



MOUNT PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

2026 THEME



2026 Theme

STRONGER TOGETHER IN WORSHIP - John 4:23–24 - “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.”

2026 Logo for the Year



Why “Stronger Together in Worship” for 2026

As we continue the journey under our ongoing banner “**Stronger Together**,” this year our focus turns upward toward **UPREACH**. In 2026, we will be ***Stronger Together in Worship***.

This emphasis calls us back to the heart of who we are as a church, a worshipping people. Our Sunday mornings are not just weekly gatherings; they are holy encounters where we meet God and meet one another in His presence. When we worship together, we build unity, strengthen faith, and invite God’s glory into our collective experience.



Being stronger together in worship means:

- ➡ Strengthening our music ministry so that our praise reflects the excellence God deserves.
- ➡ Enhancing our technology and media so worship can be experienced both in-house and online with excellence.
- ➡ Reclaiming our seating and sanctuary unity, **choosing to sit together**, worship together, and grow together as one family.
- ➡ Recommitting to **inviting and following up** with unchurched family, friends, and neighbors, because worship is most powerful when we help others experience God for themselves.

Biblical Context for John 4:23-24

In John 4, Jesus speaks to a Samaritan woman at a well and changes everything we thought we knew about worship. He tells her, *"The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth."*

This moment teaches us that worship is not about a place, but a posture. It's not confined to mountains or temples, but flows from hearts aligned with God's Spirit. Worship in *spirit* means it is sincere, alive, and led by the Holy Spirit. Worship in *truth* means it is grounded in the Word.

For Mount Pilgrim, this means:

- ➡ Our worship must be **Spirit-led**.
- ➡ Our worship must be **truth-based**, centered on God's Word.
- ➡ Our worship must be **collective**, because the Father is still seeking *worshippers* (plural).

When we worship in spirit and truth, we meet the God who meets us where we are. And when we do it together, His presence transforms not only the sanctuary but every heart within it.



2026 Mission Statement (Affirmation For The Year)

We, the members of Mount Pilgrim, commit to be **Stronger Together in Worship**.

We will **show up, lift up, and look up**.

We will **sing together, serve together, and sit together**.

We will create an atmosphere where **heaven meets earth and lives are changed**.

Theme Application & Initiatives

1. Strengthen the Music Ministry

- a. We welcome our
- b. new Minister of Music, Dr. Corey Dotson.
- c. Encourage members to join the choir and recommit to consistent participation.
- d. Parents will be encouraged to involve youth and PKs in choir and music ministry.

2. Upgrade Worship Technology

- a. Replace outdated equipment, including sanctuary cameras and the primary computer.
- b. Enhance streaming, sound, and lighting for a smoother, more engaging worship experience.
- c. Continue developing the media team to ensure excellence in production.

3. Commit to Worship Together

- a. Launch the "Sit Together Sunday" initiative which encourages families and members to sit closer in unity.
- b. Close the visible and spiritual gaps in the sanctuary to reflect our togetherness in worship.
- c. Encourage members to engage with one another during worship, not just attend.



4. Invite & Follow Up
 - a. Begin the "Each One Bring One" outreach, where each member commits to inviting at least one unchurched person each month.
 - b. Develop a simple follow-up system for guests.
 - c. Offer training for members on how to invite and engage others in worship.
5. Celebrating a Decade of Devotion

2026 Preaching Focus

PSALMS IN THE KEY OF LIFE

In 2026, we will journey through a preaching series titled **Psalms in the Key of Life**. The Psalms are the songbook of Scripture, giving voice to every season we face; joy, sorrow, gratitude, fear, trust, confusion, and hope.

Our focus: No matter the key your life is in, God has a Psalm for that.

From February through October, we will explore key categories of the Psalms that show us how to worship God in every circumstance. This series will strengthen our unity, deepen our worship, and remind us that God meets us in every chapter of our lives.

THE POWER OF HIS NAME

To close the year, we will shift to The Power of His Name, a study of the Jehovah compound names of God. Each name reveals who God is and how He shows up for His people. This series will help us end the year rooted in the character, faithfulness, and presence of God.



2026 Calendar Summary

- 1.** Men's Breakfast - February 21st, May 2nd, August 29th, November 14th
- 2.** Family Day – March 1st at 11AM (led by the Brotherhood)
- 3.** Deaconess Conference – March 13th
- 4.** Holy Week Fast – March 30th – April 2nd
- 5.** Easter Sunday – April 5th at 11AM
- 6.** Mother's Day – May 10th
- 7.** Pop-Up Cookout - May 16th, September 12th
- 8.** Sisters in Service Tea - May 23rd
- 9.** Graduation Sunday – May 31st at 11AM
- 10.** Women's Day – June 7th at 11AM (Sis Edrienna Alexander)
- 11.** Pastor E, preaching in Galveston – June 14th
- 12.** Pastor E vacation – June 15th - 19th
- 13.** VBS – June 22nd - 26th 5:30-8
- 14.** 103rd Anniversary – October 4th
- 15.** Pastor's 10 Year Anniversary Weekend – December 4th - 6th (Anderson Family)
- 16.** Fifth Sunday Fellowship (Joint Sunday School Breakfast) – March 29th, May 31st, August 30th, November 29th



January 2026 (United States)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



February 2026 (United States)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Men's
Breakfast

