

CHURCH EVENTS

September 2

5:00p Youth Fundraiser
Dinner

September 5

9:00a Baptist Men's Mtg.
9:00a Ladies' Fellowship

September 6

Lord's Supper
1:30 Deacons' Meeting

September 7

Labor Day
Church Office Closed

September 13

HOMECOMING 2026

Guest Preacher:
Rev. John DeWitt

September 15

10:30a Prime Time

September 20

Business Meeting

September 24

Newsletter Input Due

Looking Ahead

October 9-11

Camp Cheerio

October 17

Brunswick Stew Lunch

October 30

Trunk or Treat

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



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bearfruit

September
2026

HOMECOMING 2026

Dear Members and Friends of Mount Hermon Baptist Church

It is with great joy that we invite you to join us for Mount Hermon Baptist Church's 178th Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, September 13, 2026. Homecoming is one of our most treasured traditions—a time to gather, remember, and give thanks for God's faithfulness across generations.

Our worship service will begin at 11:00 am, followed by our traditional potluck lunch. We are delighted to welcome back former youth pastor Rev. John DeWitt as our guest speaker for this special occasion. We look forward to the message he will bring and the fellowship we will share together.

The Mount Hermon Deacons

Welcome Our Interim Pastor

It is our honor and privilege to announce that Dr. Robert Mills has accepted the call to serve as our Interim Pastor, beginning Wednesday, September 16, with our Wednesday night Bible Study.

Dr. Mills received his Doctor of Ministry from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1985, and his Master of Divinity in 1981. Throughout his years in ministry, he has served as pastor of several churches, including First Baptist Church of Pensacola, Florida. He is also the founder of Riverside Wealth Advisors.

Dr. Mills is looking forward to getting to know our congregation and serving alongside us during this season. He welcomes you to reach out to him at 850-712-8200.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Mills and praying for him as he begins his ministry with Mount Hermon.

The Mount Hermon Deacons

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 SOAP

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH: POTATOES

SEPTEMBER DEACON MINISTRY: Steve Couch / John Frederick

SAVE THE DATE

HOMECOMING 2026

September 13

Guest Preacher:
Rev. John DeWitt

Services available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

DISCIPLESHIP

Last month, this section focused on prayer and the necessity for us to cry out to God in our time of need. That thought carries on and meditation on it draws us to some information found in James 4. What will sound familiar to most of us starts in the middle of verse 2 and extends through verse 3. "You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."

The problem with taking just that brief section of scripture is a typical one. While the author tells us what our problem is at the end of verse 3, we've missed out on his analysis of the human inclination toward worldliness that's discussed through verse 1 and the beginning of 2.

It's difficult to lay our natural inclinations aside. Our question to ourselves should be, do I want what God wants or are my wants a priority? That takes us to what should be foremost in our prayers. After remembering what God has done and appropriately thanking Him for it, we should be ready to ask for His discernment in our requests. That sounds weird, doesn't it? Asking someone else what you should be requesting. Yet, as we become aware of our own weakness, approaching God that way seems the only reasonable course.

Just as it was said that Solomon asked for wisdom, let's be prudent in our first request and cry out for a similar gift. If we do this, then we'll be better equipped to apply the things we've been given to the purpose of God's work.

Let's shift gears for just a second. Fellowship is a part of discipleship and as October approaches, so does the time of our fall stew. Last year Kate and I visited a Fried Apple Pie festival in the mountains. Those pies weren't the typical ones made from dried apples but largely involved apple pie filling in a deep fried crust. They were still good. If someone has a turkey fryer and feels ambitious, it might be worth a try. It would definitely be unique. ~ Bill Butler

OUTREACH

"Living Sent"- How Can I Help?

The North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special annual offering in September that supports disaster relief, church planting, and mobilizes N.C. Baptists for missions. The NCMO is the primary funding mechanism for Baptists on Mission. Its goal for 2026 is \$2.8 million, with the theme "Living Sent," inspired by John 20:21: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you".

Our goal at Mount Hermon is \$2,000. The offering enables N.C. Baptists to provide relief to those in need, plant new churches, support missionaries, and mobilize volunteers for mission work. Your gifts to the NCMO help relieve suffering, plant new churches, mobilize volunteers for missions, treat the sick, and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The NCMO supports all the ministries of Baptists on Mission, church planting, partnerships, associational missions and more.

How is offering used:

62% of funds support the ongoing work of Baptists on Mission. Mount Hermon has partnered with Baptists on Mission for disaster response in North Carolina and Kentucky and partnership missions in Guatemala and Armenia.

28% is allocated to church planting efforts, such as new ethnic congregations. **10%** returns to local associations, to support regional mission work.

