

# NEW YEAR

## *Worship Service*

Sunday, January 4, 2026

MT. HERMON BAPTIST CHURCH

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ELDER GEORGE R. HORNE JR. PASTOR



## 2026 THEME:

### 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable,  
always abounding in the work of the Lord,”  
forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

### LUKE 19:13

“And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds,  
and said unto them, Occupy till I come.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

In welcoming a new year, we can draw strength and encouragement from the Scriptures. In the book of Isaiah 43:18-19, it says, "Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." This passage invites us to let go of past burdens and look forward with hope and expectation to the newness that God brings into our lives. As you step into this New Year, take courage in the promise of God's unwavering presence. In Jeremiah 29:11, the Lord declares, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Trust in these plans, and know that you are guided by a loving and faithful God. Let us open our hearts to the possibilities and opportunities the Lord has prepared for us, always seeking His guidance and drawing closer to His love. May this New Year be filled with peace, joy, and spiritual growth.

**BIBLE STUDY and PRAYER MEETING** will reconvene this week.

**THE INSTALLATION** of leaders will take place today during the service.

**THE LORD’S SUPPER** will be observed next Sunday.

**MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE** – We are excited to announce that an Anonymous Donor has given a gift of \$33,300 towards our 100th Church Anniversary. Therefore, every dollar given to our Church will be matched up to that amount. You can join us and give towards this match by giving Online under "Matching Gift" or noting your amount on your Box Envelope under "Matching Gift". Praying that you will help as we go after every dollar of this match. **Giving towards the match thus far is \$13,124.**

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** (*for members only*) will be held on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend.

**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for pickup in the vestibule. Members who give exclusively online do not receive envelopes, and their assigned envelope number remains unchanged.





# *Altar Flower Dedication*

*In Cherished Memory of*

*Elder  
Oliver D. Bouie*

*By His Wife and Daughters*

*Sister Carilynn Bouie*

*Sister Natalie Bouie*

*Sister Ariel Bouie*

**CA100 Gala Event at the Marriott:** First of all we want to thank each of you who gave towards the CA100. Your support has been tremendous, and has allowed us to make the necessary Commitments and Plans for a Tremendous Celebration. We want to assure each of you who gave, that you have a guaranteed reservation for the Gala Event at the Marriott on Friday, February 13, 2026. Sis. Meisha Mahome will be contacting each of you directly to finalize details.

For those of you who did not give and have interest in attending, or those who would like to invite a Guest, we are pleased to announce that you can still make reservations for this event. Reservations will be \$100 per person for members and non-members (payment in full). Final date for reservations is January 12, 2026.

For your convenience, reservations may be purchased online using **Fund Code 41: Gala Event Online**. Please include in the memo section the names of the recipients, if applicable.

Also, reservations can be made directly through the Church Office by contacting Sis. La'Shondra Hannah at 216-361-7272 Ext 12.

We are grateful for what the Lord has done to make this a wonderful celebration and for all your continued support.

## MEETINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL – EVERY SUNDAY – 9:30 a.m.	
Department	Location
Adult	Sanctuary
Youth	Men's Choir Room
<b>BIBLE STUDY / PRAYER MEETING</b> –Each Wednesday 6:00 p.m.	

## MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

Prayer Line Ministry	Each Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	1-425-436-6361 Access Code: 8938473
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**THE VOICES OF PRAISE** is scheduled to rehearse on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN LEAD ME GUIDE ME

I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power  
To help me over my weakest hour;  
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am lost, if you take your hand from me;  
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;  
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

### CHORUS

Lead me, guide me along the way;  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.`.

**GOD'S MAILBOX** was utilized by 10 prayer warriors last week.

## BIBLE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY

1	Gen. 1-2	Ps. 1	Matt. 1-2
2	Gen. 3-4	Ps. 2	Matt. 3-4
3	Gen. 5-7	Ps. 3	Matt. 5
4	Gen. 8-9	Ps. 4	Matt. 6- 7
5	Gen. 10-11	Ps. 5	Matt. 8-9
6	Gen. 12-13	Ps. 6	Matt. 10-11
7	Gen. 14-15	Ps. 7	Matt. 12
8	Gen. 16-17	Ps. 8	Matt. 13
9	Gen. 18-19	Ps. 9	Matt. 14-15
10	Gen. 20-21	Ps. 10	Matt. 16-17
11	Gen. 22-23	Ps. 11	Matt. 18
12	Gen. 24	Ps. 12	Matt. 19-20
13	Gen. 25-26	Ps. 13	Matt. 21
14	Gen. 27-28	Ps. 14	Matt. 22
15	Gen. 29-30	Ps. 15	Matt. 23
16	Gen. 31-32	Ps. 16	Matt. 24
17	Gen. 33-34	Ps. 17	Matt. 25
18	Gen. 35-36	Ps. 18	Matt. 26
19	Gen. 37-38	Ps. 19	Matt. 27
20	Gen. 39-40	Ps. 20	Matt. 28
21	Gen. 41-42	Ps. 21	Mark 1
22	Gen. 43-44	Ps. 22	Mark 2
23	Gen. 45-46	Ps. 23	Mark 3
24	Gen. 47-48	Ps. 24	Mark 4
25	Gen. 49-50	Ps. 25	Mark 5
26	Ex. 1-2	Ps. 26	Mark 6
27	Ex. 3-4	Ps. 27	Mark 7
28	Ex. 5-6	Ps. 28	Mark 8
29	Ex. 7-8	Ps. 29	Mark 9
30	Ex. 9-10	Ps. 30	Mark 10
31	Ex. 11-12	Ps. 31	Mark 11

