



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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**MHBC: A loving community empowered by Christ
to serve God's purposes and the needs of others**

Enewsletter – Nov. 11, 2010

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Guest Speaker, Nov 14 – 11:00 AM



Rev. Ed Powell recently completed 22 years of ministry as pastor of Bethel Baptist in Midlothian and is now moving toward interim pastoral ministry. A graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ed is a Chesterfield County native who has been very active in our local Baptist association and in Virginia Baptist life. Be on hand to hear him this Sunday.



Change for Orphans

Since November is National Adoption Awareness Month, we will have buckets at church each Sunday to receive donations for the **Change for Orphans** fund, which provides care for orphans and grants to families who need help funding adoption. (Visit www.showhope.org for more information).

Next Sunday, Nov. 21, all the Sunday School classes are invited to come to the Chapel at 10:00 AM to share in a **baptism service** for O.J & Sarah Johnson. (If you would like to be baptized, too, contact the pastor now.)



Veterans Day, 2010

We thank all those who served our nation in the armed forces



Youth group – this Sunday, Nov. 4, 6:00 PM



Business session – Wednesday, Nov. 17

- Regular reports
 - Ministry Placement Team leadership recommendations for 2011
 - Proposed ministry budget for 2011
 - Recommendation from the Building & Grounds and Financial Resources teams to repair damaged asphalt sections of the church driveway at a cost of \$8386.10 from undesignated funds.
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Children's Christmas Program rehearsals

November 14 & 21 - after church in the worship center



Christmas Shoeboxes

Bring your shoeboxes to church this Sunday. Thank you for taking time to fill purchase small toys and personal items for needy children around the world.

Operation Christmas Child packing instructions can be found at...

http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack_A_Shoe_Box/



Last call for Thanksgiving Meal Packages

Help MHBC youth provide a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner to families in need in our community by contributing a \$15 gift card from a grocery store and/or providing the contents for a meal package:

- 1- 40 oz can of yams or sweet potatoes
- 1- 13 oz box of mashed potatoes
- 1- 16 oz can of cranberry sauce

- 2- 15 oz cans of corn
- 2- 15 oz cans of green vegetables
- 2- 16 oz boxes or pkgs of stuffing mix
- 2- 10 oz cans of gravy
- 1- box of hot chocolate
- 1- small box or jar of ice tea mix or tea bags
- 1- box or bag of cookies

Bring your complete meal or gift cards to MHBC by this Sunday, Nov. 14

Youth volunteer days: Thursday Nov. 18, 3:00 - 7:30 PM and
Saturday Nov. 20, 9 AM to 2 PM at Chesterfield fairgrounds.
See Susan for details.



Parent-Child Dedication

In worship this Sunday, Nov. 14
If you have a child you would like to dedicate, please contact the pastor at
ellisonmhbc@aol.com or 921-6010

Wednesday Night – Nov. 17
5:45 PM – Dinner: **Soups & sandwiches**
6:45 PM, **Business Session**
7:30 PM, **Choir Practice**

Sunday – Nov 7 Sunday school – 50 Worship – 133

Contributions – \$ 4,572.00	Budget Goal to date: \$169,110.00
Avg. weekly need – 3,758.00	Offerings to date: 164,085.62
Building Fund - \$25.00	

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Rita Utley**, had knee surgery on Monday at St. Francis Medical Center
- **Bruce Flora**, brother of Barry Flora, in Roanoke hospital in critical condition
- **Louisa King**, Jonathan Lindberg's mother-in-law in NC recovering from a severe heart attack

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care: Nov 14 – Stephanie & Russ Hancock

Nov 21 – Belinda Kunkel and helper

Children's Church: practice for Christmas presentation

Ushers: Nov 14 – Wayne Boothe, Eff Ayers, Russ Hancock,

Mary Ann Mann, Charles Payne, youth

Nov 21 – Lee Thompson, Brian Nichol, Tom Hauser,

Georgie Capps, Brandon Garrett

Happy Birthday!

Nov 18 - Linda Meyerhoeffer

18 - Ken Paul

19 - Marguerite Bendall

Quotes for Today

Tradition means giving votes to that obscurest of classes, our ancestors. It's the democracy of the dead. Tradition refuses to surrender to the arrogant oligarchy of those who merely happen to be walking around in it. – G.K. Chesterton

A warm smile is the universal language of kindness. – William Arthur Ward



From the Pastor

Life Rising from Death

Scanning the woods in front of me from a tree stand one evening, I began to notice how many dead limbs and trees littered the forest floor. As far as the eye could see, a thick blanket of dead leaves covered the landscape, too. Other trees still stood in various stages of decay; some slightly withered while others were dead but not yet fallen. -- But out of this sea of decay sprouted all kinds of robust living trees and plants, large and small, drawing life and energy from the plant matter through their roots.

As trees and plants die, they slowly decompose and accumulate to form a rich layer of nutrients which is perfect for feeding seeds and shoots of new life. Thus, living plants of today are constantly enriched by topsoil that has been laid down through decades and centuries by trees and plants that have lived before.

Your life and mine are enriched by countless individuals who have lived before. Our language, logic, and knowledge of sciences were shaped by others and passed down through generations. Each recipient added his or her own insights and

wisdom along the way. Inventions were created, and others improved them. And now we benefit from that enormous accumulation of knowledge and resources. – Closer to home, grandparents, parents, and other family members passed along not only their DNA, but also their rich treasures of accumulated blessings.

Everyone will die, yes, but everyone can leave an enriching influence which will benefit those who live on. This won't happen if you live like a parasite, doing no work and only leaching off the labors of others. It will happen if you give, share, love, learn, teach, and serve. In other words, if you live like Jesus. After all, His death takes care of our sins and gives us the gift of eternal life today. – Ain't it amazing?

Yours in Him,

Lee

P.S. – I will be with you in worship this Sunday. Since I am taking this week as vacation, I would not be invested in sermon preparation, and I wanted you to hear a fresh voice in the pulpit, anyway. My good friend Ed Powell is a great guy, and you will like him. – See you Sunday!

November 14, 2010

Worship – 11:00 AM

Call to Worship *Awesome God* **Choir**
Scripture call to worship **Karen Blankenship**
Romans 10:8-10

Invocation prayer

* **Song of Praise 56** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

* **God's Word Shared** **Isaiah 33:5-6**

* **Greeting each other...**

Welcome and Church Highlights

Parent-Child Dedication

After the dedication, children can go
to Christmas program practice

God's Word **Ephesians 1:15-23**

Prayer

* **Offering Song 338** “How Firm a Foundation”

* **Offering Statement & Prayer** **Karen Blankenship**

Special Music *We Gather Together* **Choir**

Scripture **Philippians 2:5-11**

Message **Rev. Ed Powell**

You Have Got To Be Out Of Your Mind

To Follow Christ

* **Commitment Song 337** “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

* **Parting Blessing**

* **Parting Song** *There Shall Be Showers of Blessings* **Choir**