithful followers.



I am working on a series of Bible studies for next year as we discover the why and how’s of each of the books of the New Testament – for now, we just need to start the habit of reading a couple of minutes each day and then we will dig deeper, much deeper into God’s living word for God’s people who follow him.

Who is your Jesus? Why would you want to tell anyone about him? Why does Jesus’ matter in the world then? Why does he matter today? Let’s learn and study together as we dig into His word for us!

Sister in Christ,

**Pastor Gina**

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## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone in my church family that have supported me through the years. From the JDRF walks when I was little, my Eagle Scout project, washing/waxing cars, and now high school graduation and beyond. The bible was beautiful, and I will treasure it forever. Thanks to everyone who has made a mark on my life. I feel very blessed to be loved and supported by so many.

Thank you, *Jackson Price*



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**WHEN:** Sunday, September 10<sup>TH</sup> from 1 – 4pm

**WHERE:** MHLC Fellowship Hall

**WHAT:** CPR/AED training and certification class with seizures also covered

**WHO:** All are welcome and encouraged to attend; first slots will go to any interested nursery workers

**COST:** \$50

**\*\*Class is limited to 12 participants; please text Myra Kinard at 803-920-0222 if you are interested.\*\***



Please join us for the  
Eagle Scout Court of Honor  
recognizing

**Joshua Koon**

Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>

3:00

Mt. Hermon Fellowship Hall

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## CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

### Motion from the Council meeting

August Council motions:

No motions were presented.

**CHURCH COUNCIL  
HIGHLIGHTS**

### Congregational Council Minutes July 2023

**ATTENDANCE:** Absent – Mary Koon, Joel Price, Sr., and Allison Swygert

**CARES AND CONCERNS:** Cyndi Leaphart's father, continue to pray for Hayes Wingard, safe travels for those going to Tanzania and for Sam Koon and his Cayce West Columbia Dixie Boys baseball team as they travel to Louisiana to compete in the World Series, Danny Scott's friend, Tom Robinson, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, the family of Bobby Horton at his passing, and Frankie Jackson's parents.

**MEMBER CARE:** Bonnie Bouknight as she awaits test results.

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

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

#### **REPORTS:**

- Pastor Gina: Report for June 2023 was submitted.
- Treasurer: Budget Report for June 2023 and Treasurer's Report for June 2023 were submitted.
- Financial Secretary: Funds Report for June 2023 and January-June 2023 were submitted.
- Executive Committee: The Executive Committee recommends that the Stephen Price Scholarship be awarded to D'Etta Broam for the 2023 Spring semester in the amount of \$700. **PASSED** unanimously.

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

**Team for Ministry:** No report submitted.

**Care:** No report submitted. There will be a Back-to-School event co-sponsored by the Taylor Watford Foundation and Lexington School District 2 on August 13 at 4:00 pm. The next Jesus and Java will be August 12 at 6:00 pm.

**Outreach:** Written report submitted.

**Support:** No report submitted. Leaks in the roof are being checked.

**Finance:** No report submitted.

**Teach:** Written report submitted.

**Worship:** No report submitted.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Next Meeting – Sunday, August 13 at 11:30 am
2. Next Month's Devotions and Lock Up – Joel Price, Sr.

Sheila Eargle,  
Council Secretary



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## ATTENDANCE REPORT

	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Live Streaming</u>	<u>Total</u>
August 06	121	94	215
August 13	80	97	117
August 20	108	92	200
August 27	88	87	174

## TREASURER REPORT

Year to Date July 2023

	<u>Actual</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current & Benevolence	\$133,131.39	\$136,714.73	(3,583.34)
Building Improvement	\$13,691.88	\$12,323.21	\$1,368.67
Building on Holy Ground	\$39,593.02	\$34,681.36	\$4,911.66

## 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. **The next He-Brews date is September 9!** The remaining date for 2023 is November 11. Use our website link to sign up.

