

# MV NEWS



MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH  
BOONE, NC  
Interim Pastor, Dr. David Horner  
May 17, 2025

SUNDAY, MAY 18

MORNING SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SERVICES - 8:30 & 10:00 AM

LIFE GROUPS - 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Join us as we hear from Dr. Brian Upshaw, who serves in leadership at our NC Baptist State Convention.



*Brian Upshaw serves as director of the Ministry Strategies Group and associate executive director-treasurer. As the group's director, Upshaw leads convention staff who are specialists in particular ministry areas to work with churches and pastors to develop and implement strategic approaches to ministry.*

Click on the image below and enjoy these songs this week as you prepare your heart for worship!

A graphic with a dark wood-grain background. At the top, the text "MOUNT VERNON" is written in a white, cursive font. Below it, "SONGS FOR SUNDAY" is written in a white, serif font. In the center, the lyrics "No Body Exalted Over All He Who Is To Come Holy Holy Holy Follow" are written in a white, serif font. At the bottom right, the Mount Vernon Baptist Church logo is displayed, which is a circular emblem with a stylized mountain range in white and green, and the text "BAPTIST CHURCH" at the bottom.

MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

Stop by the Foster Connection Table in the church lobby!



We live in a broken world with a broken system, but Christ came to overcome this world. He has called us to be ambassadors to it, to shine His Light and Love to it. The month of May is **Foster Care Awareness Month**, and we want to highlight the efforts in our community to support and heal the brokenness.

Foster Connection is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting children and families involved in the foster care and adoption process. We provide essential items when a placement is made, including meals and resources that support the family. We also do community-building events to help families feel seen and know they are not alone. In Watauga County, we have 44 children in foster care, and 30 licensed foster homes to care for these children. As a result of our lack of available homes, 27 children were placed outside of Watauga County. If you'd like to learn more about ways to support local children and families in the high country, please contact us at [fosterconnectionnc@gmail.com](mailto:fosterconnectionnc@gmail.com).

You can also stop by our table in the education lobby throughout the month of May!

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MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR PRAYER ON MAY 21

**LET US**



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER & WORSHIP

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 6:30 PM**  
**WORSHIP CENTER**

Church family, come join us for a time of prayer and worship on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:30pm in the Worship Center. We will call out to God for His guidance in our pastor search process and in the implementation of new church bylaws. We will ask Him to renew us personally and as a church family. We will confess sin. We will give God thanks for all He has done and for what

He will do. These are exciting days of listening to the Lord's direction and waiting for His provision. Let us pray. "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

## FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

The Search team has opened the online process for pastors to submit their resume and other pertinent information. We are providing this information to anyone who might have a colleague, friend or acquaintance that has the qualifications and interest in this position. All submissions will need to be sent via [this online link](#). Feel free to discuss this position with them and forward this information and link to them if they are interested in applying. The job posting will be open from April 1 - May 30, 2025. Thanks for your assistance in getting the word out to other potential candidates.

Pastor Search Team

Link to apply: [Here to apply](#)

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## PLEASE CONTINUE IN PRAYER FOR OUR SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

### Search Team Members

Al Houck - Chair

Antonio Arias

Joe W. Greene

Kevin Harward

Jonathan Lubkemann (alt.)

Jenny Phillips

Josh Phillips

Kim Shields

Deniece Smith

Amy Wilson

Dear Mt Vernon Church Family

Attached is a 9 Day Prayer request from our Pastor Search Committee. We are talking our talk very seriously and we know that our own, we cannot accomplish anything! It is only by God's grace that our new pastor will make his way to Mt. Vernon. We need your help! Will you take time each day to pray with us?

Attached is a 9 Day prayer list. The first 10 days concentrate on praying for the Search Committee. Others through to focus on MTVC as a congregation and the final 10 days focus on the next God's calling, over new, to become next Senior Pastor.

We are asking you to pray through the 9 days and then start over. We may periodically ask you to pray for other things and God knows that we can come back to Him and He will respond to our humble heart. We need you Mount Vernon, to pray and seek God with us! We believe He has a very good plan about for us!

