



## DEEPENING DISCIPLESHIP

*For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: Ecclesiastes 3:1*

This passage is one of my favorites to reflect upon when change is happening in my life. When the tides of the year change. When school breaks begin. When we learn that the old is out and the new is in. When you are excited to be promoted to the next grade, you are happy/excited, but you might also be a little nervous. *There is a season and time for every matter under heaven.*

There are seasons in the church year which are designed to help us in the cycles and changes in our lives. We now enter into the “time after Pentecost” and the colors on the altar will be green until the end of October. This season is a time to focus on our growth into becoming deeper followers of Christ. Some call it *Deepening Discipleship*.

As you pastor, I ask you, how can I, the church, your Sunday school class, etc., assist you in deepening your discipleship? Some of you might be hesitant to ask – so here are a couple of suggestions. First, if you don’t have a time set aside to read your bible each day, commit to reading your bible. Put your bible next to your toothbrush. I bet(hope) you have set aside time to brush your teeth each day. While you brush your teeth, brush up on the word of God each day too. We are about to conclude the gospels and we will begin Acts and then the many letters that Paul wrote as he began to go out and share the gospel with the surrounding areas. Second suggestion is try out Sunday School. There are many classes that study the Word, and you might just find another way to walk a path with Jesus. Another place would be to complete your Time and Talent sheet and begin serving God in a ministry which you have been putting off and now your curiosity is piqued. You don’t have to stay in the same Sunday school class, serve on the same team, or serve on the audio/video team forever when you sign up: *There is a season and time for every matter under heaven.*

What season are you in? Seasons change and are rarely the same every 12 months. Share your time and talents to further the kingdom of God. *There is a season and time for every matter under heaven.*

*Sister in Christ,*

**Pastor Gina**

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# AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

*Reading through the New Testament in one year:*

|      |                |      |               |      |               |
|------|----------------|------|---------------|------|---------------|
| 6/1  | John 16: 16-33 | 6/14 | Acts 4:23-37  | 6/27 | Acts 12       |
| 6/2  | John 17        | 6/15 | Acts 5:1-16   | 6/28 | Acts 13:1-25  |
| 6/3  | John 18: 1-18  | 6/16 | Acts 5:17-42  | 6/29 | Acts 13:26-52 |
| 6/4  | John 18:19-40  | 6/17 | Acts 6        | 6/30 | Acts 14       |
| 6/5  | John 19:1-16   | 6/18 | Acts 7:1-29   | 6/26 | Acts 11       |
| 6/6  | John 19:16-42  | 6/19 | Act 7:30-8:1  | 6/27 | Acts 12       |
| 6/7  | John 20        | 6/20 | Acts 8:1-25   | 6/28 | Acts 13:1-25  |
| 6/8  | John 21        | 6/21 | Acts 8:26-40  | 7/1  | Acts 15:1-21  |
| 6/9  | Acts 1         | 6/22 | Acts 9:1-22   | 7/2  | Acts 15:22-41 |
| 6/10 | Acts 2:1-28    | 6/23 | Acts 9:23-43  | 7/3  | Acts 16:1-15  |
| 6/11 | Acts 2:29-47   | 6/24 | Acts 10:1-33  | 7/4  | Acts 16:16-40 |
| 6/12 | Acts 3         | 6/25 | Acts 10:34-48 | 7/5  | Acts 17:1-15  |
| 6/13 | Acts 4: 1-22   | 6/26 | Acts 11       | 7/6  | Acts 17:16-34 |

## Congratulations Graduates!



Joshua Koon



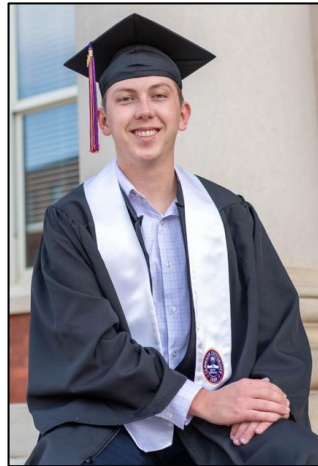
DJ Plummer



Karly Addy



Becky Johnson



Mitchell Stevens

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## CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

### Motion from the May Council meeting

- Finance Committee recommends that \$700 be awarded to Matthew James Hansen for the January 2024 semester distribution from the Stephen Price Memorial Seminary Scholarship Fund. **PASSED unanimously.**
- The Support Team recommends that we increase the rental fee from \$900 per month to \$1,200 per month. This will cover the taxes on the parsonage. **PASSED unanimously.**

### Congregational Council Minutes April 2024

**ATTENDANCE:** Absent – Jerry Price, Joel Price, Sr., and Pastor Gina

**CARES AND CONCERNS:** Parker Boulware who is still in the hospital in Ohio, Larry Amick and Kay Bryant at the loss of their sister, the Lexington County Fire Service at the loss of the son of the fire chief, and the family of Gale Garrett.

