

# AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

August 2024



## ROMANS

*<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37-39*

Romans is my favorite book in the Bible! As we continue to read through the New Testament this year, I pray you are gaining a new knowledge of the Bible and the many stories which we don't read during the context of worship!

A reminder that Paul was traveling around teaching and preaching: *He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!* Acts 28:31 He has finally made it back home to Rome and his ministry continues in his hometown. Some say this is a difficult ministry to preach and teach where you grew up. We will discover the issues and opportunities which Paul had as he entered Rome.

Some of you may know that this Romans verse is the inspiration for my wrist tattoo. This is a constant reminder that “I (we) are never alone” and that “nothing can separate you from the love of God through Christ Jesus”. NOTHING! Remember that verse as we enter into a new school year, new jobs, new families, new everything. We are never alone, and NOTHING can separate you from God's love!

*Sister in Christ,*

***Pastor Gina***

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## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

*Reading through the New Testament in one year:*

8/1	Romans 6	9/1	1 Corinthians 14:1-25
8/2	Romans 7	9/2	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
8/3	Romans 8:1-17	9/3	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
8/4	Romans 8:18-39	9/4	1 Corinthians 15:12-34
8/5	Romans 9:1-15	9/5	1 Corinthians 15:35-58
8/6	Romans 9:16-33	9/6	1 Corinthians 16
8/7	Romans 10	9/7	2 Corinthians 1:1-22
8/8	Romans 11:1-24	9/8	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
8/9	Romans 11:25-36	9/9	2 Corinthians 3
8/10	Romans 12	9/10	2 Corinthians 4
8/11	Romans 13	9/11	2 Corinthians 5
8/12	Romans 14	9/12	2 Corinthians 6
8/13	Romans 15	9/13	2 Corinthians 7
8/14	Romans 16	9/14	2 Corinthians 8
8/15	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	9/15	2 Corinthians 9
8/16	1 Corinthians 1:18-1:31	9/16	2 Corinthians 10
8/17	1 Corinthians 2	9/17	2 Corinthians 11:1-15
8/18	1 Corinthians 3	9/18	2 Corinthians 11:16-33
8/19	1 Corinthians 4	9/19	2 Corinthians 12
8/20	1 Corinthians 5	9/20	2 Corinthians 13
8/21	1 Corinthians 6	9/21	Galatians 1
8/22	1 Corinthians 7:1-16	9/22	Galatians 2
8/23	1 Corinthians 7:17-40	9/23	Galatians 3
8/24	1 Corinthians 8	9/24	Galatians 4
8/25	1 Corinthians 9	9/25	Galatians 5
8/26	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	9/26	Galatians 6
8/27	1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1	9/27	Ephesians 1
8/28	1 Corinthians 11:2-16	9/28	Ephesians 2
8/29	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	9/29	Ephesians 3
8/30	1 Corinthians 12	9/30	Ephesians 4: 1-16
8/31	1 Corinthians 13		

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## CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

### Congregational Council Motions from July 2024

Support Team: The Support Team recommends that the Tree Top Flyer Climbing Service remove three fallen and dead/dying trees from the parsonage property at a cost of \$1,800 with the funds to come from the Facilities Use Fund. **Passed Unanimously.**

### Congregational Council Minutes June 2024

ATTENDANCE: Absent – Mary Koon, Jennifer Miller, Jeff Price, Danny Scott, and Laura Stevens. Also in attendance was Wayne Eargle.

CARES AND CONCERNS: Shirley Cooper is at Still Hopes for rehab; Bonnie Bouknight and Joel Price, Sr. are recovering well from their recent surgeries.

MEMBER CARE: Information was given in the council packet that can be shared with Member Care groups.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Accepted as presented.

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

#### REPORTS:

- Pastor Gina: Report for June 2024 was submitted.
- Treasurer: No reports submitted due to software errors.
- Financial Secretary: Funds Report for May 2024 was submitted.
- Executive Committee: The Executive Committee recommends that the Easter, Christmas, and Mother's Day designated offerings be given to support the Heart to Home Ministry. **PASSED unanimously.**

#### Team Reports/Recommendations:

Team for Ministry:

Care: Written report submitted.

