

CHURCH EVENTS

November 1

9:00a Baptist Men

November 8

Brunswick Stew Lunch

November 9

Lord's Supper
1:30p Deacons' Mtg

November 13

SHIIP Appointments

November 15

9:00a Shoebox Packing
Party

November 16

Business Meeting
Following Worship

November 20

Newsletter Input Due

November 23

Children/Youth
Friendsgiving Lunch

November 26

No Wednesday Services

November 27-28

Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed

November 29

9:00a Decorate the
Sanctuary

November 30

Favorite Hymn Sunday

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



November
2025

Pastor's Pen

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know things have changed: there's a chill in the air now. The leaves are changing and bursting forth in glorious colors of red, orange, and yellow all around the Triangle. Christmas will be here before we know it. However, coming first will be Thanksgiving Day. What images come to mind for you? We think of the gathering of family, sitting back on the couch while watching football, and we think of all the food – the turkey, the stuffing, the sweet potato casserole. And who can forget the pies and cakes? Then we top it all off with a nice nap. But do we stop and consider what the day means? It was first declared as a holiday by Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War. It was a time to turn to and thank God for His many gifts and blessings that He gives to us. But have we really lost sight of what Thanksgiving is about? Look at those things we just read in the first paragraph. Aren't those the first things that comes to mind?

Unfortunately, many people look at what is happening and talked about in the nation and world around us and ask, "Is there anything to be thankful for anymore?!?" Our hopeful reply must and should always be an affirmation of gratitude to a gracious and generous God. The Lord often times and uses trials and difficult situations to cause us to turn our attention to Him. Maybe God is allowing all this to happen to our culture to get us to turn back to Him. He doesn't promise us a smooth and pain-free journey in this earthly life. But He does promise us that as we lean on him daily, our lives will experience him more and more in every part of our world. So, during this time of Thanksgiving, let us be thankful to God. He has given us a new life through the salvation found in Christ Jesus.

Let us join our voices with King David and pray, "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Say, "Save us, O God of our salvation. Gather us and save us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, to glorify You by praising You." Blessed is the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting (1 Chronicles 16:34-36)." And let's be thankful that, in the end, what really matters most is the forgiveness of sins we have in Christ. The Wasdin family is truly thankful to call Mount Hermon Baptist Church our home. Thank you for your prayers, support, and generosity in love and kindness.

Have a blessed and memorable Thanksgiving, Pastor Scott

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

Services available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

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

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

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH:
DEODORANT

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:
CANNED CHICKEN AND TUNA

NOVEMBER DEACON MINISTRY:
Peggy Mason/Janice Thompson



Time Change
Sunday, November 2
@ 2:00am



Veterans Day
November 11
Thank you!
To all who served

DISCIPLESHIP

With Thanksgiving approaching, I'm sure references to Psalm 100 will be echoed over and over. Please pick up a Bible and read through its five short verses. Let's take a look at a couple of concepts mentioned in this Psalm. From verse 2, "Serve the Lord with gladness" and from verse 4 "Enter His gates with thanksgiving". We can think of a lot of things the Lord has provided for us and certainly, we give thanks for those things but have you ever thought about the opportunity to be of service to our fellow man as something to be thankful for? It's a little different, isn't it? Let's look at one other verse to tie this in a little tighter. In Matthew 25:40 Jesus says, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." If it's not there already, add one more thing to your list to give thanks for. As we pass through this life, let's be glad Jesus gives us these opportunities for service and celebrate them as we go through each day, not just Thanksgiving.

Speaking of service, November 7 and 8 we have an opportunity to be of service to one another. We'll get together on November 8 at 5:00 PM to shred some meat, peel and dice potatoes and onions. To the extent possible, we need to have as much refrigerator space available Friday evening until Saturday morning as we can manage. The potatoes need to be submerged to keep them from turning brown and we need to refrigerate the broth and meat overnight. Saturday morning, we'll get started at 7:00 AM and stir up 15 gallons of fellowship, although some call it stew. Then at noon, you're encouraged to come and eat a bowl and bring a friend with you to eat a bowl as well. In October, we stated that there would be none available for sale. That's still true. However, if you're a shut-in don't worry, there will be some set aside for you and we'll do our best to get it to you as soon as we can. ~ Bill Butler

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Dear Children and Youth Families: You are invited to our **Friendsgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 23rd** immediately after church. This is a time when our families can come together and reflect and share all the things for which we can be thankful. The meal will be provided if parents could bring a dessert it would be appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to do ministry with your children. We have enjoyed being the leaders and look forward to many more times of growing our faith together.

Our college student for the month of November to receive a care package is Louis Tedder, Louis is attending UNC-Wilmington. A box is located in the main hall to drop off cards and donations of gift cards, snack foods, etc..



Thank you to those who brought their cars, provided candy or came out to support the children and the community for our successful Trunk or Treat. ~ Cookie, Teah, John and Kevin

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)



November Update and Reminders

Even though we won't have our normal November and December meetings we'll certainly be busy. Plan to join us on the following dates:

Saturday, November 15 - 9:00 am - Shoebox Packing Party (collect items for the shoeboxes until then - see hallway display for information)

Saturday, November 29 - 9:00 am - Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent & Christmas (under the guidance of the Sanctuary Committee)

And remember to let Amanda Clayton know if you'd like to be a part of our newly established Prayer Shawl Ministry. This is a wonderful way to offer comfort and support to individuals and remind them that the church is praying for them. Instruction and support will be provided to anyone interested in learning to knit or crochet. Amanda can be contacted by texting (252) 521-5590 or by talking with her at church on Sundays.