**MEMBER CARE:**

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

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

**REPORTS:**

- Pastor Gina: Report for April 2024 was submitted.
- Treasurer: Budget Reports for March 2024 and Changes in Equity Report for March 2024 were submitted.
- Financial Secretary: Funds Report for April 2024 and January-March 2024 were submitted.
- Executive Committee: None

### Team Reports/Recommendations:

**Team for Ministry:** No report submitted. Next meeting is May 6 at 6:30pm.

**Care:** No report submitted. Jesus and Java will be next Saturday, April 20, at 6:00pm.

**Outreach:** Written report submitted. Make a Difference Day will be June 1.

**Support:** No report submitted.

**Finance:** No report submitted.

**Teach:** No report submitted. The Easter Eggstravaganza was a success and VBS will be June 23-27.

**Worship:** Written report submitted. The Memorial Day service will be May 27 at 6:30pm. Military and First Responders will be highlighted.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Personnel – Executive Committee will review the members and leadership of the committee. Once this is complete the committee will move forward with hiring a new parish administrator.
2. Next Meeting: May 19, 2024, at 11:15am
3. Next Month's Devotions and Lock Up – Jennifer Miller

Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

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## ATTENDANCE REPORT

|        | <u>In-person</u> | <u>Live Streaming</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| May 5  | 91               | 92                    | 183          |
| May 12 | 84               | 98                    | 182          |
| May 19 | 121              | 87                    | 208          |
| May 26 | 107              | 94                    | 201          |

## TREASURER REPORT

| <b>YTD May 2024</b>  | <b>Income</b> | <b>Expense</b> | <b>Over (Short)</b> |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Current Mission Plan | \$85,862.12   | 76,022.20      | 9,839.92            |
| Building Fund        | 26,032.00     | 14,863.44      | 11,168.56           |
| Bldg Improvement     | 10,105.02     | 5,941.63       | 4,278.60            |

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

thank you

Mt Hermon Family Thank you all so much for the many prayers, cards, food, flower arrangement and caring words. Gene and I loved Mt Hermon and the people that made us feel welcome the first time we attended service. We were made to feel like part of "

the family." Gene touched so many lives that GOD put in our path over so many years. We were truly blessed with so many friends. He is missed by so many. We are so thankful to each of you at Mt. Hermon.

*Jan Schofield and Family*

Here is a ministry opportunity for you – and it comes with perks! A corner office, with a view, wonderful conversations, or quiet time as well. Bring a book, your crochet, etc. Flexible hours too. If you are interested, please call or text Sherwood at 803.394.4652. Thank you!



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## CARE TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Care Team meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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!*



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## 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.*

Make a Difference Day Activities include:

- 9:00 Fellowship Hall – Morning Devotions and Sending off – out
- Adopt-a-Highway pickup
- Making homeless bags and distributing them.
- Visiting nursing homes.
- Taking cookies to our first responders.
- Gift cards for customers at Aldi.
- Quarters and Tide pods for laundry mats.

If you have any questions, Melanie Jackson or any of the team members can answer questions. We will be getting other information out. Come help Make a Difference!!



**JUNE 1, 2024**



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## 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.*

The sprinkler system on the front lawn and landscaping has been modified to water the grass and plants.

The carpet in the office and Sunday School rooms in the education building are scheduled for cleaning.

Upkeep and cleanup of the church is being assessed and will be scheduled.

## 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!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

VBS will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 Meals 6:15-8:00 Classes

People who follow Jesus have a lot to celebrate! Jesus gives us some amazing reasons to party...friendship, belonging, forgiveness, life, purpose. YOU can be a party starter! Come, start the party with us!

Sign-up sheets for volunteers are in the breezeway.



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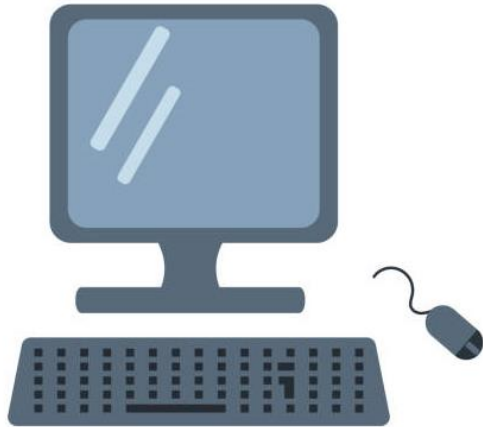
## YOUTH:

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Make a Difference Day, meet at the church at 9:00am

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** ~ Youth Pool Party at The Head's 4:00pm-6:00pm

## 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!*



**Live Streaming is an important ministry and we need your help.**

### **Production Team Members Needed!**

If you are interested in working in the audio/video room please let Mike Rawl or Breanna Metze. You will be well trained before you are asked to work on your own. Come and join this team!

