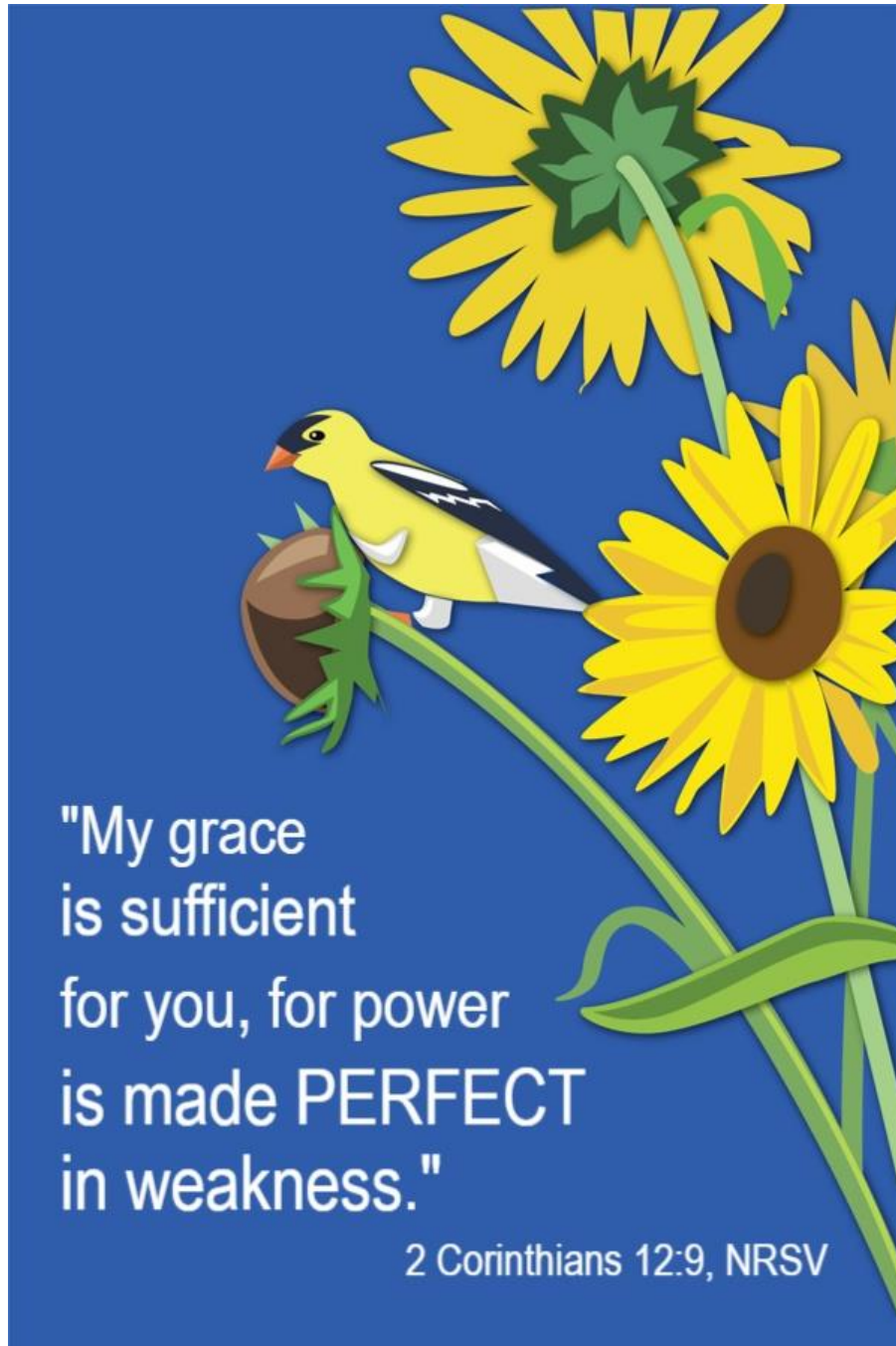


# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



"My grace  
is sufficient  
for you, for power  
is made PERFECT  
in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9, NRSV

# SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

## WELCOME

*We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.*

*If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.*

*Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon, Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!*

*Again welcome ...*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

*We prepare our hearts for worship.*

**PRELUDE**

*Your Grace is Enough*

Maher/CCLI #4477026

## THE GATHERING

*We stand and to face the baptismal font.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. *Amen.*

*We turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sin and asking for God's forgiveness.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Gracious God,*