STEWARDSHIP

2025	September	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$14,334	\$157,665
Budget Need	<u>\$19,740</u>	<u>\$192,465</u>
Difference	(\$ 5,406)	(\$ 34,800)

2025	September	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$14,334	\$157,665
September Expenses	<u>\$21,461</u>	<u>\$130,193</u>
Difference	(\$7,127)	\$ 27,472

Property Renovation Fund - \$13,857

The church is currently collecting to cover the moving expenses of Pastor Scott. As of the end of September we were still \$2,285 short of meeting our goal. Please consider giving to the "Pastor Moving Expenses" fund to meet this expense.

Pray for the financial health of the church.

LIVING SENT

North Carolina Missions Offering

Church Goal: \$2,500

Final Amount Raised: \$3,865

Those Needing Our Prayers...

Georgia Barnette	Joseph Dennard	Brenda Redman
Ronda Barton	Wendy Dixon	Peggy Rhodes
Edna Berry	Judy Hanson	Ridge Riley
Donna Chamberlain	Brittany Harper	Robbe Riley
Bill Clayton	Lucille King	Rosa Shambley
Byrum Clayton	Peggy Parker	Crystal Wasdin
Ruth Crispin	Betty Jane Poole	Bob & Virginia Winecoff

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews

Duke Hospital - Joann Dennis

TerraBella - Joyce Dennis

Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera

Home Hospice Care - Sue Johnson (David Morton's MIL)

Pray for

Reverend Scott Wasdin and our Church

The Personnel and Nominating Committees

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

OUTREACH

Pray, Hear, and Respond

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Christian outreach can be approached in many ways. Just like with clothes, one size or approach does not always fit all. An outfit that flatters a teenager may be very "awkward" for an older adult.

God has given each of us gifts to enable us to serve the church and our community. I encourage you to evaluate your spiritual gifts and then apply them in your life and in the lives of others. Working together as the body of Christ we can carry each other's burdens and fulfill the law of Christ to love God and each other.

-In our rush, to accomplish our life goals, we need to pause, slow down, and pray for God to grant us discernment and wisdom.

-We must listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit.

-We must reflect on what we are being led to do and then act.

-When we have prayed for, paused to hear, reflected upon, and received the guidance of the Holy Spirit we will be empowered to reach out to others in Jesus' name.

The Lord will provide the gifts we need to reach out to others and serve him faithfully. Seek out his will for your life, and for the mission of his church, and follow where he leads! ~ Steve

Operation Christmas Child



November is Operation Christmas Child month. We are collecting new small toys, washcloths, small stuffed animals, gloves, toboggans, schools supplies, balls/games. Please drop off the items in the snowmen boxes located in the hallways. We will meet together on Saturday, November 15 @9:00a to pack the boxes. The cost of postage is \$10 per box. Items not to include: Soap, liquids, food/candy, toothpaste, any war related items or glass. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the packing party. If you have any questions, see Teah Shinn.

Pastor:
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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01 Jeff Brueggeman	11/17 Dillon Murphy
11/03 Wendy Dixon	11/20 Daniel Poma Butron
11/05 Jamie Riley	11/21 Kate Butler
11/09 Billy Clayton	11/30 Joan Page
11/10 Candy Brady	

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/17 Jody & Candy Brady
11/20 Dean & Wendy Dixon

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/02 Chris Lewis	12/21 Louis Tedder
12/02 John Mark Frederick	12/25 Jesus Christ
12/05 Catalina Gonzalez	12/25 Wendy Riley
12/06 Mike Ostoyich	12/25 David Parrott
12/17 Elizabeth Millar	12/26 Lisa Parrott

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



**Memorial Donations Received
in Loving Memory**

of Dan Vogel by: Wanda Allen
of George & Kenneth Clayton
by: Frances Clayton

Save the Date:

December 13

10:00a-1:00p

Youth Gift Wrapping Fundraiser



**Thank you for Supporting our
Children and Youth!!**

**All proceeds will go toward Children
and Youth Mission Opportunities**

Mission Trip to Armenia

Kathryn Dempsey will be participating in a ten-day mission trip in November coordinated by North

Carolina Baptists on Mission. The six-member team will leave on November 16th and fly to the Republic of Armenia. Armenia is in the Transcaucasia region of southwestern Asia. It shares boundaries with Georgia and Azerbaijan to the north and east, and Iran and Turkey to the southeast and west. Baptists on Mission has been sending teams to Armenia for more than 20 years.

Armenia had a rich Christian heritage as the first Christian nation, but genocide, World War One and then 70 years of Soviet occupation virtually wiped out the church. Baptists on Mission teams work with the Baptist Union of Armenia and national pastors to reach communities for Christ.

While in Armenia, Kathryn will be speaking to women about unity and encouraging new believers. She asks that you pray for safe travels for the team; but most importantly pray that her (their) effort will be in accordance with God's will and not her own.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

FOOD PANTRY
NEEDS

Canned Vegetables
Canned Pasta / Pinto Beans
Macaroni & Cheese
Fruit Bars / Canned Fruit
Applesauce / Oatmeal / Jelly
Canned Chicken / Rice

Soups / Cereal / Crackers
Pasta Sauce / Beef Stew
Mayonnaise / Deodorant
Toothbrushes / Toothpaste
Toilet Paper / Baby Wipes
Laundry Detergent