

CHURCH EVENTS

October 3

9:00a Baptist Men's Mtg.

October 4

Lord's Supper
1:30 Deacons' Meeting

October 7

5:00p Potluck Dinner

October 9-11

Camp Cheerio

October 10

9:00a Ladies' Fellowship

October 17

Noon - Brunswick Stew
Lunch

October 18

Business Meeting

October 22

Newsletter Input Due

October 30

Truck or Treat

Looking Ahead

November 7

9:00a Shoebox Packing
Party

November 12

SHIIP Representative
Appointments

November 22

Youth Friendsgiving

November 26-27

Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed

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

Mount Hermon Baptist Church



sprout



grow



bearfruit

October
2026

A Note from the Interim Pastor

"I thank my God every time I remember you..." — Philippians 1:3

As we continue our Wednesday night study through the book of Philippians, we have reflected on Paul's deep affection for the church at Philippi. His words in verse three beautifully express gratitude for a beloved congregation. My heart echoes Paul's sentiment. Though I have only been at Mt. Hermon for one month, the love I have developed for you has grown quickly and meaningfully. Thank you for the privilege of walking with you during this important season in the life of our church. Your warm welcome has been a gift, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your interim pastor.

My Role as Your Interim Pastor:

Biblical Preaching & Teaching: I am committed to providing biblically grounded, meaningful sermons each Sunday morning and thoughtful Bible studies on Wednesday evenings. I take this responsibility seriously and will give my very best to be faithful to this calling.

Pastoral Care: I am available to assist with any pastoral care needs that arise. My contact information is listed in this newsletter and on the front of the worship bulletin. Because of the prevalence of scammers, I may not answer unknown numbers immediately—but if you leave a voicemail, I will return your call as soon as possible.

Leadership & Ministry Support: I will attend deacons' meetings and church council meetings regularly and am available to meet with committees, ministry teams, and other groups as needed.

Preparing for the Next Pastor: A key part of my role is to help prepare Mt. Hermon for her next pastor. I am confident that God is already at work—in the life of the pastor He is calling here and in the work of the Pastor Search Committee. I will support you fully as we prepare for the person God intends to lead Mt. Hermon into her next chapter.

My Request of You:

Pray Please pray for Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, her leadership, the Pastor Search Committee, and your interim pastor. Our study of Philippians reminds us of the power and necessity of prayer.

Remain Faithful Stay faithful in your attendance—Sunday School, worship, and Wednesday evenings. Remain faithful in your giving and in the ministries entrusted to you. Interim seasons can sometimes tempt individuals to step back from church life; I encourage you to resist that temptation. Your faithfulness strengthens the entire church.

I am delighted to be with you and look forward to all that God will do in and through Mount Hermon in the months ahead. Please reach out with any concerns or needs. ~ Dr. Robert Mills

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

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH

SHAMPOO

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:

PASTA SAUCE/CANNED TOMATOES ITEMS

SEPTEMBER DEACON MINISTRY:

Bill Butler / Steve Clayton

Trunk or Treat

October 30;
5:00p-7:00p



Services available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

STEWARDSHIP

2026	August	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$25,070	\$157,098
Budget Need	<u>\$24,595</u>	<u>\$171,790</u>
Difference	\$ 475	(\$ 14,692)

2026	August	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$25,070	\$157,098
August Expenses	<u>\$15,171</u>	<u>\$125,477</u>
Difference	\$ 9,899	\$ 31,621

Property Renovation Fund - \$15,889
Roof Campaign Fund - \$19,413

Raise the Roof Campaign.

Goal \$50,000.



In September we will be collecting
for the North Carolina Missions
Offering.

Church Goal: \$2,000
Raised to Date: \$890

Those Needing Our Prayers...

Georgia Barnett	Cookie Frederick	Ridge Riley
Kayla Bartelme	Judy Hanson	Robbe Riley
Ronda Barton	Brittany Harper	Wendy Riley
Edna Berry	Evelyn Lilly	Levirn Shoffner
Donna Chamberlain	Ronda Morales	Anna Stevens
Alice Clayton	Betty Jane Poole	Bob & Virginia Winecoff
Kathy Craig	Peggy Rhodes	

Brookdale - Bonnie Andrews
Hillcrest Convalescent Center - Byram Clayton
Home Health Care - Ruth Crispin
Terra Bella (Hillsborough) - Joyce Dennis
Friends Home Assisted Living - Betty Fera
Home Hospice Care - Sue Johnson
Harmony House - Lucille King

Dr. Robert Mills and Our Church
The Personnel Committee and Pastor Search 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

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Power of Music

Music holds a unique capacity to touch the soul, bridging the gap between heart and faith in ways words alone often cannot. Whether through traditional hymns that carry generations of worship or contemporary songs that articulate our current struggles and joys, music serves as a unifying force in our community.

Why Music Matters in Worship:

Deepens Connection: Singing together builds community and fosters a shared sense of reverence and joy.

anchors truth: Verses set to melody stay in our memory long after Sunday service ends, serving as reminders of hope and strength during challenging times.

