

**Sunday Services**  
**9am Contemporary & 10:30am Traditional**  
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**Discover**   
Mount Vernon




Join us to learn more about Mount Vernon. Whether you're new or just visiting, this is the class for you!

**Sundays • 9am**  
**January 7, 14, 21, & 28**

Register online  
[mountvernon.church/events](http://mountvernon.church/events)

**Midweek Series with Pastor Josh**  
**Wednesdays • 6:30pm • Sanctuary**



**God's Amazing Book**  
Journey Through the New Testament

## Tithes & Offerings

for the Fiscal Year • 7/1/23-6/30/24

As Of December 31

Annual Tithes & Offerings Budget	\$3,600,000
YTD Budgeted	\$1,784,592
YTD Receipts	\$2,139,023
Weekly Receipts-Budgeted	\$105,410
Actual Receipts-Last Week	\$104,332
YTD Over (Shortfall)	\$354,431
Annual Building Fund Budget	\$345,000
YTD Budgeted	\$190,902
YTD Receipts	\$205,562
Weekly Receipts-Budgeted	\$4,028
Actual Receipts-Last Week	\$2,361
YTD Over (Shortfall)	\$14,660

### Ministerial Staff

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## Wednesday Fellowship Dinners

mountvernon.church/dinner

### Wednesday, January 10 • 5:30p-6:30p

Salad, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Squash Casserole, Italian Style Green Beans, Rolls/Butter, Dessert  
Gluten Free - Salad, Baked Chicken, Roasted Baby Potatoes with Butter, Italian Style Green Beans, Dessert  
Children's - Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni & Cheese, Fruit/Applesauce/Pudding Cups, Dessert

**Prices:** Regular meal: \$8; Child (2-11 years old): \$4; Infant (<2): Free  
Family Max (Discount): \$25 (immediate family up to 2 Regular & 5 Child)

**Reservation Deadline Monday • 12p**

mountvernon.church/dinner or (804) 270-6600

# COMMUNITY

## Sunday Attendance (December 31)

430	9a Worship
372	10:30a Worship
154	Mount Vernon Kids
112	Mount Vernon Students
340	Adult Bible Fellowship

**1,068 TOTAL On Campus Impact**  
(includes Worship, MV Kids & MV Students)

**532 TOTAL Online Impact**

## New Members (December 31)



Braxton Harlow  
Candidate for Baptism



The Morgan Family  
Monica, Crystal, Maxwell, Lawrence, Joyce, & Max  
Letter of Transfer

## Sympathy

Family of Virginia Baugher (mother of Nan McGrew)  
Family of Roger Nicholson (uncle of Kate Noel)

## Prayers From This Past Week (Dec 29-Jan 4)

Carolyn Boykin  
Juanita Branson  
Susan Kish

### Submit Your Prayer Request:

mountvernon.church/prayer • MVBC app

email pray@mountvernon.church • (804) 270-6600

Looking for a previous week's list?

Email pray@mountvernon.church



## PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2 years old - Kindergarten

### Registration Opens:

- January 9: Church Members & Former Students
- January 16: New Families

As one of the ministries of MVBC, Mount Vernon Preschool serves the community by providing the best in preschool education and by witnessing how Jesus Christ can change lives.

Our main purpose is to provide Christian care and to nurture your child cognitively, physically, spiritually, socially and emotionally.

**Register Online** mvbcpreschool.org

(804) 935-0162 • Director: Laura Cottrell

## Gifts in Memory & Honor • December 2023

All gifts are credited to the building fund unless otherwise noted.

### In Memory of Ottie & Naomi Carter

Rebecca Young (*Bereavement*)

### In Memory of Joyce Good

Bob & Jackie Bratton (*Memorial Park*)

Joe & Betty Nash

Mason & Helen Nuckols

### In Memory of Their Parents

Jeff & Madeline Wright (*Lottie Moon*)

### In Memory of Ray & Mary Ricketts

Joan Shepherd

### In Memory of Anne Runion

Bob & Jackie Bratton (*Memorial Park*)

### In Memory of Mamie & Charles Seay, Jr.

Hugh & Jackie Conoly

### In Memory of Jackie Sykes

Steve Sykes

### In Memory of Gary Whitaker

Studies in Discipleship Class (*Benevolence*)

### In Memory of Ronald Winston

Bob & Jackie Bratton (*Bereavement*)

### In Honor of Dr. John Sullivan

Cast of "A Christmas Carol" (*Musical Gifts*)

