

Mount Hermon Baptist Church

Enewsletter – January 21, 2021

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*It is with great sadness we share the following note from Dr. Bill Tuck.

Mount Hermon Baptist Church:

I am no longer able to do the duties of Interim pastor because of health issues; and therefore, with regrets, I submit my resignation effective January 18, 2021.

William P. Tuck



We welcome, Dr. F. Scott Spencer to Mount Hermon!

Dr. Spencer has agreed to serve as Interim Pastor during our transition period.

A graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio (BA), Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (MDiv), Westminster Theological Seminary (ThM), and the University of Durham, England (PhD), F. Scott Spencer has served as Professor of New Testament and Biblical Interpretation at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond and Professor of Religion at Wingate University in North Carolina. He is married to Dr. Janet Spencer, who has taught English at Wingate University and Maggie Walker Governor's School in Richmond. They have two adult daughters, Lauren, and Meredith (and an Irish Doodle named Seamus!).

Dr Spencer regularly teaches and preaches in area churches and has served interim pastorates in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Texas. He has also enjoyed acting in university, seminary, and community theater productions, including roles in *Shadowlands*, *God's Favorite*, *Cotton Patch Gospel*, and *Godspell* for The BTSR *Shoestring Players*. Dr. Spencer has published numerous books, articles, and reviews, especially pertaining to his interests in Jesus and the Gospels, the book of Acts, and the role of women in the New Testament and early church. His most recent book is a full-scale commentary on Luke's Gospel. He is currently completing a manuscript on *Passions of the Christ: The Emotional Life of Jesus*.

Prayers Appreciated for:

Dr. Bill Tuck, ongoing health issues.

Leo Eden, admitted to Louis Gale Memory Center in Staunton, VA with dementia complications.

Mary Neil, Mildred Eden's sister hospitalized with gallbladder surgery complications.

2020 Contribution Statements have been emailed and mailed as of January 19, 2021. If you need a statement and do not receive one in the next couple of weeks, please contact Linda Meyerhoeffler at 804.437.1252 or ljmeyerhoeffler@gmail.com. To everyone who contributed financially during 2020, we are very thankful for your generosity especially during this time of pandemic. We can do what we do because you give. Giving is mentioned 921 times in the Bible emphasizing its importance. As we give, we spread the Word of God to our community and the world. Giving is an act of worship and the result of trusting God with our finances. Generosity is about the condition of hearts toward God. God's grace shapes our faith and is the fullest expression of a steward, one who has been given a gift to be used wisely for a purpose, bringing glory to God. May this be our focus for 2021.

Linda Meyerhoeffler, Financial Secretary

Pastor Search Team

The weekend of January 29-31 will be a special time for Mount Hermon. The Pastor Search team will be introducing **Jonathan Balmer** as the candidate for the Senior Pastor Position.

Remember to mark your calendars for the weekend schedule:

Saturday January 30, 2021

The schedule for meeting Jonathan Balmer and his wife, Kendall, are as follows:

Virtually: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (additional details to follow next week)

In Person: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sunday January 31, 2021

Jonathan will bring the message during the Worship Service. Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in-person and 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. A voting opportunity will also be provided for those unable to attend in person.

Additional details for accessing the Virtual meeting on January 30 and all information as it relates to Sunday January 31, will be provided next week in the newsletter.

If you have a question regarding the schedule of events, do not hesitate to contact me.

Ron Hatcher-Coordinator, Pastor Search Team

January 17, attendance: 50
 Contributed: \$ 5,906.00
 Average weekly need: 3,395.00
 Average needs to date: \$ 10,185.00
 Given to date: \$ 11,030.00

To contribute electronically:

Go to www.mt-hermon.org and click the **Online Giving bar**. Register for an account, select method of payment, enter an amount, time frame, and click submit.

Happy Birthday!
January

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| 24 Alana Bates | 28 Kathy Goode |
| 25 Erin Keim | 28 Rick Mustian |
| 25 Tyler Kowalewski | 28 Anita Southard |
| 26 Ellen McGuire | 29 Trey Matthews |
| 26 Jeanne LaRocco | 29 Keith Whitlock |
| 27 Julie Bass | 30 Jonathan Goode |

Worship Order – January 24, 2021 10:30 am

Prelude

Karen Blankenship

Call to Worship in Word

Leader: God of Justice and Mercy, we lift our voices to You.

People: We confess that we do not always practice justice and mercy.

Leader: Forgive us for our lack of compassion and discernment.

**People: Open our hearts and minds to sense the loving way of Christ, our Lord,
 in the way we treat others.**

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| *Call to Worship Song | “Open Up the Heavens” | Praise Team |
| *Scripture & Prayer | Genesis 1:1-5 | Ken Paul |
| *Praise Song # 11 | “My God, How Wonderful You Are,” vs. 1, 2, & 4 | |
| Welcome & Church Highlights | | Rev. Susan Prather |
| God’s Word | Philippians 2:14-15; Philippians 4:10-14 | Rev. Susan Prather |
| Pastoral Prayer | | Dr. F. Scott Spencer |
| *Offering Song # 74 | “O God, Our Help in Ages Past,” vs. 1, 3, & 6 | |
| *Offering Statement & Prayer | | Ken Paul |
| Special Music | “Promises” | Praise Team |
| Message | “Shining Like Stars: The Church as the Light of the World” | |
| | Dr. F. Scott Spencer | |
| *Commitment Song | “At the Cross, Love Ran Red” | Praise Team |
| *Parting Blessing | | Dr. F. Scott Spencer |
| Postlude | | Karen Blankenship |

*Indicates to stand if you are able.

***Please continue to observe social distancing and wearing mask while attending worship to prevent the spread of COVID-19.**

