

## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

*Enewsletter – January 7, 2021*

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### **Special Announcement and Called Business Meeting**

The Pastor Search team is excited to announce that on the weekend of January 29-31, 2021, we will be introducing Jonathan Balmer and his wife, Kendall.

Jonathan has been selected as our candidate for the Senior Pastor Position at Mount Hermon. During this weekend, everyone will be given the opportunity to meet Jonathan and Kendall.

It is our plan to have in-person and virtual meetings on Saturday January 29.

**Sunday, January 31**, will be set aside as the time for Jonathan to bring the Message during the Worship Service. Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in-person or virtually.

A called Business Meeting will be held at the completion of the service, for members only, to vote on affirming Jonathan as our next Pastor. The voting opportunity will be provided for those unable to attend in person.

Mark your calendars for **January 29-31, 2021**. Please be looking for more details as the date gets closer.

A more in-depth biography for Jonathan Balmer is included in the Newsletter.



### **Jonathan Balmer Biography**

Jonathan Balmer currently serves as a Minister to Youth at Seventh & James Baptist Church in Waco, Texas: a position he has held since 2016 when he began seminary. He is originally from Mason, Ohio, outside of Cincinnati. However, coincidentally, Jonathan was born nearby: in Henrico Doctors Hospital in Richmond, Virginia (he was born nearly two months prematurely, and his parents were visiting family in the Richmond area).

In May 2020, he graduated from George W. Truett theological seminary at Baylor University. He was granted a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in ministry leadership.

Before seminary, he received a Fulbright English teaching assistantship grant for the 2015-2016 academic year. He taught middle school English in South Korea. In the 2014-2015 school year, he taught sophomore English and Journalism at a high school in Kentucky. He has served on church staff, or as a ministry intern, in churches in Kentucky, South Carolina, and Texas. Jonathan graduated from Georgetown College (Kentucky) with a B.A. in English and a B.A. in History in 2014.

Kendall Ellis, his wife, is a current dual-degree student studying for her Master of Divinity and Master of Social Work at Baylor University. Kendall graduated undergrad in 2016, with a degree in French and a minor in Biology from Georgetown College, where she and Jonathan met. They were married on Jonathan's 28<sup>th</sup> birthday, June 6, 2019, in Kendall's hometown of Frankfort, Kentucky. She has taught Sunday School classes for adults and children, volunteered as a "reading buddy" the last two years at West Avenue Elementary School in Waco, and has been active in a variety of both on campus and community events.

Jonathan and Kendall are excited for the next season God has called them to, in ministry and in life. They have a love for the Lord, and Christ's church. Their desire, for themselves and others, is to know the good news of Jesus, to live life in the freedom of serving God, and to serve the needs of their wider community and world. It has been their joy to get to know Mount Hermon Baptist Church pastoral search team – and they cannot wait to get to know the wider church body.

Jonathan is honored to be recommended as the Pastoral candidate by the Pastoral Search Team. He looks forward to joining Mount Hermon Baptist Church in-view-of-a-call the weekend ending Sunday, January 31, 2021.

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### **Deacon led Worship Service Sunday!**

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From the family of **Vincent Russell**:

"Blessed Be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian Love. The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above."

Our lives have been so blessed by the Love of our church family. Thank you all for the Love, kindness, and support you have given us during this time. On behalf of G-Daddy, we thank you! Sincerely, Mark, Brianna, Novaleigh, & Bonnie

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Dr. Bill Tuck continues to improve, and we look forward to having him back with us on January 17.

If you notice activity at the church, construction has begun on replacing the shingles of the Worship Center, Chapel, and pavilion. A summer hailstorm damaged the buildings and insurance is covering the replacement.

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**January 3, attendance:** 42  
**Contributed:** \$ 2,807.00  
**Average weekly need:** 3,395.00  
**Average needs to date:** \$ 3,395.00  
**Given to date:** \$ 2,807.00

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*Happy Birthday!*  
*January*

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| 10 Scott Bass      | 14 Nancy Woody     |
| 10 Jean Dudley     | 15 Gillian Kunkel  |
| 10 Aimee Parsons   | 15 Jon Lindberg    |
| 12 Larry Hollister | 16 Aiden VanHouten |

Worship Order – January 10, 2021  
10:30 am

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| Prelude                                | Barbara Gray                 |
| Introduction                           | Ken Paul, Deacon Coordinator |
| Call to Worship                        | Monnie Kessler               |
| Scripture & Prayer 2 Chronicles: 7: 14 | Larry Rowland                |
| Responsive Reading #671                | Tom Burnett                  |

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his Holy name.

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:**

Leader: Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

**People: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.**

Leader: For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

**People: As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

Leader: Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him.

**People: Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.**

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| *Praise Song # 141 “The Old Rugged Cross,” vs. 1 & 2  |   |
| Welcome & Church Highlights                           | Pat Bentley                             |
| God’s Word Ephesians 6: 10-20                         | Becky Dix, Assistant Deacon Coordinator |
| Prayer  | Sarah Blankenship                       |
| *Offering Song # 10 “How Great Thou Art,” vs. 1 & 4   |   |
| *Offering Statement & Prayer                          | Belinda Kunkel                          |
| Special Music   | Monnie Kesler                           |
| Message “What God Has Done for You”                   | Bill Hall & Ed O’Neill                  |
| *Commitment Song #330 “Amazing Grace,” vs. 1,2,3, & 5 |   |
| *Parting Blessing                                     | John Meyerhoeffer                       |
| *Postlude   | Barbara Gray                            |

\*Indicates to stand if you are able