

CHURCH EVENTS

April 1

6:00p Choir Rehearsal
(no other Wednesday
Night activities)

April 2

7:00p Maundy
Thursday Service

April 3

7:00p Good Friday
Service

April 4

10:30a - 12:30p Easter
Egg Hunt, activities &
lunch

April 5

Easter Sunday

7:30a Sunrise Service
8:15a Potluck Breakfast
(no small groups)
11:00a Worship Service

April 6

Church Office Closed

April 8

5:00p Potluck Dinner

April 12

Lord's Supper
1:30p Deacons' Mtg.

April 10-11

Baptist Mission
Conference

April 19

Business Meeting

April 23

Newsletter Input Due

April 24-25

D-Now Youth Event

APRIL DEACON MINISTRY:

Bill Butler / Steve Clayton

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



grow



bearfruit

April
2026

Pastor's Pen

As I write this, it's about seventy-five degrees outside and sunny. I can hear birds singing. The trees outside our parsonage windows are ready to bloom any time now. And the flowers next to the sidewalk have already bloomed. Spring is officially here. That is not to say there won't still be cold days or unpleasant weather ahead. But right here and now, I'm taking a moment to appreciate the gift that nature has for us this time of year: there are signs of life everywhere you look.

That's true in our life of faith as well. The season of Lent (from the Old English "lencten," meaning "spring") is a time that we typically think of as serious or somber. We're called to spiritual disciplines in this season: fasting, praying, and almsgiving. They are good practices any time of year, but take a more prominent role in these days of self-reflection and repentance. We tend to shy away from words of praise, in favor of petitions for God to show us mercy. And while these things may give the season a more subdued feel, Lent is a time of preparation that is joyful in its own way; even as we reflect on the days leading up to Christ's crucifixion and the glorious resurrection thereafter, there are signs of life everywhere you look.

As our Lenten journey brings us to the Great Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, there are signs of life all around us. I pray that you have been blessed by whatever disciplines and practices you have undertaken this season. I pray that you will join us for worship as we bear witness to a love that knows no bounds. I pray that you will come to the cross and the empty tomb with eyes and hearts wide open. Spring is here, my brothers and sisters, and Christ is risen indeed. May we have eyes to see the signs of abundant life springing up all around us.

Grace and peace be with you, Pastor Scott

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29: Palm Sunday

April 2: Maundy Thursday Service
at 7:00p

April 3: Good Friday Service at 7:00p

April 5: Easter Sunday

7:30a Sunrise Service

8:15a Potluck Breakfast

(No Small Groups)

10:00a Worship Service

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH:

SHAMPOO

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:

CANNED MEATS

DEACONS

Steve Clayton	A-B
John Frederick	C-Dem
Shaina Riley	Den-G
Steve Couch	H-L
Janice Thompson	M-O
Bill Butler	P-R
Peggy Mason	S-Z

Services available on CD upon request and on our
YouTube Channel

OUTREACH

Upcoming Outreach Events

Jesus commanded his disciples to go out into the world and “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19) The Great Commission was not a suggestion; it was an order from the Lord. Following the Great Commission command can be done in many ways. We can make disciples in our church, community, state, nation and world.

There are many ways that we, as a congregation, can encourage disciple making:

1. Contribute to the Easter Offering to support the work of Alamance–Orange Prison Ministry (AOPM). The men at Orange Correctional Center are very appreciative of the support offered by you through the ministry. The offering along with other private donations will be used to support the ministry of a full-time chaplain. The prison system does not provide funding for the chaplain position or for many of the “extra” programming areas sponsored by the AOPM. Our church goal is \$2,000.
2. A Hurricane Helene Rebuild Mission Trip is planned for July 6-12, 2026. Our team, comprised of adults and youth, will provide support for the rebuilding effort. Many people still do not have permanent homes, and it will take many years to rebuild destroyed and damaged housing. Skills of many kinds are needed. There can be a place for you!
3. Learn more about missions and be inspired to go and make disciples! Attend the “Living Sent”, 2026 Baptist Missions Conference. The conference will be held on April 10-11 at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC.

Please be in prayer for each of the opportunities described above and for the needs of a lost and searching world. ~ Steve Clayton

DISCIPLESHIP

How would we like to see Mount Hermon grow? This question in various forms has been asked recently and one of the answers shared in our men’s meeting was more testimony. Sometimes it’s hard to find start when we want to talk about why but 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV) says this, “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being **prepared** to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.”

Prepared. How do we get there? When was the last time you spoke up about what you’ve seen God do? Do people know where you stand? We could ask a lot of questions to ourselves of a similar vein. However, the biggest reason I can think of to practice this type of sharing with our Christian brothers and sisters is that it offers preparation in a safe environment. While we know that the Holy Spirit will provide us with what to say in a pinch, why shouldn’t we exercise our faith a bit and get Him to help us stretch into who we can be?

