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Bible 101 – Genesis 21

Finally, when Abraham was ___ years old, his wife Sarah gave birth to a son they named _____, which means: a) *It's about time!* b) *What the...?* c) *he laughs.*

In Genesis 22, God instructed Abraham to _____ his son on an altar, but at the last minute God stopped Abraham from killing the boy, which led Abraham to conclude that God: a) *had a weird sense of humor*, b) *was crazy* c) *was testing him.*

[See end of Enewsletter for answers]



Holiday Dinner

this Sunday, Dec. 6 - 6:00 PM

Everyone invited! Bring family and friends and people you would like to introduce to your MHBC friends. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls and beverages will be provided; **please bring vegetables, salads, and desserts.**

Arrive early. Dinner begins at 6:00

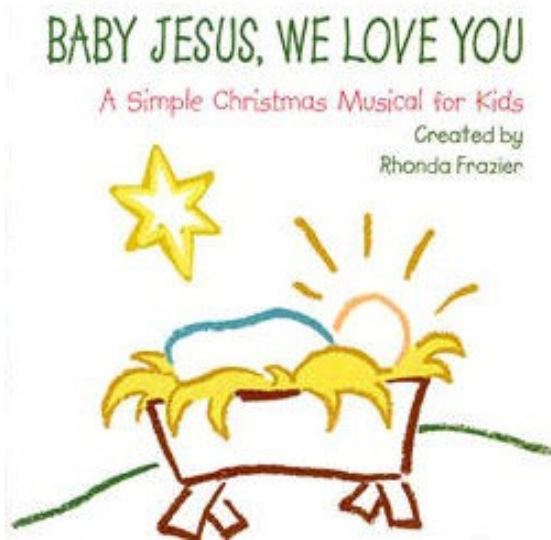
- See you there!

Children's Christmas Party

Play practice begins at 10:00 AM, this Saturday, Dec.5 followed by lunch, fun, and missions. Instead of exchanging gifts, we ask the children to bring socks to donate to

CARITAS, a local ministry to the homeless. Children will make cards to send with socks collected.

Contact Stephanie Hancock for details, 639-6091



This Sunday, 11:00AM

A sweet, simple Christmas musical presented by the children
Be on hand to enjoy the day! Bring family and friends.



MHBC Youth and Children can have fun wearing crazy socks each Sunday

- Dec. 6 - *Deck the Socks*
- Dec. 13 - *We Three Socks*
- Dec. 20 - *Socks around the Christmas Tree*

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 - this Sunday, enjoy the church Holiday Dinner.
Next Sunday, December 13-Christmas Progressive dinner and white elephant gift exchange, meet at MHBC at 5:30 PM

25th Year of Gingerbread Houses



Snow/Spraker Open House

Everyone is invited – 3010 Mount Hermon Road
Saturday, Dec. 12... 3:00 PM till whenever

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Annette Critelli**, at home
- **Barbara Carpenter**, surgery this week
- **Ann McDaniel**, in Johnston-Willis, ICU
- **Tina Golden**, broke her ankle
- **Glenn Etheridge**, friend of the Goodes and Lindbergs, in Sheltering Arms rehab for back surgery, injuries from a fall



Congratulations to **Ike Smith and Pat Clark** who were married
November 30 at church

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care

Dec 6 – Due to children's program, we will not have nursery available

Dec 13 – Gina Thompson, Dustin Pratt

Ushers

Dec 6 – Levis Crump, Rachel Boothe, Bob Lanier,
Barry Flora, Macy Hudson

Dec 13 – Ken Paul, Bill Hall, Anne Cox,
Ray Fleming, Charles Payne



Henrico County needs census workers for 2010

For info about census jobs available, call 866-861-2010

Happy Birthday this Week!

Dec 7 - Matthew Nichol

Dec 7 - Gary Carpenter

Dec 10 - Brad Eungard

Dec 10 - Betsy Smith

Dec 10 - Kelly Agren

Quotes for Today

One dog barks at something, the rest bark at him. - Chinese Proverb

A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog. -- Jack London

Don't think there are no crocodiles because the water is calm. -- Malayan Proverb

Sunday – November 29, 2009

Sunday School – 72	Contributions	\$ 3,150.00
Worship – 138	Avg. weekly needs	3,765.00
Building Fund – \$160.00		

Given to date: \$ 173,930.46
Total budget needs: 180,720.00

Special gifts...

To the Building Fund in memory of Ruth Hall by

**Charles & Tootsie Payne, Woody & Jean Carter, Pat & Delores Bentley
Jane Jackson and Marguerite Bendall, Wayne & Nellie Keener,
Leland & Georgie Capps, Suzan Cox, Ed & Brenda Cox,
Anne Barksdale, Pleasants Hardware**

And to the General Fund in memory of Ruth Hall by

Mr. & Mrs. Millard Cole, and Robert & Gloria Hall

From the Pastor

Confession is Good

We all “know” what happened between Tiger Woods and his wife before he crashed his Cadillac Escalade into that fire hydrant and tree. That is, we all “know” some version of *what we think happened*, because Mr. Woods refuses to tell the world the real or the whole story. So right now, speculation runs rampant. And why not? Everyone is curiously interested, but Woods is stonewalling, revealing little.

That will only make matters worse for Woods. In recent years, David Letterman and quite a few celebrities and major league athletes have chosen a different route; when they messed up, they confessed their misdeeds and laid the facts out for all to see. Once the public becomes convinced that Mr. Famous Person is not hiding anything, the curiosity and speculation goes away fairly quickly, and people move on. – As long as Tiger keeps quiet, this tempest will rage on and grow larger.

Confession is something we all resist. It’s risky and we don’t want to own our errors. It’s embarrassing. But confessing is the best thing to do, really. God knows that, and His Word advises us to be honest with Him (and each other) about the wrongs we have done. Forgiveness and the ability to rise out of sin won’t happen until we confess. You know this from experience. Let’s not forget it the next time we perform badly. God forgives, and so do people... if we are honest and up front and don’t try to hide.

In His love,

Lee

**Worship – December 6, 2009
Second Sunday of Advent**

Scripture Call to Worship Luke 2:11-14 Kathy Goode

Invocation Prayer

Advent Means Peace

*** Song of Praise 118 “What Child Is This”**

*** Lighting the Candle of Peace**

- * Song 107 “Oh, Come, Little Children” vss.1-2
- * Greet each other...
 Welcome and Church Highlights
 Retooning the Nativity
- God’s Word Luke 2:15-20
- * Offering Song 103 “Away In a Manger”
- * Offertory Statement & Prayer Kathy Goode
 Offertory

Baby Jesus, We Love You

- * Closing Song “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
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