

# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*proclaiming the kingdom  
of God and teaching  
about the Lord Jesus  
Christ with all boldness  
and without hindrance.*

*Acts 28:31*

**JULY 28, 2024**

# WELCOME

*We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.*

*If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.*

*Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,*

*Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!*

*Again welcome ...*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.  
Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics***

*We prepare our hearts for worship.*

## PRELUDE

*Build My Life*

Younker/CCLI #7070345

## THE GATHERING

*We stand.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

*Amen.*

*We turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sin and asking for God's forgiveness.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, we confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, help us.

*It is hard to believe there is enough to share.*

*We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.*

*We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.*

*We take offense at your teachings and your ways.*

*Turn us again to you.*

*Where else can we turn?*

*Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.*

*Amen.*

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

*Amen.*

*As fully forgiven children of God, turn and face the altar as the cross passes you.*

## HYMN

## *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Bradbury/One License #97956



- 1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*And also with you.*



# KYRIE

## Glorify Thy Name

Adkins/CCLI #1383

C CM<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C

1 Fa - ther,  
2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,  
3 Spir - it,

C<sup>2</sup>/E F G<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> G

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth;

C F<sup>2</sup> F E<sup>7</sup> F<sup>#</sup>m<sup>7</sup>(b5) E<sup>7</sup>/G<sup>#</sup> Am

glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,

F G<sup>7</sup> C CM<sup>7</sup> F/C C

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We pray together.*

*Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

*Amen.*

*We sit.*

# THE WORD

## ACTS 28:17-31

<sup>17</sup>Three days later he called together the local leaders of the Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, "Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, yet I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. <sup>18</sup>When they had examined me, the Romans wanted to release me, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. <sup>19</sup>But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to the emperor — even though I had no charge to bring against my nation. <sup>20</sup>For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is for the sake of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain." <sup>21</sup>They replied, "We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken anything evil about you. <sup>22</sup>But we would like to hear from you what you think, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against." <sup>23</sup>After they had set a day to meet with him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. <sup>24</sup>Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. <sup>25</sup>So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah,<sup>26</sup>'Go to this people and say, You will indeed

listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive.<sup>27</sup> For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn — and I would heal them.' <sup>28</sup>Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen." <sup>30</sup>He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, <sup>31</sup>proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

The word of God for the People of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

*We sit.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

*getting back home*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.*

*Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.*

SERMON

*proclaiming the kingdom of God*

*We stand.*

# HYMN

## *On Eagle's Wings*

Joncas/OneLicense #80468



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea- gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

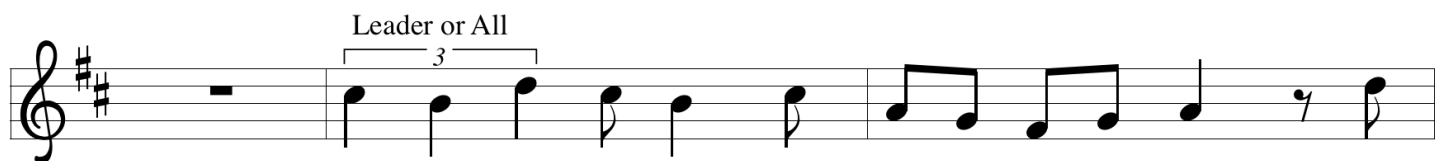


3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



*Refrain*

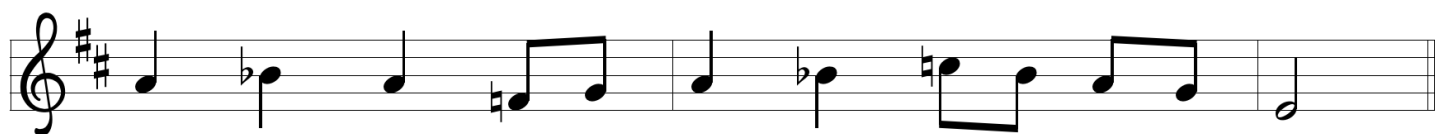
day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



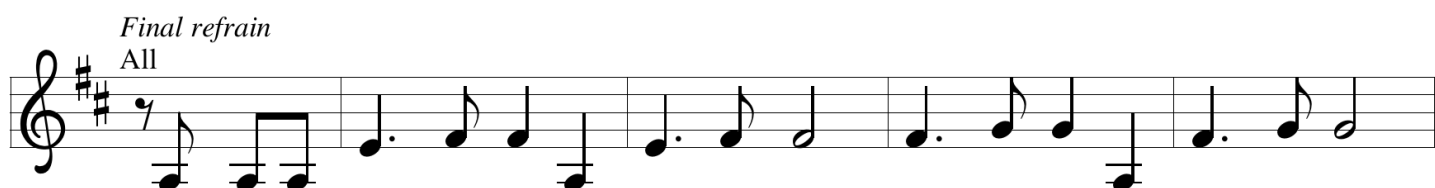
4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.



