October 2024



#### Focus on WHAT you know

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

Verse 4

He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart. Verse 8

He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Feeling a little uncertain with the storm that has passed? Wondering what about the next storm this seems to be forming and it appears might follow the same path as Helene? Often when I am afraid or uncertain, I lean on a sermon the president gave while I was in seminary. One of our beloved classmates took his life and the campus of LTSS was devastated. We, as a community, had so many questions. We, as individuals, had so many questions. We cried together, wondered together, processed together, and yet there was still a deep pain that couldn't seem to be eased. We gathered in the chapel where Dr. Clayton Schmit began his sermon with this: In times of uncertainty, we focus on what we know: "I know that my redeemer lives!"

Sometimes on I recall the feelings from those sad days at seminary and then I remember that Dr. Schmit was called to remind us to focus on facts and what God has done, is doing, and promises yet to do. Here are the facts, the TRUTH: God loves us! God promises to be with us until the end!

God gave us promises of companionship even in the very commission of going to share the gospel. Matthew writes: <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, <u>I am</u> with you always, to the end of the age."

God promises to be with us in storms, peace, ups, down, happy, sad, and times when we just don't begin to how we feel. Lean on God. Take all your worries and cares to him! He can handle – and He can give you peace and comfort.

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina

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#### **COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

#### Reading through the New Testament in one year:

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	10/1	Ephesians 4:17-32		11/1	Titus 2
	10/2	Ephesians 5:1-14		11/2	Titus 3
	10/3	Ephesians 5:15-33		11/3	Philemon
	10/4	Ephesians 6		11/4	Hebrews 1
	10/5	Philippians 1		11/5	Hebrews 2
	10/6	Philippians 2		11/6	Hebrews 3
	10/7	Philippians 3		11/7	Hebrews 4
	10/8	Philippians 4		11/8	Hebrews 5
-	10/9	Colossians 1		11/9	Hebrews 6
	10/10	Colossians 2		11/10	Hebrews 7
	10/11	Colossians 3:1-4:1		11/11	Hebrews 8
	10/12	Colossians 4:2-18		11/12	Hebrews 9
	10/13	1 Thessalonians 1		11/13	Hebrews 10:1-18
	10/14	1 Thessalonians 2		11/14	Hebrews 10:19-39
	10/15	1 Thessalonians 3		11/15	Hebrews 11:1-22
	10/16	1 Thessalonians 4		11/16	Hebrews 11:23-40
	10/17	1 Thessalonians 5		11/17	Hebrews 12
	10/18	2 Thessalonians 1		11/18	Hebrews 13
	10/19	2 Thessalonians 2		11/19	James 1
	10/20	2 Thessalonians 3		11/20	James 2
	10/21	1 Timothy 1		11/21	James 3
-	10/22	1 Timothy 2		11/22	James 4
-	10/23	1 Timothy 3		11/23	James 5
	10/24	1 Timothy 4		11/24	1 Peter 1
	10/25	1 Timothy 5		11/25	1 Peter 2
	10/26	1 Timothy 6		11/26	1 Peter 3
	10/27	2 Timothy 1		11/27	1 Peter 4
	10/28	2 Timothy 2		11/28	1 Peter 5
	10/29	2 Timothy 3		11/29	2 Peter 1
	10/30	2 Timothy 4		11/30	2 Peter 2
	10/31	Titus 1			
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#### CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

#### Congregational Council Minutes August 2024

ATTENDANCE: Absent – Sherwood Garrett, Jennifer Miller, and Laura Stevens CARES AND CONCERNS: Prayers for Bonnie Bouknight with chest pain, for Parker Boulware who has good days and bad, for Alberta Berry as she enters her last days, for Dot Mathias during her hospital stay, and for teachers and students as they begin the school.

#### MEMBER CARE:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Accepted as presented.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Minutes for July 2024 were accepted as presented.

#### **REPORTS:**

- Pastor Gina: Report for August 2024 was submitted.
- Treasurer: Security Federal Bank Loan Report, Monthly Report Q2 for 2024, Monthly Budget Comparison for July 2024, Designated Funds Report for July 2024, and the First Quarter Report for 2024 were submitted.
- Financial Secretary: Funds Report for July 2024 was submitted.
- Executive Committee: The Executive Committee Recommends that the One Body friends and travelers be allowed to spend up to \$2,000 for transportation rental for an apple picking trip with funds to come from the Travel Related Expenses, earmarked fund. **PASSED.** The Executive Committee recommends that Joel Price, Sr. be appointed representative of Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church for Connor Eargle's Eagle Scout project. **PASSED unanimously.**

#### Team Reports/Recommendations:

#### Team for Ministry:

Care: Written report submitted.

