Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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November 2026

CHURCH EVENTS

November 1
All Saints' Day
Lord's Supper
Deacon Election
1:30 Deacons' Meeting

November 4
5:00p Potluck Dinner

November 7
9:00a Baptist Men's Mtg.

November 12
SHIIP Appointments

November 14
9:00a Ladies' Fellowship

November 15
Business Meeting

November 16
6:00p Church Council

November 22
Youth Friendsgiving

November 23
Newsletter Input Due

November 28
9:00a Sanctuary Committee
and Ladies' Fellowship
Decorate the Sanctuary

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

A Note from the Interim Pastor THANKSGIVING 2026

This year my heart is overflowing with gratitude. I proclaim with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Allow me the opportunity to express some of things for which I am grateful.

I am thankful for
The miracle of grace that saved a sinner such as I.
God who loves me so intensely he sent his son, Jesus.
The presence of the Holy Spirit that comforts and sustains.

I am thankful for
The beauty of a sunrise.
The smell of coffee brewing.
The joy of spending the early morning hours alone with God.

I am thankful for
The opportunity to live in this beautiful state.
The colorful leaves in the West Carolina mountains.
The Blue Ridge Parkway and all the National parks.

I am thankful for
Persons who believe the best about others.
Persons who give freely in ministry.
Persons who are joyful and share that joy.

I am thankful for
The sound of children's voices at MHBC
The enthusiasm of our youth and the growth taking place in their lives.
The beautiful music our music ministry provides each Sunday.

I am thankful for
Mount Hermon Baptist Church, her heritage and her future which is as bright as the promises of God.
Mark's amazing, diverse gifts and his willingness to share those with us.
Peggy's incredible administrative skills and the leadership she provides.
Elli Yu joining us in ministry with our youth and the gifts he brings.

I am thankful for
The opportunity you have given me to journey this short time with you.
The prayer support of a loving fellowship.
The Church family that is willing not only to be ministered unto, but to minister.

I am thankful for
Angela, who is the perfect pastor's wife…perfect WIFE!
My children, a constant source of pride and grandchildren, a constant source of joy!
Friends who recognize my strengths, know too well my weaknesses, and love me just the same.

I am thankful for
Thanksgiving 2026 and the opportunity it provides me to express some of my gratitude!

~ Dr. Robert Mills

Services available on CD upon request and on our YouTube Channel

STEWARDSHIP

2026	September	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	$19,031	$176,129
Budget Need	$19,676	$191,466
Difference	$ 645	($ 15,337)

2026	September	Year-to-Date
General Budget Income	$19,031	$191,466
August Expenses	$16,952	$147,238
Difference	$ 2,079	$ 28,891

Property Renovation Fund - $15,889
Roof Campaign Fund - $22,145

We will be collecting for the "Raise the Roof Campaign" though December. Please consider giving to this fund to help replenish the funds for the cost of our new roof.

Raise the Roof Campaign.

Goal $50,000.

North Carolina MISSIONS Offering

Church Goal: $2,000
Final Amount Raised: $2,957

OCIM ITEM OF THE MONTH:
CANNED CHICKEN & TUNA

OCC ITEM OF THE MONTH
DEODORANT



Those Needing Our Prayers...

Beam Allen	Kathy Craig	Ridge Riley
Georgia Barnette	Brittany Harper	Robbe Riley
Kayla Bartelmey	Evelyn Lilly	Wendy Riley
Ronda Barton	Janet Lloyd	Levirn Shoffner
Edna Berry	Ronda Morales	Anna Stevens
Donna Chamberlain	Betty Jane Poole	Bob Winecoff
Alice Clayton	Peggy Rhodes	

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

The Family of Virginia Winecoff
The Morales Family on the loss the their son, Patrick
The Family of David McDade and the Spring Glen Family
Dr. Robert Mills and Our Church
The Nominating Committee and Pastor Search Committee
Our Children/Youth/College Students
Those in our community with drug and alcohol addiction
The homeless people in our community
Victims of violence
Our Brothers at OCC and the Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry

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

Dear Mount Hermon Family and Friends,
Some years ago, The Lord brought Chuck and me to Mount Hermon by separate paths. Joining church as single persons, we were warmly welcomed by the congregation, to the point where worship at Mount Hermon became like a family gathering. By several divine appointments (perhaps labeled as "coincidences" by most of the world}, we chanced to meet and talk about the bass guitar levels on the balcony soundboard. Over several years, we developed a wider range of conversation. Neither of us was looking for a spouse, but we just seemed to spend more time with each other, and we developed a clear sense that we were meant to be together.

We were looking towards a small family wedding, when several members of our church family suggested the Mount Hermon sanctuary as our wedding venue. This made it possible to invite a much larger group of family and friends for our wedding. However, this would not have been possible without a HUGE amount of help from our Mount Hermon brothers and sisters. We want to thank you for celebrating this joyous occasion with us.

Thank you also for the numerous heartfelt cards. We will treasure each one and re-read them from time to time, reminding us of your support and love. Chuck and Shirley

MUSIC MINISTRY

While the rhythm of the weekly choir and music ministry responsibilities are mostly settling in, there are always new challenges that need to be addressed from week to week. Often these challenges have to do with improving something that is sub-optimal. For example:, presentation related: if Janice is playing organ, how do we get her to or from the organ with minimal distraction; technical improvements like sound or streaming; logistical: making things run smoothly and seemingly effortless .

