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Our 175th Anniversary Year

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Celebrating 175 years

1835 - 2010

And the Dream Goes On

Celebration Events...

Sunday, May 23 – 10:30 AM – *The Dream*

- **Guest Speaker: Fred Anderson** portrays Dr. William Hatcher, a great Virginia Baptist leader on the 19th century
- **Celebration meal** after the service

Sunday, June 20 – 10:30 AM – *The Dream Continues*

- **Special Music program** – “Just Us Concert”

Sunday, July 4 – *The Dream Fulfilled*

- **Highlights** naming the church and calling first pastor

Join us as we continue the dream...

Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt

Special thanks to all who helped with the Easter celebration and egg hunt.
More than 40 children and their families enjoyed this beautiful day!



YOUTH - *Mission Madness this weekend*

MHBC youth are attending the first ever Virginia **Mission Madness Retreat**, April 9-11, a hands-on mission weekend for youth 6-12 grade, sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Virginia. Youth from across the state will be in Richmond worshipping and doing missions together. Pray that lives would be transformed as we do something new for the Kingdom.

Embracing Richmond - Blessing day is Sunday, April 25, 1:30 - 5 PM. Youth will serve people through resource fairs, hosting a clothes closet, and working in the furniture bank. -- **Do you have gently used or new spring/summer youth clothes you would like to donate?** Bring them to church by April 15 and they will be distributed to Embrace Community youth at the Blessing day. - Contact Susan Prather by April 15 to register. Adult chaperone/drivers are needed, too.

- No evening youth activities this Sunday, Apr 11 - Missions Madness Weekend



Children's choir will resume Sunday, April 18



Mount Hermon Mission Offering 2010

Given to date - \$5,164.00

Goal: \$10,000

Past the half-way mark of the race!

Here is another car in the pack...

Because of the **Global Mission Offering**, missionaries **Ben and Leonora Newell** can serve in Helena-West Helena, Arkansas, one of the poorest areas in the United States. Lumber mills, cotton farms, and a large tire manufacturer once created plenty of jobs, but now four in 10 residents live below the federal poverty line. The Newells – along with a host of partner churches – are committed not to charity but to transformation and sharing the gospel, not only with words, but with hands and feet. Summer ministry intern Catherine Bahn attests to the progress: “The ministry here, it's working. It's accomplishing goals... It's changing lives; it's changing people.” Catherine Gibson has lived in the area for a long time and can see people join together for the greater good. “I see more unity now in Helena than I’ve ever witnessed in my life,” she said. “I'm witnessing black and white coming to the same building to worship God. I'm starting to see the community pull together.”

Sunday – April 4, 2010

Contributions – \$ 4,880.00

Avg. weekly need – 3,765.00

**Worship, 9:30 – 56
11:00 – 185**

**Offerings to date: \$54,693.16
Budget Goal to date: 52,612.00**

Building Fund: \$ 260.00

Mount Hermon Mission Offering this week -- \$ 640.00

Special Gifts...

In memory of Faye Markham Haycox by Dennis & Rebecca Pasquantino,
John & Anne Frost, Dee Thomas

In memory of Joanne Hall by George & Lillian Fleming, Charles & Kathyne
Payne, Woody & Jean Carter, William & Betty Davidson

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Sympathies to the family of Betsy Smith** who passed away early Thursday morning. Arrangements to be made.
 - **Joanne Lind** had a slight stroke late last week and was in Johnston-Willis Hospital two nights; now home and doing very well
 - **Randy Holder** was injured in an accident and was in MCV Hospital several days with vertebrae, rib, and hip fractures. Randy is now home.
 - **Peiling Zhao's mother** is in very poor health, and Peiling is leaving this Friday for China
 - **Robert Ayers, Sr.**, Eff Ayers' brother, in MCV, ICU with heart problems
 - **Sara Lu Chenery**, LuGay Lanier's mother, in Henrico Doctors Hospital, Forest. She fell and broke two neck vertebrae and will likely have surgery next week.
 - **Karla Rowland** is home and doing well
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Wednesday, April 14

6:00 PM – Dinner – **Barbecue, baked beans, potato salad, slaw, desserts**

6:45 PM – *The Psalms: Songs of Faith*
Children Missions & Music
Handbells

7:30 PM – Choir rehearsal

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care

Apr 11 – Heather & Scott Szczesniak

Apr 18 – Stephanie & Russ Hancock

Children's Church

Apr 11 – Marci Nichol & helper

Apr 18 – Sandra Hauser, Tammy Corbitt

Ushers

Apr 11 – Ken Paul, Bill Hall, Anne Cox, Ray Fleming,
Charlie Payne, youth

Apr 18 – Wayne Boothe, Lee Thompson, Keith Utley,
Steve Van Cleef, Roger Mann, youth

Happy Birthday!

April 11 - Charles Blankenship 16 - Jason Mitchell
12 - Zachary Mann 17 - Andrew Corbitt
14 - Rebeka Scott 17 - George Fleming
14 - Monroe Smith

Quotes for Today

Raise your sail one foot and you get ten feet of wind. -- Chinese Proverb

It is better to sleep on things beforehand than to lie awake about them afterward. -- Baltasar Gracian

Forever is composed of nows. -- Emily Dickinson



From the Pastor *Admire, Applaud, or Follow?*

A few weeks ago, the Ukrop's 10K took place in Richmond with two kinds of people on hand: runners and spectators. Many were there to compete, while others lined the streets to admire and applaud.

Peter Vardy in his book *The Thinker's Guide to God* drew from the writings of Soren Kierkegaard to assert that...

The 'admirer' of Christ is not the follower. Admirers can look on Christ objectively, they may talk about Christ, they may applaud him – but their admiration does not lead to following him day by day. Only the follower is the disciple. – Faith is not a matter of assent to doctrines; it is not a matter of belonging to a particular religious group and taking part in its rituals. Faith is shown in how one's life is lived – those alone have faith who trust their whole life to God, for whom God is at the center of everything they do and think..."

Doesn't that shine a light on modern faith practices? How easy it is to admire and applaud Christ, to be so detached and objective. How hard it is to follow Christ, to be attached and subjective. – You and I are content with offering attention to Jesus which He really doesn't want. He cuts through our foggy notions and gets right to the point: "Follow me!"

Yours in Him,
Lee

Worship – April 11, 2010
11:00 AM

Thoughtful preparation for worship...

Call to Worship *Glorify Thy Name* Choir

Scripture Call to Worship Jeremy Blankenship

II Corinthians 5:17-19

Invocation Prayer

* Praise Song 202 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

* The People Declare... **Romans 5:9-11**

* Greeting each other...

Welcome and Church Highlights

MHMO 2010 – Virginia Baptists on Mission

Children's Time Lee Ellison

God's Word **John 20:19-31**

Prayer

* Offering Song 329 Grace Greater Than Our Sin

* Offering Statement & Prayer Jeremy Blankenship

Special Music Choir

Message Lee Ellison

From Resurrection to Reconciliation

* Commitment Song 272 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

* Parting Blessing

* Parting Song *Lead Me to Calvary* Choir