If you are experiencing a life change from the loss of a loved one, please join us on Tuesdays at 6:00 in the “Gathering Room.” Our **Grief Support Group** will give you an opportunity to talk with others that are experiencing similar feelings and support each other. If you would like to join us or want additional information, please contact Sheila Starkey at 803-315-2990 or [Starkey.sheila@gmail.com](mailto:Starkey.sheila@gmail.com).

**Grief Support Group**

Tuesdays at 6 pm  
in the Gathering Room

*Let's support each other through  
grief's journey.*

For more information, contact  
Sheila Starkey, [starkey.sheila@gmail.com](mailto:starkey.sheila@gmail.com)  
or 803-315-2990

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## 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!*

**Movies on the Mount!** We will continue Season 3 of The Chosen beginning on September 22, at 7:00 pm. Pick up your dinner and we will eat together beginning at 6:00 in the Assembly Room. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

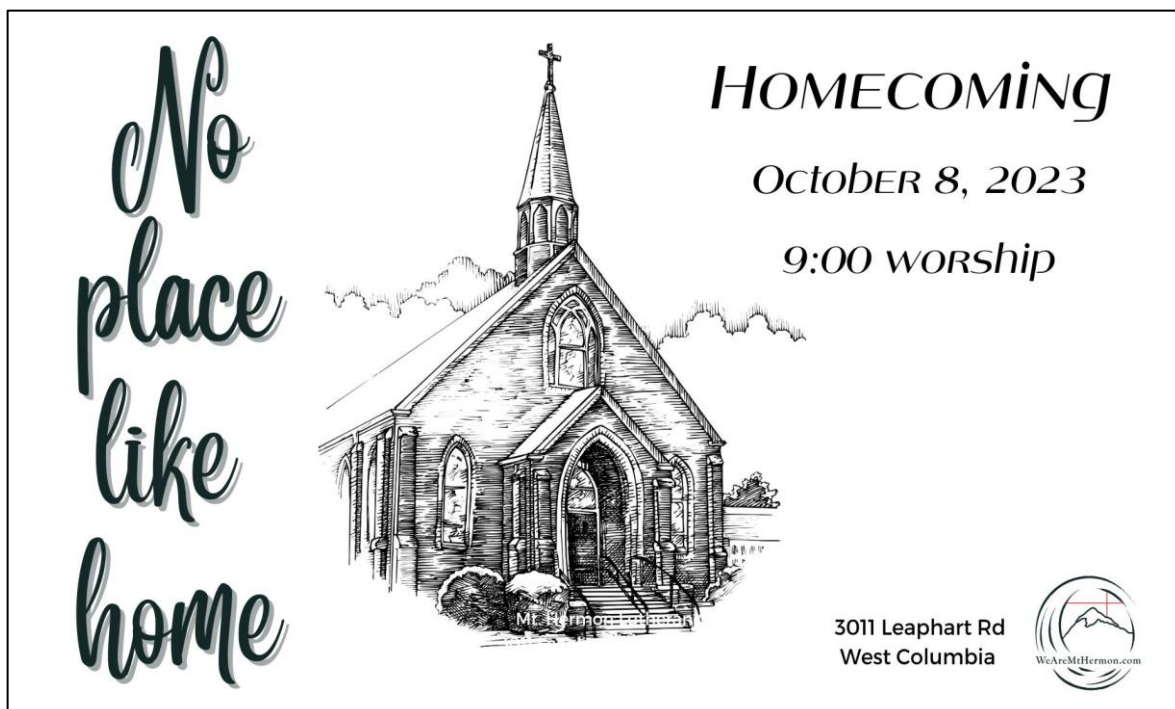
Special thank you to everyone who helped with our recent events;  
Fentanyl Awareness Workshop  
Make a Difference Day.

Mark your calendars for October 28<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Festival

## 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!*

The Worship Team would appreciate your help in setting up/taking down for September 10<sup>th</sup> outdoor worship. Please contact Ryan Price or Jerry Price if you will be available to help with this ministry.



