

## CHURCH EVENTS

### October 1

5:00p Potluck Dinner

### October 4

9:00a Baptist Men

### October 10-12

Camp Cheerio

### October 19

Lord's Supper

### October 20

6:00p Deacons' Mtg

### October 23

Newsletter Input Due

### October 25

5:00p-7:00p  
Trunk o' Treat

### October 26

Business Meeting  
Following Worship

### October 28

TriWest Annual  
Meeting

## 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

**OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH:**  
SHAMPOO

**OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:**  
PASTA SAUCE / CANNED  
TOMATO ITEMS

**OCTOBER DEACON MINISTRY:**  
Bill Butler / Cookie Frederick

# Mount Hermon Baptist Church



October  
2025

## Pastor's Pen

Greetings to the Mount Hermon Baptist Church family. All of you have made our family (Pastor Scott, His wife Crystal, Joshua, Xander, Matthew, and Emma) feel so loved and appreciated since my arrival as Pastor. Thank you for the amazing food and the bountiful expressions of love that has made Team Wasdin feel very much at home.

This is an exciting time for our church, as we begin to dream big dreams about how God will use our church to lead our neighbors and surrounding communities to the saving love and truth of Jesus Christ through programs, initiatives, and outreach in 2026 and beyond. None of these hopes and dreams for the future would have any foundation without the stability and integrity of our church's rich history and dedication to Biblical principles and love.

As your Pastor, I am exceptionally grateful to David Morton for his superb contributions to our church's health and sustainability during his highly successful interim ministry at MHBC.

Please join me daily as we pray for our church's present realities and the opportunities that lie ahead in future days.

In His grip! Pastor Scott

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*Jeremiah 29:11*

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Services available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

## 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

## Camp Cheerio Weekend October 10-12



## Trunk or Treat October 25; 5:00p-7:00p



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

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...*

*Dan Vogel*

*Jerry Nowell*

*David Lewis*

*Ann Hicks*

*Stacy Lee*



*...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.  
Hebrews 12:1*

#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

Hello church! October is here. Can you believe it? Youth and children are excited, especially John Mark, because we are joining our sister church, Yates Baptist, and going to Camp Cheerio the weekend of the 10-12. It is a wonderful time of rest, reflection, fun and just a chance for the entire family to go and have a great time. At this time, we have 23 friends and family going. The cost per student is \$160. The cost per family is \$350. If you would like to help defray the cost, just make a donation to the youth fund.

Also, on Saturday, October 25th we will be having "Trunk or Treat" in the parking lot beside the parsonage. We need volunteers to open your trunks (or truck bed) and hand out candy. You can decorate your trunk or not. We would like as many trunks as possible. Can't provide a trunk? Provide candy for us to hand out. There will be a box beside the glass case for candy donations.

Last, but not least, our college student of the month is Blanca Serrano-Gonzalez. She is a student at App State. Bring your donations to the box beside the glass case. Cards, letters of encouragement, snacks, gift cards are all welcome!

Whew! Busy times here at Mount Hermon. And remember, as busy as we are, let us not lose focus on why we are here. A love relationship with God is more important than any other single factor in your life. Make sure you are spending time having a quality relationship with Him. It is why He created you! ~ Cookie



#### *October Update and New Ministry Opportunity*

**Schedule Change:** The Ladies' Fellowship will not meet on October 4. However, several important activities are planned to keep us connected over the next three months.