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Sister Lola Phifer – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sister Emma Rollins – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Michael Neal – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mother Essie Williams – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Kellee Wright – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Tiarrea Harris-Green – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Jeraldine Campbell – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Carol Highsmith – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Leticia Smith - 10<sup>th</sup>  
Brother John Cuff – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Barbara Cloud – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Brother James Thompson, Jr. – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Brother D'Rayson Green – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Debby Hannah – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Margie Pelly – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Jacqueline Moore – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Justyn Pelly - 20<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Clarence White – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sister Malia Morgan – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Deacon Earl Scruggs, Jr. – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Brother George Sanford – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Brother Kenneth Neal – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Sister Gloria Baldwin – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Beverly McCaskill – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Alonzo Turner – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Veronica Espay – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Raymel Williams – 28<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Dwight Hannah – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Sister Janise Moore – 31<sup>st</sup>

## SICK LIST

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

**Brother Tommie Benn**, Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Rd., Garfield Hts, 44125.

**Sister Deborah Coleman**, Metro Health Medical Center, (*prayers are requested. No visitors or calls*).

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

Sister Louise Kindell

Sister Nellie Newell, Brunswick Pointe Transitional Care, 4355 Laurel Rd., Brunswick, 44212.

Mother Essie Williams, Jennings Nursing Home, 10204 Granger Rd, Garfield Hts, OH 44125.

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

Sister Linda Ferguson

Brother Kenneth Neal

Sister Annie Fulp

Sister Lillie Pittman

Sister Lee Vall Gardner

Sister Geraldine Ray

Sister Elizabeth Garrison

Sister Emma Rollins

Mother Fredetta Gray

Sister Mary Scruggs

Brother Dwight Hannah

Brother R. C. Smith

Sister Dorothy Hull

Deaconess Hattie Warren

Sister Audrey Johnson

Deacon Willie Warren

Sister Carrie Lewis

## M.H.B.C. Centennial Anniversary Photograph Schedule

DATE	MINISTRY	LOCATION
Today	Ladies Guild Rev. Tyrone Harrison Sr. (Pulpit)	Woodland Choir Stand
1/11	Mass Choir, Voices of Praise Musicians	Tower Room 3
TBD	G.S.F.H. Office Staff Guards	Tower Room 3

# HOMECOMING

February 22, 2026

To send personal invitations to your family and friends please provide addresses or email addresses to any of the Homecoming Committee. Flyers are available on the Vestibule desk for you to complete. You may return them to anyone on the Committee.

Invitations will begin to be mailed on November 3, 2025.

Thank you!

### Homecoming Committee

Deacon Darrell Smith – nathaniaaldsmith@gmail.com

Deaconess Rosemary Smith – rosemarysmith727@gmail.com

Brother Raj Arrington – rajcsabey@gmail.com

Sister Angela Smith Arrington – angelalsmith201@gmail.com

Brother Darrell Arrington – Sister Mackenzie Arrington – Brother Xzavier Arrington



# *Installation Litany*

## **Leaders:**

**According to Ephesians 4:1 and 2, we strive to walk worthy of our calling. We will make every effort to walk with grace, humility, meekness, and patience in the will of God and patience for one another in love. We also recognize that Mt. Hermon is one Church with one Hope and one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all. We will therefore strive as leaders to promote, preserve, and keep the unity of the Spirit of Peace in this Church.**

## ***Congregation:***

**We agree, by the grace of God in Christ Jesus to follow leadership in a cooperative way that promotes, preserves, and keeps the unity of this fellowship. We therefore endeavor to follow the leaders as they follow the Pastor and as the Pastor follows Jesus Christ.**

## ***Prayer of Installation and Consecration:***

**“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.” Amen (Psalm 19:14).**

## *Church Covenant*

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the LORD Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that, when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.



*Mt. Hermon,*

*As we usher in the New Year,  
we extend our heartfelt gratitude for  
your membership in our Church Family.  
May this year bestow upon you and your  
loved ones an abundance of blessings,  
peace, and joy. Let us collectively  
continue to fortify our faith and support  
each other on the path of love and understanding.*

*Happy New Year!*

*With prayers and love,*

*Elder George & First Lady Andrea Horne*



Seeking righteousness is a commendable goal for the New Year, and the Bible provides guidance on how to pursue a life that aligns with God's will. Righteousness, in biblical terms, is living in a way that is pleasing to God, characterized by integrity, justice, and moral uprightness. Here are some steps, based on biblical principles that can help you seek righteousness:

**1. Study and Meditate on God's Word:** In Psalm 119:11, it is written, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Regular reading and meditation on Scripture will guide your actions and thoughts, keeping you aligned with God's righteousness.

