

## CHURCH EVENTS

### September 1

Labor Day  
Church Office Closed

### September 3

5:00p Potluck Dinner

### September 6

9:00a Baptist Men  
9:00a Ladies'  
Fellowship

### September 7

1:30p Deacons' Mtg

### September 13

Men's Conference  
Rich Fork Baptist Church  
Thomasville, NC

### September 14

11:00a Homecoming  
Potluck Lunch

### September 21

Business Meeting  
Following Worship

### September 23

Newsletter Input Due

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday

9:30a Adult Study Groups  
9:30a Children/Youth  
11:00a Worship Service

### Wednesday

6:00p Adult Bible Study  
6:00p Children/Youth  
7:15 Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday

6:30p Amen Class

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



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*September*  
**2025**

## Pastor's Pen

Dear Mount Hermon family,

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving Mount Hermon as your interim pastor. You have been gracious, supportive, giving, and attentive. You have created a wonderful opportunity to share with you in fellowship, worship, and community. Old friendships have been refreshed, and new ones have begun.

We know well that time seems to accelerate as we grow older. That certainly is the case with me. I am taking time now to reflect on what we have accomplished together. As I think back on the past months, I am amazed at the ways God has brought us together to share in life's events and ministries. With some of you, I have been given the privilege to share in immense joy and celebration: baptisms, graduations, spiritual awakenings, and God's gracious touch on your lives. With some of you, I have been honored to walk with you through times of stress in relationships and vocations, times of illness and suffering, and times of grief and loss.

In these past months, we have studied and addressed some of the changing demographics, culture and issues of our community and asked how we need to reach out with an effective witness and life-giving ministries. We have experienced renewal, emerging new ministries and plans that will be completed with God's timing. All of it was part of a joyful adventure. And all of you have been active in God's plan.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement and your willingness to serve. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives and the life of Mount Hermon Baptist Church. The staff and leadership of the church is gifted, and I have been blessed to collaborate with them.

Thank you for sharing your faith, lives, joys, and struggles. Thank you for your generous expressions of love and kindness. We will forever remember your graciousness. Linda and I will pray for Reverend Scott Wasdin and his family as they arrive and start their new mission and lives. We will pray for Mount Hermon Church and for a bright and productive future. We request that you pray for us as we begin a new chapter in our journey. We will miss you all and look forward to seeing you again.

My prayer is for you to be the people God is calling you to be and that the Lord will guide you to fulfill the vision of being a vibrant reflection of His love in this community. Invite a friend to join you and this community today.

May the God that we serve lead and guide you. God is faithful and gracious to those who seek to walk in His ways. Best wishes as you remain faithful in that walk. We love you all,  
~David and Linda Morton

## September 14th; HOMECOMING

Guest Speaker: Eric Porterfield  
Youth Pastor/Interim Pastor 1992-1994  
Service at 11:00a  
Followed by our traditional Potluck Lunch  
We look forward to seeing you!

**Welcome Pastor Scott Wasdin and Family  
to the community of  
Mount Hermon Baptist Church!**

**"Let all that you do be done in love." I Corinthians 16:14**

Services available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

## DISCIPLESHIP

We're all in this together. I heard that the other day as I witnessed a fellow chatting with a gentleman in a wheelchair and then helping him onto the elevator which wasn't working too well. The door kept closing and the only chore left was to keep the door open as the gentleman got in. It was only after the gentleman helping didn't get on with him that I realized they were total strangers. I shook his hand and offered my frail commendation for helping a stranger in distress. His only response was, "Hey, we're all in this together."

Indeed, we are all in this together. That topic has been a continuous repeat in this discipleship block. Sometimes we just can't say things often enough or loud enough. We need one another in more ways than are possible to count. Sometimes it's a physical malady. Sometimes it's a burden from long ago that you just can't shake. Sometimes you just can't figure out how to get the necessary things done. When we can see physical maladies I dare say we'd all be ready to rise to the occasion and offer help where it was possible. Then there are the pains we can't see. Some physical, some just burdens of life. How do we know when to try and relieve those other pains? If we're fortunate our friends will trust us enough to share their burdens so you can show you care just by listening. Sometimes we just need to watch and invite someone for a coffee or lunch just to see if a friend would brighten the spirits of the downtrodden.