**Outreach:** No report submitted. Workshops on fentanyl and wills are upcoming, community meal date to come, the Fall Festival will be October 26, and another drive through prayer day is upcoming. **Support:** No report submitted. The parsonage's new tenant has not fully moved in yet and utilities will be prorated for August.

**Finance:** No report submitted.

**Teach:** No report submitted. Sunday School classes resumed today, a Sunday School directory with classes available is being created.

Worship: No report submitted. Hand bell choir played for the first time today.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Personnel Team Charlene Corley has been appointed as the new chair and Melanie Jackson has joined the Team. Other members of the Team are Rick Anthony, Fran Bouknight, Ronnie Fulmer, and Danny Scott. The team is working on updating the Parrish Secretary's job description.
- 2. Connor Eargle, Eagle Scout Project-See above under Executive Committee.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Next Meeting: September 8,2024, at 11:30am
- 2. Next Month's Devotions and Lock Up Sherwood Garrett

Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

#### **ATTENDANCE REPORT**

	In-person	Live Streaming	<u>Total</u>
September 01	71	119	190
September 08	101	123	224
September 15	79	122	201
September 22	91	128	219
September 29	89	114	203

#### TREASURER REPORT

#### **ACTUAL INCOME VS EXPENSES**

YTD August 2024	Income	Expense	Over (Short)
Current Mission Plan	\$154,310.85	\$154,816.36	(\$505.51)
Building Fund	\$42,314.43	\$39,634.94	\$2,679.59
Bldg Improvement	\$15,864.94	\$9,412.13	\$9,452.81

#### **2024 BUDGET VS ACTUAL**

YTD August 2024	ACTUAL	BUDGET	Over (Short)
Current Mission Plan	\$154,310.85	\$170,431.04	\$(16,120.20)
Building Fund	\$42,314.43	\$40,000.00	\$2,315.43
Bldg Improvement	\$15,864.94	\$12,000.00	\$3,864.94

**COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS** 

## All Saints Sunday November 3rd, 2024

Memorials to honor loved ones who has passed away and listed in a special bulletin.

Due to the office by October 28th

Funds received will be used to assist in the feeding of bereaved families.

#### **COMMUNITY MEAL**

October 12 noon

Going beyond our walls:
Taking Jesus and food
to our neighbors.

If you are interested in this
ministry, please contact
Charlene Corley

#AllAreWelcome #NoCharge



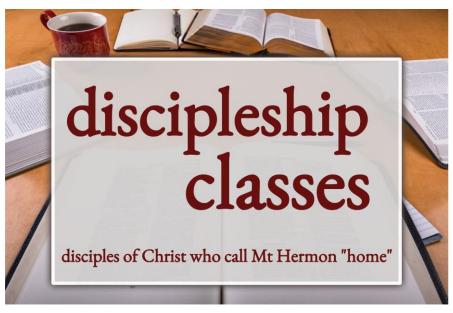
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Movies on the Mount returns!

October 4th-November 22 7:00 pm

Watching "The Chosen" Season 4



## New Discipleship Class:

If you are interested in becoming a "disciple of Christ who calls Mt. Hermon "home", please meet on October 20th at 10:30 in Pastor Gina's office.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Harvest Festival! Saturday, October 26 from 5:00 – 7:30! We need volunteers, candy, trunks, musicians, cooks, support staff and did I say CANDY? If you are interested in helping in any way, a sign-up sheet will be in the breezeway, or you can reach out to Melanie or Frankie Jackson!



#### CARE TEAM HAPPENINGS

The Care Team meets on the 1st Monday of every month at 5:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Allison Swygert, or any team member and attend the next meeting!

The Care Team is using a new way to reach out to members in our congregation during difficult times. This will involve coordinating meals for those in need whether recovering from surgery, dealing with a death in the family, times of sickness, and even times of joy such as the birth of a new baby! The meals will be coordinated by using an online calendar through Meal Train. A link will be sent out via email to our congregation. If you would like to participate, simply click on the link and find a date you would like to provide a meal or in some instances gift cards. Food and time preferences will be included in the information.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please put in an envelope, write the family

name on the envelope and place it in the offering plate. Members of the care team will make sure the funds are

used for that family.

Thanks for helping take care of our own flock at Mt. Hermon!

Thanks to all for their continued support in our Meal Train ministry. It has made a big impact on the families we have served so far.



Coffee, Food, and Fellowship

The next Coffee, Food, and Fellowship will be November 10<sup>th</sup> to honor our confirmands and new members.

#### **OUTREACH TEAM HAPPENINGS**

The Outreach Team meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:00 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Bonnie Bouknight, Melanie Jackson, or any team member and attend the next meeting.