Expresses Beyond Words: When emotions run deep, music provides a pathway to express gratitude, grief or praise.

Let us continue to lift our voices and embrace the gift of songs as we gather and grow together.



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

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

Marjorie Whitfield

Peggy Parker

Bill Clayton



...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:1

DISCIPLESHIP

October's here! Stew time. Once more we'll gather together on Friday night October 16 to do some peeling, shredding and cubing to prepare for cooking a pot of stew on October 17. As always, this is a fellowship event. This stew doesn't get sold. We want you to come and eat it here with us and enjoy the time with others who also love the Lord.. The only exception is our identified shut-ins who will receive a serving at their door.

If you have a friend who speaks sometimes of attending church but can't get motivated on Sunday morning, go ahead and invite them. Perhaps we can let them see that we don't bite and we're not so bad. They're welcome to come as they are.

I can't cite any surveys or give documented examples but I strongly believe that loneliness is very prevalent in our society. That's why events like this are important. As Christians we need to be aware of our environment. A hurt like loneliness may not always be visible but it may be a way to reach in and allow people to see that the bond of Christ allows us to care and share in a rather unique way. There are a number of ways Proverbs 18:24 is translated. The NIV says it like this, "One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Without a doubt, you can quickly find any number of people to help you squander resources. On the other hand, finding a person who'll stick with you through the lean times as well as the good is harder to do. If it's possible to use our stew as a step to aid someone in meeting that kind of friend, let's do it. The ultimate example of that is Christ of course but in our process of growing and seeking to emulate Christ, let's strive to be as Christ-like as possible in this activity. ~ Bill Butler

OUTREACH

Pray, Give, and Go!

Thank you for your support of the North Carolina Missions offering which supports many outreach efforts. Outreach is a central part of our Christian mission. We are called by God to share his love and message with the world. We are encouraged to reach out to others by sharing the Gospel, helping the needy, and showing compassion to our neighbor. The scriptures contain many verses that emphasize the importance of outreach as it is practiced in numerous ways. Please consider the following verses.

Mark 16:15- "He said to them, go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Jesus calls us to reach everyone with the Gospel. All people deserve the opportunity to hear the good news of salvation.

Matthew 25:35- "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat., I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." Serving others in need is serving Christ.

Galatians 6:2- "Carry each other's burdens, and in all this you will fulfill the law of Christ." Outreach includes supporting others through their struggles and showing compassion for their needs. The Lord has called each of us to "Pray, Give, and Go" in response to the leading of the Holy Spirit. May we be faithful to the Lord in our response and serve him with courage and gladness! ~ Steve Clayton

"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

Interim Pastor:
Secretary:

Dr. Robert Mills
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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/03 Cindy Fox	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 Butron
11/05 Jamie Riley	11/21 Kate Butler
11/10 Candy Brady	

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

We would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to our Mount Hermon Church family for your support during our time of loss. The food was delicious and very much appreciated. Your love, support and prayers mean more to us than you will ever know. God Bless you all, the family of Rosa Shambley

CHILDREN and YOUTH

If it's October, then it must be time for CAMP CHEERIO!!!! This is a joint venture with our sister church Yates Baptist Church which we have been doing for years. Camp Cheerio is a YMCA camp but is open to churches and groups for weekend retreats. Located at Glade Valley near Roaring Gap/Sparta, the setting is beautiful and if you are at the foot of Stone Mountain and look up you can see it. (that's as close as I've gotten. My kids have never allowed me to go. lol) What started out as a youth retreat has now turned into a family inclusive weekend that includes worship along with lots of other activities.

When John Mark was younger, he would pack his suitcase for next year when he got back... that's how much fun it is. Want to know what it's like? Just ask some of our youth who have been. They'll be happy to share.

Thank you church for your generosity and love that enables our church families to participate in this wonderful event. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare to go

Camp Cheerio October 9-11 ~ Cookie

College Student of the Month: Shelby Edmonds

**Shelby is in her 2nd year at Western Carolina University.
A collection box is located in the main hall.**

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



Soon we will begin the deacon nomination process for the 2026-2029 term. There are 3 positions that will need to be filled. Please consider your nominations prayerfully. The nominating committee will also be filling committee openings, please prayerfully consider serving the needs of the church.



October Missions Opportunity

Schedule Change: The Ladies' Fellowship will meet at 9:00 am on October 10 instead of October 3.

Projects: This month, we'll support the Yokefellow Prison Ministry at Orange County Correctional by providing refreshments for their gathering on Tuesday, October 13. As we provide for to up to 40 attendees, we'll be collecting the following:

Fruit (examples: apples, oranges, grapes, bananas in identified bags)

Snacks (prepackaged and sealed - nothing homemade is permitted)

Please bring your donations on October 10 so everything served will be fresh.

Also save the following dates:

Saturday, November 14 - 9:00 am - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party (collect items for the shoeboxes until then)
Saturday, November 28 - 9:00 am - Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent & Christmas (under the guidance of the Sanctuary Committee)