



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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Welcome New Member!

Etheridge (Eff) Noll Ayers, Sr. – by letter

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Eff, who is retired from the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #10, lives in one of the Watermill subdivisions. He enjoys fishing and doing home construction projects.

It's a pleasure to begin a new year by welcoming Eff to the MHBC family!

Deacons meet this Sunday, Jan. 10 – 5:00 PM



Buy 2010 Chick-fil-A calendars for only \$6.00

and you will have many coupons for free food

Proceeds benefit MHBC youth ministry

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Margaret Crump** had hip surgery last week and is now at The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 601B, for physical rehab.
- **Molly Boyer** had back surgery and is doing well
- **Iris Wallace**, Fred Williams sister, having surgery this Sunday
- **Debbie Vaughan**, Sandra Hauser's neighbor, seriously ill.

- **Diane Chapman**, friend of Tom Hauser, treatment for brain tumor.
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Children are a gift from God!

Thanks to the many volunteers for leading and loving our children by serving in the nursery and children's church during worship. We are currently in need of volunteers to help staff these two important ministries. If you think the children's ministry is important, please lend a hand. -- Contact Susan Prather

Children's Choir will resume Jan. 10 under the direction of Joann Winn. (All children will leave for children's church and choir after the children's message during worship each week.)

Missions and Music for kids - Wednesday nights 6:45 to 7:30 PM, hand bells, music, and devotions.

Many thanks to **Stephanie Hancock**, **Belinda Kunkel** and **Ilene Rutherford** for contributing their time to organize our storage and supply closets. Thanks, Ladies!

YOUTH: Youth Group - Jan. 10, 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Jan. 17, no Sunday group meeting, instead join us Monday, Jan. 18 (school holiday) from 9 AM to 2:30 PM on mission at Embrace Richmond. MHBC students will be serving in the Caritas furniture bank helping a family shop for furniture and then moving them into an apartment. Bring a packed lunch. Each student must have a signed volunteer waiver. – Contact Susan Prather to sign up.



Wednesday, Jan. 13

6:00 PM – Dinner – **meatloaf, parsley potatoes, green beans, rolls, desserts**

6:45 PM – Bible Study – *The Psalms: Songs of Faith*
Children Missions & Music
Handbells

7:30 PM – Choir rehearsal

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care

Jan 10 – Becky Hancock & helper
Jan 17 – Carolyn, Billy and Shane Bare

Children's Church

Jan 10 – Heather and Scott Szczesniak
Jan 17 – Penny and Kristin Godsey

Ushers

Jan 10 – Wayne Boothe, Pat Smith, Russ Hancock,
Mary Ann Mann, Charles Payne
Jan 17 – Lee Thompson, Brian Nichol, Tom Hauser,
Georgie Capps, Steve Van Cleef

Happy Birthday this Week!

Jan 10 - Jean Dudley	Jan 15 - Jon Lindberg
Jan 10 - Scott Bass	Jan 15 - Gillian Kunkel
Jan 10 - Aimee Parsons	Jan 16 - Aiden VanHouten
Jan 12 - Larry Hollister	

(If we miss listing your birthday during the year, let us know!)

Quotes for Today

Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.

- Edith Lovejoy Pierce

Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races, one after another.

- Walter Elliot

2009 offerings - \$191,547.46
2009 expenses - 189,953.57

Sunday – January 3, 2010

Sunday School – 53	Contributions \$ 3808.00
Worship – 103	Avg. weekly needs 3,758.00
Building Fund – \$175.00	

Special gift...

To the General Fund in memory of Ruth Hall by Elmer & Shirley Zartman



From the Pastor

Ah..., a new year

As you probably know, Debbie and I did not get to Dubai to visit family after Christmas. Flying standby always carries such a risk, and many other passengers with such flight status that Saturday morning did not get on board as well. Since flights scheduled for the next four days were heavily booked, we knew waiting to try again would be futile. – Perhaps we can reschedule a trip soon.

Sometimes life goes as planned; often it does not. How good are you at dealing with disappointment? Do you get angry? Depressed? Anxious? – It depends on how badly you wanted something to happen, or how important it was to you, right? No one reacts to let-downs quite the same way, but to expect the world to conform to our wishes is unrealistic and immature.

Despite what many media writers claim, we have not yet entered the second decade of the 21st century; we have begun the last year of the first decade. (Count to ten and where do you group 10? In the next group of ten? No, that would be 11.)

Anyway, we agree that it's a new year and we are blessed to be some degree of **alive**, **awake**, and **aware**. -- Be resolved to be more **alive** to the Spirit of God embodied in Jesus Christ and his followers, and be **awake** to the reality of this amazing world he put you in, and be **aware** of what you can do to uplift and help people around you.

The Lord doesn't want us spiritually snoozing through 2010, so let's get going!

In His love,

Lee

Worship – January 10, 2010

New Year Inspiration

Call to Worship *Jesus, Name Above All Names* Choir
Scripture Call to Worship Bob Lanier

Isaiah 11:1-4

Invocation Prayer

- * Song of Praise 227 “Praise Him, Praise Him”
- * Sharing the Word Together... Colossians 1:15-17,19
- * Song 217 “Oh, How I Love Jesus”, v.1
- * Greeting each other

Welcome and Church Highlights

Children's Time

Lee Ellison

God's Word

Isaiah 43:1-7

Prayer

- * Offering Song 221 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”
- * Offertory Statement & Prayer **Bob Lanier**
- Special Music *The Old-Fashioned Meeting* **Choir**

Scripture **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

Message **Lee Ellison**

God In a Complete Package

- * Commitment Song 216
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
- * Parting Blessing
- * Parting Song *Shine, Jesus, Shine* **Choir**