## Giving Statements will be emailed by January 31.

The email will come from pushpay.com

**Questions?** Contact dyarbrough@mountvernon.church



## Online Giving

mountvernon.church/give

Text "Give" to (833) 921-6485

# Calendar • January 7-13

mountvernon.church/events  
Church Office Hours: 9a-4:30p M-F

### Sunday, January 7

- 8a Bus Ministry
- 9a Contemporary Worship  
Sunday School - all ages  
Discover Mount Vernon • Fellowship Hall
- 10:30a Traditional Worship  
Sunday School - all ages
- 4:15p Student Ministry Band • E213
- 5:45p Awana
- 6p Mentoring Men • Sanctuary  
Student Small Groups  
• Student Worship Center  
Women's Bible Study • E204

### Monday, January 8

- 7p Personnel PC Mtg • E206  
College/Young Adult Bible Study • E213

### Tuesday, January 9

- 10a Young at Heart Choir Rehearsal • M116
- 12p Chat n Chew • E202

### Wednesday, January 10

- 8:45a Christian Yoga • E213
- 10a Women's Bible Study • M131/132
- 5:30p Fellowship Dinner • Fellowship Hall
- 6p Women's Bible Study • M131/132
- 6:15p KidJAM

### 6:30p Mid-Week Study • Sanctuary

Children's PC Mtg • E206

Mentoring Men • E204

Midweek Student Discipleship Groups

- Student Worship Center

JAM

### 7:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal • Choir Room

### Thursday, January 11

6:15p CWT Vocal Rehearsal • Choir Room

7p CWT Rehearsal • Sanctuary

### Friday, January 12

7:45a Feeding the Hungry • M118

### Saturday, January 13

7:30a Men's Study • E220

10a Food Pantry Distribution • Door 5

# FEATURED EVENTS & RESOURCES



**Awana Clubs**  
mountvernon.church/kids  
A fun-filled, Bible-based discipleship program for kids.  
**starts back January 7**



**MENTORING MEN**  
**Sundays • 6pm • starts back Jan 7**  
**Wednesdays • 6:30pm**  
A discipleship group for men  
Led by Pastor Josh Franklin & Pastor Clayton Carnall  
**12 weeks • \$10 Mentoring Men for the Master Book**  
Any man 18+ is welcome throughout this fall semester.  
**Register Online • mountvernon.church/events**



**Grief Share**  
Receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort & peace of mind.  
**Winter Session • Sundays**  
**February 11-April 28 • 2pm-3:30pm**  
**Materials: \$20**  
**Register Online • mountvernon.church/events**

Help is here & hope is possible.  
**Sunday, February 4**  
**11:45am-2pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
FREE Seminar & Lunch  
**Register Online**  
[mountvernon.church/events](http://mountvernon.church/events)



**LOSS OF A SPOUSE**



**Women's Card Making Class**  
**Saturday, Feb 3 • 10am Fellowship Hall**  
Come make Valentine's Day Cards to take home.  
No experience needed.  
Light Refreshments  
Cost \$5/person  
**Register Online**  
[mountvernon.church/events](http://mountvernon.church/events)



**Faithful Followers**  
A Christ-Centered Support Group for Homeschool Families  
**Round Table Discussion**  
**How Is Your School Year Going?**  
**Monday, January 15 • 6:30pm-8:30pm • M131/132**  
NOTE: childcare available for babies-elementary grades  
[mountvernon.church/kids](http://mountvernon.church/kids)





Parent-Child  
**Dedications**  
The opportunity to present your child for dedication to Christ and the church.  
**Sunday, February 11**  
**Sign Up Online • mountvernon.church/events**

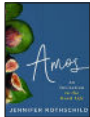
[mountvernon.church/events](http://mountvernon.church/events)


**NEW MEN'S STUDY**  
[mountvernon.church/men](http://mountvernon.church/men)  
 **Saturdays • 7:30a • starts Jan 6**  
E220

**NEW WOMEN'S STUDIES**  
Sign Up • [mountvernon.church/women](http://mountvernon.church/women)  
Childcare available upon request

 **Tuesdays • 12pm • Jan 2-June 11**  
E202 • Book \$15  
Led by Mary Stinson & Carolyn Payne

 **Wednesdays • 10am • Jan 3-March 5**  
M131/132 • Book \$16  
Led by Dee Yarbrough & Kathy Parker

 **Wednesdays • 6pm • Jan 3-Feb 21**  
M131/132 • Book \$20  
Led by Angela Howerton

 **Sundays • 6pm • Jan 7-Feb 18**  
E204 • Book \$16  
Led by Michelle Robertson



**MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**  
**Saturday, March 2**  
**8:30am-1pm**  
Tickets Online  
\$25/couple  
\$15/individual  
**with Dr. Daniel L. Akin**  
President, Southeastern Seminary  
[mountvernon.church/events](http://mountvernon.church/events)

