



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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Bible 101

According to Matthew 14, Jesus and Peter both walked on water.

Who was the third person in history to walk on water?

[See end of Enewsletter for answer]



Gingerbread Houses, this Sunday, 3 PM at church

Contact Kitty Snow to let her know your child is coming: 794-2603 or kittysnow@comcast.net. Bring **\$5 per child**. Parents of young children need to help them with this fun activity. -- Youth can come join the fun of making Gingerbread Houses, too. (There is no evening youth meeting Nov. 29)

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 5

Play practice begins at 10:00 AM, then plan to stay for lunch, fun, and missions. Instead of exchanging gifts, we ask that the children bring socks to donate to CARITAS, a local ministry to the homeless. Children will make cards to send with the socks we collect.

Contact Stephanie Hancock for details, 639-6091

MHBC Youth and Children... during the Christmas season join in the



by wearing crazy socks each Sunday.

- Nov. 22 - *O, Holy Socks*
- Nov.29 - *Jingle Bell Socks*
- Dec. 6 - *Deck the Socks*
- Dec.13 - *We Three Socks*
- Dec. 20 - *Socks around the Christmas Tree*

SOCKS is more than just fun. Visit the Christmas tree in the commons area and choose a sock for a boy or girl, purchase a pair of socks and **help fill the giant stocking with socks to distribute to Caritas**, which helps those in our area who are homeless.



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
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To place poinsettias in church during Christmas in memory or in honor of loved ones, email orders, or call the church office 794-2049, or use forms available in church bulletin on Sundays. Cost is only **\$6.50 per plant.**

Orders must be received by Dec. 2

Number of poinsettias: _____
 In memory of: _____
 In honor of: _____
 Given by: _____



Snow/Spraker Open House

Everyone is invited – 3010 Mount Hermon Road
Saturday, Dec. 12... 3:00 PM till whenever



Wednesday, Dec. 2, dinner 6 PM
Captain D's fish, coleslaw, green beans, tater tots, hush puppies, rolls, desserts
Music & Missions for Kids - 6:45 to 7:30 PM
Bible Study – Job:
Handbells – 6:45 PM
Choir – 7:30 PM

Sunday ministers

Children's Church – Christmas practice

Nursery Care

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

Dec 6 – Carolyn, Billy, and Shane Bare

Ushers

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

Dec 6 – Levis Crump, Rachel Boothe, Bob Lanier,
Barry Flora, Macy Hudson

**Happy Birthday this
Week!**

Nov 29 - Scarlett Szczesniak

Dec 1 - Ricky Corbitt

Dec 4 - Debbie Ellison

Quotes for Today

In a full heart there is room for everything, and in an empty heart there is room for nothing. - Antonio Porchia

Pleasure usually takes the form of me and now; joy is us and always.
- Marvin J. Ashton

Goodness is the only investment that never fails. -- Henry David Thoreau

Sunday – November 22, 2009

Sunday School – 57	Contributions	\$ 5,435.00
Worship – 127	Avg. weekly needs	3,765.00
Building Fund – \$220.00		
	Given to date:	\$ 170,780.46
	Total budget needs:	176,955.00

Special gifts...

To the Youth Ministry by Mike & Sharon Garber, in memory of Sharon's great-aunt Mary Elizabeth Guss Hodges

To the Building Fund in memory of Ruth Hall by
Macy & Joan Hudson Donald Haycox Jim & Ann Bernard
Keith & Rita Utley Levis & Frances Crump Nunnally & Lois Hall
Golden Circle Sunday School Class
Department of Human Resources, Chesterfield County Public Schools

And to the General Fund in memory of Ruth Hall by
Barry Cole Sheldon Drake

From the Pastor

Not possible

It's a week for being thankful. What a great feeling knowing how much God has blessed us... how generous He is... every day. Yes, it's possible to be genuinely and deeply grateful. But there are two things I can think of that are not possible...

One, it is not possible to be aware of all our blessings or all the good people who touch our lives. Try as we might, we can't count or recall them all. And, similarly, it is not possible to fully appreciate something until it is gone. We don't realize what someone means to us until they are no longer around. – Is that depressing? It need not be. An awareness of how short life is and how temporary are our circumstances should move us to value each experience, savor each relationship, make the most of each possession. – Nothing and no one lasts here forever.

But, actually, there is one more thing... it is not possible to realize the permanence of the blessings coming in the next life. No human mind can wrap itself around eternity. When we die, we move into a world where there is no lack, no want, no loss, no grief, no letting go. -- Yes, such a world is ours in Jesus Christ... be grateful.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Lee

**Worship – November 29, 2009
First Sunday of Advent**

Scripture Call to Worship Joanne Winn
Isaiah 9:2-3,6

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship *Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome* Choir
Advent Means Hope

* Song of Praise 79 “Blessed Be the God of Israel” vs.1-2,5

* Lighting the Candle of Hope

* Song 77 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

* Greet each other...

Welcome and Church Highlights

Children’s Time Susan Prather

[Children to Christmas program practice]

God’s Word I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Prayer

* Offering Song 76 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

* Offertory Statement & Prayer Joanne Winn

Duet Monnie Kesler, Dana Heath

When I Get Where I’m Going

Message Lee Ellison

What About This ‘Joyful’ Business?

* Commitment Song 7 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

* Parting Blessing

* Parting Song Congregation

“I’ve Got Joy Like a River in my Soul”



Bible 101

Who was the third person in history to walk on water?

Well, there was this guy named Jose...

