

*Mt. Hermon Baptist Church  
February Newsletter*

2023  
SUNDAY  
WORSHIP

**1926 - 2023**

*2023 Church Theme: "Occupy Till I come"*

*Luke 19:13*

*"And He called His ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds,  
and said unto them, Occupy till I come."*

# Announcements

**THE LENTEN** season begins February 22<sup>nd</sup>. How much of your day have you devoted to reflecting on God's word? If you wish to give a sacrificial monetary offering, Lenten folders are available on the Usher's desk in the vestibule. "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." – 2 *Corinthians 7:10*.

## **THE LORD IS WITH US**

As we congregate here today,  
We can all remember where we have come from,  
Our good Lord has been good to us,  
His grace has been sufficient to us,

Many people have come from far and wide,  
To come and witness this occasion,  
To some, it is their first time  
To others it is repeated experience;

The question is what is your experience?  
have you grown in the Lord,  
When each anniversary comes,  
What does it remind you,

We want to thank God for the mercies,  
He is a faithful God,  
Who will never leave us nor forsake us,  
As we start another chapter we know our Lord is with us.

## **FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Brother Rufus and Sister Etta Williams – 14<sup>th</sup>, 1980  
Deacon Darrell and Deaconess Rosemary Smith – 20<sup>th</sup>, 1982  
Deacon Gregory and Deaconess Patricia Neal – 9<sup>th</sup>, 1984  
Deacon Tyrone and Deaconess Pamela Burton – 14<sup>th</sup>, 1991

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Sister Antoinette Thomas – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Brother Raymeer Doss – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sister Ameera Doss – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Maudra Dennis – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Eddie Kirkwood – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Brother R.C. Smith II – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Trustee Wife Sylvia E. Johnson – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Samuel Hurst – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Sylvia B. Johnson – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Ruth Johnson – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Jeffrey Ferrell – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Trustee Wife Cheryl Bloodworth – 13<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Troi Gorham – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Curtis Eaton – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Christian Smith – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Kevin Wright, Sr. – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Darlene Reid – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Peggy Raines – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Myron Scruggs – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Lillian Hanks – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Carol Williams – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Brother George Allen – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sister Roeshana Boyd – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Kelly Bryant-Morgan – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Shelia McKinney – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Deacon Douglas Little – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Presious Mills – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Marilyn Askew – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Michelle Hart – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Naomi Worsham – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Deaconess Annette Reid – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Carrie Lewis – 28<sup>th</sup>  
Mother Ruby McNeil – 28<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Tommie Poole – 28<sup>th</sup>

# *Be Thankful Each Day*

Walk humbly, my friend,  
before our God, who is living  
be thankful each day . . .  
for the strength, He is giving.

Walk meekly, my friend,  
before God, who is gracious  
be thankful each day . . .  
for His wisdom, is ageless.

Walk gently, my friend,  
before God, who is all-knowing  
be thankful each day . . .  
for His grace, keeps you going.

Walk reverently, my friend  
before God, who is all-powerful  
be thankful each day . . .  
for His love, is bountiful.

Walk peacefully, my friend,  
before our God, who is wrathful  
be thankful each day . . .  
for His mercy, is plentiful.

*By, Deborah Ann*

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*James 4:10*

*“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,  
and He shall lift you up*

## SICK LIST

*Bold highlighting indicates a change since the last publication.*

Sister Eva Hawkins, 23065 Broadway Ave #G5, Oakwood Vlg. 44146.

Brother Eddie Kirkwood, 14900 Private Dr., 44112.

Sister Lois Everhart

Sister Hattie McCants, Forest Hills Place, 3151 Mayfield Rd., 44118.

Mother Annie Reed, Villa St. Joseph, 5200 Marymount Dr., 44135.

Mother Essie Williams and **Deaconess Rosemary Smith**, Jennings Nursing Home, 10204 Granger Rd., 44125.

