

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. 18, 2010

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Baptism - this Sunday, Nov. 21

Everyone is invited to the Chapel at 10:00 AM and all Sunday School classes will meet together in the chapel for this special service.
(If you would like to be baptized, contact the pastor now.)



Change for Orphans

During November's **National Adoption Awareness Month** there are buckets at church 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 info)



If you or someone you know is interested in **renting the parsonage** (\$950/month), contact Wayne Boothe at 837-8114 or wbtgolf@comcast.net



Youth group – this Sunday, Nov. 21, 6:00 PM



Business session – report

On Nov. 17, the church affirmed Ministry Placement Team leadership recommendations including three new people to the deacon ministry: Scott Szczesniak, Sarah Blankenship, and Stephanie Hancock. The 2011 ministry budget of \$199,475.00 was approved, as was the proposal to repair the parking lot asphalt sections.



Children's Christmas Program rehearsal
November 21 - after church in the worship center



Christmas Shoeboxes

Thank you for taking time to fill **41 shoeboxes**
for needy children around the world!



Thank you for the Thanksgiving Meal Packages (20 bags!) and 37 food cards you provided for local needy families

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

Wednesday Night – Nov. 24

No dinner or activities

Church office is closed Thursday, Thanksgiving Day

Sunday – Nov 14 Sunday school – 46 Worship – 124

Contributions – \$3,297.00	Budget Goal to date: \$172,868.00
Avg. weekly need – 3,758.00	Offerings to date: 162,382.62
Building Fund – 25.00	

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Jo Ann Lind**, having back surgery at VCU Medical Center (MCV) today
- **John Meyerhoeffer** had outpatient surgery on his elbow Wednesday
- **Elizabeth Smith**, in very poor health in Amelia Nursing Home
- **Bruce Flora**, brother of Barry Flora, in Roanoke hospital in critical condition

Note: Thelma Blankenship has a new phone number in Granite City, Illinois: **618-797-0101**

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care: Nov 21 – Belinda Kunkel and helper
Nov 28 – Carolyn, Billy, and Shane Bare

Children's Church: Christmas presentation practice

Ushers: Nov 21 – Lee Thompson, Brian Nichol, Tom Hauser,
Georgie Capps, Brandon Garrett
Nov 28 – Kitty Snow, Billy Bare, Woody Carter,
Rita Utley, Vincent Russell, youth

Happy Birthday!

Nov 21 - Sylvia Green 22 - Maggie Hollister
22 - Keith Burnett 25 - Kitty Snow
22 - Amber Scott 26 - Karla Rowland

Quotes for Today

I believe that order is better than chaos, creation better than destruction.
I prefer gentleness to violence, forgiveness to vendetta.
I think knowledge is preferable to ignorance.
I believe in courtesy, the ritual by which we avoid hurting other people's feelings by satisfying our own egos. -- Above all, I believe in the God-given genius of certain individuals and I value a society that makes their existence possible.
– Lord Kenneth Clark

Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records.
-- William Arthur Ward

From the Pastor *We Over-generalize*

“Sometimes I get the feeling that the whole world is against me, but deep down I know that is not true. Some of the smaller countries are neutral.” - Robert Orben

With that touch of humor, Orben deflates our self-centered egos. How could we fancy ourselves to be so significant that the entire world was aligned against us? Thinking “it’s all about me” is an exercise in gross over-generalizing...

“Everybody hates me.” “I can’t do anything right.”

“I can never catch a break.” “Something always goes wrong.”

“Do I have to do everything around here?” “Those people (fill in the blank) are nothing but a bunch of (fill in the blank).”

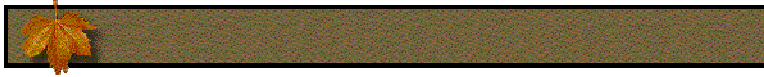
...and on and on we go

Whether positive or negative, such egocentric impulses define childishness. Few of us attain the maturity of Jesus, who did not consider himself the center of attention, even though he is the Son of God. No, he always deferred to his heavenly Father, or he cast the spotlight on any person who exemplified true faith or an attitude worth imitating. -- Let’s grow up and say to ourselves: *The world never has revolved around me, and it never will.*

Yours in Him,

Lee

PS - I also appreciate what I read somewhere: “When I was young, I cared very much about what people thought of me. When I was middle-aged, I couldn’t care less what people thought of me. And now that I am old, I realize that they never were thinking about me in the first place.”



November 21, 2010 – 11:00 AM
A Service of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving 2010

Call to Worship *A Thankful Heart* **Handbells**
Scripture call to worship **Karen Blankenship**
Colossians 3:15-17

Invocation prayer

* **Song of Praise 637** **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

* **I Am Thankful For...**

* **Greeting each other**

Welcome and Church Highlights

National Adoption Awareness **Stephanie Hancock**

Children's Time

After Children's Time, children can go
to Christmas program practice

God's Word **Deuteronomy 8:1-10**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* **Offering Song 636** **We Gather Together**

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

Special Music *Now Thank We All Our God* **Choir**

Scripture **Deuteronomy 8:17-18**

Message **Lee Ellison**

So Many Reasons to Thank God!

* **Commitment Song 638** **Now Thank We All Our God**

* **Parting Blessing**

* **Parting Song** *We Gather Together* **Choir**