*Final refrain*

*All*

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

## APOSTLES' CREED

*Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.  
*Amen.*

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,  
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*We sit.*

## OFFERING

*We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting [www.WeAreMtHermon.org](http://www.WeAreMtHermon.org) and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. **Friendship pads** have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.*

## ANTHEM

*My Savior and My God*

Althouse/CCLI #7174485

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY

*Sing twice*

*Holy Spirit Rain Down*

Fragar/CCLI #2405227

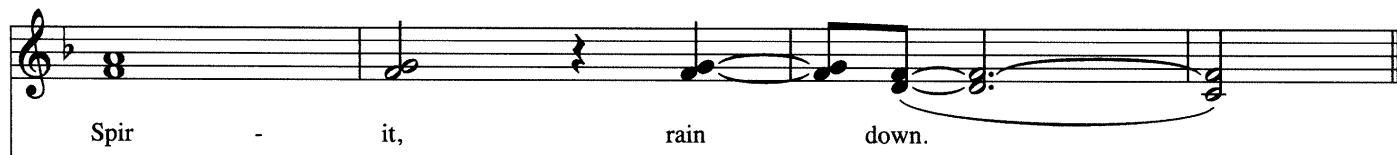
The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature of 4/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into four lines of music, each with its own lyrics. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Spi - rit rain down, rain down; O Com - fort - er and Friend, how we need Your touch a-gain; Ho - ly Spir - it rain down, rain down; Let Your pow - er fall, let Your voice be heard; Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word; Ho - ly".

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## OFFERING PRAYER

*We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.*

***Risen One,***

***you call us to believe and bear fruit.***

***May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.***

***Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.***

## THE MEAL

*Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.*

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life.



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

As often as we drink of this cup and eat of this bread, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again and we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

In the mystery of this fruit of the vine and wheat of the field becoming your body and blood, we pray for your presence to come among us and give us this bread of life. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Holy God, we long for your presence to remain powerful and strong among your people. Continue to gather your people to eat and drink of this meal. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

*Our Father, who art in heaven,*

*hallowed be thy name,*

*thy kingdom come,*

*thy will be done,*

*on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread;*

*and forgive us our trespasses,*

*as we forgive those*

*who trespass against us;*

*and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

*We sit.*

## COMMUNION

*Please come forward using the center aisle to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second chalice of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation.*

## MUSIC

*Now the Silence*

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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*We pray together.*

*Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world  
with your own life.  
In your name we pray. Amen.*

# THE SENDING

## BLESSING

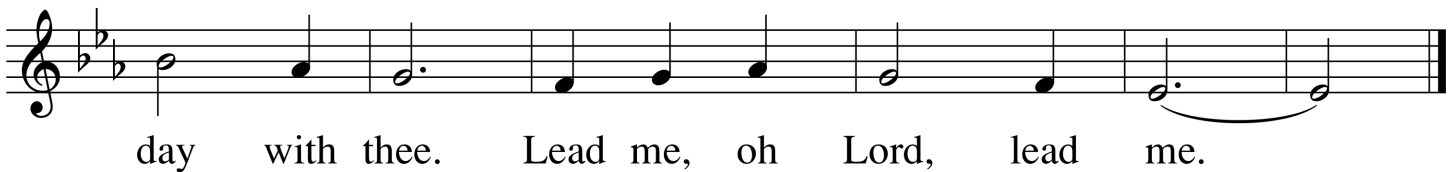
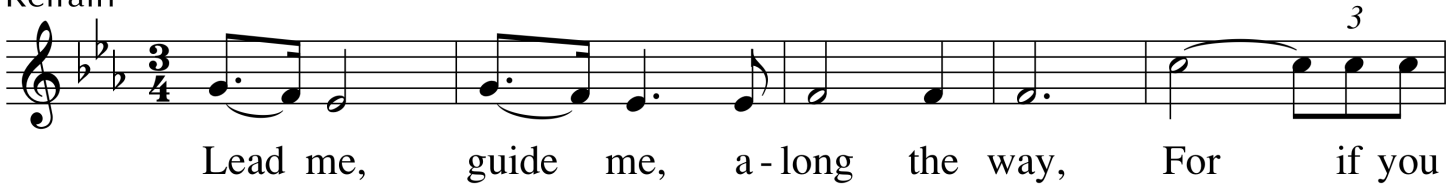
The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us,  
and journeys with us † be upon you now and forever. *Amen.*