Outreach: No report submitted. Make a Difference Day was a huge success. The idea of an Easter-themed outdoor presentation was discussed.

Support: No report submitted. The Support Team recommends that Connor Eargle be allowed to convert the existing basketball court to a pickleball court for his Eagle Scout Project and to allow him to seek financial support from the congregation. He will bring back final plans to the council before beginning construction. **PASSED** unanimously.

Finance: No report submitted.

Teach: No report submitted.

Worship: Written report submitted.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Personnel Team – Personnel & Executive Teams will meet together on Monday, June 10.
2. Support Team – Parsonage Vacant – Ben Bernstein will visit the parsonage today to see if he and his family want to rent it.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lemonade Stand in Fellowship Hall – Sherwood Garrett will talk to Support Team about moving it back to its storage place.
2. Next Meeting: July 14, 2024, at 11:30am
3. Next Month's Devotions and Lock Up – Jerry Price

Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

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## ATTENDANCE REPORT

	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Live Streaming</u>	<u>Total</u>
June 30	80	102	182
July 07	93	104	197
July 14	88	97	185
July 21	93	91	184
July 28	100	93	193

## TREASURER REPORT

The Finance Team is currently transferring data into a new accounting program. As soon as the data is converted, all the reports will be brought up to date.

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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.



Mt Hermon family,  
Thank you so much for the stoles and book. The messages inside are so special to me! I am beyond grateful for the ways my church HOME has shaped and formed me, and for the continued support throughout my journey to ordination and beyond. Mt. Hermon will always be home and you will always be a family that I love and treasure. *Rebekah Swygert Boatwright*



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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!*



**Meal Train®**

The Care Team is trying out a new way to reach out to members of 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!*



### ***Porch Visits***

*August 18  
at 1 pm*

The Care Team will visit the homebound, bringing hymn singing and conversation!

Everyone is welcome to join us



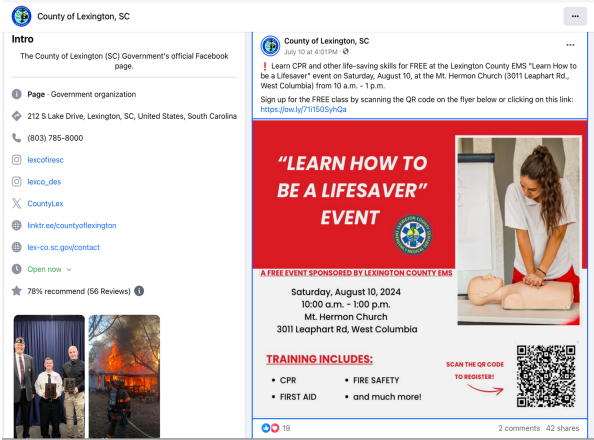
**Jesus  
& Java**

*Featuring Mt. Hermon's own talent.  
August 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm*

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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.*



Sign up using FB County of Lexington, SC And follow the prompts. Knowledge is powerful! Attend and gain lifesaving knowledge!



## 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.

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Meet in the church parking lot at 9am



August 17th  
November 16

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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.*

## 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!*

**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

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## 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!*



### Communion at the Rail

An additional  
communion station will  
be at the rail on the  
first Sundays of each  
month.

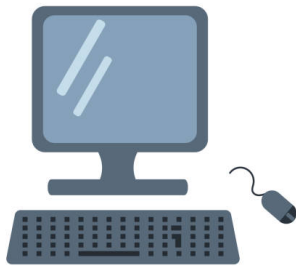
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### Homecoming

October 6, 2024  
9:00 worship  
10:30 remembering  
& covered dish

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**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!

