



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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Children's Fun Festival last Sunday



Holiday events

Nov. 29 - **Gingerbread Houses, 3 PM**

Dec. 2, **Last Wednesday night dinner until January**

Dec.5 - **Children's play practice and party, 10 AM**

Dec.6, **Children's Program, 11 AM worship**

Dec.6 - **Holiday dinner, 6 PM**

Dec.20, **Adult choir Christmas presentation, 11 AM worship**

Dec.20, **Christmas Caroling**

Dec. 24 - **Children's Christmas Eve service, 4 PM**
Christmas Eve Service, 8 PM



Bible 101 – Genesis 17

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[See end of Enewsletter for answers]



We collected 59 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a record for MHBC!



Gingerbread Houses, Sunday, Nov. 29, 3 PM at church

Contact Kitty Snow to let her know how many children are coming: 794-2603 or kittysnow@comcast.net. Bring **\$5 per child**, and parents of young children need to stay to help them with this fun activity.



If you would like to place poinsettias in church during Christmas in memory or in honor of loved ones, the cost is only \$6.50 per plant. **Orders must be received by Dec. 2.** -- You may email orders, or call church office 794-2049, or use forms available in church bulletin on Sundays.

Number of poinsettias: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Ladies, come to
Central Virginia Baptist Ministries' conference
"Look Around You: Ministering to Women Far and Near."



Next Sunday, Nov. 29, 3:00-4:30 PM
at Huguenot Road Baptist Church

See how global and local ministries touch the lives of women. A tea and fashion show opens the program, followed by speakers who share their ministry experiences and open our eyes to ways that we can provide assistance to women in need, both far and near.

Hannah Boswell, missionary to Egypt
Kim Warburton, Pregnancy Resource Center
Gwen Seiler, Northfield Foundation

If you plan to attend, email Gayle Taylor at gayle.taylor@cvbm.org
or call (804) 598-6350, by November 20. (No cost)

Marguerite Bendall 90th birthday party



This Saturday, Nov. 21. Drop by church any time between 1:00 and 5:00 PM.
Your love and hugs are all the gifts Marguerite could ask for.



Deacons meet this Sunday, Nov. 22, at church, 5 PM
No Wednesday dinner or activities, Nov 25

In business session Nov. 11, the church... appointed officers and team members; approved a 2010 ministry budget of \$195,421.00 (almost the same total budget plan as 2009). The Church House Team reported that the parsonage has been rented to Jason & Stephanie Brown. The Browns have a 7 month old son named Coy.

Sunday ministers

Children's Church – Christmas practice
Nursery Care

Nov 22 – Stephanie & Russ Hancock

Nov 29 – Felice & Bill Hall, Jr., Kim Robben

Ushers

Nov 22 – Kitty Snow, Billy Bare, Woody Carter,
Rita Utley, Vincent Russell

Nov 29 – Ken Paul, Chris Edwards, Charles Payne,
Rachel Boothe, Mary Ann Mann

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Becky Hancock** had emergency appendectomy Wednesday night at St. Francis Med. Center
- **Heather Szczesniak** was in St. Francis Med. Ctr, Tuesday night, now home
- **Grace Keown**, broke her wrist
- **Cory Sexton Miller**, the daughter of Susan Prather's friend, had stroke
- **Glenn Etheridge**, friend of Clyde & Kathy Goode, suffered bad fall and had back surgery at MCV on Monday
- **Courtney May**, Nita May's daughter-in-law, in very serious condition at MCV Hospital

Sympathies to the family of **Ruth Hall** at the time of her death, Nov. 16

Happy Birthday this Week!

Nov 25 - Kitty Snow
Nov 26 - Karla Rowland
Nov 29 - Scarlett Szczesniak

Quotes for Today

You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you. --Anonymous

**Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards.
-- Vernon Sanders Law**

**How far you go in life depends on your being...
tender with the young,
compassionate with the aged,
sympathetic with the striving, and
tolerant of the weak and strong,
because someday in your life, you will have been all of these.**

--George Washington Carver

Sunday – November 15, 2009

Sunday School – 63	Contributions	\$ 3,721.00
Worship – 142	Avg. weekly needs	3,765.00
Building Fund – \$25.00		
	Given to date:	\$ 165,345.46
	Total budget needs:	173,190.00

**Special gifts... To the Memorial Association in memory of Barbara Bass
By Charles & Tootsie Payne
And in memory of Norman Wilkinson by Dolores Heisler**

From the Pastor

Thanksgiving is better

Thanksgiving is much better than Christmas. Thanksgiving is brief, focused, simple, and family-oriented. Christmas, as noisily blared and overdone by the merchants and media, is too long, shallow, overly sentimental, and schmaltzy. Sure, I enjoy the simplicity of Advent and how we celebrate Christmas at church; it's just that by December 2, I am sick of all the cultural Christmas hype and hoopla.

Hey, I love my country dearly, but if Independence Day celebrations filled the whole month of July and we were bombarded with a continuous stream of patriotic songs and TV specials, I would get sick of that, too! – I really think Jesus dislikes American cultural Christmas, and if He were here in the flesh today, He'd trash the stores as angrily as He did the Temple when He saw how the merchants had spoiled God's sacred space with crass commercialism.

So, Thanksgiving is better. Of course, we can make Christmas better, too, by loving our families in healthy, selfless ways and by lending a helping hand to people in need. -- Stuff like that makes Jesus smile.

In His love,

Lee

**Worship – November 22, 2009
A Service of Thanksgiving!**

Call to Worship *Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome* Choir
It's Thanksgiving!

Scripture Call to Worship Joanne Winn
Psalm 66:1-5

Invocation Prayer

- * Song of Praise 636 “We Gather Together”
- * To Him Be Thanks Forever from Psalm 30
- * Song 640 “Let All Things Now Living”

- * Greet each other...
 - Welcome and Church Highlights
 - Children's Time Lee Ellison
 [Children to Christmas program practice]
 - God's Word I Thessalonians 3:6-13
 Thanksgiving 2009
 - Prayer of Thanksgiving
 - * Offering Song 639
 "As Men of Old Their First Fruits Brought"
 - * Offertory Statement & Prayer Joanne Winn
 Offertory Music Becca Matthews
 original piano composition
 - Message Lee Ellison
 Thankful For Important Stuff
 - * Commitment Song 637 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
 - * Parting Blessing
 - * *What a Wonderful World*
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