**Sister Hardenia Williams**, MetroHealth Glick Center, 2500 MetroHealth Dr., 44109.

### *These members are sick at home:*

Deacon Larry Abernathy

Sister Joyce Austin

Deaconess Pearlie Anderson

Sister Maudra Dennis

Sister Linda Ferguson

Sister Lelia Foster

Sister Lee Vall Gardner

Sister Elizabeth Garrison

Sister Georgine Hughes

Sister Velma Hughes

Sister Linda Jernigan

Sister Audrey Johnson

Sister Mattie Lockridge

**Brother Solomon McNeil**

Brother Kenneth Neal

Trustee Wife Lillie Neal

Sister Lillie Pittman

Sister Geraldine Ray

Sister Emma Rollins

Sister Mary Scruggs

Sister Catherine Sullivan

Trustee George Taylor, Jr.

Trustee Wife Virginia Taylor

Sister Antoinette Thomas

Brother Billy Thomas

Deaconess Hattie Warren

Sister Hardenia Williams

Sister Geraldine Wilson

## **FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>February 1</b>  | <b>Leviticus 1-3</b>     |
| <b>February 2</b>  | <b>Leviticus 4-7</b>     |
| <b>February 3</b>  | <b>Leviticus 8-10</b>    |
| <b>February 4</b>  | <b>Leviticus 11-15</b>   |
| <b>February 5</b>  | <b>Leviticus 16-17</b>   |
| <b>February 6</b>  | <b>Leviticus 18-20</b>   |
| <b>February 7</b>  | <b>Psalm 9</b>           |
| <b>February 8</b>  | <b>Leviticus 21-23</b>   |
| <b>February 9</b>  | <b>Leviticus 24-27</b>   |
| <b>February 10</b> | <b>Numbers 1-4</b>       |
| <b>February 11</b> | <b>Numbers 5-8</b>       |
| <b>February 12</b> | <b>Numbers 9-12</b>      |
| <b>February 13</b> | <b>Numbers 13-16</b>     |
| <b>February 14</b> | <b>Psalm 12</b>          |
| <b>February 15</b> | <b>Numbers 17-20</b>     |
| <b>February 16</b> | <b>Numbers 21-25</b>     |
| <b>February 17</b> | <b>Numbers 26-30</b>     |
| <b>February 18</b> | <b>Numbers 31-33</b>     |
| <b>February 19</b> | <b>Numbers 34-36</b>     |
| <b>February 20</b> | <b>Deuteronomy 1-4</b>   |
| <b>February 21</b> | <b>Psalm 13</b>          |
| <b>February 22</b> | <b>Deuteronomy 5-7</b>   |
| <b>February 23</b> | <b>Deuteronomy 8-11</b>  |
| <b>February 24</b> | <b>Deuteronomy 12-16</b> |
| <b>February 25</b> | <b>Deuteronomy 17-20</b> |
| <b>February 26</b> | <b>Deuteronomy 21-26</b> |
| <b>February 27</b> | <b>Deuteronomy 27-30</b> |
| <b>February 28</b> | <b>Deuteronomy 31-34</b> |

# *Abbreviated Church History*

## **ABBREVIATED HISTORY OF MT. HERMON**

Mt. Hermon was formed from the merger of two congregations—St. Paul and Mt. Carmel—in February 1926. The name “Mt. Hermon” is identified with Mount Hermon in Israel, believed to be the Mount of Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36).