## Time and Talent Sheets

The time after Pentecost – the colors are green on the altar and the season is focused on being disciples and growing in our discipleship. Please take time to complete a sheet so that we will know your passions for areas of serving.





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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

June 2024

|            | 6/2/2024        | 6/9/2024        | 6/16/2024       | 6/23/2024       | 6/30/2024       |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Ushers     | Rick Anthony    | Danny Scott     | Joel Price, Jr  | Herb Bucknam    | Frankie Jackson |
|            | Dion Metze      | Jenny Scott     | Cindy Price     | Teddy Koon      | Melanie Jackson |
| Crucifer   | Lawson Morris   | Mackenzie Burns | Spencer Price   | Sydney Bucknam  | Josh Koon       |
| Acolyte    | Bryson Johnson  | Brayden Johnson | Chanler Coppens | Cameron Bucknam | Avery Rawls     |
| Lector     | Frankie Jackson | Kirby Johnson   | Joel Price, Sr  | Wynne Price     | Josh Koon       |
| Comm Assts | Lawson Morris   | Mackenzie Burns | Joel Price, Jr  | Sydney Bucknam  | Josh Koon       |
|            | Frankie Jackson | Kirby Johnson   | Devona Price    | Cameron Bucknam | Mary Koon       |
|            | Melanie Jackson | Ricky Bouknight | Chanler Coppens | Wynne Price     | David Marsh     |
|            | Charlene Corley | Fran Bouknight  | Spencer Price   | Mary Price      | Scotty Marsh    |
|            | DJ Plummer      | Lynn Bouknight  | Joel Price, Sr  | Kathy Cooper    | Mike Rawl       |
| Nursery    | Leah Rawl       | Noah Swygert    | Katie Donaldson | Alyson Price    | Charlene Corley |
|            | Brittany Allen  | Cassie Swygert  | Melanie Jackson | Brittany Allen  | DJ Plummer      |
| Flowers    | Boulwares       | Garrett         | R&F Bouknight   | Danny Scott     | Danny Scott     |

## SERVING IN JUNE

**COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP:** Danny Scott

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

**TABULATORS:** Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

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

**AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM:** Arron Kinard, Quentin Kinard

*\* 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



- Jun 02** Debra Butts  
**Jun 03** Brannon Miller  
♥ **Jun 03** Parker & Diane Boulware  
♥ **Jun 04** Francis & Joanne Eargle  
♥ **Jun 05** Randy & Becky Wise  
**Jun 10** Brittany Allen  
**Jun 11** Frankie Jackson  
**Jun 12** Perry Bouknight  
**Jun 14** Debbie Fulmer, David Marsh  
♥ **Jun 14** Wayne & Sheila Eargle  
**Jun 15** Mike Rawl  
♥ **Jun 15** Ricky & Fran Bouknight  
♥ **Jun 15** Dylan & Amanda Mills  
♥ **Jun 20** Joel, Jr. & Devona Price  
**Jun 22** Gale Garrett, Jeannine Taylor  
♥ **Jun 23** David & Scottie Marsh  
♥ **Jun 24** Joel, Sr. & Cindy Price  
♥ **Jun 25** Danny & Jenny Scott  
♥ **Jun 25** Dennis & Cyndi Thurman

*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, *Asbury Arms*  
Dot Mathias, *home*  
Alberta Berry, *home*  
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*  
Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*  
Georgianna Gray, *home*  
James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*  
Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*  
Gene & Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*  
Gloria Mathias, *home*  
Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*  
Tom Roof, *home*  
Cyndi Thurman, *home*  
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

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

Bonnie Bouknight  
Mary Frances Sease  
Parker Boulware  
Easton Donaldson  
Chris Carroll  
Jim Whitaker

