



## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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### Welcome New Members!



Mitchell, Griffin & Ellen McGuire

#### Griffin & Ellen McGuire, and Mitchell McGuire

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The McGuires have enjoyed getting connected to Mount Hermon.

**Griffin** is an auditor with the State Corporation Commission.

**Ellen** teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the Gordon Elementary School and has taught in Chesterfield County for 30 years.

**Mitchell** is a sophomore at VCU in the school of business and works part time at UPS. In 2006, he was captain of the Monacan High School baseball team, which won the state title. The McGuires' daughter, Katie, who lives in Richmond, is getting married May 31.

Griffin enjoys walking, taking care of the family dogs, and watching basketball. Ellen's interests include walking, reading, and tutoring children. Mitchell is into keeping up with sports such as baseball, basketball, and pro wrestling. (Ellen's parents, Bill & Ailene Stone, are long-time members of the church Rev. Ellison served as pastor in Danville.)

**How happy we are to welcome the McGuires to MHBC!**

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Youth had a great time skiing last weekend!



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**Ladies Softball, 2008** - Contact **Ron Hatcher**, [ronicins@aol.com](mailto:ronicins@aol.com) or **Sarah Perrot**, [perrothead@msn.com](mailto:perrothead@msn.com) or 744-1797

**Men's Softball 2008** – brief meeting at church immediately after worship this Sunday, March 2

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**Wednesday night March 5**

Menu: **Sandwiches & fixin's, and desserts**



**6:45 PM – Handbells, and Guest speaker: Omarh Rajah**

**7:30 PM – Choir rehearsal**



**Mr. Omarh Rajah**, our Matoaca District representative on the Chesterfield County School Board, will be sharing issues facing our schools and his perspectives on various matters of interest to us all.

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**Updated email addresses:** Sandra Hauser - [sandrahauser@verizon.net](mailto:sandrahauser@verizon.net)

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Available now... *God's Stories*, a new collection of real-life accounts of how God has been at work among Baptists in Virginia. *God's Stories for Children* is a shorter version. Both have full color illustrations and were written by Fred Anderson, our Virginia Baptist historian. Visit [www.baptistheritage.org](http://www.baptistheritage.org) to order copies, or call (804)289-8434

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## New and Updated Prayer Concerns...

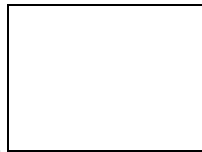
- **Sympathies to the family of Emma Boothe**, who passed away last Friday
- **Norman Wilkinson** moved to Lucy Corr Village on Tuesday
- **Jim Bernard** had knee-replacement surgery Tuesday at JW, 203
- **Stuart Rutherford** in McGuire VA Hospital
- **Bridget George** in St. Francis Medical Center, 201

Good news! **Bill & Felice Hall** have learned that they will be adopting a son from China. In 3-5 months, they hope to complete the process and bring **Michael William Anwei Hall** from China to the USA. For more info about this, visit the Halls' blogspot at [www.michaelmakes3.blogspotcom](http://www.michaelmakes3.blogspotcom)



Sundays

**Children's Ch.** Mar. 2 - Sandra Hauser, Tammy Corbitt  
Mar. 9 - Sara Lind Brevard, Amber Scott  
**Nursery Care** Mar. 2 - Anne Cox, Kelly Cox  
Mar. 9 - Stephanie & Russ Hancock, Kristin Godsey  
**Ushers -** Mar. 2 - Brian Nichol, Bill Hall, Chip Hancock,  
Levis Crump, Stuart Rutherford  
Mar. 9 - Wayne Boothe, Pat Clark, Mary Ann Mann,  
Charles Payne



### **Children's Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, March 22 -- If you can contribute hollow plastic Easter eggs, candy, stickers, toys, etc. (small enough to fit in the eggs), please bring these items to the collection box in the commons area by March 16.**