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March 2026 (United States)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Family Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Deaconess Conference	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Fifth Sunday Fellowship	30 Holy Week Fast	31 Holy Week Fast	1	2	3 Good Friday (Many regions)	4

● Federal Holidays
 ● Local Holidays
 ● Multiple Events



April 2026 (United States)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 Holy Week Fast	2 Holy Week Fast	3 Good Friday (Many regions)	4
5 Easter Sunday	6 Easter Monday	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

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May 2026 (United States)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 Men's Breakfast
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 Pop-Up Cookout
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Sisters in Service Tea
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Graduation Sunday	1 Fifth Sunday Fellowship	2	3	4	5	6



June 2026 (United States)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Women's Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Pastor E, Preaching in Galveston	15 Pastor E vacation	16 Pastor E vacation	17 Pastor E vacation	18 Pastor E vacation	19 Pastor E vacation	20
21	22 VBS	23 VBS	24 VBS	25 VBS	26 VBS	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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July 2026 (United States)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1



August 2026 (United States)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Men's
Breakfast

Fifth Sunday
Fellowship



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September 2026 (United States)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

Pop-Up
Cookout



October 2026 (United States)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

103rd
Anniversary

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November 2026 (United States)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Men's Breakfast
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Fifth Sunday Fellowship	30	1	2	3	4	5



December 2026 (United States)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4 Pastor's 10 Year Anniversary Weekend	5 Pastor's 10 Year Anniversary Weekend
6 Pastor's 10 Year Anniversary Weekend	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day Christmas Day (A1)	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

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Leadership Directory



Church Services/Activities



**119 North Bank Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601
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SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

† PRAYER LINE 6 A.M. EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sun. 9:45 a.m.) Bro. Daniel Washington, Superintendent

Bro. Eligha Guillory, Jr., Asst. Supt.

WORSHIP SERVICE (Sun. 11 a.m.)

BIBLE STUDY (Wed. 6:00 p.m.)

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Men/Women— 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 7:00—7:30 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL Days/Times

Youth and Children's Choir: Wed. before 1st and 2nd Sundays
6-7 p.m.

Male Chorus: Wednesdays before 2nd & 4th Sundays @7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir: Wed. before 3rd Sun. @ 7:30 p.m. & Sat. before 3rd
Sun. @ 10 a.m.

Young Adult Choir: Wed. before 5th Sun. @ 7:30 and Sat. before 5th
Sun. @ 10 a.m.

SEASONED SAINTS FELLOWSHIP (members age 55 and up) 1st Mondays
of the month (unless announced otherwise) @ 6 p.m. **September-May**

STAFF

TRUSTEES: Brothers Johnnie Botley, Ralph Joubert, Jerry Adams,
Albert Ceasar and Ernest Vital

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Dr. Corey Dotson Sr

VAN DRIVERS: Brothers Ralph Joubert, Dennis Bennett, Harold Anderson,
and James Francis; and Sis. Selena Bias (Call secretary if you need a ride)

*Announcements and potential social media posts are submitted to Pastor Kemper

DEACONS

Deacon Simpson - Chairman / Deacon Braxton - Co-Chair

Bro. Robert Simpson-337-794-3531

Bro. Gurvis Jacob-337-526-7147

Bro. Lester Coleman-337-249-2160

Bro. Eligha Guillory, Jr.-337-405-9533

Bro. Freddie Hector -337-515-8373

Bro. James Francis-337-499-7282

Bro. Alfred Braxton-337-249-7189

Bro. Matthew McPherson - 337-214-9337

Bro. Daniel Washington - 337-802-8966

Bro. Dennis Bennett - 337-302-8891

DEACONESSES

Sis. Janet Griffin
(Chairperson)
337-526-8820

Sis. Jane McKinnie
(Co-chairperson)
337-540-7685

Sis. Mary Bilbo

Sis. Marlene Jones

Sis. Elnora Lewis

Sis. Ja'nnette Hector

Sis. Velma Thomas

Sis. Connie Scott



**Auxiliaries/Committees
Departments | Ministries**

Benevolent-Bro. Lester Coleman-337-249-2160

Calendar-Sis. LaKoshia Roberts-318-261-0287

Comfort and Care-Sis. Jane McKinnie-337-540-7685

Culinary/Social-

Evangelistic Outreach-Bro. James Francis-337-499-7282

First Impression-Bro. Alfred Braxton-337-249-7189

Media-Bro. Derrick Reed-337-499-1477

Orientation-Bro. Freddie Hector-337-515-8373

Publicity-Sis. Jane McKinnie-337-540-7685

Security Guards-Bro. Ralph Joubert-337-526-4282

Scholarship-Sis. Jerry Citizen-337-930-7819

Transportation-Bro. Ralph Joubert-337-526-4282

Ushers-

Announcements - Sis. Jerlonda Harrison

Children's Department (PKS) - Sis. Selena Bias-337-292-3774

Men's Department - Bro. Terrence Williams-337-249-0337

Women's Ministry - Sis. Sybyl Coleman-337-802-3181

Young Adult Department - Sis. Tywana Braxton-337-263-5281

Youth Department - Sis. Quiyana Chambers-337-936-9511

*** EVERY MEMBER OF MT. PILGRIM IS AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDED IN AT LEAST ONE OF THESE DEPARTMENTS (regardless of participation status)**

