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Our 175th Anniversary Year

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It was a great week of VBS!



A total of **57** children enrolled and attended *High Seas Expedition* last week. Big thanks to **Susan Prather** and to all our VBS leaders, helpers, youth helpers, and all our supporters...

Aimee Flora

Scott Szczesniak

Heather Szczesniak

Russ Hancock

Stephanie Hancock

O.J. Johnson

Sarah Johnson

Tammy Corbitt

Joann Winn

Kitty Snow

Gina Thompson

Brian Prather

Lindsey Prather

Lindsey Matthews

Becca Matthews

Trey Matthews

Dakota Flora

Krissy Dillard

Kristin Godsey

Janet Dickson

Felice Hall

Bill Hall, Jr.

Joe Hall

Emilee Kowalewski

Jim Bernard

Darian Spivey

R.J. Witt

Shane Bare

Jean Togowa

Belinda Kunkel

Kim Robben

Karen Hudgins

Benjamin Campbell

Holley Tarkenton

Brianna Wooten

Mary Pittus

Nicole Garrett

Carrie Romer

Carolyn Bare

Wendy Lynn

Zeke Leftwich

Tess Leftwich

Ilene Rutherford

And the **many folks** who donated food items for snack time

*Special thanks to: **Annette & Tom Critelli** and Astro Events and Jesse Ressler from Earthworks for their generous contributions to our Sunday afternoon picnic.



Adults and Youth... are you up for a mission trip?

August 19-22, Mount Hermon folks will be serving the Hyaets community in Charlotte, N.C. Contact **Lee Thompson** (739-3780) before July 15 for more details and to register.



Kids! - FREE Movies

at Commonwealth 20 Theater all summer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting at 10 AM



Anniversary year recap of important dates

May 23, 1835 – first meeting to consider forming a new church

June 20, 1835 – decision to form a new church and draw up core beliefs

July 4, 1835 – first pastor called and church name chosen



May 23, 2010 – *The Dream*: anniversary celebration, recognition of descendants of charter members, and Fred Anderson's portrayal of Dr. William Hatcher

June 20, 2010 – *The Dream Continues*: music celebration in worship

July 4, 2010 – *The Dream Fulfilled*, special worship



Special Worship later this month

On **Sunday, July 25** there will be an early service at **9:30 AM** in the chapel. Included will be time for you to **share memories** of people and events associated with the old sanctuary, which was Mount Hermon's worship place for 143 years! The chapel is still used for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and special events.

NOTE: on July 25 the regular worship time will be held in the new building as usual at 11:00 AM, but there will be no Sunday School that day.

Come to either service, or both!

Want to share *What MHBC Means to Me?* Contact Lee Ellison

Sunday – June 27

Contributions – \$ 2,709.93
Avg. weekly need – 3,758.00

Sunday School – 40
Worship – 157

Offerings to date: \$ 98,048.80
Budget Goal to date: 97,708.00

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Tootsie Payne** in St. Mary's, 201A
- **Mike Garber**, knee problems - scheduled for surgery later this month
- **Marian Green**, Frances Manley's sister, in Johnston-Willis
- **Dorothy Pate**, friend of Lucille Campbell, in St. Frances, 321
- **Barbara Snead**, mother of Mona Mawyer, at home in South Boston with health problems after recent hospitalization

Congratulations to Alan & Dana Bates in the birth of a daughter, Ally Leigh, born June 25, and to proud grandparents Dane & Janet Lewis!

Note of appreciation...

Thanks to everyone at Mount Hermon Baptist Church for the prayers in my time of need. Thanks to Lee for all the visits, prayers, and phone calls. I had a CT scan on May 14. It did not show any cancer. Thank the Lord for that!

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU. – Calvin Jarrell

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care: July 4 – Tammy Witt and helper

July 11 – Nicole & Brandon Garrett

Children's Church: July 4 – Marci Nichol and helper

July 11 – Belinda Kunkel and helper

Ushers: July 4 – Brian Nichol, Bill Hall, Chip Hancock,
Levis Crump, youth

July 11 – Wayne Boothe, Eff Ayers, Russ Hancock,
Mary Ann Mann, Charles Payne, youth

Happy Birthday!

July 5 - RJ Hancock 8 - Craig Rudd
7 - Doug Kunkel, Jr. 8 - Hayden Marsh
7 - Chip Hancock 10 - Aurelia Moniz

Quotes for Today

**There's nothing like biting off more than you can chew,
and then chewing anyway. - Mark Burnett**

**Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass;
it is about learning to dance in the rain.**

**Hide not your talents, they for use were made.
What's a sun-dial in the shade? -- Benjamin Franklin**



(Oil-covered pelican)

Who Is In Charge?

It appears that we need new lyrics for the song “God Bless America”...

**“From the mountains, to the prairies,
to the oceans, *brown with oil!*”**

You know the situation in the Gulf. What a mess! Who is responsible for this disaster? BP? Government regulators? Companies doing contract work? Someone said recent earthquakes caused the violent upheaval of methane gas which burned the oil rig platform and burst the line. So I guess God did it!

**Mankind has been ruining Earth’s environment for a long time. Thousands of years ago, civilizations cut down vast forests and depleted farmlands soils. Native North Americans changed vast stretches of forest by burning them to make hunting easier. Countless animal species are forever lost having been killed off or because their habitats were destroyed by humans. Chinese industry spews billions of tons of toxic chemicals into the air each day. South Americans chew up mile after mile of rain forests each month. Cities dump tons of waste into rivers and streams. –
Aaahhh! What a mess!**

To be fair, mankind also creates much good: reclaiming desert and swampy spaces and making them fertile and green. We control floods along rivers in helpful ways and create paradise-like gardens out of wildernesses, too.

Bottom line question: *Who is in charge?*

Bible answer: *We are.*

**After creating the world, God turned to humanity with a blessing and said:
“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” - Genesis 1:28**

Since God says we are really in charge, we must take this responsibility seriously. *Would God allow us to destroy our world?* I believe the answer is *yes*, because we are really in charge. If you argue the wisdom of God doing that, take it up with Him. In the meantime, do all you can to make His world cleaner and healthier. It really is a Christian thing to do.

Yours in Him,

Lee



Worship, July 4 – 11:00 AM
Christian Citizenship Sunday

Our Nation's Inspiration

Scripture call to worship **Ken Paul**

Philippians 3:20-21

Invocation prayer

* Song of Praise 633 **vss.1-2,4**

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

* Pledge to the Christian Flag

587 "Jesus Shall Reign" v.1

* Pledge to the U.S. Flag

635 "The Star-Spangled Banner" v.1

* Greeting fellow members of the Kingdom of God

Welcome and Church Highlights

Children's Time

Lee Ellison

Scripture **Matthew 17:1-8**

Finding Freedom

* Offering Song 634 **"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"**

* Offering Statement & Prayer **Ken Paul**

Solo ***I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb*** **Peiling Zhao**

Message **What's In a Name?** **George Fleming**

The Lord's Supper

The Bread: claim the name and life of Christ

The Cup: claims a new covenant for His people

* Commitment Song 630 **"America the Beautiful"**

* Parting Song **"God Bless America"**