## HYMN

### *Lead Me, Guide Me*

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Refrain



2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am



aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting  
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways



all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

D.C.

*As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.*

## SENDING

## *The Blessing*

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick/CCLI #7147007

The Lord bless you — and keep you,  
make his face shine — up - on — you and be gra - cious — to you.  
The Lord turn his — face toward you and give you peace. .  
— A — men, a —  
-men, a — men. A — men, a —  
-men, a — men. D.C. || D.S. |  
-men, a — men. — men.

## SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

*We have gathered. We have been fed.*

*Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Nancy Addison and Randy Wise's birthday by Jamie and Nancy Addison

### Shock and Awe Breakfast ~ August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bless an unsuspecting server at local restaurant with a generous heart. Please contact Frankie Jackson (803.331.0316) or Melanie Jackson (803.315.6991) for details.



### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It is back to school time and the Outreach Committee is sponsoring a back-to-school drive. The list of supplies and return buckets will be in the breezeway. Supplies are due by August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**RALLY Day will be August 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Please bring your favorite  
brunch item and meet in the  
Fellowship Hall at 10:30.

There will be information  
about Sunday school classes  
and teachers and there will be  
BINGO! Worship will include  
a blessing of backpacks. Plan

now to attend and bring your items for blessings!



Blessing of the  
Backpacks

# TITHES AND OFFERINGS

07/21/2024

In Person 93 + Live Stream Worship 91 = 184

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,189.11
Building Fund	Received	\$2,670.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$45.00

## Honorariums and Memorials:

In memory of **Gene Sexton** by Ann Addy, Parker & Diane Boulware

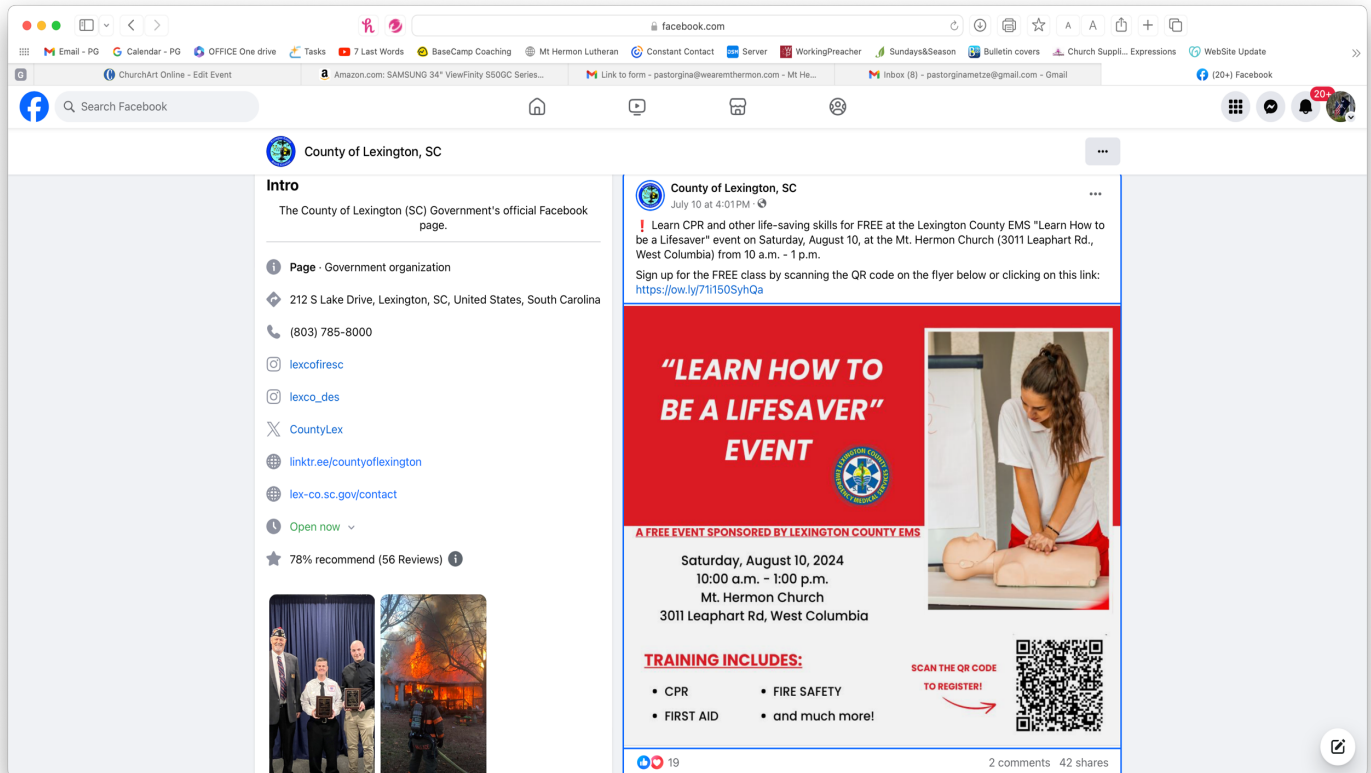
Special offering in memory of our parents. Love David, Scottie & Jacob



