

**Mount Hermon Baptist Church**  
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**Happy New Year  
2009!**

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### **MHBC Highlights for 2008**



Just a few of the good achievements and events we celebrated...

- Active youth and children ministries: events, projects and trips (*highlighted below*)
- Delivery of new church directory in January
- Welcomed eighteen new members
- Baptized nine wonderful people
- Vision/Planning Team began to work and is moving forward
- Ended 2008 with 307 resident members
- MH Mission Offering of \$10,000.00 goal surpassed with record gifts of \$10,485.00!
- Average worship attendance: 128
- Sunday School growth training session for SS leaders
- Church-wide Game Night in January... great fun!
- Church by-law update process completed in March
- MHBC group of 22 went on a Caribbean cruise in March
- Preventive Health Screenings held at MHBC in March
- Big Boomer Bash in April was great fun!
- Ladies and Men's softball teams enjoyed a fun season!
- Fifteen Hensley and Kelley scholarships awarded to MHBC college students
- Summer sermon-series on questions and topics you requested
- Great Wednesday night dinners and programs

- Church expressed appreciation to Peiling Zhao for ten years of service as Minister of Music with special gifts and recognition
- A MHBC group went to Washington Nationals game in June
- Collected school supplies for needy Chesterfield students through our local Baptist association
- 2543 voters visited MHBC on Nov. 4 for national election
- Collected 33 shoeboxes for needy children through Operation Christmas Child
- New large storage building added to church facilities
- Big Sunday School leadership gathering in October
- Special gift of \$177,695.67 given to the church from the estate of Frances Burke
- Wonderful presentation of “A Family Christmas” by adult and children’s choirs and dramatists
- A fantastic Holiday Dinner, Dec. 7!
- Ended the year with \$ 17,918.72 balance in Building Fund!
- **Messages by...** MHBC members: Kathy Goode, Lee Thompson, Ron Hatcher, George Fleming... and by Dave Sanders, with *Gideons International*... Vanessa Ellison, Assoc. Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Richmond... Dr. Mike Harton, dean at Baptist Theological Seminary, Richmond
- Wednesday night presentation by Omarh Rajah, newly elected school board member from Matoaco District
- Heard great update from Russell Ames, with *Touch Life Centre* and *Door of Hope* missions, South Africa

### **Children Ministry Highlights - 2008**

- **Wednesday Missions & Music – started children’s handbells**
- **Nursery & Children’s Church appreciation lunch**
- **Lunches with students at their elementary schools**
- **Valentine Party**
- **Easter Egg Hunt**
- **A Work of Art studio and pizza lunch**
- **Mothers Day Tea**
- **Fathers Day breakfast**
- **Moorefield mines trip**
- **Power Lab-Summer Bible Fun week**
- **Children’s Ministry Team planning**
- **Slime Time: a fun fall festival event**
- **Gingerbread Houses 2008**
- **Older Children’s choir started**
- **Christmas Program, Dec 7**
- **Christmas Party and Mission project to collect baby items**



**pick up. If you need envelopes, please contact the church office.**

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### **CALLED BUSINESS SESSION**

A special business session is being called for Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009 at 6:45 PM, to consider a proposal to significantly improve the worship center sound system.

The proposed changes and additions are designed to provide a total state-of-the-art system. A major step will be the installation of a digital mixer board (heart of the system) to replace the current 10+ year mixer, which has several inoperable channels and is not fully functional. Repair of the present mixer is not economically feasible, and still would fall short of the quality and capacity of the proposed digital mixer. Speakers will be added to provide a stereo sound with equal volume, front and back, and for the choir. Seven new microphones (for voice and instrument) plus eight digital wireless microphones will provide greater flexibility and permit more individuals to participate in programs as well as provide a quality reproduction of individual voices. When completed, the new system will eliminate the thunder claps and squeals that sometimes interrupt services.

Total cost will be just under \$30,000 for the complete installed package of parts and labor by Moseley Electronics LLC. It is recommended that funds for this project come from the \$208,891.00 undesignated funds on hand. This proposal has the support of the Financial Resources Team.

There will be a thorough presentation and discussion of the details and the benefits and of this proposed action at the January 14 meeting. -- Should you have specific questions or requests for information, please contact Hugh Woodle at 794-5173 or [hughwoodle@hotmail.com](mailto:hughwoodle@hotmail.com). Every effort will be made to get an answer back to you quickly and ensure that the question is discussed at the business session.

### **Sunday – Jan. 4**

**Children's Church – Anne Cox, Kelly Cox**  
**Nursery Care – Belinda Kunkel and helper**  
**Ushers - Brian Nichol, Levis Crump, Chip Hancock,**  
**Gary Carpenter, Bill Hall**

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**Happy  
Birthday this Week!**

Jan 6 - Katie Moore  
Jan 7 - Joanne Elmore  
Jan 8 - Woody Carter

Jan 10 - Jean Dudley  
Jan 10 - Scott Bass  
Jan 10 - Aimee Parsons

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*Quotes for Today*

When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.  
- John Ruskin

Don't do anything in practice that you wouldn't do in the game.  
- George Halas

A full cup must be carried steadily. -- English Proverb

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**Sunday – December 28, 2008**

Worship	94	Contributions	\$ 5,519.00
Sunday School	37	Avg. weekly needs	4,009.00
Building Fund	\$75.00		
		Given to date:	\$ 185,593.55
		Avg. Budget needs:	208,460.00

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**Who Is My Deacon in 2009?**

Each MHBC deacon is asked to take special interest in a portion of our church family. If you have a need or concern for yourself or your family, please feel free to contact him or her.

<b>A – Boothe</b>	Steve Van Cleef
<b>Bowman – Clark</b>	Roger Mann
<b>Coleman – D</b>	Gina Thompson
<b>E – Gill</b>	Bill Hall
<b>Godsey – R. Hancock</b>	Joanne Winn
<b>C. Hancock – J</b>	Bill Green
<b>K – Lindberg</b>	Kathy Goode
<b>Manley – Mitchell</b>	David Cox
<b>Moniz – Paul</b>	Linda Meyerhoeffer
<b>Payne – Scott</b>	John Meyerhoeffer
<b>Sexton – Thompson</b>	Jeremy Blankenship
<b>Timms – Z</b>	Wayne Boothe

**Deacon Ministry Coordinator – John Meyerhoeffer**  
**Asst. Deacon Min. Coordinator – Roger Mann**

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**Worship – January 4, 2009**

*To God Be the Glory*

Scripture Call to Worship Psalm 113:1-4 Roger Mann

Invocation Prayer

Song of Praise 621 “Lead On, O King Eternal”

God’s Word Says Revelation 21:1,5-7

Greet each other... Happy New Year!

Welcome and Church Highlights

Children’s Time Susan Prather

God’s Word Says Psalm 119:97-104

Offering Song 470 “Once to Every Man and Nation” (1-2,4)

Offering Statement & Prayer Roger Mann

Solo Peiling Zhao

Scripture Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Message “Passion, Baby, Passion!” Lee Ellison

The Lord’s Supper

His passion seen in the bread

His compassion seen in the cup

Commitment Song 485 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Parting Song “Blest Be the Tie”