100% of donations go directly to missions; none is used for overhead.

Impact:

The NCMO supports a wide range of ministries, including:

- Disaster response and recovery
- Church planting and evangelism
- Medical missions and care for the sick
- Mobilization of volunteers for local and international missions

By participating in the NCMO, you/we can help N.C. Baptists extend the gospel, provide practical aid, and strengthen communities both locally and globally. Let's join together to reach out to the world and share the good news of Jesus Christ!

Source Material: NC Baptists on Mission

~ Steve Clayton

STEWARDSHIP

2026	July	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$17,174	\$132,028
Budget Need	<u>\$19,676</u>	<u>\$147,195</u>
Difference	(\$ 2,502)	(\$ 15,167)

2026	July	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	\$17,174	\$132,028
July Expenses	<u>\$14,550</u>	<u>\$115,114</u>
Difference	\$ 2,624	\$ 260

Property Renovation Fund - \$18,358
Roof Campaign Fund - \$5,024

Raise the Roof Campaign.

Goal \$50,000.



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

Church Goal: \$2,000

Those Needing Our Prayers...

Georgia Barnette	Ruth Crispin	Ridge Riley
Ronda Barton	Judy Hanson	Robbe Riley
Edna Berry	Brittany Harper	Wendy Riley
Donna Chamberlain	Ronda Morales	Levirn Shoffner
Alice Clayton	Betty Jane Poole	Anna Stevens
Byram Clayton	Peggy Rhodes	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 Rosa Shambley
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

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

If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit.
Galatians 5:25



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.



MUSIC MINISTRY

The choir's music theory term for last week was "Picardy Third." I won't have you guess what it means because it is simply too easy to find the definition in seconds on the internet. It refers to ending a musical composition that has been in a minor mode (or key) on its key's MAJOR root chord. It is like a surprise "happy chord" at the end of a sad song.

We used another music theory term this week that we learned several weeks ago: the Dorian Mode. Modes are essentially ancient versions of scales that pre-date the Major and minor scales that we hear in almost all Western Music today. The Dorian Mode has a minor tonality in that it has the psycho-acoustic effect of evoking sadness and melancholia. You can hear the Dorian Mode by playing from D to the D one octave above it on the white keys of a piano (only the white keys: no F# or C#). It sounds sad and slightly exotic.

On Sunday morning August 30th, 2026 we used/will be using both the Dorian Mode and a Picardy Third in one of our "favorite hymns." If you are/were at the morning Worship Service you will (have) heard it. You probably did not recognize that you heard it but your emotions did because they can pick up on subtleties that your intellect overlooks.

If you have even a shred of motivation towards musical things and want to learn more, come join us for choir rehearsal. We could use your voice. . . -mark

Pastor:
Secretary:

Peggy Mason

Church Office

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Please keep church office informed of change of address.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/14 Andy McIntosh 09/28 Tim Thompson
09/23 Sherry Stone

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09/10 Ivan & Catalina Serrano

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

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

CHILDREN and YOUTH

Hey Church,

As I write this, I am in the great state of Indiana visiting my brother. What an eventful summer! We spent a great Saturday with the younger kids at the Burlington Amusement Park and had a wonderful time. Then on to the Bidgood's for the Back to School Party with hotdogs and swimming and fishing and canoeing for the older youth.

Now we are getting geared up for the fall semester with the first Wednesday fund raiser as our kids and families get ready to go to Camp Cheerio in October. So no potluck but come with a big appetite and a generous heart !

And let's not forget our college students... Zemirah Washington was our first recipient and what a stash of goodies were hers. There were several times I was tempted to dip my hand in for a treat but I resisted. Next month our College Student of the Month will be Valentina Serrano Gonzalez.

Thanks again church for your love and generosity. As youth leaders, we couldn't do this without you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Now is the perfect time to collect school supplies, end of summer items, toy, etc. for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday November 7th at 9:00a** when we will gather to pack the shoeboxes.

**College Student of the Month:
Valentina Serrano Gonzalez**

Valentina is attending Appalachian State University
A collection box is located in the main hall.

WELCOME

**New Member Andy McIntosh
to the Community of
Mount Hermon Baptist Church**



Thanks to all helped with the church's Laundromat outreach ministry. From those who donated, counted, and rolled the loose change to those who distributed the Laundry Essential Bundles in person, your help is appreciated.

On Saturday, September 6, we will gather at 9:00 am. We'll enjoy a light breakfast, a short devotion, and meaningful time together. And the day's project will be to finish setting up our history room and spruce up the church for our upcoming 178th Homecoming Celebration.

All ladies are welcome!

For questions, contact Janice Thompson or Cookie Frederick.