**Meal Train®**

The Care Team is trying out 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. Food and time preferences will be included in the information. You may also choose to send a gift card to a restaurant or delivery service through the link if you prefer. Our first meal train will be for Jennifer, Ryan, and Jerry Price as Jennifer faces surgery this week. If you would like to participate, please see your email correspondence or call Alyson Price.

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





## SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Allison Swygert	Tom Stahl
	Terry Swygert	Jamie Addison
Crucifer:	Spencer Price	Mackenzie Burns
Acolyte:	Avery Rawl	Jacquelynn Hawlik
Lector:	Daryl Leigh Anthony	Ricky Bouknight
Communion Assts:	Spencer Price	Mackenzie Burns
	Wynne Price	Ricky Bouknight
	Mary Price	Fran Bouknight
	Mike Rawl	Lynn Bouknight Marie Gardner
	Devona Price	Ronnie Fulmer Debbie Fulmer
Nursery:	Alyson Price	Charlene Corley
	Brittany Allen	DJ Plummer
Flowers:	Jamie & Nancy Addison	The Kinards

## SERVING IN JULY

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Jerry Price

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ann Addy, Mary Frances Sease

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Brandon Donaldson, Marie Gardner

# MT HERMON PRAYS

## ***Continual Prayers***

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*  
Alberta Berry, *home*  
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*  
Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*  
Shirley Cooper, *Still Hopes*  
Georgianna Gray, *home*  
James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*  
Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

Dot Mathias, *home*  
Gloria Mathias, *home*  
Tom Roof, *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  
Jennifer Price

Parker Boulware  
Mary Frances Sease

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*  
Brannon Yonce, *friend of Michelle Gantt*  
Trea Ocheltree, *teen in car accident*  
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*  
Stetson Cooper,  
*grandson of Dan & Shirley Cooper*  
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*  
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*  
Ashley Liimatainen, *niece of Sheila Starkey*  
Jillian Stover, *friend of Erin Rose*  
Joyce Davis, *grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik*  
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*

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)

# NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

## Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:30 am Rally Day / Sunday School

## Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 pm CR: Care Team
- 6:30 pm Team for Ministry

## Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

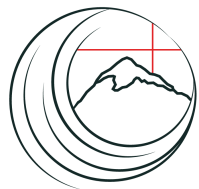
- 5:00 pm Executive Team
- 6:00 pm GR: Grief Group
- 6:30 pm Life Group at The Jackson's

## Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am Food Pantry
- 6:00 pm Handbells
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am Food Pantry
- 10:00 am FH: Lexington County Life Saving Event



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Terry Swygert, *Vice President*  
Frank Bouknight, *Treasurer*  
Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Worship  
10:30 am Sunday School  
11:30 am CR: Teach Team

### Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm CR: Personnel Team  
6:30 pm FH: MJS Homeowners meeting

### Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

### Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry  
(David & Debra Butts, Andrea Bowers)  
9:00 am CR: Staff meeting  
6:00 pm Handbells

### Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry  
9:00 am Shock and Awe Breakfast  
5:30 pm FH: Teach Team set up