That brings us back around to discipleship. Proverbs 18:24 says, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Those reading this will readily recognize the friend that sticks closer than a brother as being our Lord. As disciples, our journey takes us on a quest to emulate Jesus the very best we possibly can. I encourage you to join us in our small groups as we discuss what we find that helps us do just that. Sometimes we're searching, sometimes we've been through a trial that someone else can benefit from. Either way, it results in a blessing to your heart.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



If I asked you a question could you answer it? Who is the most forgotten group in the church? If you answered college students you would be correct. We have spent the first years of their life loving and teaching and training them up to be children of God, but as soon as they leave for college, they are on their own.

I would like to change that. We have Shelby Edmonds, Blanca Serrano Gonzalez, Louis Tedder, Daniel Pomo, and Gio Pomo who are members of this church and I would like them to know we have not forgotten them. I am proposing that we assign each one a month and send them a care package with notes and snacks and reminders that we are thinking of them. Would you like to help? I will have a box labeled college student sitting by the glass case. Anything you would like to contribute can be put in there. Need ideas? Notes, snacks, hot chocolate, gift cards to Walmart or other stores, gas cards... you get the idea. Have them in the box by the 15th of the month and we will get them in the mail. Here will be the schedule of students:

September: Shelby      January: Daniel  
October: Blanca      February: Gio  
November: Louis

~ Cookie



Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 (ASV)

**OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH:**  
SOAP

**OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:**  
POTATOES

**SEPTEMBER DEACON MINISTRY:**  
Steve Clayton/Shirley Robinson

## **DEACONS**

Steve Clayton	A-B
Cookie Frederick	C-Dem
Shaina Riley (chair)	Den-G
Shirley Robinson	H-L
Janice Thompson	M-O
Bill Butler	P-R
Peggy Mason	S-Z



**Operation Christmas Child**  
Now is the perfect time to start finding back to school items, end of summer sales, small toys and other items perfect for the shoeboxes.

## STEWARDSHIP

2025	July	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$17,830	\$122,341
Budget Need	<u>\$19,740</u>	<u>\$148,050</u>
Difference	(\$ 1,910)	(\$ 25,709)

2025	July	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$17,830	\$122,341
July Expenses	<u>\$12,124</u>	<u>\$ 93,290</u>
Difference	\$ 5,706	\$ 29,051

Property Renovation Fund - \$13,251

The fence has been installed around the grass area on the back side of the church with plans for a future playground. This project can only be accomplished by your donations to replenish the PRP fund. Please consider giving to this fund in addition to your regular tithes.

Pray for the financial health of the church.

## "Prime Time" Senior Adult Event

Tuesday, September 9, 10:30 a.m.

Waypoint Church  
6804 Farrington Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Cost: \$10/person  
(includes catered lunch)



Guest Speaker:  
Phyllis Elvington  
Bible Teacher  
"Serving the Lord with Gladness"

You may pay at the door, but reservations are required. RSVP  
Deadline: Friday, Sept 5. Please email reservations to:  
[office@triwestnetwork.org](mailto:office@triwestnetwork.org)



In September we will be collecting for  
the North Carolina Missions Offering

Church Goal: \$2,500

Welcome! new member Sandra Shambley to the  
Community of Mount Hermon Baptist Church

## Those Needing Our Prayers...

Georgia Barnette	Joyce Dennis	Betty Jane Poole
Ronda Barton	Judy Hanson	Peggy Rhodes
Edna Berry	Brittany Harper	Ridge Riley
Donna Chamberlain	Lucille King	Robbe Riley
Bill Clayton	Stacy Lee	Rosa Shambley
Joseph Dennard	Joan Page	Crystal Wasdin
Danny Dennis	Peggy Parker	Bob & Virginia Winecoff

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews  
Duke Regional Rehabilitation - Byram Clayton  
UNC Hospital Hillsborough - Ruth Crispin  
Pruitt Health Care - Wendy Dixon  
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera  
Home Hospice Care - Sue Johnson (David Morton's MIL)

### Pray for

The family of Ann Hicks  
The family of Clinton Edmonds  
Reverend Scott Wasdin and our Church  
The Personnel Committee  
Our Brothers at OCC and the Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry  
Those in our community with drug and alcohol addiction  
The homeless people in our community and victims of violence

