

CHURCH EVENTS

June 3

5:30p Potluck Dinner

June 6

9:00a Baptist Men Mtg.
10:30a Ladies Fellowship
at Spring Glenn

June 7

Lord's Supper
1:30p Deacons' Meeting

June 14

Graduation Sunday

June 21

Father's Day

June 23

Newsletter Input Due

June 28

Business Meeting
Following Worship

Looking Ahead

July 1

5:00p Potluck Dinner

July 6

Church Office Closed

July 5-11

Helene Rebuild Mission Trip

July 25

Noon Summer Cookout

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
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

June 2026

Pastor's Pen

Hello Mount Hermon Baptist Church Family,

June is the month that we turn the page from spring to summer and lean into the warm, sunny days we so often miss during other times of the year. Will you spend time on the river this summer? Or take a hike on a trail? How about a walk on the beach? Will you gather for a picnic or BBQ with family and friends? Will you spend late nights on the porch gazing at the stars?

Almost every month, I see a new headline or news article reminding readers about the benefits of spending time outdoors. Being in nature helps calm our nervous systems and regulate emotional and mental health.

For Christians, spending time in nature also helps us remember our creator and connect with God. Psalm 24: 1-2 says, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, for God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers." May our beautiful surroundings remind us of God's good gifts in our lives and embolden us to steward those gifts with love and care.

Grace and peace be with you, Pastor Scott

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH:
TOOTHPASTE

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:
CANNED PASTA / PEANUT BUTTER

JUNE DEACON MINISTRY:
Steve Couch / John Frederick

Services available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14



Prayer Room

Our Prayer Room is open and available at all times for those who may need a quiet moment in prayer. Instructions for the room's use are provided along with prayer materials.

Nursery/Children/Youth Workers Needed!!

Sundays and Wednesdays
If you are willing to help please contact
Cookie Frederick or Teah Shinn

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The children and youth have had a wonderful month. We had patiently waited for the burn ban to lift, and the Lord gave us a lovely evening for our first cookout/bible study on May 13. Everyone enjoyed sitting around the campfire as we cooked our own hotdogs and s'mores. Three days later, the Lord gave us another beautiful day at the Burlington City Park. Our elementary school children enjoyed riding rides, playing on the playground and eating a picnic lunch. To top things off, we got ice cream from Smitty's Ice Cream Shop. Our topic of study on Wednesday nights has been our tongue and forgiveness.

Mark your calendar- On Sunday, June 14, we will be celebrating the 2026 graduates. Graduates will be recognized in the morning worship service and then a luncheon will follow in the fellowship hall. If you child/grandchild graduating from high school or a higher learning institution, please let Peggy know.

On July 5-11, our youth (rising eighth graders and above) and chaperones will be going to Boone on a Mission Trip for Helene Relief. We will also need adult chaperones to go with us. Please think and pray about this mission opportunity. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway. More information will come soon; If you have questions please see Steve Clayton. We covet your prayers as we embrace this mission trip.

We are so thrilled that God has placed each child and teenager in our youth group. We are seeing God's presence and we know He is at work. We are very thankful for all the support and encouragement that our church family showers on the youth and children's programs week after week.

Blessings, Cookie, John, Kevin and Teah

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)

OUTREACH

HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE ***REBUILDING HOMES AND REBUILDING LIVES***

Many areas in western North Carolina were devastated by Hurricane Helene on September 6, 2024. Join our church mission team as we serve in Western NC from July 5 to July 11, 2026. Baptist on Mission has 5 rebuild centers designed to assist homeowners affected by Hurricane Helene; East Flat Rock, Swannanoa, Burnsville, Spruce Pine and Boone. Our team is scheduled to serve the area near the Boone rebuild center. The facility can house and feed our volunteers as they work on homes in the surrounding communities.

Options include - Construction; general construction skills, hanging and finishing drywall, flooring, electrical, plumbing, even people without construction skills who are willing to help wherever needed - Serve on a cooking team preparing hot breakfast and suppers for teams - General housekeeping and maintenance at the rebuild centers.

As of 5/15/2026: Volunteers have completed 915 Helene home rebuilds with 220 in progress. There are 24 new home constructions in progress.

Helene donations are purchasing building materials that will be used to help get families back in their homes. With volunteers providing the labor more than double or even triple the number of families can get back into their homes. Throughout the process volunteers are providing hope, not only through the construction process, but by providing a listening ear, a smile, a prayer and encouragement to the family that they are not forgotten.

It is anticipated that volunteers will be working for the next 4-5 years to help rebuild efforts. You don't need to be trained to serve. More than 30,000 people have volunteered since the storm hit our state. Join our team as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the hurting people of western North Carolina!

If you would like further information, or to sign up, see Steve Clayton.

Source: Baptist on Mission website

"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

STEWARDSHIP

2026	April	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$22,416	\$80,204
Budget Need	<u>\$19,626</u>	<u>\$83,248</u>
Difference	\$ 2,790	(\$ 3,044)

2026	April	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$22,416	\$80,204
April Expenses	<u>\$16,466</u>	<u>\$68,363</u>
Difference	\$ 5,950	\$11,841

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. 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 from June 1st to Dec. 31.

