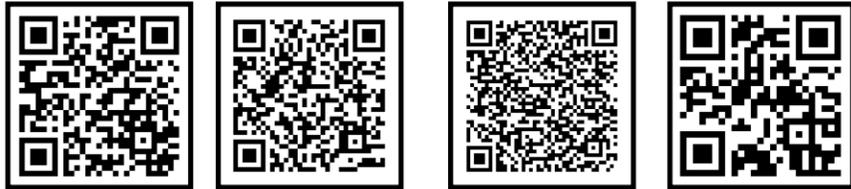


Links / QR Codes of Interest

- 1] [Our Church Facebook page](#). No account required to view our livestreams. They remain on the page after streaming.
- 2] [“Holy Week: Jesus Cleansing The Temple”](#) - Beth Moore
This was written for Holy Week, but is still relevant as we think about what it means to be united in Christ.
“*Stop right there. Are you qualified?*” *There was no such thing as all-access [in the temple]. Don’t lose sight of that this Holy Week or the tearing of the veil will be lost on you.*”
- 3] [“Baptists Can Dunk.” Christianity Today](#) - Paul Putz
Waco’s own Baylor Bears won a historic NCAA basketball championship the day after Easter. Paul Putz, of Truett Seminary’s Faith and Sports Institute tells us about the team’s “*culture of JOY*” *within the program. The JOY acronym stands for ‘Jesus, Others, Yourself,’ and is a variation of the popular ‘I Am Third’ slogan used by numerous Christian coaches.*”
- 4] [The Bible Project](#) — Animated videos exploring the Bible as one story of God’s love which has come to us in Jesus



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In Gratitude



- Mount Hermon is grateful for the gift in memory of **John Meyerhoeffer** by Georgie & Leland Capps.
- Lugay Lanier and her team worked on landscaping in front of the church recently. Much thanks for helping the grounds look beautiful!

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Prayer



- Lykynn Willis, now home recovering from colon surgery.
- Monnie Kesler, continuing care with an oncologist at Duke University on April 12.
- Sympathies to Shelly Gregory & children, in the death of her husband, Jonathan Couch.



Easter Sunday’s flowers, arranged by Barbara Hollister.

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Mount Hermon Baptist Church Worship Order & Newsletter



Order of Worship

April 11th, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Karen Blankenship

“Because I Have Been Given Much” #605

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Jonathan Balmer

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: Sing, and give praise to God’s name;

All: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

— Psalm 96:1-2

*†Praise Song

“Open Up The Heavens”

Scripture Reading

Deacon Larry Rowland

Psalm 133

Thanksgiving Prayer

Invitation to Offering

*†Offering Song

“I gave My Life for Thee” #606

Worship in Song

Praise Team

“God Who Loved”

God’s Word

Pastor Jonathan Balmer

Acts 4:32-35

* Stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

† The whole congregation joins in singing.

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Message

Pastor Jonathan Balmer

“Heart and Soul”

*†Song of Response

“Let Your Heart Be Broken” #611

If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in Jesus, or request membership in this congregation, our ministers will greet you at the altar during the Song of Response.

Church Highlights

Reverend Susan Prather

Prayers of God’s People

*†Sending Song

“Great Are You Lord”

*Benediction

Pastor Jonathan Balmer

Birthdays This Week



11 Charles Blankenship

12 Rebeka Scott

12 Zachary Mann

17 Andrew Corbitt

Last Week’s Attendance & Offering

April 4th, 2021 Attendance:	94
Contributions:	\$6,270.00
Average Weekly Need:.....	\$4,420.00
Average Needs To Date.....	\$50,605.00
Given To Date:	\$54,954.00



To give online: Go to www.mt-hermon.org and click the **Online Giving Tab**. Register for an account, select your preferred method of payment, enter and amount, time frame, and click submit.

* Stand as you are able, in body or spirit.
† The whole congregation joins in singing.

Scripture Readings



Old Testament

Psalm 133
A song of ascents. Of David.

1

How good and pleasant it is
when God’s people live together in unity!

2

It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron’s beard,
down on the collar of his robe.

3

It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

New Testament

Acts 4:32-35
The Believers Share Their Possessions

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Pastor Balmer’s Bulletin



Psalm 133:1 was painted on my fraternity’s dormitory stairwell: “How Good and Pleasant it is when Brothers Dwell Together in Unity.” I thought about that verse a lot, as I passed it. Especially if guys in the house were fighting! Now the full version, in another translation, is on a poster in my office.

“Look at how good and pleasing it is /
when families live together as one!” (CEB)

You may have heard the verse before, but read all of Psalm 133. Did you know we get name-dropped at the end of it? That’s right Mount Hermon (fine, okay, the original Mount Hermon) is mentioned! Verse 3 says:

“It is like the dew on **Mount Hermon**
streaming down onto the mountains of Zion, because
it is there that the LORD has commanded the blessing: everlasting life.”
(emphasis mine)

Unity can be a tremendous blessing: when it is unity based on the promise and blessing of God. There are all types of attempts at unity. Some more fitting and good than others. My freshman high school Spanish teacher once told us about Francisco Franco’s regime in Spain. He lived in the Catalonia province of Spain. During Franco’s regime, the language spoken there, Catalan, (a different language than Castilian Spanish), was banned. My Spanish teacher recalled his neighbor telling the story of when he was a child. He once spoke Catalan in public. A man scolded him, and told him to stop “speaking the language of pigs.” Franco wanted unity, but the uniformity with which he sought it was neither good nor pleasing.

I’m sure you can think of other examples of attempts and unity that were neither good nor pleasing. Social pressure which stifles, rather than feels like home. Attempts to make everyone or everything look the same. The weighty feeling in one’s gut that one could never disagree, no matter how politely, with the consensus of a room and still be a beloved friend or family member.

And yet how different is God’s unity: the unity Mount Hermon Baptist Church must pursue. It is not stifling, or bitter, or hostile toward our differences. God’s unity loves enemies. It also recognizes (many) differences as God created. This unity is based upon the promises of God to His people. It is unity which overflows and covers a multitude. It’s unity which is as overflowing and gracious as it is holy. We are one, but we are not one because we’re forced to be less ourselves. We might think of sin as complete freedom to express ourselves, but in reality sin is limiting. C.S. Lewis was right: “How monotonously alike all the great tyrants and conquerors have been; how gloriously different are the saints.”

The promises of God aren’t based upon us all “looking the part.” All being the same. The metaphor the New Testament uses for the church is that of a body with many parts (1 Corinthians 12:2). Yes, they’re each different, and yet they are united. They do not war with one another (or else something is terribly wrong!). They seek the other’s good. They seek to be one as the Son and the Father are One. To be one in Christ is — yes — good and pleasing.

- Pastor Jonathan