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

July 2024

	8/4/2024	8/11/2024	8/18/2024	8/25/2024
Ushers	Thom Stahl	Ricky Bouknight	Wayne Eargle	Kay Bryant
	Jamie Addison	Fran Bouknight	Joel Price, Jr	Larry Amick
Crucifer	Mackenzie Burns	Connor Eargle	Jake Dungan	Lawson Morris
Acolyte	Jacquelynn Hawlik	Bryson Johnson	Hayden Eargle	Avery Rawl
Lector	Ronnie Fulmer	Parker Boulware	Hayden Eargle	Sherwood Garrett
Comm Assts	Mackenzie Burns	Connor Eargle	Jake Dungan	Lawson Morris
	Sherwood Garrett	Parker Boulware	Hayden Eargle	Sherwood Garrett
	Lynn Bouknight	Diane Boulware	Frankie Jackson	Emily Morris
	Marie Gardner	Sheila Eargle	Melanie Jackson	Mike Rawl
	Debbie Fulmer Ronnie Fulmer	Kirby Johnson	Frank Bouknight	Mary Price
Nursery	Charlene Corley	Leah Rawl	Katie Donaldson	Cassie Swygert
	DJ Plummer	Brittany Allen	Melanie Jackson	Noah Swygert
Flowers	Kinards	Marshs	Terry & Allison Swygert	Jenny Scott

## SERVING IN AUGUST

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Joel Price, Sr.

ALTAR GUILD: Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Dianr Boulware, Ann Bouknight

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Breanna Metze,

*\* 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



- Aug 01 Nancy Addison, Laura Carroll, Allison Swygert
- ♥ Aug 06 Tommy & Kelli Mills
- ♥ Aug 10 Jimmy & Doris Maddox
- ♥ Aug 11 Frank & Bonnie Bouknight
- Aug 13 Watson Martin
- Aug 14 Tiffany Kaylor
- Aug 17 Quentin Kinard, Kay Little, Charlotte Threatt
- ♥ Aug 19 Marvin & Gabrielle Bouknight
- Aug 19 Gloria Mathias
- Aug 20 Doris Carver
- ♥ Aug 20 Johnny & Marie Lewis
- Aug 21 Teddy Koon, Noah Swygert
- Aug 22 Melanie Jackson, Becky Johnson
- Aug 23 Skyler Miller
- Aug 24 Brayden Rutherford
- ♥ Aug 24 Noah & Cassie Swygert
- Aug 25 Sam Koon
- Aug 26 Adelaide Bryant, Wynne Price, Danny Scott
- Aug 27 Jason Addy
- Aug 29 Hayden Eargle

*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*  
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*  
\*Bryson Johnson, *Prisma Children's*

### ***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*  
Kamryn Williams, *friend of Sheila Starkey*

Please note that this prayer list has been updated.  
If you wish to add someone back to this list,  
please send an email to  
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**August 2024**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am CR: Worship Team	<b>29</b> 6:30pm FH: MJS Homeowners	<b>30</b> 5:30pm CR: Personnel Team 6:00pm GR: Grief Support	<b>31</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane & Parker Boulware, Mary Price) 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Handbells	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00am Food Pantry 9:00am Shock and Awe Breakfast 5:30pm FH: Teach Team Decorate
<b>4</b> 9:00am Worship (Blessing of Backpacks) 10:30am Rally Day Brunch and Fun 10:30am Sunday School	<b>5</b> 5:30pm CR: Care Team 6:30pm Team for Ministry	<b>6</b> 5:00pm Executive Team 6:00pm GR: Grief Support 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	<b>7</b> 9:00am Food Pantry 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am CPR, First Aide, Fire Safety
<b>11</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Council Meets	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Lutheran Men & Women	<b>13</b> 6:00pm CR: Finance Team 6:00pm GR: Grief Support	<b>14</b> 9:00am Food Pantry 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00am Adopt-A-Highway - Meet at church parking lot 9:00am Food Pantry 6:00pm Jesus and Java
<b>18</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am CR: Teach Team 1:00pm Porch Visits	<b>19</b> 6:00pm CR: Outreach Team	<b>20</b> 6:00pm CR: Finance Team 6:00pm GR: Grief Support 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	<b>21</b> 9:00am Food Pantry 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00am Food Pantry
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