#### Wrap a Child in a Warm Blanket



Many of the students at one of the local elementary schools are in need of warm blankets for this winter. They need twin blankets that are warm and a solid color or a simple pattern to help prevent jealousy among the children. We will be collecting these now through Thanksgiving. Please donate if you can.

October Meal Outreach planned for October 12, 2024 at noon. Please see Charlene Corley if you are interested in helping in any way.





Prayer Warriors needed for our **drive-thru prayer** event scheduled for Thursday, November 7 from 5 - 7.

#### SUPPORT TEAM

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

We welcome Ben Bernstein and family as residents of the parsonage. Ben is a senior student at LTSS (Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary). Ben, his wife and new baby will be in the parsonage as he continues his studies at the seminary.

Three trees, either fallen or dying, have been removed from the parsonage property, carpets were cleaned, and outside grass was mowed.

You may have noticed the lines in the parking lot are fading. The Support Team will be addressing this soon, along with replacing the mulch in the beds around the building.



#### **TEACH TEAM**

The Teach Team meets on the third Sunday at 11:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Mary Koon or Cyndi Leaphart and attend the next meeting!

Thank you to all of the Sunday School teachers and assistants for continuing to teach classes. The Teach Team is looking towards Christmas and the Children's Christmas program.

Svetlana has begun Children's Choir. Rehearsals will take place from the end of worship until 10:30. We will dismiss the children at the very end of service so that they can go to the Music/Craft room for rehearsals with Ms. Svetlana. All children are asked to attend due to the Christmas Program beginning soon.



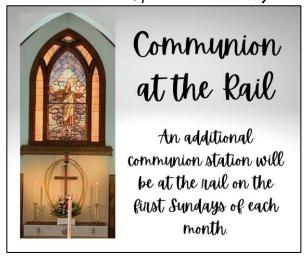
Youth events will be starting up. If you are a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader and have not completed the safety and permission worksheets with the youth leaders, please contact DJ Corley at youth@WeAreMtHermon.com



If you are a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader, its time for us to discuss you taking responsibility for your faith life and moving forward with "Affirmation of Baptism" (Confirmation classes). You and your parents will receive an email for Pastor Gina soon with upcoming meeting times and a class schedule. Adults – you are also welcome to "go through confirmation classes again" too. Many adults have experienced confirmation over the past several years and they have been blessed by the youth as they studied together.

#### **WORSHIP TEAM**

The Worship Team meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Wynne Price and attend the next meeting!





#### REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR HOMECOMING T-SHIRT THIS SUNDAY!

If you did not order one, we do have extras in the office. The cost is \$15 per shirt. A joint Sunday School Class will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 and the luncheon will begin at 11:00.

Handbell practice continues on Wednesdays at 6:00. There is room for you at the table. Remember – if you can count – you can ring handbells. Come and join the fun on Wednesday evening.

Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00. Svetlana would love to teach you to breathe and sing. Come and be taught by a professional teacher who both loves the Lord and would love to work with you to sing praises to God each week.



#### SERVING IN WORSHIP

#### October

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	10/06/2024	10/13/2024	10/20/2024	10/27/2024
Ushers	Ronnie Fulmer	Joel Price, Jr.	David Marsh	Rick Anthony
	Danny Scott	Cindy Price	Terry Swygert	Jamie Addison
Crucifer	Tanner Addy	Connor Eargle	Hayden Eargle	Chanler Coppins
Acolyte	Hayden Eargle	Jacquelynn Hawlik	Cameron Bucknam	Sam Koon
Lector	Ronnie Fulmer	Devona Price	Emily Morris	Sam Koon
Comm Assts	Ronnie Fulmer	Connor Eargle	Hayden Eargle	Chanler Coppins
	Danny Scott	Joel Price, Sr.	Cameron Bucknam	Sam Koon
	Tanner Addy	Devona Price	Emily Morris	Dylan Whitaker
	Hayden Eargle Debbie Fulmer	Joel Price, Jr.	Sheila Eargle	Brayden Rutherford
	Susan Busby	Cindy Price	Melanie Jackson	Marie Gardner
Nursery	Melanie Jackson	Cassie Swygert	Alyson Price	Charlene Corley
	Katie Donaldson	OPEN	Brittany Allen	DJ Plummer
Flowers	Earl & Mary Frances Sease	Terry & Allison Swygert	Kinards	Joel and Devona Price

#### SERVING IN OCTOBER

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Laura Stevens ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

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

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Arron & Quentin Kinard

<sup>\*</sup> If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to serve in your absence.

Please also notify the church office of the change.

#### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

# OCTOBER 1

Oct 02	Amanda Mills
	♥ Oct 02 Jon & Tiffany Kaylor
Oct 03	Bryson Johnson
	♥ Oct 03 Jason & Kim Addy
Oct 09	Tanner Addy
Oct 11	Jennifer Price
Oct 17	Presley Miller, Aura Swygert, Aiden Thompson
Oct 18	Audrey Jennings
	♥ Oct 18 Gale & Sherwood Garrett
Oct 19	Emily Arroyo
Oct 20	Jean Shealy
	♥ Oct 20 Rick & Daryl Leigh Anthony
Oct 21	Preston Bryant, Denise Thurman
Oct 22	Sophie Martin
Oct 23	Mackenzie Burns
	♥ Oct 26 Thomas & Danni Martin
Oct 27	Lynn Card
Oct 28	Cody Kleckley, Jackson Price
Oct 29	Marion Leaphart, Emily Morris
Oct 31	Gable Jolly

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



#### MT HERMON PRAYS

\*family of Shirley Cooper and Dot Mathias

#### Continual Prayer

Patricia Bachman, Asbury Arms

Lauvenia Butts, Lakeside Place

Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home* 

Georgianna Gray, home

James Hallman, Lakeside Place

Marie Kleckley, Lex Ext Care

Gloria Mathias, home

Jane Sexton, Phoenix Asst Living

Jean Shealy, Lakeside Place

Cyndi Thurman, home

Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

#### Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bonnie Bouknight Parker Boulware Chris Carroll

Mary Frances Sease Jim Whitaker Amanda Robinette

Erin Rose Bryson Johnson Marie Garnder

#### Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Stetson Cooper,

grandson of Dan & Shirley Cooper Paula Miller, friend of Brittany Allen

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor

John Catoe, family of the Ellisors

Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),

friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

Mrs. Cruz, teacher of Abbey Carroll

Carla Thompson, friend of Dion & Pastor Gina

Katy Madigan, friend of Marie Carroll

Phil Dennis, brother of Lavonne Roof

Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,

friends of Debra & Dave Butts

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott

Sandra Watson, *aunt of Courtney Bucknam* Sarah Harmon, *friend of Courtney Bucknam* 

Quentin Oswalt, Angie Hydrick's nephew (Iraq)

Jaimie Womack, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

Please note that this prayer list has been updated. If you wish to add someone back to this list, please send an email to office@WeAreMtHermon.com Blase Rhine,

grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight

Cynthia Mallard,

friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan

Lucas, friend of Hayes Wingard

Jeslyn, friend of Scarlett Bryant

Tom Shaul, friend of the Kinard Family

Debbe Dearman, neighbor of Kathy Cooper

Jillian Stover, friend of Erin Rose

Bryce McKelvey, friend of Regan Gross

Max Schronce,

friend of the David & Scottie Marsh Faye McCartha, mother of Debra Butts

Hayes Wingard,

grandson of Sam and Kathy Cooper

Robbie Rector, friend Jennifer Miller

Amy Morrison, friend of many

Bill Geddings, father of Allison Swygert

David Busby, brother of Susan Busby

Jane Baxley, cousin of Michelle Gantt

Mark King, coworker of Michelle Gantt

Joyce Davis, grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik

Will & Summer Satcher,

friend of Courtney Bucknam

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00am Worship 10:15am Children's Choir 10:30am Sunday School	30	1 6:00pm GR: Grief Support 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	2 9:00am Food Pantry (Mary Price, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett) 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir Practice		4 6:00pm BYODinner 9:00am Food Pantry (J 7:00pm Movie on the Mt Nancy Addison, Elaine Clawson)	5 9:00am Food Pantry (Jamie & Nancy Addison, Elaine Clawson)
6 9:00am Worship Homecoming 10:30am Combined Sunday School 11:00am Homecoming Luncheon 3:00pm FH: Ryan Price	7 5:30pm CR: Care Team	8 5:00pm Executive Team 6:00pm GR: Grief Support	9 9:00am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe) 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir Practice	0	6:00pm BYODinner 9:00am Food Pantry 7:00pm Movie on the Mt (Swygerts & Carrolls) 12:00 pm Communit	12 9:00am Food Pantry (Swygerts & Carrolls) 12:00 pm Community Meal
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Reformation Sunday Reformation Sunday 9:00am Worship - Reformation 10:15am Children's Choir 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am CR: Worship Team	28	29 6:00pm GR: Grief Support 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	30 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Parker Boulware, Mary Price) 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir Practice	31	6:00pm BYODinner 9:00arr 7:00pm Movie on the Mt Family)	2 9:00am Food Pantry (Koon Family)



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