### AROUND THE WORLD

Peace in Ukraine and Israel and an end to all wars  
Rev. Gideon Thuam, missionary to Myawaddy Myanmar  
Pastor Hammer serving the people of Togo, West Africa  
Graham & Debbie Frith, Missionaries to Bolivia  
Roger and Vicki Grossmann, missionaries to Guatemala  
and the Good Shepherd Ministries  
Asael Briones, Missionary to Honduras



## ~September Update~

We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to our recent Duffel Bag Project for Orange County Correctional. In collaboration with the Baptist Men, 28 bags were filled with toiletries, and numerous clothing items were collected. Everything was delivered to OCC the following week.

Your generosity and support will help recipients as they re-enter the community. Thank you for giving of your time, resources, and prayers to share Christ's love in a practical way.

Our next gathering will be Saturday, September 6 at 9:00 am. After a light breakfast and devotional, one of our projects will be freshening up the church as we prepare for our 177th Homecoming celebration on Sunday, September 14.

All ladies are invited to join us for a time of service, encouragement, and meaningful connections!

If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit.  
Galatians 5:25



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**Secretary:**

Scott Wasdin  
Peggy Mason

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Please keep church office informed of change of address.  
Also, if you no longer wish to receive the monthly newsletter,  
please contact the office by phone or email.

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

09/23 Sherry Stone                      09/28 Tim Thompson

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

09/10 Ivan & Catalina Serrano

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

10/01 Margie Whitfield    10/24 Fernanda Serrano Gonzalez  
10/09 Joyce Dennis        10/25 Todd Riley  
10/10 Lana Morgan        10/26 Lucille King  
10/15 Eddie Andrews    10/29 Evelyn Lilly

If we missed your birthday or anniversary,  
please let us know so we can update our records.

Dear friends,

I thank you for three years of enjoyment, fulfillment, and continued spiritual growth. Our time together was great, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve. I assure you that you will always be in my prayers. Many thanks for the wonderful service on Sunday and thank you for your generosity and well wishes. Love and well wishes for Scott Wasdin as your new pastor. I pray for him and his family in this time of transition. I will not say farewell. I like "until we see each other again." Always remain faithful to Christ who has called us to His service.

Many blessings! David Morton

On behalf of the body of believers at Mount Hermon, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Pastor David Morton. We have been truly blessed by your thoughtful and loving leadership during our time of transition, moving from Pastor Rich's 12 years of service to welcoming our new Pastor, Scott Wasdin. David has been instrumental in shaping the spiritual lives of every believer here, and we hope to have contributed to his journey as well. Each week, he encouraged us to pursue all that God has called us to be. He guided us to be intentional in our outreach, authentic in our relationships, and steadfast in relational discipleship. Through his ministry, he has formed deep bonds within our community and has become a caring friend and wise spiritual mentor to many. Thank you, David, for shepherding us through such a formative season. You have taught us, inspired us, and led us with grace.

**OUTREACH**

Christian outreach takes place in many ways. An additional way that we can participate regardless of our age, physical condition or skill set is through supporting the North Carolina Missions Offering. The month of September has been designated as missions offering month by NC Baptists on Mission Ministries. The state goal has been set at \$1,601,600.

As followers of Christ, we are called to live sent lives- going out with compassion into a broken world that is desperate for hope. "Living Sent" means we see a need, respond to the need, and offer hope in Jesus' name. Through our faithful gifts to the North Carolina missions offering, North Carolina Baptists across our state and around the world are being mobilized to bring relief in times of crisis and share the good news of Jesus Christ. From responding to natural disasters and feeding the hungry, to planting new churches or serving through local missions, these ministries reflect God's love in action. Know that every gift supports life changing ministries that proclaim the gospel and extend the peace of Christ to those in need. (From NC Baptist on Mission magazine)

Please pray for the success of the missions offering and for the ongoing ministry of NC Baptists on Mission.

In Matthew 6:6 Jesus gives specific instructions on how to pray. He said, "When you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray." Take all things to the Lord in prayer. Then listen and act in accordance with the Holy Spirits leading. ~ Steve