

**Mount Hermon Baptist Church**  
18100 Genito Road, Moseley, VA 23120 (794-2049)

Our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

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## **Special Fellowship and Worship** **Sunday, August 15**

Next Sunday, there will be *no Sunday School*, but everyone is invited to the worship center beginning at 10:15 AM to enjoy some pastries & fruit, coffee, juice, or milk and a good time to visit, talk, and just enjoy being together.

Then at 11:00, we'll stay around the tables and for worship and praise, including a time to dialogue about things important to Christians today.

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## **Join the Conversation!**



On August 1 the Sunday message here at MHBC centered on “The Home Makeover”, or making our homes Christ-centered. Many parents expressed a desire to do just that, but asked, “Where do I start?”

There is a fantastic resource available: *Parenting Beyond Your Capacity* by Reggie Joiner and Carey Nieuwhof – available for \$10.19 thru Amazon books.

Are you interested in reading the book in a small group? Meeting two Sundays (September 19 & 26) after church for lunch and discussion? If so, contact me before August 13 and I'll order you a copy and we can get started.

Looking forward to continuing the Conversation!  
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**Sunday – Aug 1**

Contributions – \$ 4,708.07  
Avg. weekly need – 3,758.00  
Building Fund - 75.00

Sunday School – 47      Offerings to date: \$ 115,472.12  
Worship – 91      Budget Goal to date: 116,498.00

Special gifts in memory of Helen Allen, the mother of Debbie Ellison,  
by Pat & Delores Bentley and Jim & Ann Bernard

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## New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Burley Spivey** at the Laurels of Willow Creek
- **Tootsie Payne**, at the Laurels of Bon Air
- **Larry Hollister** recovering at home
- **Barry Flora's father**, in physical rehab in Salem, VA, recovering from hip surgery
- **Carrie Bowman**, Don Bowman's mother, in critical condition
- **Lisa Bowen**, cousin of Felice Hall, in treatment for leukemia in Birmingham, AL
- **David Garrett**, father of Tom Hauser's fiancée, Amanda, is home from hospital after being treated for a heart attack last week

**Congratulations to Tommy & Rachel Maine** in the birth of a son, Thomas Henry Maine III, on Saturday, July 31, and to proud grandparents Larry & Barbara Hollister!

If you know other prayer concerns we can share, please send a note to [ellisonmhbc@aol.com](mailto:ellisonmhbc@aol.com). Thanks for praying for these people today.

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### Sunday ministers

**Nursery Care:** Aug 8 – Stephanie & Russ Hancock  
Aug 15 - Carolyn, Billy and Shane Bare

**Children's Church:** Aug 8 – Tammy Corbitt  
Aug 15 - Marci Nichol and helper

**Ushers:** Aug 8 – Ken Paul, Bill Hall, Anne Cox, Ray Fleming,  
Charles Payne, youth  
Aug 15 – Wayne Boothe, Lee Thompson, Steve Van Cleef,  
Keith Utley, Roger Mann, youth

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**Congratulations to Susan Prather** as MHBC celebrates her 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary as our Minister to Youth & Children (August 1).  
She is a wonderful blessing to our church in so many ways!

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# Happy Birthday!

Aug 8 - Kevin Cornett    11 - Mitchell Hauser  
8 - Molly Boyer        12 - Kevin Cornett, Jr  
9 - Hal Dickson        12 - Tess Leftwich  
9 - Bryan Francis      14 - Jacob Hall  
10 - Lucille Campbell

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## *Quotes for Today*

Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip. -- Will Rogers

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it. -- Thomas Jefferson

If we don't change direction soon, we'll end up where we're going. - Professor Irwin Corey

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Proposed Mission Statement:

**MHBC: A loving community empowered by Christ to serve His purposes and the needs of others**

Proposed Vision statements:

- We envision Mount Hermon Baptist Church as a growing network of Christian friends who share the good news of Christ in ways that help others connect strongly with Him.
  - We will provide Bible-based learning and creative, relevant ministries to enhance the spiritual formation of children, youth, and adults in order to equip them to serve.
  - **[Being highlighted this Sunday] We will reach out in warm, positive ways so that this body of Christ will be healthy and strong to carry out God's mission.**
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From the Pastor...

*Blessed in Doing Nothing*

Some people enjoy vacations filled with lots of travel and activities. Since my typical workday is filled with going, doing, and traveling about, I rather prefer a week of inactivity instead. "To each his own," as they say.

Last week, Debbie and I stayed in a cottage by a lake and were very intentional about “doing nothing.” Oh, we took boat rides, swam a little, read, and took walks, but otherwise we sat by the lake and enjoyed the view. My watch came off in an attempt to abandon the tyranny of “the clock.” At first, doing nothing is difficult; I’m so wired to *do things*, it’s an adjustment.

But at this point in life the purpose of doing nothing is better understood. Body, mind, and spirit need down-time to regroup, recuperate, regenerate. It’s good to stop thinking. It’s helpful to let go. Drained batteries are useless until they stop putting out electricity to get recharged. – Humans are the same because God made us this way.

For hard-charging people, nothing puts things into perspective better than doing nothing. God is able to speak to our hearts when we stop... and listen. Taking time just “to be” is an essential practice we should all do each day and each week in appropriate measure. God put Sabbath rest on our calendars, but we too often ignore Him and fill that time with more stuff to do. God knows the blessing of *nothingness*, why don’t you and I know it and experience it too?

God’s best to you today... whether He brings you something, or nothing.

Yours in Him,

**Lee**

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### Worship – 11:00 AM

*Preparing for worship...*

Scripture call to worship Ron Hatcher  
Romans 10:13-15

Invocation prayer

\* Song of Praise 587 “Jesus Shall Reign”

\* MHBC: **A loving community empowered by Christ  
to serve His purposes and the needs of others**

\* Greeting each other...

Welcome and Church Highlights

Children’s Time Susan Prather  
*What MHBC Means to Me* Felice Hall

God’s Word Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

\* Offering Song 585 “Tell It Out with Gladness”

\* Offering Statement & Prayer Ron Hatcher

Solo *The Long Black Train* Dana Heath

Message **Vision 3 – Why Reach Out?** Lee Ellison

\* Commitment Song 586 “We’ve a Story to Tell” vss.1-3

\* Parting Blessing

\* Parting Song “Let Others See Jesus in You” chorus

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