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

Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*  
Wayne Kneece, *uncle of Michelle Gantt*  
Derwin Rish, *friend of Michelle Gantt*  
Jody & Libby Ortmann, *friends of Fran and Ricky Bouknight*  
Roger Spires, *friend of Chris Carroll*  
Quentin Oswalt, *Angie Hydrick's nephew, deploying to Iraq*  
Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*  
Sandra Watson, *aunt of Courtney Bucknam*  
Joyce & Doug Gilbert, *coworkers of Courtney Bucknam*  
Sarah Harmon, *friend of Courtney Bucknam*  
Hannah Pierce, *friend of Jaquelyn Haulik*  
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family, *friends of Debra & Dave Butts*  
Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*  
Wes Hopkins, *nephew of Jennifer Miller*  
Will Pickett, *friend of Jennifer Miller*  
Paul Garner, *friend of Robert Haygood*  
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn), *friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*  
Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Cynthia Mallard, *friend of Sheila Starkey and Beth Jordan*  
Blase Rhine, *grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight*  
Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Connie Furtick, *friend of Kim Fulmer*  
Josh Jackson, *friend of Joel Price, Jr.*  
Brannon Yonce, *friend of Michelle Gantt*  
Katy Madigan, *friend of Marie Carroll*  
Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*  
Jamie Spell, *friend of David Marsh*  
Louise Cooper, *Kelli Mills*  
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*  
John Catoe, *family of the Ellisors*  
Jillian Stover, *friend of Erin Rose*  
Debbie Dearman, *neighbor of Kathy Cooper*  
Lillian Chimeal, *friend of Jacqueline Hawlik*  
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*  
Caroline Hair, *cousin of Fran Bouknight*  
Betty Morris, *mother of Keith Morris*  
Lynn Pearson, *mother of Emily Morris*  
Mrs. Cruz, *teacher of Abbey Carroll*

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](mailto:office@WeAreMtHermon.com)

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## June 2024

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                          | Saturday   |
|--|--|---|---|---|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>26</b><br><b>Trinity Sunday</b><br>9:00am Worship<br>10:30am Sunday School<br>11:30am CR: Worship Team<br>1:00pm Care Team: Porch Visits<br>3:00pm FH: Bible Journaling Study | <b>27</b><br><b>Memorial Day</b><br>6:30pm Community Support<br>Memorial Day Worship | <b>28</b><br>6:00pm GR: Grief Support   | <b>29</b><br>9:00am Food Pantry (Bonnie & Frank Bouknight, Mary Price)<br>9:00am Staff Meeting<br>6:30pm Choir<br>6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's      | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b>                       | <b>1</b><br>9:00am Adopt-A-Highway<br><b>9:00am All Areas: Make A Difference Day</b><br>9:00am Food Pantry (Melanie & Frankie Jackson) |
| <b>2</b><br>9:00am Worship<br>10:30am Sunday School<br>3:00pm FH: Bible Journaling Study<br>4:00pm Youth Pool Party  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br>5:00pm Executive Team<br>6:00pm GR: Grief Support   | <b>5</b><br>9:00am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)<br>9:00am Staff Meeting<br>6:30pm Choir                              | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                        | <b>8</b><br>9:00am Food Pantry (Swygerts and Carrolls)   |
| <b>9</b><br>9:00am Worship<br>10:30am Sunday School<br>11:30am Council Meets   | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b><br>6:00pm GR: Grief Support<br>6:30pm Lutheran Men & Women  | <b>12</b><br>9:00am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)<br>12:05pm OneBody Worship<br>6:30pm Choir<br>6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's  | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b>                       | <b>15</b><br>9:00am Food Pantry (Mike Rawl, Jamie & Nancy Addison)   |
| <b>16</b><br><b>Father's Day</b><br>9:00am Worship<br>10:30am Sunday School  | <b>17</b><br>FH: VBS Decorating<br>6:00pm CR: Outreach Team                          | <b>18</b><br>FH: VBS Decorating<br>6:00pm CR: Finance Team<br>6:00pm CR: Teach Team<br>6:00pm GR: Grief Support | <b>19</b><br>FH: VBS Decorating<br>9:00am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease, Mary Price)<br>9:00am Staff Meeting<br>6:30pm Choir        | <b>20</b><br>FH: VBS Decorating<br><b>First Day of Summer</b> | <b>21</b><br>FH: VBS Decorating | <b>22</b><br>FH: VBS Decorating<br>9:00am Food Pantry (Diane & Parker Boulware)  |
| <b>23</b> VBS<br>FH: VBS Decorating<br>9:00am Worship<br>10:30am Sunday School<br>11:30am CR: Worship Team   | <b>24</b> VBS  | <b>25</b> VBS   | <b>26</b> VBS<br>9:00am Food Pantry (Debra & David Butts, Andrea Bowers)<br>12:05pm OneBody Worship<br>6:30pm Choir<br>6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's | <b>27</b> VBS   | <b>28</b>                       | <b>29</b><br>9:00am Food Pantry (Laura & Al Stevens)   |
| <b>30</b><br>9:00am Worship<br>10:30am Sunday School   | <b>1 PG: Vacation</b>  | <b>2 PG: Vacation</b><br>6:00pm GR: Grief Support   | <b>3 PG: Vacation</b><br>9:00am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)<br>6:30pm Choir   | <b>4 PG: Vacation</b><br><b>Independence Day</b>              | <b>5 PG: Vacation</b>           | <b>6 PG: Vacation</b><br>9:00am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley)  |