Here's the updated schedule:

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

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

**Ministry Opportunity:** A new **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is being established as a way to offer comfort and support to individuals, reminding them that the church is praying for them. Instruction and support will be provided to anyone interested in learning to knit or crochet. If you would like to be a part of this outreach effort or would like more information, text Amanda Clayton at (252) 521-5590.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

2025	August	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$20,989	\$143,330
Budget Need	<u>\$24,675</u>	<u>\$172,725</u>
Difference	(\$ 3,687)	(\$ 29,395)

2025	August	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$20,989	\$143,330
August Expenses	<u>\$15,547</u>	<u>\$108,838</u>
Difference	\$ 5,442	\$ 34,492

Property Renovation Fund - \$12,432

The church is currently collecting to cover the moving expenses of Pastor Scott. As of the end of August we were still \$2,385 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**  
**Raised to Date: \$3,545**

## *Those Needing Our Prayers...*

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

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews

TerraBella - Joyce Dennis

Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera

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

### **Pray for**

The family of Stacy Lee

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

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 1 Peter 4:10*

## **DISCIPLESHIP**

From Psalm 24 we read, "The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the sea and established it upon the rivers." Please don't stop reading there. Grab a Bible and read through the whole chapter. It will certainly brighten your day to ponder God's greatness and protection.

In the Old Testament, we read about many events where God used nature to accomplish His purposes, while the Bible doesn't specifically say so, it could be that when the walls of Jericho fell that the inhabitants initially thought it to be an earthquake. In three separate passages Exodus 23:28, Deuteronomy 7:20 and Joshua 24:12 we read where God used hornets to drive Israel's adversaries from the land.

Here's the thing, if we were oblivious to God and didn't know of Him or you wanted to dismiss His work as a natural event or happenstance could you? We probably could and many have. If we continued to read Psalm 24, we'd see in verses 5 and 6 where the Lord blesses those who seek His face. Without seeking His face, we become oblivious to His actions. In other words, seeing God in action can only happen through the eyes of faith.

Discipleship is really continuing to seek God's face. It involves others because that's the way God designed it. We need accountability to one another to keep us focused on His will and His way. As we seek God's face, let's also ask what He might be preparing ahead for us so that we might be ready to join in where He has a niche for us in His work, a particular place that is tailor made for each of our talents and capabilities.

Since discipleship does involve relationships, you're encouraged to mark your calendar for November 8. We're scheduling a stew for that date. There can be a lot of fellowship in sharing the effort to make a pot of stew. We'll probably begin the work on Friday evening November 7 and conclude at lunchtime on November 8. While the community will be welcome and encouraged to come and enjoy a bowl of stew and distribution to our shut-ins is a given, none will be offered for sale. ~ Bill Butler



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please contact the office by phone or email.

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**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

**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	

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



**Memorial Donations Received  
in Loving Memory**

**of Clinton Edmonds by:**

Jamie Riley ~ Donna Adair ~ Rebecca Ellis  
Dale & Kim Edmonds ~ Eddie & Erle Edmonds  
Rich & Judy Hanson ~ Virginia Baker  
Edna Berry ~ Margie Whitfield ~ Robin Hinton

**of Ann Hicks by:**

Margie Whitfield ~ Edna Berry  
Mount Hermon Sanctuary Committee

**of Stacy Lee by:**

Eddie Lee ~ Peggy Mason ~ Friendship Class  
Mount Hermon Sanctuary Committee

**OUTREACH**

**"Do Good"**

Galatians 6:10 states, "therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone..."

Those are challenging words, aren't they? As we go about our daily activity, we see lots of opportunity to do good. Sometimes we see much ugliness in the world that needs our attention. Jesus calls us to see and reach out in his name to hurting and seeking people. Outreach in the name of Jesus does not have to be complicated. A kind word or gesture can have a tremendous impact on the people we meet.

Several outreach ministries are being planned by our church members in the coming months. Please participate as the Holy Spirit leads you.

-Provide refreshments for Orange Correctional Center, Yokefellows meeting.

-Disaster recovery at Spruce Pines, NC mission camp.

-Guatemala – Good Shepherd Ministry

-Armenia- Encouraging, Strengthening, and Planting Churches. Kathryn Dempsey will be participating in a mission trip in November. Pray that the team will have safe travel and follow God's will.

-Others to be announced.

If you are interested in participating in or supporting these outreach efforts, please contact me. Your



**Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child is quickly approaching. 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.