*have mercy on us.*

*We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.*

*The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.*

*In our desire to be first*

*we make distinctions among ourselves.*

*We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.*

*In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.*

*Draw near to us with grace in time of need,*

*and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.*

*Amen.*

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

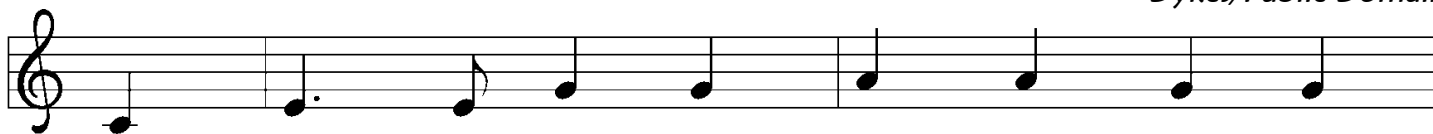
*Amen.*

*As fully forgiven children of God, turn and face the altar as the cross passes you.*

## HYMN

# *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*Dykes/Public Domain*



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

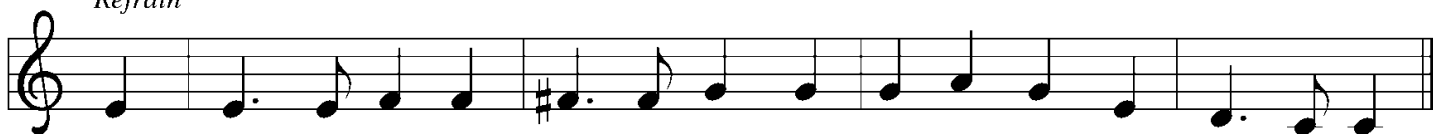


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

### *Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*And also with you.*

# KYRIE

*Sing Twice*

# Cares Chorus

Willard/CCLI #25974

G C G G<sup>7</sup> Am C<sup>7sus</sup>/G C<sup>7</sup> F

I cast all my cares up - on You. \_\_\_\_\_ I lay all of my

6 C/E C Dm<sup>7</sup> Fmaj<sup>7</sup> G<sup>sus</sup> G C G/B

bur - dens down at Your feet. And an - y - time \_\_\_ that I don't know

11 C/B<sup>b</sup> F/A Fm/A<sup>b</sup> C/G G<sup>sus</sup> G G<sup>7</sup> C<sup>sus</sup> C

what \_\_\_ to do, I will cast all my cares up - on You. \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We pray together.*

***O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

*We sit.*

## THE WORD

### 2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

*A reading from 2nd Corinthians.*

<sup>1</sup>It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the

third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of God for the People of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.*

*Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.*

## SERMON

*We stand.*

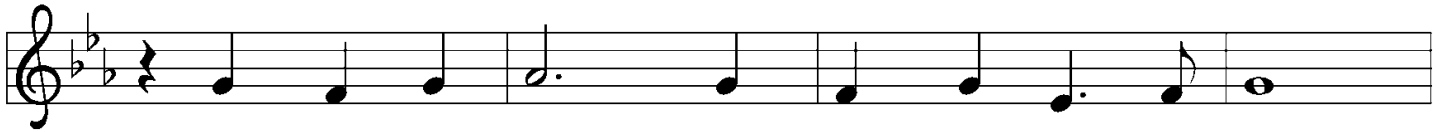
# HYMN

## *When Memory Fades*

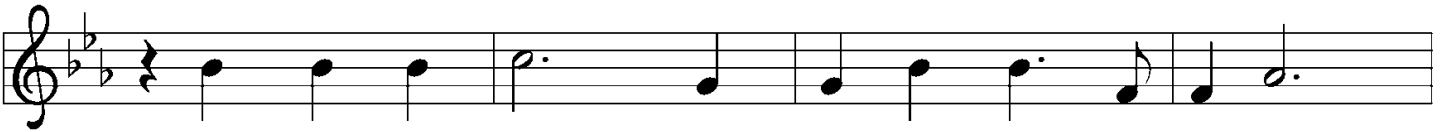
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1 When mem - 'ry fades, and rec - og - ni - tion fal - ters,  
2 As frail - ness grows, and youth - ful strengths di - min - ish,  
3 With - in your Spir - it, good - ness lives un - fad - ing.