Here’s something that analogizes pretty well with the preparation. Believe it or not, we’re all mentors to one another. While we’re on the subject of preparation, I’ll never forget a review course I took prior to sitting for the CPA exam. One of the facilitators came in dressed in a shabby t-shirt and shorts and asked the question, “how many of you have seen a CPA dressed like this?” The point is to say, “hey look, I’m just like you and I got through this.” The story is a little different but in a testimony we say, “Jesus found me just where I was and He’s looking for you just where you are too.” Such a statement provides growth for both the one talking and the one listening. Decide today to be proud of what Jesus has done in your life and speak up at every opportunity. Just don’t be surprised when He shows you the benefit of doing so. ~ Bill Butler

*If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.
If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26*

STEWARDSHIP

2026	February	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$24,914	\$30,996
Budget Need	<u>\$19,576</u>	<u>\$39,152</u>
Difference	\$ 5,338	(\$ 8,156)

2026	February	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$24,914	\$30,996
February Expenses	<u>\$18,858</u>	<u>\$35,196</u>
Difference	\$ 6,056	(\$ 4,200)

Property Renovation Fund - \$16,604

At the March business meeting we voted to call Mark Simonsen as our new Music Leader at an annual salary of \$23,000. This salary will be achieved by combining the Music Leader salary and the Accompanist salary from the current 2026 budget along with an annual increase of \$1,305. This will increase our weekly budget need from \$4,894 to \$4,919 (\$25. per week).

Please pray for the financial health of the church.

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

Those Needing Our Prayers...

Georgia Barnette	Ruth Crispin	Peggy Rhodes
Ronda Barton	Joseph Dennard	Ridge Riley
Edna Berry	Brittany Harper	Robbe Riley
Donna Chamberlain	Lucille King	Rosa Shambley
Alice Clayton	Mark King	Anna Stevens
Bill Clayton	Peggy Parker	Crystal Wasdin
Byram Clayton	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 Margie Whitfield

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

The people of Iran and the Christians in Nigeria

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

Easter Missions Offering - Alamance Orange Prison Ministry

Mount Hermon has a long history of involvement with the Alamance Orange Prison Ministry (AOPM).

Our Easter Offering goes to support the ministry. AOPM helps prepare correctional residents at Orange Correctional Center for successful reintegration into their communities and families upon release.

Your offering will be used to support this meaningful ministry. The ministry receives no direct government funding. AOPM relies on churches and individuals to provide funding to support a full-time chaplain and provide other services to the incarcerated men. Please participate in this ministry through your prayers and financial support.

Church Goal: \$2,000; Raised to Date: \$665.



Welcome, Mark Simonsen!

Mount Hermon is pleased to welcome Mark Simonsen as our new Music Leader. Mark brings deep musical experience, a collaborative spirit, and a heart for helping people worship through song. We're grateful for the gifts he brings and look forward to the music we'll share in this new season.

Balcony Opportunity

The balcony operations are essential to the worship service and to our YouTube viewers. Two people are needed each time we have a worship service and broadcast to YouTube. Our homebound friends and others that are interested in our services look forward each week to listen/view our services. Please consider helping occasionally. Training is available and essential for everything to go smoothly. There are two components: audio and visual. There will be times when the two – three people will be unavailable, so help is welcome for this ministry to continue. Please contact Tim Thompson (audio) or Shirley Robinson (visual) if you are interested in serving. Thank you!

Pastor:
Secretary:

Scott Wasdin
Peggy Mason

Church Office

Hours: Monday–Friday 9 am–11:30 am

Phone: 919-383-2982

Email: mounthermondurham@gmail.com

Website: mounthermondurham.org

Pastor Scott's Email: swasdin@gmail.com

Pastor Scott's Phone: 423-637-5813

Please keep church office informed of change of address.

MOUNT HERMON BAPTIST CHURCH
4511 OLD NC 10
DURHAM, NC 27705

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Birthdays & Anniversaries

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/06 Blanca Serrano Gonzalez	04/15 Katrina Paschall
04/08 Virginia Pasour	04/23 Chuck Goodno
04/14 Emma Wasdin	04/24 Amanda Clayton

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04/06 Scott & Crystal Wasdin
04/28 John & Cookie Frederick

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/13 Caleb Clayton	05/27 Scott Wasdin
05/13 Josh Wasdin	05/29 Evelyn Lilly

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/18 Gary & Katrina Paschall
05/18 Steve & Alice Clayton

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

A big shout out and thank you to all who came, who participated and who donated to the youth fund at our recent Foosball Tournament and congratulations to James Compton on his victory.

The youth and children will be busy in the Month of April with the **Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th 10:30-12:30**. We will have students going to the **Mission Conference, April 10-11** Then on **April 24-25 the youth, grades 6th-12th will be participating in Discipleship Now (D-Now)** a weekend of fun, food, fellowship and mission projects.

Again, a big thank you to the church for all your support to the children and youth programs here at church. We couldn't do it without you.

I am also so touched by your generosity to our college students in the care package donations. For the month of April our recipient will be Ronda Barton's son, Dakota.

Please be in prayer for John, Teah, Kevin and me as we lead our children and youth. Our prayer is that they all come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and that we will have a positive impact on their lives. ~ Cookie

ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

**FOOD PANTRY
NEEDS**

Canned Vegetables	Soups / Cereal / Crackers
Canned Pasta / Pinto Beans	Pasta Sauce / Beef Stew
Macaroni & Cheese	Mayonnaise / Deodorant
Fruit Bars / Canned Fruit	Toothbrushes / Toothpaste
Applesauce / Oatmeal / Jelly	Toilet Paper / Baby Wipes
Canned Chicken / Rice	Laundry Detergent

**"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever
you did for one of the least of these brothers
and sisters of mine, you did for me.'**

Matthew 25:40

Happy Easter!

Easter Egg Hunt

April 4, 2026

10:30-12:30

**Mount Hermon Baptist
Church**

4511 Old NC 10

**Games, Crafts, Egg Hunt and
Lunch provided**

Ages 3yrs-5th grade

Come join us!

Meet in the Fellowship Hall