

CHURCH EVENTS

July 1

5:00p Potluck Dinner

July 4

Independence Day

July 5-11

Mission Trip - Boone NC

July 6

Church Office Closed

July 12

Lord's Supper

July 19

Business Meeting

July 23

Newsletter Input Due

June 25

Summer Cookout
Fill the Truck for OCIM

Looking Ahead

SERVE NC August 1-8

August 1

9:00a Baptist Men

9:00a Ladies' Fellowship

August 2

Lord's Supper

1:30p Deacons' Mtg

August 5

5:00p Potluck Dinner

August 15

Burlington Park Outing

August 17

6:00p Church Council

August 23

Back to School Party

DEACONS

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

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



grow



bearfruit

July 2026

Dear Mount Hermon Family,

Over the past several weeks, our church has experienced the unexpected leaving of our pastor. While we are saddened by the sudden departure of Pastor Scott and the entire Wasdin family, we also want to express our sincere gratitude for the time they faithfully served alongside us. Though their ministry at Mount Hermon was brief, it was meaningful. They were cherished and loved deeply by this congregation, and we are thankful for the care, leadership, and compassion they shared with our church family.

As they begin this next chapter, we ask our congregation to continue surrounding the Wasdin family with prayer. We encourage you to reach out with words of encouragement and support as they seek healing, renewed health, and peace in the days ahead.

While moments like these naturally bring uncertainty, we are reminded that God has faithfully guided Mount Hermon through every season of its history. Our church remains spiritually healthy, blessed with strong and steadfast lay leaders, active ministries, faithful volunteers, and a congregation committed to serving Christ and one another. The ministry of Mount Hermon continues because our foundation has always been, and will always be, Jesus Christ.

Your deacons are already prayerfully working together to identify an interim pastor who will provide spiritual leadership during this transition. We are committed to keeping the congregation informed each step of the way and will share updates as they become available.

We ask you to join us in praying for wisdom, unity, patience, and discernment. This is an opportunity for our church family to draw closer together, continue serving faithfully, and trust that God is already preparing the path ahead.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your unwavering commitment to the mission of Mount Hermon.

Grace and Peace, The Deacon Body

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:

DEODORANT

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:

CEREAL AND JUICE

JULY DEACON MINISTRY:

Bill Butler / Steve Clayton

SAVE THE DATE

HOMEcoming 2026

September 13

Guest Preacher:
Rev. John DeWitt



Services available on CD upon request and on our YouTube

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Transition... ***the process or period of changing from one state, stage, place, or condition to another.*** It signifies a shift, passage, or movement from one thing to the next. For many of our youth and children this is a time of transition whether going from kindergarten to first grade, from middle school to high school, from high school to college, or just moving from one grade to another. Things are changing. How do you handle all this transition and change? Romans 12:1-2 says "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you which is good and pleasing and perfect."

By giving yourself over to him completely, it will make all the stress and uncertainty and chaos of change make sense. Call on him to help you through each step of the transition because they happen every day. Not just at the end of a school year or the beginning of the next one. Every single day we are faced with change because no two days are the same. The only way we can get through it is with the help of our loving savior who is walking beside us, waiting for us to surrender ourselves body and soul and to change the way we think so that we can learn what his will is—always something good and pleasing and perfect. ~ In Him, Cookie

OUTREACH

Becoming A Missional Church

Becoming a missional church, what does that mean? Jesus commanded us to go out into the world and share his life saving good news. We are called to move beyond our church building walls and into the heart of the community. To be servants in his name.

I've been back as a part of the Mount Hermon community for about four years and have observed that our people actively serve the Lord and our neighbors outside the walls of the church in many ways. Bible studies, worship times, prison ministry, school support, community food bank activity, visitation in homes, nursing homes and hospitals, and many other ministry paths are taken. Lives are touched and enriched.

Our goal must be to grow beyond being merely a participant in various church activities. I believe that Jesus would have us to move every member of Mount Hermon towards becoming a fully integrated part of our church family; where they feel known, needed, and loved. Let's work together, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to become an even more tangible source of help and hope by meeting practical needs in our community and world. Instead of asking what the community can do for us, our missional church will continue to ask, "What can we do to serve Jesus in the community?" As the hymn so forcefully declares, "They will know we are Christians by our love!" ~ Steve

We have 22 people from Mount Hermon participating in the Mission trip to Boone NC the week of July 5 - 11 for Hurricane Helene Rebuild. 11 adults and 11 youth will be going for all or part of the week. Please pray for these missionaries as they help others in the Name of Jesus. Pray for safe travels and a safe week for everyone.