The following ministers have served as Pastor:

- **Rev. P. L. Scruggs** (February 1926 to June 1927);
- **Rev. B. G. Glover** (July 1927 to August 1933);
- **Rev. W. M. Phillips** (September 1933 to September 1934);
- **Rev. S. S. Spriggs** (September 1934 to March 1937);
- **Rev. R. L. Fuller** became Pastor in May 1937 and served 55 years before retiring in October 1992. Under his leadership:
  - The Church obeyed his call to forsake all money-raising means other than tithes and free-will offerings.
  - The Church was rescued from debt, and the building in which they worshipped, at 2564 E 38<sup>th</sup> Street, was purchased in record time.
  - Following a fire that partially destroyed the building in 1941, it was quickly restored and improved.
  - The congregation greatly multiplied through sound Biblical teaching and community outreach.
  - In August 1958 construction of the present Church building and its furnishings was completed, fully paid for.
  - The Tower and Steeple, the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Wing, and the detached garage were added in 1962.
  - A 56-suite residence for senior members, the Mt. Hermon Good Samaritan Foundation Home, at 7401 Woodland Avenue, was completed, furnished, and fully paid for when it opened in October 1990.
  - Rev. Fuller retired in 1992.

# *Abbreviated Church History Continued.*

- **Elder Oliver D. Bouie**, began as pastor in August 1995. His tenure was marked by:
  - Strong emphasis on Bible-centered preaching and teaching;
  - Expanded Community outreach.
  - Campaigning for improved businesses and housing in the neighborhood.
  - Establishment of new ministries to nourish youth, strengthen families, and cultivate personal growth.
  - Radio Broadcasts which ministered to the general populace.
  - Sick and shut-ins were ministered through the distribution of sermon tapes.
  - Improvements to the Church building and enhancement of the front entry with a courtyard--which was named in his honor.
  - Elder Bouie was called home to be with the Lord in October 2004.
  
- **Elder Eric L. Waldon** was voted the 7<sup>th</sup> Pastor of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church on March 29, 2005, having served 15 months as Director of Christian Ministries. His administration has been driven by:
  - Blanket and Winter Clothing Drives, and Food Drives, for the benefit of the city's needy.
  - A plan to maintain contact with college and military members while they are away.
  - A digital scrolling pole sign in front of the Church which proclaims gospel messages and invites passers-by to worship.
  - Reorganization of the
  - Continued emphasis on Bible-based preaching, teaching, and evangelism.
  - Expanded Missionary outreach, locally and internationally.
  - Christian Biblical Counseling Ministry – Certified Counselors
  - Elder Waldon resigned from Mt. Hermon on September 30, 2020

## **This is the Time; This is the Hour**

The Lord our God will say to us, To not limit what He can do;  
For He is a God of the unlimited, There is nothing He can't do through you.

For God is doing a new thing, In our lives today, this hour;  
To raise us up to be His army, Clothing us with His power.

Remember not the former things, The things that are in the past;  
Behold, He is doing a new thing, And will capture human hearts.

It's time now to go out and gather, In the harvest of the Lord;  
For there are many whose souls are ready, More than we've known before.

So take His light into those places, Of darkness and misery;  
That they may know the God of love, To give hope and destiny.

Then they may shine right where they are, So others may come to the light;  
And they, in turn, may come to know, The saving grace of Christ.

Then Jesus' light may radiate there, Like a beacon in the night;  
No longer groping in the darkness, But shining forth God's light.

May the spirit of God arise in you, And empower you much more;  
So His glory may be seen within you, As you proclaim the risen Lord.

*By, M. S. Lowndes*

*Thank You*

## **CHURCH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER**

**Let us celebrate a grand feast,  
From the greatest to the least,  
Let us rejoice, on this happy morn,  
The special day our church was born.**

**God bless those who planted the seed,  
And those who gave to every need,  
And those who labored, with such care,  
To build this church, God's House of Prayer.**

**May we follow their example bright,  
Generously live, do what's right,  
Like them, may we, give God our best,  
So our souls can find his rest.**

**May all who come find peace and light,  
May God's presence and his might,  
Gently guard this holy place,  
May all find joy, abundant grace.**

**Thank you, God, for what's been done,  
Here at this place, through your Son,  
May your work, keep on growing,  
Love and peace overflowing. Amen.**

*By, Paul Berchtold*