



## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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### An Important Project for Us All!

Rev. Garry Sims and the many volunteers of the **Prison Ministry** in our area continually work in jails and prisons all across Virginia. One important part of what they do is providing an inmate with his/her own Bible. To assist in this ongoing effort, **we are collecting used Bibles** and taking **contributions to help purchase new Bibles**. Thousands are needed every year.

**Here's what you can do. Bring your used Bibles to church to donate.** All versions are welcome, even those that have been marked and written in. Rev. Sims says inmates sometimes prefer certain translations, and many say they benefit from reading underlined or highlighted passages. – **You can also contribute money to buy Bibles.** Every \$3.50 enables the Prison Ministry to purchase a paperback Bible especially designed for the average inmate's reading skills. (\$35 puts God's Word into the hearts of 10 people who really need it!)

Start donating your used Bible(s) now, and/or make contributions, clearing designating the gift for **Prison Ministry Bibles**. This is a project of **Central Virginia Baptist Ministries...** let's see how many Bibles MHBC can provide!



### Sound System Proposal

Special business session - **Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009 at 6:45 PM**, to consider a proposal to improve the worship center sound system

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**Spirit Night** at 

... a youth mission fundraiser

Monday Jan. 19 and Monday Feb. 16

Take a coupon (available through church) to **Chick-fil-A** at 12301 Chattanooga Plaza on Hull Street Road, 5:00- 8:00 PM. Your purchase will result in 20% of the sale going to MHBC youth missions. (Coupons are honored all day, but 5:00- 8:00 is the target time.) **All MHBC members and friends are asked to participate!**



**Parents and Youth...**

put **Sunday Feb. 8, 6:30 PM** on your calendar

Wayne Boothe will be sharing plans for a youth-sponsored spring **Golf Tournament fundraiser.**

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**Deacon Ordination – January 18**

**Jeremy Blankenship** and **Joanne Winn** will be ordained to the deacon ministry during worship. Be present to affirm them as they assume this important caring work in our church.

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**Put on your calendar... Movie Night**

**Sunday, January 25, 6:00 PM**



See **Fireproof: The Movie**  
at Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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**MHBC Youth** are collecting **sleeping bags, blankets, and backpacks** for **Grace Fellowship**, a worship ministry for the homeless and group adult homes in Richmond.  
-- *Can you help by donating any of these items?* Donations can be dropped off in the youth room. – Thanks!

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## Sunday ministers

### Children's Church

Jan. 11 – Marci Nichol, Lindsey Mann

Jan. 18 – Vickie Robben, Kim Robben

### Nursery Care

Jan. 11 – Stephanie & Russ Hancock, Kristen Godsey

Jan. 18 – Felice & Bill Hall, Jr., Scott Green

### Ushers

Jan. 11 – Wayne Boothe, Pat Clark, Russ Hancock,  
Mary Ann Mann, Charles Payne

Jan. 18 – Lee Thompson, Brian Nichol, Tom Hauser,  
Georgie Capps, Steve Van Cleef

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## New and Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Katie Van Houten**, bed rest at home for pregnancy
  - **Bonnie Sexton** had surgery last week, recovering at home
  - **Ilene Rutherford's** sister, **Jean Tagawa**, home from hospital
  - **Tyler Kowalewski** (Scott & Heather Szczesniak's son) fell down stairs while visiting family in Oregon and suffered buckle fractures in both wrists... now home
  - **Mark Russell** (Vincent Russell's son) has been in Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg with kidney stones
  - **Kenny Allen** (Debbie Ellison's father) has cancer of the lining of his right lung... further tests will indicate treatment options to follow
  - **Polly Isler & family**, Harold Keown's cousin: her daughter was killed in an auto accident in NC
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# Happy Birthday this Week!

Jan 12 - Larry Hollister      Jan 17 – Rachel Maine  
Jan 15 – Jon Lindberg        Jan 17 – Kay Hancock  
Jan 15 – Gillian Kunkel       Jan 17 – Beth Hall

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## *Quotes for Today*

Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world. - John Milton

It is not in the pursuit of happiness that we find fulfillment, it is in the happiness of pursuit. - Denis Waitley

You're not obligated to win. You're obligated to keep trying to do the best you can every day. - Marian Wright Edelman

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## Sunday – January 4, 2009

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| Worship       | 101      | Contributions     | \$ 4,339.00 |
| Sunday School | 55       | Avg. weekly needs | 3,940.00    |
| Building Fund | \$100.00 |                   |             |

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| Summary of 2008 Offerings: | \$ 185,593.55 |
| Expenses:                  | 196,799.02    |

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## **From the Pastor**      *Ready or not, here I come!*

In the game “Hide & Seek”, the seeker closes his/her eyes, counts to ten, then shouts: “Ready or not, here I come!” Perhaps the seeker will discover all the hidens; perhaps not. Who knows?

Goodness, is it 2009 already? What will happen this year? We get a new presidential administration on Jan. 20. Will the economy plunge further or steadily improve? Will the murder rate in central Virginia keep declining or shoot up? Will a huge meteor or galactic energy wave pound the earth wreaking worldwide destruction? Or will we have a nice, quiet trip around the Sun and all live happily ever after? – Who knows? The future just roars along shouting, “Ready or not, here I come!” We just show up and deal with... whatever.

Some people think the future is determined, preset, or programmed for a certain result. - I don't! - I think our future is a complex web of decisions, intentions, actions (and yes, even accidents) that are subject

to change at any time and may follow any number of multiple paths. God keeps His options open, and He also gives us free will. -- Your job and mine is to trust God with this year, and to ask Him what He wants done. You are a Faith Person, living by faith the best your can!

In His love,

**Lee**

**PS: Debbie and I thank you for all the nice Christmas cards and greetings you sent us. Your thoughtfulness and love is appreciated. We hope your Christmas celebrations were wonderful and fun.**

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**Worship – January 11, 2009**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Call to Worship      *Garments of Praise*      Choir

Scripture Call to Worship    Proverbs 3:3-6    Roger Mann

Invocation Prayer

\* Song of Praise 14    “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

\* Praising God Through His Word      Psalm 148:1-5

\* Greet each other...

Welcome and Church Highlights

Children’s Time      Lee Ellison

God’s Word Says      Matthew 6:25-34

Prayer

\* Offering Song 55    “Children of the Heavenly Father”

\* Offering Statement & Prayer      Roger Mann

Special Music      *As the Deer*      Choir

Message      **Liberating Apathy**      Lee Ellison

\* Commitment Song 317    “Only Trust Him”

\* Parting Blessing

\* Choral Benediction    *Grace, Love, and Fellowship*    Choir