Pray for the financial health of the church.



June 21st

Those Needing Our Prayers...

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

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 Mark King. Mark went home to his Lord May 21st.
Pastor 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
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

DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus, coffee and apple pie. Now that summer is coming and we can get out more, most of us look forward to vacations and outdoor activities we can enjoy. If you have a garden, it needs to be tended and the time restraints continue to multiply. However, as sure as the summer comes, the cooler months will also return in a short time.

While these articles generally focus on the benefits of coming together and learning from one another, this one's going to take a different slant on what a slightly different gathering might look like. For individuals who have some freedom during the day, what if we began to get together one morning during the week just for freeform fellowship. When people of God get together, the conversation will very naturally turn toward Him. So other than a prayer of invocation over our gathering and a brief scripture to ponder, the secondary topic of the gathering might be more mundane. Perhaps we could prevail on Jamie to lead us in a discussion on how to get a flakier crust on a fried apple pie.

While I can't say I enjoy time in the kitchen, I sure do enjoy eating a fried apple pie. Then maybe we look at other things of interest. It might be gardening or it could be as mundane as how to find a mysteriously hidden ground fault receptacle that has interrupted your favorite electrical device.

Right now this is just an idea. I'd love to hear your opinions on timing, subjects or activities that we may find enjoyable. Please pray about it and see if God lays something on your heart. Also consider that this might be an opportunity to invite someone to come and join in our church community that might otherwise be intimidated by thoughts of not understanding what goes on inside our walls.

As we seek various pathways, please live every day basking in the joy of the freedom that Christ has given you. Of all the characters John Milton could have chosen to say this in his poem "Paradise Lost" there is a quote that he attributes to the devil but it's really more closely related to what is said in Romans 12:2. Milton says it this way, "The mind is its own place and can make a hell of heaven or a heaven of hell". Romans 12:2 says it like this, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." With Christ on your mind, joy will be close by. ~ Bill Butler

Pastor:
Secretary:

Scott Wasdin
Peggy Mason

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Pastor Scott's Phone: 423-637-5813

Please keep church office informed of change of address.



~June Update~ Visit to Spring Glen

All ladies are invited to join us on Saturday, June 6 as we visit Spring Glen for an enjoyable time of bingo, singing, and fellowship. We will gather there at 10:30 am (instead of our regular meeting time).

We are collecting the following Bingo Prizes in advance. Please place donations in the container in back hallway.

Here are suggested items:

Socks	Shampoo	Water bottles
Lotion	Tissue	Combs
Candy	Stickers	Small Notebooks
Nail Polish	Crafty Items	Pens
Aftershave	Soft Headbands	Toothbrushes
Cologne	Frames (no glass)	Toothpaste

On the day of our visit, we will also provide light snacks for all.

Look for a Snack Signup Sheet in the back hallway.

Hope to see you there. Contact Janice Thompson if you have questions!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/01 Piper Clayton	06/25 Morgan Mayse
06/07 Steve Couch	06/27 Ronda Barton
06/08 Paulina Serrano Gonzalez	06/30 Xander Wasdin

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06/02 Todd & Wendy Riley
06/22 Dean & Diane Bidgood

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



Congratulations Class of 2026

Maggie Eleanor Garrett

(Granddaughter of Dean & Diane Bidgood)

Graduate of Grace Christian School

***Maggie will attend Eastern Carolina
to pursue nursing***

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***Valentina Serrano Gonzalez***

***Graduate of Riverside High School***

***Valentina will attend Appalachian  
to pursue Music Therapy***

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Brian Tedder

Graduate of Cedar Ridge High School

***Brian will attend Durham Technical College
to pursue Business***

MUSIC MINISTRY

Greetings Mount Hermon family! Since this is my first newsletter contribution I first want to thank everyone for their amazing love and support during my transition into the music leadership position. In particular, Janice, Scott and Peggy have been incredibly helpful but there are so many people who have made the transition not just smooth but actually joyous (the choir, Steve, Jeff, Shirley, my old friend Virginia Pasour who was the first person to connect me with Mount Hermon, and on and on).

Moving forward, it is my intention to use the talents of the entire church body to build upon a music program that is primarily glorifying to God but also supportive of every person's worship whether they are young or old or every age in between.

Towards that end, I have a request: anyone who has talents that they've been hiding under a bushel, I would ask that you come talk to me (even if you're not quite ready to share those talents). Also, two thoughts related to more "long-term" ideas:

1. I would be interested in putting together a recurring children's music program.
2. Diane Bidgood has brought forth the idea of a "Music on the Mount" concert series that, among other things, would help to raise funds for people, families or causes that are experiencing needs.

Thank you everyone and come join us for choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings! ~ Mark

***Congratulations to all our students on
another successful school year!***