



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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This Sunday, 11 AM

Adult Choir presents

"God Speaking: Throughout the Ages...and Still Today"

A Christmas musical arranged by J. Daniel Smith



This Sunday, Dec 20

"Here we come a-caroling!"

Meet at church, 5:00 PM as we go caroling to homes of MHBC members and friends. Dress warmly. After caroling, everyone is invited to the home of Lee & Gina Thompson, 4241 Hunters Ridge Drive. Bring food and snacks for everyone to enjoy!



Christmas Eve Services – Dec. 24

4:00 PM – A worship service especially for children. Come sing carols, hear the children's hand bell choir, and share the Christmas Story together.

Hot Chocolate and cookies served after the service.

8:00 PM – A celebration of our Savior's birth through singing, scriptures, visual presentations, duets, a soloist and a brief message. (The evening is casual; bring family, neighbors, and friends.)

Youth Stuff!

2010 Chick-fil-A calendars are here! Buy one for only **\$6.00** - includes many coupons for free food. Proceeds benefit MHBC youth ministry.

Youth this Sunday night, meet at church at 5 PM for Christmas Caroling. Bring food to share for the party at the Thompsons' after caroling. --

Sunday, Dec. 27 - no evening youth activity



Visit the Christmas tree in the commons area and choose a sock for a boy or girl, purchase a pair of socks and help fill the giant stocking with socks to distribute to Caritas, which helps those in our area who are homeless.

Youth Progressive Dinner/Gift Exchange - Dec 13





New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Bryan Francis**, St. Mary's Hospital, 554 - had knee surgery Monday

Sympathies to Keith Utley and family in the death of his brother-in-law, Butch Harrison of Aylett on Dec. 12

Thelma Blankenship, our oldest member, will be 97 on Dec. 31. If you would like to send her birthday greetings, her address is: **3450 Village Lane, Apt. 308, Granite City, IL 62040**. Thelma loves to get mail, especially from Mount Hermon folks.

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care

Dec 20 – Debbie Ellison, Darian Spivey

Dec 27 – Amie & Chris Edwards,

Children's Church

Dec 20 – Sandra Hauser and helper

Dec 27 – Susan Prather and helper

Ushers

Dec 20 – Lee Thompson, Steve Van Cleef,

Keith Utley, youth

Dec 27 – Wayne Boothe, David Cox, Woody Carter,
Vincent Russell, youth

Happy Birthday this Week!

Dec 22 - Lu Gay Lanier

Dec 24 - Nancy Spivey

Dec 26 - Kira Carey

Dec 26 - Cory Witt

Dec 26 - Logan Witt

Quotes for Today

What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Too many people spend money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't want, to impress people they don't like. - Will Rogers

Appreciation is a wonderful thing: it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well. – Voltaire

Sunday – December 13, 2009

Sunday School – 60	Contributions	\$ 2,763.00
Worship – 146	Avg. weekly needs	3,765.00
Building Fund – \$125.00		
	Given to date:	\$ 180,574.46
	Total budget needs:	188,250.00

Special gifts...

To the Building Fund in memory of Ruth Hall by **James & Inez Burris**
...in memory of Alice Patterson by **Myrtle Campbell**

And to the General Fund in memory of Janice Baxter by **Lucille Campbell**
...in memory of Anne Bass McDaniel by **Julia C. Bass**



2010 offering envelopes are in the commons area.
If you need a packet, please contact the church office, 794-2049.



108 poinsettias adorn the worship center in memory and in honor of family members and friends. Those who placed poinsettias may, if they wish, take theirs home after the choir presentation this Sunday morning.

From the Pastor

A Big Joke

Congress just raised the national debt limit... again. What a joke! Without even blushing, our Congressmen repeatedly set a spending limit for the nation only to spend and spend and spend more. And soon as the “limit” is reached, they simply raise it again. When is a “limit” not a limit? Can you spell f-a-r-c-e?

If you promise yourself that you are only going to eat three Oreo cookies and then as soon as you eat them say, “Well, no, my limit is six.” After six are consumed, you declare your limit to be 15. By the time the bag is empty your limit is now two bags... then three bags. You get the point (and a terrific case of sugar shock).

Yes, it is often a good thing to be flexible, change your mind, or adapt to new circumstances, but if a personal limit or line is drawn, what good does it do if you keep moving it? God gives us laws, rules, and guidelines, and when we fudge them to suit our appetites, we do ourselves harm. Tiger Woods made vows to his wife but then ignored the limits of being faithful. Do you think he regrets it now?

Have you set your mind on the moral or ethical actions God says you should not do? Stick to them! You’ll be glad you did... and so will God.

In His love,

Lee

‘Strength is the capacity to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands – and then eat just one of the pieces.’ -- Judith Viorst

**Worship – December 20, 2009
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Scripture Call to Worship Luke 2:13-14 Kathy Goode
Invocation Prayer

Advent Means Love

- * Song of Praise 100 “Angels We Have Heard on High”
- * Lighting the Candle of Love
- * Advent Song 94, v.1 “Angels From the Realms of Glory”
- * Greet each other...

Welcome and Church Highlights

God’s Word Luke 2:15-20

- * Offering Song 88 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
- * Offertory Statement & Prayer Kathy Goode
- Offertory Music by Karen Blankenship and Ellen Fleming

God Speaking: Throughout the Ages... and Still Today

Directed by Peiling Zhao

Narrator and Greg – Lee Ellison

Duane – Scott Szczesniak

Audio/Visuals – Jeremy Blankenship

Brian Prather