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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.*

### **Repairs**

- Door changed to the Gathering Room that has a window in it – this door was from the mail room – locks to be re-keyed.
- Absolute Glass has repaired window facing prayer garden.

### **Proposed Projects**

- Door, in the old fellowship hall slams shut and needs repairing.
- Door, in rear of fellowship hall need arm repaired so it will not slam.
- Door to the fellowship hall near cemetery is leaking – still under warranty – to contact Advanced Door systems concerning repairs.
- Water fountain (small) needs to be replaced – 2 water coolers in Scout Hut located for this repair.
- Burners of the kitchen stove still not staying lite – to call for repairs
- Moved furniture from Gathering Room and Pastor's office.
- Windowsills in Grief room and Nursery – Teddy Koon to repair
- Large bushes in front of church and breezeway along with the inside bushes in front of office, education building and all box woods near food pantry have been removed at a cost of \$2,000.

### **Safety Team**

- To attend Safety Training being held at Lexington County Sheriff's Dept. on 9/26/2023 from 6:00 – 9:00

**No Support Team Meeting in September - Next Support Meeting – October 24, 2023, at 6:30**

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## TEACH TEAM

*The teach team meets on the Third Thursday at 6:00 in the education building in a classroom near the church nursery. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Cyndi Leaphart and attend the next meeting!*



### 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.

**Mt Hermon Youth** will be attending this event at Newberry College. Please see Sheila Eargle for details and to sign you or your child up to attend this event. Please also speak to Sheila about the youth T-shirts. If you were not able to attend the Pool Party/Year kick-off, please see DJ or email her at [Youth@WeAreMtHermon.com](mailto:Youth@WeAreMtHermon.com)





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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

September 2023

	9/3/23	9/10/23	9/17/23	9/24/23
Ushers:	Frank Bouknight	Larry Amick	Joey Koon	Joel Price, Jr
	David Marsh	Kay Bryant	Teddy Koon	Cindy Price
Crucifer:	Sydney Bucknam	Tanner Addy	Sam Koon	Spencer Price
Acolyte:	Cameron Bucknam	Chanler Coppens	Brayden Morris	Hayden Eargle
Lector:	Scottie Marsh	Angie Hydrick	Sam Koon	Devona Price
Communion	David Marsh	Tanner Addy	Mary Koon	Quentin Kinard
Assts:	Scottie Marsh	Chanler Coppens	Sam Koon	Elyse Kinard
	Sydney Bucknam	Angie Hydrick	Brayden Morris	Arron Kinard
	Cameron Bucknam	Larry Amick	Joey Koon	Walker Kinard
	Frank Bouknight	Kay Bryant	Josh Koon	Melanie Jackson
Nursery:				
Flowers:	Jessica Goodwin	Sherwood Garrett	Dion Metze	Mary Price

## **SERVING IN SEPTEMBER**

**COUNCIL REP:** Frankie Jackson

**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



<b>Sep 04</b>	Wayne Eargle
<b>Sep 07</b>	Blake Allen
<b>Sep 12</b>	Sarah Bryant
♥	<b>Sep 12</b> George & Michelle Gantt
♥	<b>Sep 12</b> Chris & Melina Threatt
<b>Sep 13</b>	Wayne Corley, Shirley Riley
<b>Sep 14</b>	Cyndi Leaphart
<b>Sep 15</b>	Cameron Blakely
<b>Sep 16</b>	Gene Sexton
<b>Sep 17</b>	Cassie Swygert
<b>Sep 19</b>	Regan Anthony
<b>Sep 22</b>	Karen Nicholson
<b>Sep 23</b>	Bonnie Bouknight, Cameron Bucknam, Myra Kinard
<b>Sep 24</b>	Grayson Anthony, Sonya Miller, Jerry Price
<b>Sep 26</b>	James Hallman
<b>Sep 27</b>	Dave Butts

