



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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Bring shoe boxes to church this Sunday, Nov. 16!

Operation Christmas Child



This Sunday... **Youth Handbells** – 5:45

PM

At 6:30 PM youth go **shopping for CCHASM**

Thanksgiving food packages. (Adult drivers needed)



Order Christmas poinsettias now...

To place **poinsettias** to decorate the worship center for Christmas, please indicate the number you wish to order and who they are given in memory or honor of. Cost is **\$7.00 per plant** and orders are needed by Nov. 26. Email mthermon@aol.com, or call office at 794-2049, or use order form in church bulletin this Sunday.



2008 Annual Thanksgiving Meals

You can help our MHBC Youth collect and distribute meal packages for the Thanksgiving Holiday through CCHASM, an effective social assistance agency for Chesterfield County. **If you want to provide the contents of a meal package, the list is below.**

Or a \$20 gift card from any grocery store is very helpful, too!

(Please provide \$20 cards, not more or less, so that equal amounts can be placed in each meal package.)

Please bring your meal package or gift to church by Sunday, Nov. 23

Our youth will take your donations that Sunday, to the Chesterfield Fair Grounds (1 PM) and then work preparing packages for distribution.

Each Meal Bag should include:

- 1 small box or jar of ice tea mix
- 1- 40 ounce can of yams or sweet potatoes
- 1- complete family desert item
- 1- 13 oz box of mashed potatoes
- 1- 16 oz can cranberry sauce
- 2- 16 oz pkg of stuffing mix
- 2- 15 oz can green veggies
- 2- 15 oz can corn
- 2- 10 oz can gravy
- 1 box of hot chocolate

Please double bag the packages for added strength.

God has given to us so that we may share with others.



Gingerbread Houses – great Christmas fun!

Children are invited to church

Sunday, Nov. 30 at 3:00 PM

to create their own special Gingerbread Houses. Parents, plan to assist your child(ren), and please **contact Kitty Snow (794-2063)** so that enough supplies can be ordered. - Cost is only **\$5.00** per child.

Pass the word, and bring friends!

Wednesday, Nov. 19

6:00 - Dinner - Chicken tenders, black-eyed peas, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, dessert

**6:45 – Bible Study – *Growing Together in Christ*
The Discipline of Serving – John 13:3-17**

Handbells

Music & Missions for Kids

7:30 - Choir rehearsal

In Business Session the church...

- **Approved a ministry budget plan of \$204,854.00 for 2009**
 - **Affirmed the enlistment of church officers and teams**
 - **Appointed Ken Paul to serve as a trustee in place of Levis Crump who asked to be replaced in this position**
 - **Affirmed the calling of two new deacons: Jeremy Blankenship and Joanne Winn**
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Sundays

Children's Church

Nov. 16 - Vickie, Belinda, with Julie & Scott Bass

Nov. 23 - Vickie, Belinda, with Terri, Lindsey & Becca Matthews

Nursery Care

Nov. 16 – Carolyn, Billy & Shane Bare

Nov. 23 – Gina Thompson, Dustin Pratt

Ushers

**Nov 16 - Lee Thompson, Brian Nichol, Tom Hauser,
Georgie Capps, Steve Van Cleef**

**Nov. 23 - Sandra Hauser, Billy Bare, Woody Carter,
Rita Utley, Vincent Russell**

Quotes for Today

People need your love the most when they appear to deserve it the least.

- John Harrigan

Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom. - Theodore Rubin

If you make money your god, it will plague you like the devil.

- Henry Fielding

Happy Birthday this Week!

Nov 16 - Ryan Middleton	Nov 21 - Sylvia Green
Nov 18 - Linda Meyerhoeffer	Nov 22 - Keith Burnett
Nov 18 - Ken Paul	Nov 22 - Amber Scott
Nov 18 - Joanne Hall	Nov 22 - Maggie Hollister
Nov 19 - Marguerite Bendall	Nov 22 - Andrew Kunkel
	Nov 22 - Keith Neve

Sunday – November 9, 2008

Worship	119	Contributions	\$ 3,262.10
Sunday School	63	Avg. weekly needs	4,009.00
		Given to date:	\$ 160,143.28
		Avg. Budget needs:	180,405.00

New and Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Tom Critelli** had heart by-pass surgery Tuesday at Chippenham
- **Buddy Carter**, back surgery Monday, now home
- **Pat Bowers**, Danielle Heath's grandmother, heart tests done Wednesday
- **Dorothy Brownley**, Henrico Doctors Hospital
- **Scott Keller**, Gary & Barbara Carpenter's son-in-law, in Quantico, VA

Thanks expressed...

We would like to thank everyone for their cards, visits, calls, and prayers for Bryan during his three phases of surgery. They were appreciated SO much. – Bryan & Virginia Francis

From the Pastor

Influence vs. Power

Between now and January 20, the President-elect does not have any power... but Barack Obama does have an extraordinary amount of influence. Actually, he has so much influence it is as if he is in power already since everyone is paying close attention to every statement and decision he is making.

Pastors and staff leaders of congregational churches (such as Baptist) don't have power... only influence. You don't boss Baptists around, at least not *real* Baptists. They are too independent-minded and think and act for themselves. No problem there: since we agree on our gospel goals, we like to cooperate, and listen to each other, and work together!

Come to think of it, even Jesus doesn't have power right now. He has *influence* over the lives of men and women who trust Him enough to follow His directives. -- Someday He will have power! But not yet. Someday everything will conform to His ideals: *no if's, and's, or but's*. Until then, Jesus invites, encourages, attracts, and draws us to follow... because we don't have to if we don't want to.

We have no power to tell the world what to do. But according to Jesus, we have influence: **"So let your light so shine before (people) that they may see your good works and praise your Father in Heaven."** – Matt. 5:16

So get out there and use every bit of that powerful influence you have today!

In His love,

Lee

Worship – November 16, 2008

Children can go to Children's Church at 11:00 AM for extended care and Christmas play practice

Thoughtful Preparation for Worship

Scripture Call to Worship Philippians 3:7-9 Kathy Goode

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship "O How He Loves You and Me" choir

* Praise Song 54 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

* Greet each other...

Welcome & Church Life

Parent-Child Dedication for Michael Hall

Son of Bill & Felice Hall

Scripture Mark 9:42-50

* Offering Song 56 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

* Offering Statement & Prayer Kathy Goode

Solo "Back In My Heart" Danielle Heath

Message **Cut Your Losses!** Lee Ellison

* Commitment Song 277

"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

* Parting Blessing

* Parting Song "O How He Loves You and Me"