Well, this week, in addition to the usual, it is time to address one of the most musically exciting parts of the church year: the progression from All Saints Day (Nov. 1, 2026) through Thanksgiving and the end of the Christian liturgical year (closing Ordinary Time), directly leading to the start of Advent (November 29, 2026) and the season that celebrates our dear Saviour's birth: Christmas (how do you like that for a single -sentence paragraph?).

I have always considered it a goal of any good worship leader/choir director to keep things interesting with a mix of traditional and contemporary, solemn and uptempo, familiar and thought-provoking or maybe even surprising. Keep your eyes wide. . . ~ Mark Simonsen

DISCIPLESHIP

With October behind us, I'm going to take a personal opportunity to say THANK YOU to everyone who put a hand in to make our stew happen. Serving Christ also means serving one another and working together to make something happen like a stew is a good way to do that. It wasn't about eating, it never was, that's a side benefit. It's about getting together in fellowship to allow us time to share with one another whether it's over peeling potatoes, shredding meat or stirring the boiling pot. We learn more about one another in casual conversation while doing something like that than we ever do in a classroom where we come with the expectation that we'll spend an hour together talking about things but never really seeing how to leverage our faith to lift the largest problems plaguing our heart. Take advantage of the precious moments wherever they exist to listen to your sisters and brothers and offer a shoulder or a lamp to help them along the way.

Galatians 6:2 tells us this, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (ESV). Sometimes it takes some patience to find out what those burdens are. Not everyone is immediately forthcoming. It takes time and patience to build the kind of rapport that makes conversation easy in the times when we should mourn or rejoice with one another. That's why it's important to spend time not only in study but also in labor toward a mutual purpose. I'm sure that's what Christ wanted the disciples to learn as they lived together over the three short years they were with Christ. Today, we attempt to build on similar actions as a part of discipleship activities. ~ Bill Butler

OUTREACH

Lend a Helping Hand

Fall is here and temperatures are dropping! Colder weather seems to draw our attention to the physical needs of our neighbors. Heating costs rise, winter clothes are needed, holiday expenses seem to skyrocket, and unexpected expenses that drain our wallets and spirits seem to occur more frequently than we would like! The needs are great!

Mount Hermon has always responded to need in the community and world. Homelessness and hunger are real issues in our community. Let's work with other community partners to help meet the needs around us.

Some suggestions of organizations that need volunteers or contributions:

-Orange Congregations in Ministry (OCIM), Hillsborough, NC - Kevin Shinn; John, Cookie and John Mark Frederick volunteer regularly with this ministry.
-Durham Rescue Mission
-Local food banks, feeding centers and clothes closets
- TriWest Baptist Network
-Orange Correctional Center in Hillsborough

If you have questions or know of needs that we may be able to help with, you can contact me (Steve Clayton) or the church office. Thank you for serving Jesus by helping to meet the needs of our neighbors. ~ Steve Clayton

Interim Pastor: Dr. Robert Mills
Secretary: Peggy Mason

Church Office
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Please keep church office informed of change of address.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01 Jeff Brueggeman
11/03 Wendy Dixon
11/05 Jamie Riley
11/10 Candy Brady
11/17 Dillon Murphy
11/20 Daniel Butron
11/21 Kate Butler

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

12/02 Chris Lewis
12/02 John Mark Frederick
12/02 Dan May
12/05 Catalina Gonzalez
12/06 Mike Ostoyich
12/17 Elizabeth Millar
12/21 Louis Tedder
12/25 Jesus Christ
12/25 Wendy Riley

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

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers, cards, calls and food during both my knee surgeries. You all mean so much to me. May God Bless you all! Judy Hanson

NOVEMBER DEACON MINISTRY:
Peggy Mason / Janice Thompson

CHILDREN and YOUTH

Hi, Mt. Hermon family! I'm Elli Yu, and I'm serving our youth and children. First, I want to thank YOU for LOVING our youth and pouring prayer, encouragement, and wisdom into our students. In particular, I want to thank John Frederick, Cookie, Kevin, Teah, and Steve for their faithful dedication to our youth program.

This past month, it has been eye-opening to see the intellectual curiosity and spiritual hunger of our students on Wednesday nights and at Camp Cheerio. Each one is discovering how God's calling shapes their whole life. More than anything, I want to say how blessed I feel to have a loving, committed church family as we look to the future of our church with an eye toward the next generation. My vision for our church is simple: multiply disciples who make disciples at every stage of school, from preschool to graduate school. By God's grace and mercy, as we lean on His power, resources, and love, the Lord can renew our church and transform the communities around Mt. Hermon for the glory of His Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

College Student of the Month: Louis Tedder
Louis is a senior at UNC Wilmington.
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



November 1st we will have deacon nominations for the 2027-2030 term. There are 3 positions 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.

Ladies' Fellowship



November Updates and Reminders

Even though we won't have our normal November and December meetings, we'll certainly be busy.

Plan to join us on the following dates:
Saturday, November 14 - 9:00 am - 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)

It's wonderful to be a part of such an active group whose purpose is to share God's love with others.

"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

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. 1 Chronicles 16:24