*Please let the office know if your information is not printed in this listing.  
office@WeAreMtHermon.com or 803.794.6430*



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## MT HERMON PRAYS

### **Continual Prayers**

Patricia Bachman, *Generations*

Alberta Berry, *home*

Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*

Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*

Eldon Eargle, *home*

James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*

Gloria Mathis, *home*

Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*

Tom Roof, *home*

Cyndi Thurman, *home*

Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Pastor Derald Edwards, *home*

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

Bonnie Bouknight

Easton Donaldson

Georgianna Gray

Robert Haygood

Dot Mathias

Gene Schofield

Jane Sexton

Jim Whitaker

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

Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*

Lewis Turner, *friend of Jo Leach*

Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*

Stan Weber, *husband of Debi Weber*

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

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

Brannon Yonce, *friend of Michelle Gantt*

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

Paul Garner, *friend of Robert Haygood*

Debbie Browning, *Sister of Donna Kirkpatrick*

Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn)., *friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*

Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

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

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

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*

Allison Limatainen, *niece of Sheila Starkey*

Carleton Morse, *father of Cyndi Leaphart*

Martha Williamson, *sister of Frank Bouknight*

Jay Sox, *Papa of Braden Rutherford and Dylan Whitaker*

Ann Piercy, *friend of Kathy and Jim Whitaker*

Jeff Reid, *friend of Jan Schofield*

Jane Breland, *friend of Alberta Berry*

Stephanie Alewine Hopper, *friend of David & Scottie Marsh*

Vicki Boozer, *friend of David & Scottie Marsh*

Karen Brosius, *sister-in-law of Sherwood Garrett*

Stetson Cooper, *grandson of Shirley & Dan Cooper*

Katy Madigan, *friend of Marie Carroll*

*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)*

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# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 4:00pm Kick off Pool Party	<b>28</b> 6:30pm CR: Worship Team	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Grief Support 6:00pm Personnel Team	<b>30</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane & Parker Boulware, Mary Price) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Choir	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley)
<b>3</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b> 5:30pm CR: Care Team (no meeting)	<b>5</b> 5:00pm Executive Team 6:00pm Grief Support	<b>6</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Lynn Bouknight, Karen Nicholson) 6:00pm HeBrews Dinner Club
<b>10</b> <b>9:00am Worship (Outdoor)</b> 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Council Meets 12:00pm FH: Myra Kinard 1:00pm FH: CPR Training	<b>11</b> 5:00pm CR: Marie Gardner 6:30pm Lutheran Men & Women	<b>12</b> 6:00pm Grief Support	<b>13</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:30pm Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane & Parker Boulware, Katie Donaldson) 12:00 pm Youth at Newberry College
<b>17</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	<b>18</b> 6:00pm CR: Outreach Team	<b>19</b> 6:00pm CR: Finance Team 6:00pm Grief Support	<b>20</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease, Mary Price) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Choir	<b>21</b> 6:00pm Teach Team	<b>22</b> 6:00pm AR: Fellowship and Meal 7:00pm AR: Movies on the Mount	<b>23</b> 9:00am Drive Through Prayer 9:00am Food Pantry (Youth)
<b>24</b> 9:00am FH: (Koon Family) 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 12:00pm Confirmation 3:00pm FH: Josh Koon Eagle Scout	<b>25</b> 6:30pm CR: Worship Team	<b>26</b> 6:00pm Grief Support 6:30pm CR: Support Team	<b>27</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Price, Andrea Bowers) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:30pm Choir	<b>28</b> 11:00am FH: Nancy Addison	<b>29</b> 12:00pm FH: Nancy Addison 6:00pm AR: Fellowship and Meal 7:00pm AR: Movies on the Mount	<b>30</b> 8:00am FH: Nancy Addison 9:00am Food Pantry (Koon Family)

\*\*\*Please see “calendar of events” at WeAreMtHermon .com for updates.\*\*\*