Mount Vernon **STUDENTS**  
**DNOW 2024**  
**March 8-10 • 6th-12th Grade • \$40 per student**  
**More Info & Register Online (opens January 2)**  
[mountvernon.church/students](http://mountvernon.church/students)

**OUR CHURCH'S OFFERING GOAL**  
**\$140,000**  
**GIVE ONLINE**  
[mountvernon.church/give](http://mountvernon.church/give)  
**As of December 31: \$113,653**  


**Lottie Moon Post Office**  
Your family's cards that others have left for you will be waiting there to pick up!  
**Please pick up TODAY!**  


## CONNECT WITH A CLASS Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF)

Opportunities for Bible Study,  
building relationships, prayer & service.  
[mountvernon.church/adults](http://mountvernon.church/adults)

**9a**  
**Christians in Action (CIA)/All Ages/E202**  
Teacher: John Jimison  
Study/Topic: Bible Studies for Life

**Deborah/Ages 55+/Women/M133**  
Teacher: Nancy Crutcher, Susan Lowery  
Study/Topic: Explore the Bible

**Disciples/All Ages/E210**  
Teacher: Tom Zimmerman  
Study/Topic: Apocalypse Now?

**Encouragers/Ages 55+/M111**  
Teachers: Bill Franklin, Judy Clarke, Walter Smith  
Study/Topic: Explore the Bible

**Faith/Ages 60+/M131**  
Teachers: Bob Boteler, Ashby Knight, Ken Stalls  
Study/Topic: Explore the Bible

**Fellowship/Ages 55+/E203**  
Teacher: Dwight Webb  
Study/Topic: Explore the Bible

**Studies in Discipleship/Ages 30-80/E205**  
Teacher: James Estep  
Study/Topic: Explore the Bible

**10:30a**  
**Afterglow/Ages 55+/M131**  
Teacher: Tom Killian  
Study/Topic: Explore the Bible

**Bible Foundations/All Ages/E210**  
Teacher: Mark Sheets  
Study/Topic: Explore the Bible

**Cornerstone/Ages 25-40/E202**  
Teacher: Jacob Forkey  
Study/Topic: Bible Studies for Life

**The Bridge/18-25/E220**  
Teacher: Daniel Gray, Dan Seedah,  
Jeff & Sarah Randolph  
Study/Topic: John

**Journey/Ages 30s-60s/M111**  
Teacher: Tim & Teresa Boschen  
Study/Topic: Bible Studies for Life

**Lift/Ages 40s-60s/E203**  
Teacher: Ronnie Bingham, Carole Forkey  
Study/Topic: Bible Studies for Life

**Parents of Children/Ages 20s-40s/E204**  
Teacher: Brad & Stephanie Jones  
Study/Topic: Bible Studies for Life

**Parents of Students/Ages 30s-50s/E205**  
Teacher: Mike Renfroe  
Study/Topic: Bible Studies for Life

**Rooted/Ages 45+/M133**  
Teacher: Doug Jones  
Study/Topic: Bible Studies for Life

**Verse Voyagers/Ages 50+/M116**  
Teacher: Joe Crenshaw, Carl & Lee Ann Lecheler  
Study/Topic: James

### Sunday School Classes

#### Mount Vernon Kids

9a & 10:30a • Infants-Grade 5  
[mountvernon.church/kids](http://mountvernon.church/kids)

#### Mount Vernon Students

9a E220 & 10:30a E213 • Grades 6-12  
[mountvernon.church/students](http://mountvernon.church/students)

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## Learning to Forgive

**Ephesians 4:31-5:2**

Dr. Josh Franklin • Senior Pastor

# worship order

**January 7, 2024**

## 9am • Contemporary Service

Welcome

Songs of Praise

“Open Up The Heavens”

“God Is Able”

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“His Mercy Is More”

Sermon

Dr. Josh Franklin

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Invitation

“Faithful Now”

Lord’s Supper

Benediction

“Amazing Grace”

## 10:30am • Traditional Service

Welcome

Songs of Praise

“He Lives”

“Majesty”

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“Take My Hand, Precious Lord”

Galen Towns, soloist

Sermon

Dr. Josh Franklin

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Invitation

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Lord’s Supper




Benediction

“Amazing Grace”

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