Prayer for Search Committee

Day 1: Pray for deep spiritual sensitivity and kindness of the Holy Spirit in each member and that their hearts are humble and teachable. Antonio Arias, Joe W. Greene, Kevin Harward, Al Houck, Jenny Phillips, Josh Phillips, Kim Shields, Deniece Smith, Amy Wilson, Jonathan Lubkemann (alternate). Ps.51:10-12,17, Ps.19:12,14, Is.66:1-2, Eph.1:15-21, John 15:1-4.

Day 2: Pray for God to fill the chairman, Al Houck, and the Committee, with knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding and for strength to walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him. Pray that the Committee be earnest in seeking the Lord in prayer. Luke 6:12-13, Mt.6:6-13, Titus 2:10-22, Col 1:9-12

Day 3: Pray for powerful unity and oneness in spirit within the Committee. Amos 3:3, Eph. 4:1-3, Philippians 1:9-11, 2:1-4, Ps. 127:1

Day 4: Pray for God's clear direction in how resumes are examined and interviews conducted. Ask God to bring His chosen man to the attention of the Committee. Job 1:5, Is.58:9, Rom 12:2

Day 5: Pray for the Search Committee to have God's wisdom in all questions and information they share with the prospective pastor with Spirit-led thoroughness being essential. 1Cor.2:10-16, Ps.107:11

Day 6: Pray for the Committee to have wisdom and discernment regarding the unique characteristics and traits God has planned that are most needed for APOSIC in a pastor. 1Cor.5:1-10, Jk. 1:6

Day 7: Pray for the Committee to have only God's timetable, and no other, in their determination to find God's perfect will in God's perfect time. Eph.1:17, 5:15-17, Jer.29:11-13, Is. 58:9

Day 8: Pray that any influence of Satan will be thwarted. That any attempt to mislead or stall or deceive the Committee will be completely foreshortened. Pray for a powerful hark of protection around the Committee and their families. John 10:1-5,11, Acts 20:29-30, Eph.4:10-13

Day 9: Pray for God's guidance in how the future pastor will be presented to the church. Pray that there would be no hint of division, only complete unity among the Committee and the church. 1Cor. 1:10, Philippians 1:27, 2:13-15

Day 10: Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will seek God's will for the church above their own desires. That they are diligent and work hard to fulfill the task entrusted to them. Col.3:23, Gal.6:9-20, Rom. 12:11, John 13:15-17, Philippians 2:3-11

Prayer Guide PDF

# **MOUNT VERNON, LET'S CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES!**



**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION  
CELEBRATION**

**FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025**

**6:30 PM IN THE SANCTUARY  
FINGER FOOD RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

**AWANA CELEBRATION  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025  
6:30 PM  
MEADOWVIEW ROOM  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW**



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**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

# Mount Vernon Womens Ministry

Summer 2025

## Women's Gatherings

**Thursday, June 5 - 6pm**

Hymn Sing, Jo Boggs Testimony,  
& Pray for VBS

**Thursday, July 10 - 6pm**

Time of Worship, Lisa Taylor Testimony,  
& Pray for Peru Missions

## Summer Studies

Groups Start Early June



We have groups meeting throughout our  
community each week.

To join a study, [sign up online.](#)



**Follow Us On Instagram**  
for Encouragement & Updates  
[@mountvernonwomen](#)

WOMEN, CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR A SUMMER STUDY!

Women's Bible Study-  
Summer



# Vacation Bible School

June 23 - 26 / 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## VOLUNTEERS

Sign up at the MV Kids table today to join us on this wonderful adventure through God's Word!

