



Mount Hermon Baptist Church
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Enewsletter – Dec 16, 2010

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Choir Christmas presentation

This Sunday, Dec 19 – 11:00 AM

Arranged by J. Daniel Smith, *God Speaking* reminds us that from the very beginning all our failures and fears were on the heart of the God who sent His only Son to bring us hope and confidence to live life to the fullest.



Christmas Caroling

this Sunday, Dec. 19

Meet at church 5:00 PM to go sing some carols at the homes of MHBC members and friends, then come to **Lee & Gina Thompson's 4241 Hunter's Ridge Drive...** Bring food and Christmas goodies for everyone to enjoy.



Thanks to everyone who placed poinsettias in church this Christmas season in honor and memory of loved ones. And special thanks to Clyde & Kathy Goode for obtaining them for us. -- **Donors may take their poinsettia(s) home after worship this Sunday.**



Handbells in worship – Dec 12



Gingerbread House fun!





Friday, Dec. 24

4:00 PM – **Children's Christmas Eve Service**

7:30 PM – **Christmas Eve Service**

No Wednesday Night activities – Dec. 22 & 29



Food Lion Gift Cards

are available to purchase at church. Receive \$50 worth of groceries and Mount Hermon's Building Fund receives \$2.50. Use them for your own grocery shopping, or give them as gifts. See Wayne Boothe or Steve Van Cleef to purchase cards.



**New
Offering
Envelopes**

Your 2011 church offering packets can be picked up in the commons area. If you do not have envelopes and would like a packet, please contact the church office, 794-2049



Winter Weather reminder...

When **snow and icy conditions** affect our church services or activities, an email notice will be sent out, and you are asked to phone other MHBC members who do not have email.

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Gerri Abernathy**, Johnston-Willis, 541
 - **Rita Prather**, in Sheltering Arms, physical rehab, 302A
 - **Peiling Zhao's father**, in the hospital in China
 - **Joanne Winn**, had outpatient knee surgery Wednesday
 - **Linda Carter**, had for neck surgery Tuesday
 - **Paul Rutherford**, Ilene Rutherford's son, had surgery Monday
 - **JoAnn Chatten**, Jim Bernard's sister in Danville, began chemotherapy
 - **Pat Bowman**, Don Bowman's sister-in-law in NC, recovering from surgery for ankle fractures
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Sunday – Dec 12 Sunday School – 59 Worship – 128

Contributions – \$ 3,182.00 Budget Goal to date: \$187,900.00
Avg. weekly need – 3,758.00 Offerings to date: 181,997.62

Receipts thru Nov 30 – \$172,931.62
Expenses thru Nov 30 – 173,768.74

Special Gifts...

In memory of **Boo Boo Crump, Bet Hancock, and
Mama Hazel & Daddy Arthur Markham** by Buddy & Laura Haycox
In memory of my family by Lucille Campbell
In honor of **Ron Hatcher** by the Golden Circle Sunday School Class

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care:

Dec 19 – Brandon & Nicole Garrett

Dec 26 – Lee & Debbie Ellison

Children's Church, not held on Dec 19

Dec 26 – Susan Prather

Ushers: Dec 19 – Wayne Boothe, Lee Thompson, Steve Van Cleef,

Keith Utley, Roger Mann, youth

Dec 26 – Wayne Boothe, David Cox, Woody Carter,

Vincent Russell, Rick Witt, youth

Happy Birthday!

Dec 22 - Lu Gay Lanier

Quotes for Today

Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning. - William Arthur Ward

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present
and not giving it. -- William Arthur Ward

If they don't laugh in heaven, I don't want to go there. Martin Luther



From the Pastor

Showing Up In Person

Getting a letter in the mail is nice. A phone contact with someone is good. Texting, email, tweeting, Skyping, and social networking are immediate, for sure. But there is no substitute for meeting someone face-to-face. The ultimate contact is showing up in person; that's when we really get to know someone.

In the course of human history, God sent us letters through His Law. Then He sent us phone calls through His prophets. But THEN (about 4 B.C. by our best reckoning) God showed up in person! The person of Jesus of Nazareth is not all there is to God, but what can be contained of God's nature in a singular human life was there in fullness.

This is what Christmas is all about. And that's what makes it thrilling. – Equally anticipated is that day when Jesus steps back into the world and comes to us again... in person. What a day THAT will be!

Merry Christmas!

Lee

December 19, 2010 – 11:00 AM
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Christmas Countdown – 10:57 AM

Called to Worship *The Newborn King*

Gathering in God's Light **Youth Light Advent Candles**

* Song of Praise 89 O Come, All Ye Faithful

* Scripture Karen Blankenship

Colossians 1:15, 19-20

- * **Invocation prayer**
- * **Greeting each other**
- Welcome and Church Highlights**
- Children's Time** *What's in a Name?* **Lee Ellison**
[No Children's church or Children's Choir today]
Nursery only
- * **Offering Song 88** **Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**
- * **Offering Statement & Prayer** **Karen Blankenship**
- * **Offertory** **Karen Blankenship, Ellen Fleming**

God Speaking

Arranged by J. Daniel Smith

Directed by Peiling Zhao

Narrator – Bob Lanier

Duane – Scott Szczesniak

Greg – Phillip Ranallo

- * **Commitment Song 117** **As With Gladness Men of Old**
- * **Parting Blessing**