"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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Though the goal of our Wednesday evening choir rehearsals is primarily to prepare to lead the music for Sunday morning worship, we are fortunate that a side benefit of our weekly meetings is that, while learning our music, we end up having a lot of fun together. Blessed by good moods and excellent humor, we also enjoy the added presence of youth group members who don't necessarily always attend Sunday morning services at Mt. Hermon. As much as we would love to have them in the choir on Sunday morning, we are delighted to welcome them whenever they are available whether that is on Wednesday OR Sunday. The feeling of community surrounding Wednesday evening's activities is palpable and demonstrates a very special part of Mount Hermon's unique local impact. Please feel welcome to come join us any time! ~ Mark

STEWARDSHIP

2026	May	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$20,275	\$100,480
Budget Need	<u>\$24,595</u>	<u>\$107,843</u>
Difference	(\$ 4,320)	(\$ 7,363)

2026	May	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$20,275	\$100,480
May Expenses	<u>\$17,295</u>	<u>\$85,687</u>
Difference	\$ 2,980	\$14,793

Property Renovation Fund - \$18,293

At the May business meeting, a recommendation from the Properties and Stewardship committees was approved to replace all the roofs on the church campus (excluding the parsonage) at a cost of \$85,918. (Due to unforeseen damage, the finished total is \$112,561). This expense will be met from the church money market account and through raised funds. A campaign to cover as much of this expense as possible will run until Dec. 31.

**Raise the Roof
Campaign.
Goal \$50,000.**



Those Needing Our Prayers...

Georgia Barnette	Byram Clayton	Peggy Rhodes
Ronda Barton	Ruth Crispin	Ridge Riley
Edna Berry	Judy Hanson	Robbe Riley
Donna Chamberlain	Rich Hanson	Rosa Shambley
Alice Clayton	Brittany Harper	Levirn Shoffner
Billy Clayton	Betty Jane Poole	Anna Stevens
		Bob & Virginia Winecuff

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Terra Bella (Hillsborough) - Joyce Dennis
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera
Home Hospice Care - Sue Johnson
Harmony House - Lucille King

The family of Peggy Parker
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
Victims of violence

AROUND THE WORLD

Peace in Ukraine and Israel and an end to all war
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



Raise the Roof

Mount Hermon Baptist Church

Campaign Goal:

\$50,000 by December 31, 2026

Purpose: To help cover the cost of our recent roof replacement—caring for our church so our ministries can continue serving our congregation and community.

Ways to Give:

- Online: mounthermondurham.org
- By Mail: 4511 Old NC 10, Durham, NC 27705
- In Person: Offering envelopes marked "Roof"

Your generosity helps cover God's house and strengthens our mission.



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Baptist Church

In June the roof of our church was replaced at a total cost of \$112,561.75.

To help replenish a portion of these funds, we have launched a "Raise the Roof" campaign with a goal of \$50,000 by year's end. Reaching this goal will only be possible through your generosity and partnership.

Use the QR code to access the giving link on the church website.

You may also mail a check to the church with "roof repair" noted, or place a designated gift in the offering plate—either by marking your regular offering envelope or using a special envelope available at the church.

Contributions to the "Raise the Roof" campaign should be in addition to your regular giving to the General Budget.

Every contribution, large or small, is deeply appreciated as we invest together in the future of Mount Hermon Baptist Church.

The Stewardship Committee

Pastor:
Secretary:

Peggy Mason

Church Office

Hours: Monday–Friday 9 am–11:30 am
Phone: 919-383-2982
Email: mounthermondurham@gmail.com

Please keep church office informed of change of address.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/02 Betty Fera	07/15 Shelby Edmonds
07/04 Gio Poma-Butron	07/16 Gary Paschall
07/06 Bill Butler	07/19 Betty Jane Poole

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

07/05 Bill & Kate Butler
07/25 William & Amanda Clayton

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/02 Monique Tedder	08/26 Alice Clayton
08/20 Donna Adair	08/27 Alex Mayse
08/18 Sandra Shambley	08/30 Edna Berry
08/24 Ella White	08/30 John Frederick

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

08/05 Kevin & Teah Shinn
08/31 Mike & Sandra Shambley

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

**The Baptist Men and Ladies' Fellowship
will not meet in July.**

Our next meetings will be on August 1st.

We hope you will join us!



JULY 4th
This years marks
250 years since
the signing of the
Unites States
Declaration of
Independence.

DISCIPLESHIP

It's July again. Time to enjoy our mid-summer cookout. On July 25, we'll have our get together at noon to enjoy some hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream and a healthy dish of fellowship.

As we're into another time of transition, there's probably no time when we need fellowship to foster our discipleship more than ever. It's important that we keep one another encouraged to look to Jesus as the leader of our flock and that we seek to keep one another challenged to read and discover things contained in God's word.

Daily scripture reading usually yields at least one point that we may have managed to overlook for years. As we pour into that point for understanding, it pushes us back into the scripture for insight that God has saved for us until that precise moment. Why? It may be that He knew we'd need that particular spark at that time in our life. That statement alone points back to His continual provision for us. He knows us and He knows our general makeup consists of a curiosity that causes us to seek.

There's another thing about seeking. Those biblical truths that you uncover aren't meant for you alone. Don't be afraid to share them. So what if your brother or sister has already made a certain discovery. Your experience as to how that biblical discovery relates to life is sure to be as unique as you are. Who knows, the way it's revealed to you may help clear up something that's remained mysterious in another's mind for years.

While this month's discipleship note may be a little different, the encouragement remains the same. Share your joy in Christ as much as you can. Not just to our fellow members but also with those who are outside our fellowship and do make them want to share your joy as well. ~ Bill Butler



July 25
Summer Cookout
and
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for OCIM