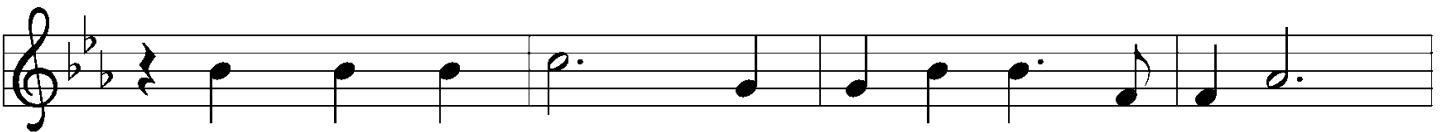
when eyes we love grow dim, and minds con - fused,  
in wea - ry arms which worked their ear - nest fill,  
The past and fu - ture min - gle in - to one.



speak to our souls of love that nev - er al - ters;  
your ag - ing ser - vants la - bor now to fin - ish  
All joys re - main, un - shad - owed light per - vad - ing.



speak to our hearts, by pain and fear a - bused.  
their earth - ly tasks, as fits your mer - cy's will.  
No val - ued deed will ev - er be un - done.



O God of life and heal - ing peace, em - pow' r us  
We grieve their wan - ing, yet re - joice, be - liev - ing,  
Your mind en - folds all fi - nite acts and off - rings.



with pa - tient cour - age, by your grace in - fused.  
your arms, un - wea - ried, shall up - hold us still.  
Held in your heart, our death - less life is won.



## APOSTLES' CREED

*Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.*

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. ***Amen.***

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*We sit.*

## OFFERING

*We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting [www.WeAreMtHermon.org](http://www.WeAreMtHermon.org) and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. **Friendship pads** have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.*

## ANTHEM

*How We Worship You*

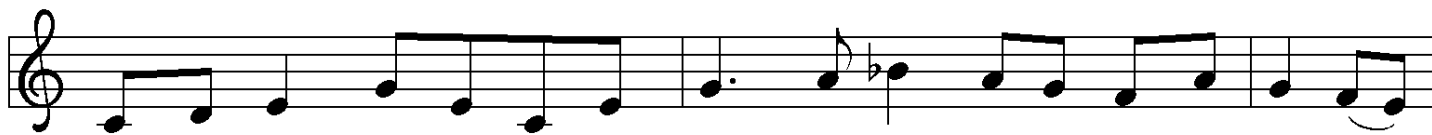
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*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your .



pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.*

***Blessed are you, O God,***

***source of every gift of your creation.***

***By these gifts and with our lives,***

***help us to serve one another and all in need,***

***through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

## THE MEAL

*Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.*

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

We gather around these elements consecrated by Pastor Gina.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

***Our Father, who art in heaven,***

***hallowed be thy name,***

***thy kingdom come,***

*thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

*We sit.*

## COMMUNION

*Please come forward using the center aisle to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second chalice of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation.*

## MUSIC

*I Love to Tell the Story*

*Fisher/OneLicense #95010*

*We stand.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. ***Amen.***

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*We pray together.*

*Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## THE SENDING

### BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace. *Amen.*

### HYMN

### *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

*African American Traditional/OneLicense #16240*



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

*As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.*

## SENDING

## *The Blessing*

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick/CCLI #7147007

The Lord bless you — and keep you,  
make his face shine — up - on — you and be gra - cious — to you.  
The Lord turn his — face toward you and give you peace.  
— A — men, a —  
-men, a — men. A — men, a —  
-men, a — men. D.C. || D.S. |  
-men, a — men. — men.

## SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

*We have gathered. We have been fed.*

*Now, we go out to make a difference in the world.*

*Amen.*

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Regan Anthony Gross' birthday on September 19<sup>th</sup> and Sonya Miller, Grayson Anthony, and Jerry Price, III birthdays all on September 24<sup>th</sup> by Rick & Daryl Leigh Anthony, Ryan & Jennifer Price.

We will be visiting Granddad's Apples Hendersonville, NC. Sign up in the breezeway to secure your seat for this trip. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Bouknight. Apples, bakery items, country store, donuts.  
*GranDadApples.com*



*Chartered  
Bus to  
Hendersonville*

**Fill the bus!  
October 9th**

*suggested donation \$20*

**Sign up sheets in breezeway  
or you may call the church office.  
Contact Frank Bouknight  
if you have any questions!**

LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!

# Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 26

Needs:

candy, volunteers, trunks,  
candy, musicians, cooks,  
candy, support staff, more  
candy

If you have any questions,  
please contact Frankie or  
Melanie Jackson



Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia



Movies on the Mount  
returns!  
October 4th - November 22  
7:00 pm  
Watching "The Chosen"  
Season 4



# TITHES AND OFFERINGS

09/15/2024

In Person 79 + Live Stream Worship 122 = 201

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,009.29
Building Fund	Received	\$837.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$1,200.00

## Honorariums and Memorials:

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of **Alberta Berry** by Francis & Joanne Eargle.