**2. Seek God in Prayer:** **James 5:16** reminds us, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Through prayer, we can draw closer to God, seeking His strength and guidance in living a righteous life.

**3. Practice Love and Compassion:** Jesus taught us the importance of love, saying in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." Practicing love and compassion is at the heart of living righteously.

**4. Pursue Justice and Mercy:** In Micah 6:8, we are instructed, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Let justice and mercy guide your interactions with others.

**5. Trust in God's Strength:** **Isaiah 41:10** says, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Trusting in God's strength helps us to remain steadfast when pursuing righteousness.

**6. Repent and Confess:** Righteousness requires humility. In 1 John 1:9, we're told, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It's important to acknowledge and turn from our shortcomings.

As you embark on this journey in the New Year, may you find strength and guidance in God's Word and inspire those around you with your pursuit of righteousness. May the Holy Spirit empower you to live a life that reflects the love and justice of God.

Discerning the "new thing" that God is doing in your life involves seeking His guidance and being attentive to His presence. The Scriptures provide several ways to help you recognize and understand God's work in your life.

**1. Prayer and Reflection:** Spend time in prayer, asking God for wisdom and clarity. James 1:5 encourages us, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." In prayer, seek to align your heart with God's will.

**2. Scripture:** Reading and meditating on the Word of God can illuminate His plans and directions for your life. Psalm 119:105 reminds us, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." The Bible can offer insights and guide you in understanding the changes or opportunities God is placing before you.

**3. Community:** Engage with fellow believers who can provide support, encouragement, and discernment. Proverbs 15:22 states, "Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established." The wisdom and perspective of a faith community can help you see God's work more clearly.

**4. Being Open to Change:** Sometimes, recognizing God's new thing requires openness and willingness to embrace change. Hebrews 13:8 reassures us, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." While God remains constant, His ways can transform our lives in unexpected, life-giving ways.

**5. Peace and Confirmation:** Often, God's direction will come with a sense of peace and assurance, even in challenging circumstances. Philippians 4:7 promises, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Trust that God is with you and will reveal His purpose in His perfect timing. Continue seeking Him earnestly, and He will guide you along the path He has set before you.



# Mt. Hermon Baptist Church Business Directory

Supporting our local businesses

**House of Peace Funeral Home**  
**Contact:** *Elder George R. Horne Jr.*  
**Phone:** (216) 341-7000  
**Services:** *Funeral Services*  
**Scan the QR code below to view additional information:**



House of Peace F.H.

**Spirit of Excellence**  
**Contacts:** *Sister Rosemary Smith,*  
**Phone:** (216) 760-2144  
*Sister Angela Smith (216)760-2123*  
**Services:** *Event Planners / Graphic Designers/*  
*M.H.B.C. Wedding Coordinators*  
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Spirit of Excellence

**Whatz's 4 Dinner???**  
**Contact:** *Sister La'Shondra Hannah*  
**Phone:** (216) 355-0143 **Services:** *Catering*



Whatz's 4 Dinner???

**Something New Catering Services**  
**Contact:** *Janice C. Poole, Owner*  
**Phone:** (216) 414-0260  
**Services:** *Catering Consultant Service*  
**Scan the QR code below to view additional information:**



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**F8thful Visions Graphic Design**  
**Contact:** *Sister La'Shondra Hannah*  
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**Channel of Faith Non-Profit**  
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**Mission:** *Homeless, Community Outreach*  
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**Legal Shield**  
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**Affordable Access to Attorneys for Legal and**  
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**Small Businesses**



Taunya Scruggs Legal Shield

**Sermon** \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Order of Service*

**CALL TO WORSHIP.....MINISTER**

**MASS CHOIR**

**SCRIPTURE READING & PRAYER.....DEACON LAWRENCE POWELL SR.**

**O.T. AMOS 9:1-5 N.T. JUDE 1:1-2**

**MASS CHOIR**

**INSTALLATION OF NEW LEADERS.....ELDER GEORGE R. HORNE JR.**

**READING OF CHURCH COVENANT.....CONGREGATION**

**TESTIMONY.....SISTER CARILYNN BOUIE**

**ALTAR CALL, PRAYER FOR SICK, SHUT-IN, GOD'S MAILBOX.....MINISTER**

**WORSHIP IN GIVING.....MINISTER**

**MASS CHOIR**

**WORD OF GOD.....ELDER GEORGE R. HORNE JR.**

**†† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP ††**

**†† WATER BAPTISM ††**

**†† BENEDICTION††**



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