

## Upcoming Events

### March 1-8

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

### March 7

Day Light Savings, Spring Forward

### March 10

11:30 am Senior Lunch

### March 15

Youth Pastor Vote

### March 18

5:30 pm Mission Meal  
6:30 pm Missions night

### March 21

6:00 pm Marriage Enrichment Dinner

### March 29

Palm Sunday  
No evening services

## Mark Your Calendars

### April 1st

Children's Easter Celebration

### April 5th

Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship



# Marriage Minute



## Embracing the Three Journeys to Save Your Marriage

At Hope Restored, we describe marriage as an adventure of three simultaneous journeys: mine, yours, and ours. Ideally, each spouse is on a personal journey toward wholeness, and the relationship journey is nurtured and tended to by both.

Sometimes the sense of helplessness and powerlessness we feel in marriage is the result of a skewed perspective of where power and responsibility lie. I have zero power to change my spouse. Furthermore, I have zero responsibility to do so. I didn't grow up with that understanding.

So, when I realized my spouse's care and wellbeing were not my responsibility but were things I could support and care about instead of take care of, I was able to focus on my own journey toward wellness, which ultimately improved my marriage because I showed up healthier and safer with my spouse.

It is possible this view of marriage may be new to you. So, let's look at some ways you can begin the journey of caring for your personal and relationship journeys, while entrusting your spouse's journey to God:

Prioritizing Safety and Self-Awareness in your Marriage

Deepening Intimacy Through Heart Talks

Addressing the Root Issues to Revitalize Your Marriage

Seeking Support and Embracing Hope for Your Marriage

*(This excerpt is from an article by Rhonda Robinson on HopeRestored by Focus on the Family. To read the entire article, please visit [hoperestored.focusonthefamily.com/resources/renewing-hope-tips-to-fix-and-revitalize-your-marriage](http://hoperestored.focusonthefamily.com/resources/renewing-hope-tips-to-fix-and-revitalize-your-marriage))*

# Mount Vernon Baptist Church

## Serving in Love. Growing in Faith

Newsletter  
March 2026



## From the Pastor's Desk-

Beloved Church Family,

As we step into March, I find my heart filled with gratitude for you. It is a joy to serve a people who love the Word of God, who are hungry to grow, and who desire to walk faithfully with Christ. These past few weeks have reminded me again that the Lord is at work among us not always in loud or dramatic ways but in steady, sanctifying, soul-shaping ways.

March is often a month of transition. The cold of winter begins to loosen its grip, and signs of new life quietly emerge. In many ways, that mirrors the Christian life. There are seasons that feel barren and difficult. There are stretches where growth seems slow. And yet, beneath the surface, God is always at work.

We have been reminded recently that our joy is not rooted in our

circumstances but in our salvation. We have a protected inheritance. We have a proven faith. We have a present love for Christ. And we have a certain outcome: the salvation of our souls. That truth steadies us when trials come. It anchors us when life feels uncertain. It fuels worship when the world feels heavy.

As your pastor, my prayer for you this month is simple: That you would look up. Look up from the noise. Look up from the anxiety. Look up from the disappointments. Look up to Christ. Set your mind on things above, not on things that are on earth (Colossians 3:2). Remember that you are not living for what is fading, you are living for what is eternal. You are not working toward an uncertain future, you are moving toward a secured inheritance kept in heaven for you.

Let us be a church marked by deep joy, steady faith, and genuine love for Christ.

And if this month finds you weary know this:

The Lord has not forgotten you. The Spirit is sustaining you. Your faith is being refined. Your inheritance is secure.

Press on. Look to Christ. Rejoice in your salvation.

It is a privilege to shepherd you.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andrew



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## Prayer List

If you have added a name to the prayer list, please remember to give updates or let us know when to remove.

Tony Shaver	Linda Wike	Carolyn Campbell	Wayne Myers
Angie Wooten	Hal Moose	Charles Kurfees	Donna York
Melissa Holland	Dolly Madison	Mason Durden	Madison German
Donnie Seipel	John Debroder	Oliver Smith	Lillie Poole
John "Skip" Douglas	Joey Campbell	Randy Holland	Lester Arrington
Teresa Lentz	Ace Carter	Nancy Deal	

## **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering For North American Missions** **Goal: \$5,500**

### WMU News

The ladies of the church delivered soup and dessert to the Union Grove Elementary School staff in February. The staff was so appreciative. Thank you to all that participated. We are now collecting copy paper for North Middle as they are running very low with limited funds due to budget constraints. Join us in praying and giving to the Annie Armstrong Offering this month. This offering supports our North American Missionaries. Please join us for our next meeting. Our Mission Meal this month will be chicken casserole, potatoes, green beans and dessert. Any proceeds will go towards the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.



### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT NIGHT MARCH 21ST

Mount Vernon Baptist  
145 Mount Vernon Church Road, Olin, NC  
Free Steak Dinner @ 6 pm  
Presentation by Keith & Mandy Devine @ 7 pm  
Contact David Prevette @ 704-902-1340

## SERVE AND GROW

Truthgirlz

Www.truthgirlz.org

Suggested donations for incentive boutique and lessons for March are car items and accessories. Also, there is an amazon wish list connected to the QR code below. If you have any questions, please see Julie Rupard.



### NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

T/TH Noon- 4 pm

W/F 9 am- 2 pm



## SENIOR ADULTS

The Seniors enjoyed a Japanese style meal in February and a performance by a trick roper. All seniors should plan to join us March 10 for the senior meal. You are never too old or young to join us! We plan to have soup and sandwiches and dessert. Matthew Hix will come to do a juggling act. On April 14 we will play Bingo at church.



Men's Fellowship  
Breakfast  
March 7  
8 AM

## Youth News

**Thank you to all the youth and leaders for their hard work with Hee Haw!! All Youth are invited to an early release activity day on March 25th at noon.**

### Children's News

We are excited to have a new class especially for our younger children on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Mark your calendars for the Children's Easter Celebration Wednesday, April 1st, 6-7:30 pm. All children are invited to come have some fun with egg hunts, candy, crafts and more.



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