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**Sam Zhao, Distinguished Major Piano Recital (free)**

**Sunday, March 16th, 8pm @ Old Cabell Hall on campus of UVA**  
**Sam Zhao is a fourth-year student pursuing a double major in Music and Biology. He has played the piano for seventeen years. For his Distinguished Major Recital, Sam is performing a set of preludes composed by Chopin as well as a trio for violin, cello, and piano composed by Mendelssohn. For more information, please visit [www.virginia.edu/music/zhao](http://www.virginia.edu/music/zhao) or call the Box Office at 434.924.3984.**

**Directions and parking information: <http://www.virginia.edu/music/parking>**

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### *Quotes for Today*

**Remember that if the opportunities for great deeds should never come, the opportunities for good deeds are renewed day by day. The thing for us to long for is the goodness, not the glory. -- F.W. Faber**

**We have too many people who live without working, and we have altogether too many who work without living. -- Dean Charles R. Brown**

**Feelings are everywhere -- be gentle. -- J. Masai**

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# Happy Birthday this Week!

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| Mar 2 Ginnie Moore  | Mar 3 Lori Scott   |
| Mar 2 Mark Ellison  | Mar 4 Rob Wesley   |
| Mar 2 Lee Ellison   | Mar 5 Hope Hall    |
| Mar 2 Frances Crump | Mar 6 Shawn Morris |
| Mar 3 David Crump   | Mar 8 Aimee Flora  |

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## Sunday – February 24, 2008

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|---------------|-----|-------------------|-------------|
| Worship       | 135 | Contributions     | \$ 3,366.00 |
| Sunday School | 80  | Avg. Weekly needs | 4,009.00    |

Building Fund \$ 680.00

Year to date: \$ 28,592.00  
Avg. Budget needs: 32,072.00

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## From the Pastor

### *The Work of Preaching*

After a seminary student presented a practice sermon to his homiletics class, the professor offered this evaluation: **“Your sermon was both good and original. However, the parts that were good weren’t original, and the parts that were original weren’t good.”**

Preaching is work. Like a carpenter who pieces together many materials made by other suppliers, the preacher pulls together insights, ideas, and illustrations from others as well. So, reading and hearing from other good sources and resources is essential. The minister who uses only his/her own original thoughts and perspectives can only offer thin soup to a congregation. On the other hand, sharing *only* what others have written or said before is not only lazy, it’s lifeless. Some balanced combination is best.

The Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes asserts: “There is nothing new under the sun.” One could argue that many new things spring forth in the world all the time, but I think the writer meant that so many ideas we think are original with us have been thought or said by someone somewhere before. This is true in every profession and business. Innovators and progressives are simply creative in combining and refining concepts and processes that someone else created.

It’s my hope that what I share with you Sunday by Sunday combines the best of available resources from myself and others to give you messages that are thoughtful, uplifting, and helping you live a better life for Christ.

In His love,

**Lee**

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## Worship – March 2, 2008

Lesson From the Geese

Call to Worship “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” Handbells

Scripture Calls Us to Worship James 1:2-5 Bill Hall

Invocation Prayer

\* Song of Praise # 483 “Footsteps of Jesus”

\* Reading God’s Word Together Matthew 5:3-8

\* Greeting each other...

Welcome & Highlights of Church Life

Children’s Time Lee Ellison

(Children through grade 2 go to Children’s Church)

God’s Word Matthew 4:1-11

\* Offering Song # 485 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

\* Offertory Statement & Prayer Bill Hall

Special Music “Draw Near” Choir

Message **Having the Guts to Say NO** Lee Ellison

The Lord’s Supper

The Bread: Christ’s YES to us

The Cup: our YES to Christ

\* Commitment Song # 484 “Higher Ground”

\* Parting Song *Wherever He leads, I’ll go*

*Wherever He leads, I’ll go*

*I’ll follow my Christ who loves me so*

*Wherever He leads, I’ll go*