## REGISTRATION

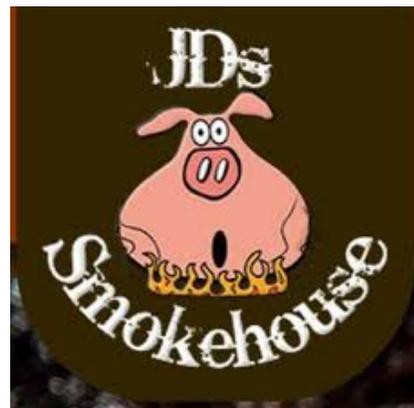
Registration for children ages 4 through rising sixth graders will open May 25 .

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SENIOR ADULTS, JOIN US FOR A LUNCH OUTING MAY 22

JD's Smokehouse  
Barbecue Trip – May 22, 2025

Join us for a fun time and good food at JD's Smokehouse in Lenoir on May 22, 2025. We plan to meet there at 11:30 AM that day. Sunday school classes are being asked to work together to arrange to carpool, and/or you may come by yourself. If enough people need transportation, we can take the bus for up to 12 people. We will need to have a minimum of 10 in order to justify this.



The cost of the meal will range from \$10-\$20 per person. JDs has a nice atmosphere and can accommodate a large group. The food is excellent, and this is a close road trip for us to consider for a fun outing together. Please sign up in your Life Groups or contact the church office by phone or email Angie Derrick at [angie@mvbcb.org](mailto:angie@mvbcb.org).

JDs Smokehouse is located at [2731 Morganton Blvd SW, Lenoir](#).

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## THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

Take a few minutes for an encouraging story of God at work in Colombia. Click on the video link below to hear how the Lord is at work! This is from one of Johnny Wilson's partners in Colombia...



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Service Opportunities – Get Involved!



**Join the Mission – Live Out God's Love in Action!**

NC Baptist on Mission has partnered with Rock Boone Serve Center to support disaster relief and rebuild efforts. Volunteer teams are coming to Boone, and we have a unique opportunity to serve those who serve!

Where? 183 Graggville Road, Boone, NC (former nursing home facility)

How Can You Help? Hands-on service in housekeeping at the Serve Center and/or food prep/provision to keep volunteer teams going strong.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Life Groups, families, and individuals to make an impact!

Pastor Jonathan Arnette at The Rock is your go-to contact for questions or to get involved.

Check out the signups below for information on the firewood ministry as well.

Sign up today and be a part of this Kingdom *work*! Check out the links below to schedule your service.

Volunteer for Cleaning &  
Meals

Volunteer for Splitting Firewood



### MV DISASTER RELIEF FORM

Church, do you know someone who may need our assistance? We welcome you to print the form below or share it electronically with those in need.

Please have them complete the form and return it to our main office or email it to [office@mvcb.org](mailto:office@mvcb.org). *Thank you for your caring outreach to your neighbors in need!*

Click here for Disaster Relief Application  
Form

### Baptist on Mission

#### Team and Material Coordinator Position

Our local Baptist on Mission Disaster Relief Team is looking to fill two spots of the Team and Material Coordinator Positions. Contact Gerald Hodges for more information.



### WE'RE HIRING

Baptist on Mission Rebuild  
**Kitchen Manager**

This individual will be based in Boone at our Rutherwood Church location, but may also have involvement with the Rock Boone Serve Center.

#### Position Description:

- Kitchen Manager is responsible to set the menus.
- Coordinate with Relief Feeding and local churches for cooking teams each week.
- Kitchen Manager is to purchase food/supplies as needed.
- Cleaning: see that the kitchen, serving, and snack areas are cleaned daily.

- Check with Office Manager for total meal counts.

- Any other task necessary for operations.

Pay rate - \$2,000/month

Contact [Gerald Hodges](#) for more information.



Baptist On Mission



## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED



We are thankful for our partnership with Baptist On Mission for Rebuild and Recovery. Teams come in every week to work and serve in our communities. We could use your help. Some have gotten involved by helping feed volunteers and cleaning the housing facility.

The Rock Serve Center has been an awesome partner in housing volunteers. They need volunteers to help clean up the facility each week. You can sign up by going to their [Sign Up Genius form](#). They usually do cleaning on Thursdays and Mondays.

