



Mount Hermon Baptist Church
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Shepherds, Sheep, and a Savior – Dec 5



Gingerbread Houses!

This Sunday, Dec. 12, 3:00 PM -- Children & Youth create **Gingerbread Houses** at church. – Please bring **\$5.00** for supplies. Parents with very young children are asked to assist their little ones; the help of many parents is appreciated. For info contact Kitty Snow, 794-2603



There will be **108** poinsettias in the worship center this Sunday and next in honor and memory of loved ones. Thanks to everyone who placed these in church this Christmas season.

Holiday Dinner Fun!



Spraker-Snow Open House

This Saturday, Dec 11 – **3010 Mount Hermon Road**
Everyone is invited to drop by, 3:00 PM till whenever



Youth, this Sunday, Dec 12

Progressive Dinner & Gift Exchange

Begins at 5:30 PM at the Godseys, 17400 Genito Road, and end at 8:00 PM at the Pratts, 21417 Genito Road – Bring a dessert to share, a White Elephant gift to exchange, and bring a friend to enjoy the fun!



Choir Christmas presentation

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

Sunday, Dec. 19

Meet at church 5:00 PM to go caroling at the homes of MHBC members and friends, then come to **Lee & Gina Thompson's house**. Please bring food and Christmas goodies for everyone to enjoy.



Friday, Dec. 24

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

7:30 PM – **Christmas Eve Service**

Wednesday Night – Dec. 15

5:45 PM – Dinner: **Barbecue, tater tots, coleslaw, green beans**

6:45 PM – **Prayer time & Bible Study**
Children handbells & missions

7:30 PM – **Choir rehearsal**



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.

Deacons meet – This Sunday, 4:00 PM



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

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Gerri Abernathy**, Johnston-Willis, 521, had back surgery Monday
- **Rita Prather**, Brian Prather's mother - Chippenham Med. Center
- **Spencer Stevens**, the father of one of Ellen McGuire's students, serious condition in hospital
- **JoAnn Chatten**, Jim Bernard's sister in Danville, cancer diagnosis
- **Sympathies to Barry Flora & family** in the death of his brother, Bruce Flora in Roanoke on Dec. 8

Note of Thanks...

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for their prayers, concern, phone calls, and cards during my recent elbow surgery. Thank you for being such a caring church family. – John Meyerhoeffer

Sunday – Dec 5

Sunday School – 72 Worship – 175

Contributions – \$5,884.00
Avg. weekly need – 3,758.00

Budget Goal to date: \$184,142.00
Offerings to date: 178,815.62

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care:

Dec 12 – Felice & Bill Hall

Dec 19 – Brandon & Nicole Garrett

Ushers: Dec 12 – Ken Paul, Bill Hall, Anne Cox, Ray Fleming,
Charles Payne, youth

Dec 19 – Wayne Boothe, Lee Thompson, Steve Van Cleef,
Keith Utley, Roger Mann, youth

Happy Birthday!

Dec 14 - Debbie Heath	15 - Waverly Winn
15 - John Callahan	17 - Annette Critelli
15 - David Goode	17 - Hazel Williams
15 - Roger Mann	17 - Miranda Hall

Quotes for Today

Encouragement is oxygen to the soul. - George Adams

**Change, like sunshine, can be a friend or a foe,
a blessing or a curse, a dawn, or a dusk.** - William Arthur Ward

A diamond is a piece of coal that stuck to the job. – Michael Larsen



From the Pastor

A Helpful Network

Question: How can our church carry out multiple ministries to youth, children, adults, special needs, summer camps, spiritual enrichment, missions, Christian education, discipleship, mission education, stewardship, leadership development, communication, ministry networking, and more?

Answer: through the Virginia Baptist Resource Center and the work of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Last month, I was elected to serve on the Virginia Baptist Mission Board for a three-year term. New board members met for orientation last week, and in regular session I was appointed to the Support Services/Business committee and to serve as Vice-chair of this division which helps the other four leadership teams move forward: **Empowering Leaders, Courageous Churches, Emerging Leaders, and Global Missions.**

The work of our state mission organization is extensive, impressive, and important, and I am glad that we participate by supporting Virginia Baptist work in a portion of our regular church budget. It's a work you can be proud of, and I look forward to learning more about it in the years ahead and to telling you more about it.

Yours in Him,

Lee

December 12, 2010 – 11:00 AM
Third Sunday of Advent



Call to Worship

Handbells

On This Day the Earth Shall Ring

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

* **Song of Praise 94** Angels, from the Realms of Glory

* **Scripture** Isaiah 9:6-7 Lee Thompson

* **Invocation prayer**

* **Greeting each other**

Welcome and Church Highlights

Children's Handbells *Away in a Manger*

Silent Night, Joy to the World

[Children's church for ages 2 to 5, after children's handbells]

No children's choir until January

God's Word **Matthew 1:18-25**

Prayer

* **Offering Song 118** **What Child Is This?**

* **Offering Statement & Prayer** Lee Thompson

Special Music *Away in a Manger* **Handbells**

Message **His Disruptive Arrival** Lee Ellison

* **Commitment Song 121** vss. 1-3,5

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

* **Parting Blessing**

* **Parting Song** *Silent Night, Holy Night* **Handbells**