

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



Enewsletter – March 25, 2021

<http://www.mt-hermon.org/>

Prayer Concerns

- *Sympathies* to the family of **Marguerite Bailey Bendall**, who passed away peacefully at home March 23. Her family wishes to remind her church family and friends that she loved you all.

Visitation: The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, at Mount Hermon Baptist Church.

Funeral: The service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 26, followed by a brief graveside service. The worship center will be open one hour before the service for visitation for those unable to attend Thursday.

Online Option:

A live stream will begin 10 minutes before the service, at the following link:

<https://boxcast.tv/view/marguerite-bailey-bendall-790648>

-COVID-19 Policy: Masking and social distancing will be practiced in the service under ongoing COVID-19 precautions.

- **Lakynn Willis**, scheduled for colon surgery April 1. Lakynn is the daughter of Kit and Calli Capps, grandparents Joey and Jodi Capps, and great-granddaughter of Leland & Georgie Capps.
- **Sandra Hauser**, scheduled for uterine cancer surgery April 1.

Upcoming Events

4/1/21 – Thursday at 7 p.m. – Maundy Thursday service will be held in the worship center. The service will involve reflection on Christ’s death and the great commandment he gave his disciples. We will worship in song, prayers, and observe the Lord’s Supper before departing in silence in anticipation of Good Friday (no service) and Easter Sunday (10:30 a.m.).

In Gratitude

“Your kindness and support to our family during this sad time has been very special to us. I am privileged to have so many supportive friends in our church and community as I have had to face the huge loss of my husband, John. Your prayers, food, visits, phone calls, emails, text messages and nice cards have given our family comfort and strength at this difficult time. Your kind words and thoughts will never be forgotten.”

Linda Meyerhoeffer and family

Mount Hermon is grateful for the gifts given in memory of John Meyerhoeffer by Elizabeth “Betty” Hill and Connie Clingenpeel.

Many thanks to Billy Bare, Wayne Booth, Bill Green, Lee Ellison, and Ken Paul for mulching the church grounds this week!

Good News: Now or Later



In case you missed it— [we have a playlist on YouTube of previous Sunday messages](#). The most recent message will be the last uploaded on the playlist. See at this link or with the QR code displayed near this text.

Pastor Balmer’s Bulletin

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” -John 12:27-28

*“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”
– Luke 22:42*

These are both words of Jesus, before his death. The first sounds much more certain than the second. But both, ultimately, recognize and trust the Father’s will. I imagine that when things are more uncertain, we understand “if you are willing, take this cup from me” much more than “Father, glorify your name!”

When things are uncertain, there may be some things which feel “too important” to say, “Your will be done, Lord.” After all, that would mean giving up our control! Or, rather, it admits we do not have control. That can be a very scary thing indeed. Because if we maintain some control, our troubled souls feel as if there may be some way to “steer the ship” and avoid disaster. But not even being a powerful leader of a country is able to make their will reality. The stories of kings and presidents are stories of people frustrated by their own limitations to make what they want to happen, happen.

When things seem outside of our control, we can hand them to God and lay them at the foot of the cross. Even when our prayer is uncertain, God’s faithfulness to his promise is certain. And God’s will does not wish to harm us, even if we find ourselves in a time of trial. God works all things for the good of those who believe (Romans 8:28).

That is the surprising message of the cross. That Jesus’ terrible death follows the will of the Father. And yet, his rescue comes not in avoiding all difficulty, not in displaying his power to call thousands of angels to rescue him (Matthew 26:53), but his authority is shown in his death—and that death could not hold him.

God himself shows us his authority by giving it up. And we come to know his power and his love are the same thing in the cross of calvary and the coming joy of Easter. This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday where Jesus was greeted by a crowd as a King with shouts of “Hosanna”. Then, another crowd met him with cries of “Crucify Him!”

Will we turn the other way, when it does not seem like Jesus is working the way we thought, or wish, he would? Can we say, ‘thy will be done,’ even when the Lord is not willing to grant our request? God’s love is sure, and the power and glory are his forever and ever.

March 21, attendance: 64
Contributed: \$ 2,688.00
Average weekly need: 4,420.00
Average needs to date: \$ 41,765.00
Given to date: \$ 42,689.00

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Happy Birthday!

March

29 Bill Gayle
29 Vickie Robben
29 Shawna Payne
30 Bob Lind

April

3 Terry Bowman

Worship Order-March 28, 2021 @10:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday

Prelude "The King of Glory Comes/Lift up Your Heads" Medley Barbara Gray
Call to Worship "All Glory Laud and Honor/Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Handbell Choir
Responsive Reading Psalm 118: 21-25 Pastor Jonathan Balmer

Leader: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

People: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

People: Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

Worship in Song "Hosanna"	Praise Team
Scripture & Prayer Philippians 2:5-11	Pat Bentley
*Praise Song "Good, Good Father"	Praise Team
Welcome & Church Highlights	Rev. Susan Prather
God's Word Mark 11: 1-11	Rev. Susan Prather
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jonathan Balmer
*Offering Song # 126 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," vs. 1 & 3	
*Offering Statement & Prayer	Pat Bentley
Special Music "See a Victory"	Praise Team
Message "The Wisdom of Crowds"	Pastor Jonathan Balmer
*Sending Song "Hosanna" (chorus)	Praise Team
Postlude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"	Barbara Gray

*Indicates to stand as you are able in body or spirit