They also need volunteers to help feed the volunteers on Mondays

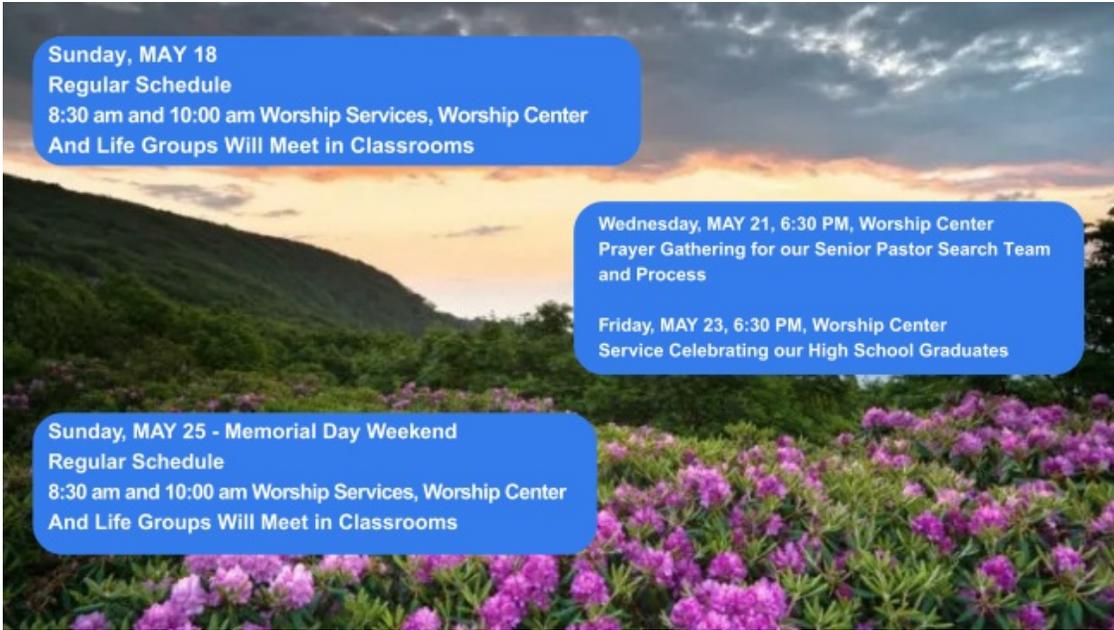
through Thursdays. You can sign up on that [same form](#).

Our Rebuild Teams also need local assistance as runners, support staff, and to join smaller volunteer teams. You can let us know your availability by filling out this [quick form](#) or contacting the Rebuild Center at 910-857-1123.

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VISIT OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

MV Library  
Online



Sunday, MAY 18  
Regular Schedule  
8:30 am and 10:00 am Worship Services, Worship Center  
And Life Groups Will Meet in Classrooms

Wednesday, MAY 21, 6:30 PM, Worship Center  
Prayer Gathering for our Senior Pastor Search Team  
and Process  
  
Friday, MAY 23, 6:30 PM, Worship Center  
Service Celebrating our High School Graduates

Sunday, MAY 25 - Memorial Day Weekend  
Regular Schedule  
8:30 am and 10:00 am Worship Services, Worship Center  
And Life Groups Will Meet in Classrooms

## Tithes & Offerings

Give  
Online

Prefer to send your tithes and offerings to the church?  
You may mail to:  
**Mount Vernon Baptist Church**  
3505 Bamboo Road  
Boone, NC 28607

Gifts can be given through Mount Vernon for Helene Disaster Relief

Helene Disaster Relief

### Weekly Financial Report for 5/11/25 & Year-to-Date:

Tithe Needs - \$43,350.71  
Tithe Gifts 5/11/25 - \$49,155.30

YTD Budget Needs - \$823,663.49  
YTD Gifts - \$782,097.83

MVBC MAIN OFFICE HOURS  
Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 4:30  
Friday - 8:30 - 1:00

When weather affects our schedule, we send out MV News updates and post to our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) profiles.



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