



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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Our 175th Anniversary Year

Enewsletter – May 27, 2010

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Welcome New Members!



Phillip & Katie Ranallo, by letter

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Phillip is head cashier at Home Depot and enjoys drama, movies, photography, videos, and (now that they are in their new home) yard work. **Katie**, who is the daughter of Griffin & Ellen McGuire, works as a Point-of-Care Specialist for HCA. She enjoys singing, cooking, entertaining, and getting ready for a daughter they are expecting in October. – What a joy to welcome the Ranallos to MHBC!

Sunday, May 23 – *The Dream Continues!*





Rev. George Fleming



Dr. William E. Hatcher



MHBC's oldest & youngest



**Levis Crump Marguerite Bendall
Addy Blankenship**

(photos by Gina Thompson)

Thank you

to the **Anniversary Team** members who planned special events for 2010: Jim Bernard, Levis Crump, George Fleming, Kathy Goode, Bill Hall, Sr., Joan Hudson, and Charlie Payne.

And to the Hospitality Team & helpers for Sunday's dinner preparations: Charles & Karen Blankenship, Rachel Boothe, Georgie Capps, Ray Fleming, Lillian Fleming, Joan Hudson Kathy Goode, Mary Ann Mann, Beth & Ken Paul, Steve & Sandy Van Cleef, Hazel & Fred Williams.

And to those who set up the pavilion and spruced up the church grounds: Eff Ayers, Wayne Boothe, Lee Ellison, Ron Hatcher, Bob Lanier, Roger Mann.

Youth Water Fun – May 23



The church office will be closed Monday,
May 31, **Memorial Day**



Tell us about **MHBC members** or family members who are **graduating from high school or receiving university degrees** this spring. Send information to prathermhbc@aol.com or call 794-2049 – Thanks!

Mount Hermon Baptist
175th anniversary commemorative plates
\$18 each - Available at church now



Men's Softball – Monday, June 3
7:00 PM, Ironbridge field #6

Sunday – May 23, 2010 Contributions – \$ 3,863.50
Avg. weekly need – 3,765.00

Offerings to date: \$ 80,505.77
Worship – 164 Budget Goal to date: 78,918.00
Mount Hermon Mission Offering – \$ 303.00
Total MHMO for 2010 – \$10,968.00

Special Gifts

In memory of **Mavis Allen** by Wayne & Rachel Boothe, John & Linda Meyerhoeffer
Woody & Jean Carter, Pat & Delores Bentley
In memory of **Ray Meyerhoeffer** by John & Linda Meyerhoeffer
In memory of **Alice Bailey Patterson** by Myrtle Campbell

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Virginia Heath**, Dana Heath's mother, in physical rehab at CJW - Chippenham

Congratulations!



To **Patrick Spraker and Holly Jackson** who were married at Chimborazo Park on Saturday, May 22. Patrick is the son of Kitty Snow.

Dear Mount Hermon Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls and prayers these last several days. Shoulder surgery and your son's wedding at the same time isn't easy, but I was supported by some of my most precious friends and that made all the difference.

I love you all. – Kitty Snow

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care

May 30 – Gina Thompson, Dustin Pratt

June 6 – Stephanie & Russ Hancock

Children's Church

May 30 – Penny Godsey

June 6 – Sandra Hauser, Tammy Corbitt

Ushers May 30 – Ken Paul, Charles Payne, Rachel Boothe,

Mary Ann Mann, youth
June 6 – Levis Crump, Rachel Boothe, Bob Lanier,
Barry Flora, Charles Payne, youth

Happy Birthday!

May 30 - Jean Snyder June 2 - Jimmy Golden
30 - Lindsey Bowman 3 - Adam Prather
30 - Sandy Van Cleef 5 - Lucille Dodrill
31 - Jacob Carey

Quotes for Today

The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when you discover that someone else believes in you and is willing to trust you with a friendship. -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs. It's jolted by every pebble in the road. -- Henry Ward Beecher



Seriously Lost

In case you've been living in cave for the last couple of weeks, the internet, blogs, and TV media chatter this week is all about the final episode of ABC's series *Lost*. The hoopla is lost on me as I never watched it. The show's ads and trailers failed to grab me, but many others followed the series with passionate interest, and now they have strong opinions about its ending... or lack thereof.

Bottom line: the story was fiction from start to finish - the imaginative creation of Hollywood script writers. My own reading of fiction (or watching movies) is always skewed by my awareness that "somebody just made this up," therefore I am more into diagnosing their writing or production techniques than I am taking the story seriously. Ho-hum!

More serious than TV episodes of *Lost* is the tragedy of a human life being lost to God. *Lost* is a 19th century metaphor for the human condition symbolizing what 21st century people would more likely express as *alienation, angst, disconnection, a distorted or tortured reality*, or some other way of saying how we humans are "out-of-

synch with the Supreme Presence (God).” Now THAT is serious! Read Jesus’ take on it in Luke 15 where He told three stories about *lostness*. According to the One who knows God best, God doesn’t like to lose *anyone*. Each story ends where God wants things to be. The lost one is FOUND and God experiences great JOY! [Note: while Jesus is a very creative script writer, his stories illuminate reality in stunningly accurate ways.]

Some serious questions to ponder...

Does God lose us, or do we lose ourselves? What have we lost if we lose God? Where does being lost leave us, not just in this life, but in the next? Do you even care that friends and loved ones are disconnected from God’s love and His ultimate fulfillment for their lives? Do we take this condition seriously? – Since the Bible is real (not fiction), we sure should!

Seriously,

Lee

Special Note: During this anniversary year, we would like to have church members share their thoughts on the subject “**What MHBC Means to Me**”. If you are willing to speak briefly on this during a worship time in weeks ahead, or if you would write a short paragraph to put in a newsletter, please let me know. -- Lee

**Worship – May 30, 2010
11:00 AM**

Scripture Call to Worship		David Cox
	Romans 5:1-5	
Invocation Prayer		
Call to Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>	Choir
* Praise Song 176	“Fairest Lord Jesus”	
* <i>This is Who Jesus Is...</i>	Colossians 1:15-18	
* Greeting each other		
<i>Memorial Day Highlight</i>		
Welcome and Church Highlights		
Children’s Time		Lee Ellison
The Bible Says...	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	
Prayer		
* Offering Song 183		vss.1,3-4
	“I’ve Found a Friend, O Such a Friend”	
* Offering Statement & Prayer		David Cox
Solo		Danielle Heath
Message	God Got Personal	Lee Ellison
* Commitment Song 337	“I Know Whom I Have Believed”	
Parting Blessing		
<i>Memorial Day Tribute</i>		
