



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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Our 175th Anniversary Year

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sails on! Vacation Bible School continues each evening, 6 PM, at church through Friday as MHBC children, friends, and kids from the community are learning about the deep rolling waters of God's love!

Celebrate VBS this Sunday, June 27 – 11:00 AM as the children share things they learned at VBS! After worship, everyone is invited to a **cookout** at the Pavilion. Grilled hamburgers will be ready, please bring a side dish or two. **Children, bring your bathing suits for water games and the inflatable water slide!** **Parents, bring a lawn chair, too.**



Adults and Youth... Interested in going on mission?

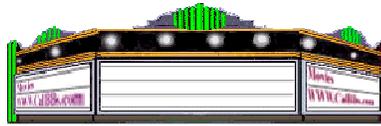
August 19-22, Mount Hermon folks will be serving the Hyaets community in Charlotte, N.C. Contact **Lee Thompson** (739-3780) before July 15 for more details and to register.

In August, **Hyaets will celebrate its 5th birthday!** Everyone who is connected with Hyaets is invited to send a story, reflection, testimony, or photos related to your Hyaets experience. These will be put on display at the Hyaets birthday party and then placed into a scrap book. Please send your items to 2910 Parkway Ave, Charlotte, NC 28208



Passport 2010 information meeting
Wednesday, June 30 at 6:00 PM

Youth, **bring a parent with you** to this very important meeting.
A notary will be on hand for those needing documents signed.



Hey, Kids! - FREE Movies

at Commonwealth 20 Movie Theater all summer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting at 10:00 AM. -- MHBC children, bring your parents and meet us at Commonwealth 20 this **Tuesday, June 29 at 9:30 AM** to see...
Horton Hears a Who, or Monsters vs. Aliens



During our anniversary year, if you are willing to speak briefly during a worship time on **What MHBC Means to Me**, or if you would write a short paragraph to put in a newsletter, please contact Lee Ellison.



Men's Softball – Monday, June 28
8:30 PM, Ironbridge field #5

Sunday – June 20

Contributions – \$ 5,254.85
Avg. weekly need – 3,758.00

Sunday School – 54
Worship – 180

Offerings to date: \$ 95,338.87
Budget Goal to date: 93,950.00

Special Gift to the Building Fund by Mary Hatcher
in memory of her husband, Bob Hatcher

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Tootsie Payne** at home with severe back pains
- **Roger Mann**, doing better recovering from pneumonia
- **Helen Allen**, Debbie Ellison's mother, in St. Mary's Hospital, 508
- **Marian Green**, Frances Manley's sister, in Johnston-Willis being treated for leg circulation problems

Congratulations to Josh & Laura Koelzer in the birth of a son, Zebediah (Zeb) Emmanuel, born June 17, and to proud grandparents Charles & Karen Blankenship, and great grandparents Bob & Frances Manley!

Congratulations to Greg & Helms Jarrell in the birth of a son, Zebulon Fisher, on June 20 in Charlotte, NC

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care

June 27 – No nursery: VBS Celebration during worship for all children

July 4 – Tammy Witt and helper

Children's Church

June 27 – No children's church-VBS Celebration in worship

July 4 – Marci Nichol and helper

Ushers

June 27 – Woody Carter, David Cox, Roger Mann, Vincent Russell, Rick Witt

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

Happy Birthday!

June 27 - Ellie Eungard	July 1- Michael Hall
27 - Bill Hall, Sr.	1 - Kim Martin
27 - Shannon O'Neill	2 - Shannon Rudd
30 - Beth Paul	3 - Mary Hatcher
30 - Ellen Fleming	3 - Janet Lewis

Quotes for Today

The real voyage of discovery consists of not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes. - Marcel Proust

"The church has a mission" is incorrect. The more correct statement is "the mission has a church." - Alan Hirsch

When a team outgrows individual performance and learns team confidence, excellence becomes a reality. - Joe Paterno



From the Pastor

OK, now what?

It's been fun to celebrate our church's 175th. It's been good to learn a little bit about how and when Mount Hermon Baptist got started and to appreciate its long-time presence in this part of Chesterfield County. Now it's time to ask...

OK, where do we go from here?

You created a Vision/Planning Team to address this important question. For the better part of two years, they have: thought, studied, prayed, discussed, and weighed the matter from many different angles. There are so many factors at work. A dizzying array of cultural shifts, social trends, community developments, and changes in family dynamics are shaping the American religious landscape in 2010. The team tried to understand these forces as well as our church's present strengths and "where we are today". From there, the attempt has been to envision how we might do God's work in the most effective ways.

Now the Vision/Planning team feels ready to offer the church a **Mission Statement** and **Vision Statements** to consider. Those who receive this newsletter by mail will find it in this week's mailing. Those who get this via email will find it attached. Everyone is asked to realize that *this is a starting point* in our vision-casting. The process will move forward. It is far from exhaustive and is being kept simple for good reasons.

The **Mission Statement** focuses on our basic purpose as a church. A useful mission statement is brief, accurate, and memorable. The three **Vision Statements** amplify different elements of the Mission Statement, much like three branches of the same tree. They state some basic things we wish to do. The **Action statements** get specific about HOW and WHEN we will carry out our envisioned goals. The Mission and Vision statements are useless without these action steps.

Read these statements. Think and pray over them. In weeks and months ahead, we will be talking about these proposals together. And when we have applied our collective wisdom, we will affirm these statements (or some variation of them) as our beginning point for the direction we feel led to go.

I will take the message time on Sunday mornings in July to look at these Biblical imperatives and explain further what they mean. Join me on this journey. It is full of exciting possibilities if we all work together to make it our reality.

Yours in Him,

Lee

Flowers in the worship center this Sunday are placed in memory of Mr. & Mrs. O. Alvin Kelley in honor of their wedding anniversary, June 27. Mr. Kelley established the Dorothy Kelley Scholarship at MHBC in memory of his beloved wife.

Worship, June 27 – 11:00 AM

Will feature...

- A variety of songs and special things the children learned this week during Vacation Bible School
 - *What MHBC Means to Me* Lee Thompson
 - Scripture Titus 3:5,6
 - Message *What God Poured Out on Us* Lee Ellison
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