In memory of **Tom Roof** by Francis & Joanne Eargle,  
Linda Waters-Hamilton, Ronnie & Gail Brazell, Stanley & Joyce Roof

In memory of **Alberta Berry** by Francis & Joanne Eargle,  
Linda Waters-Hamilton



## FLOWERS ARE OPEN FOR DEDICATION NEXT WEEK

If you would like to honor a loved one next week, please email the church office.

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Blake Allen	Allison Swygert
	Jeff Price	Terry Swygert
Crucifer:	Brayden Rutherford	Sam Koon
Acolyte:	Dylan Whitaker	Cameron Bucknam
Lector:	Herb Bucknam	Joey Koon
Communion Assts:	Brayden Rutherford	Sam Koon
	Dylan Whitaker	Cameron Bucknam
	Lynn Bouknight	Diane Boulware
	Elyse Kinard	Mary Koon
	Arron Kinard	Joey Koon
Nursery:	Charlene Corley	Leah Rawl
	DJ Plummer	Brittany Allen
Flowers:	Rick and Daryl Leigh Anthony & Ryan and Jennifer Price	<b>OPEN</b>

## SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Sherwood Garrett

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware

TABULATORS: Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Mike & Leah Rawl

# MT HERMON PRAYS

*\*family of Marina, family of the Coppens*

## **Continual Prayer**

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*

Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*

Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*

Shirley Cooper, *Lexington Medical*

Georgianna Gray, *home*

James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*

Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

Dot Mathias, *home*

Gloria Mathias, *home*

Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*

Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*

Cyndi Thurman, *home*

Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Bryson Johnson, *home*

Marie Gardner, *home*

## **Members in Special Need of Prayer**

Bonnie Bouknight

Mary Frances Sease

Erin Rose

Parker Boulware

Jim Whitaker

Chris Carroll

Amanda Robinette

## **Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers**

Stetson Cooper,

*grandson of Dan & Shirley Cooper*

Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*

Trea Ocheltree, *teen in car accident*

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

John Catoe, *family of the Ellisors*

Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),

*friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Mrs. Cruz, *teacher of Abbey Carroll*

Carla Thompson, *friend of Dion & Pastor Gina*

Katy Madigan, *friend of Marie Carroll*

Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*

Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,

*friends of Debra & Dave Butts*

Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*

Sandra Watson, *aunt of Courtney Bucknam*

Sarah Harmon, *friend of Courtney Bucknam*

Quentin Oswalt, *Angie Hydrick's nephew (Iraq)*

Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Blase Rhine,

*grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight*

Cynthia Mallard,

*friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan*

Lucas, *friend of Hayes Wingard*

Jeslyn, *friend of Scarlett Bryant*

Tom Shaul, *friend of the Kinard Family*

Debbe Dearman, *neighbor of Kathy Cooper*

Jillian Stover, *friend of Erin Rose*

Joyce Davis, *grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik*

Bryce McKelvey, *friend of Regan Gross*

Max Schronce,

*friend of the David & Scottie Marsh*

Faye McCartha, *mother of Debra Butts*

Hayes Wingard,

*grandson of Sam and Kathy Cooper*

Robbie Rector, *friend Jennifer Miller*

Amy Morrison, *friend of many*

Bill Geddings, *father of Allison Swygert*

David Busby, *brother of Susan Busby*

Robin Wilkes, *friend of Kinard and Corleys*

Jane Baxley, *cousin of Michelle Gantt*

Mark King, *coworker of Michelle Gantt*

Please note that this prayer list has been updated. If you wish to add someone back to this list, please send an email to [office@WeAreMtHermon.com](mailto:office@WeAreMtHermon.com)



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### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Frankie Jackson, <i>President</i>	Terry Swygert, <i>Vice President</i>
Sheila Eargle, <i>Secretary</i>	Frank Bouknight, <i>Treasurer</i>
Annette Price/Karen Nicholson, <i>Financial Secretary</i>	Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, <i>Sextons</i>

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thru 9:00 am Youth Lock in  
9:00 am Worship (Deacon Deborah Poole)  
10:15 am Children's Choir  
10:30 am Sunday School  
11:30 am CR: Worship Team

### Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group  
6:30 pm CR: Support Team

### Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Pastor Gina returns to the office

9:00 am Food Pantry  
(Parker & Diane Boulware, Mary Price)  
12:05 pm FH: OneBody Worship  
6:00 pm FH: Reserved HOA (Amanda Mills)  
6:00 pm Handbells  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon Family)