



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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

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Youth... Fall Kick Off!





Parents conversation about the book

“Parenting Beyond Your Capacity” this Sunday, Sept 19

Meet in the children’s wing right after worship. Pizza provided for lunch – Contact Susan Prather for details



Wednesday Nights

Sept. 22 –Dinner served, 5:45 PM

Menu: Hamburgers, baked beans, chips, salad

Adult meals are \$5, and members are asked to bring desserts.

- **6:45 PM, Carolyn Ailstock tells us about “A Small Comfort”, a local ministry to children in need**
 - **Children’s Mission & Music – begins this week, 6:45 PM**
 - **Handbells begins, too, 6:45 PM**
 - **Choir Practice – 7:30 PM**
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Mission, Vision, Action... Sunday, Sept. 26

A brief time will be set aside at the end of worship for the church to act on the proposed Mission, Vision, and Action Statements. – Feel free to contact anyone on the Vision/Planning Team: Sarah Blankenship, Stephanie Hancock, Ron Hatcher, John Meyerhoeffer, Ken Paul, Susan Prather, or Brett Thompson.



Youth group, this Sunday Sept. 19

6:00 to 7:30 PM



Fall Youth retreat...

October 1-3 at Crossroads Camp

Who am I? ... A beloved child of God

\$45 per person (non-refundable), register by Sept. 19

See Susan Prather for more info!

Sunday – Sept 12

Contributions – \$ 2,711.00

Avg. weekly need – 3,758.00

Sunday school – 46

Worship – 102

Offerings to date: \$ 135,594.62

Budget Goal to date: 139,046.00

New & Updated Prayer

Concerns...

- **Frankie Hancock**, Thomas Johns Center of Johnston-Willis Hospital, 293
- **Will Green** had gall bladder surgery Monday; now home doing fine
- **Burley Spivey**, the Laurels of Willow Creek, 510
- **Katie Ranallo**, bed rest in last weeks of pregnancy
- **Eddie O'Neill**, Chippenham Hospital, ICU
- **Jay Johnson**, father of O.J. Johnson, for cancer treatments

If you know other prayer concerns we can share, please send a note to ellisonmhbc@aol.com. Thanks for praying for these people today.

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care: Sept 19 - Stephanie & Russ Hancock

Sept 26 - Felice & Bill Hall, Jr

Children's Church: Sept 19 - Sandra Hauser, Tammy Corbitt

Sept 26 – children start practice for Christmas presentation

Ushers: Sept 19 - Lee Thompson, Brian Nichol, Tom Hauser,

Georgie Capps, Brandon Garrett

Sept 26 – Kitty Snow, Billy Bare, Woody Carter,

Rita Utley, Vincent Russell

Happy Birthday!

Sept 19 - Dana Bates
20 - Emilee Kowalewski
20 - Holly Spivey
20 - Katie VanHouten

21 - Jean Carter
21 - Amie Edwards
24 - Jeff Godsey

Quotes for Today

It is your prime responsibility to acquire useful knowledge from others and to apply it appropriately. You don't have to reinvent the wheel, but you do have to learn from those who did. - Gary Ryan Blair

In one or two minutes of time we have the opportunity to define ourselves as human beings. There isn't much room for error. - V.J. Smith

From the Pastor

The Unseen and Unknown

In the latest issue of *Discover* magazine, Valerie Ross summarizes a few significant gaps in what mankind knows of the cosmos and reality. For instance...

- **96% of the universe consists of unknown components: 23% is thought to be dark matter, detectable only by its gravitational pull on other material, and 73% (we are still guessing) is dark energy. Only 4% of the cosmos is the ordinary matter of atoms which compose familiar objects such as galaxies, stars, planets, and the objects of every day life.**
- **The function of about half of the total estimated number of human protein-encoding genes (or 12,500) is unknown.**
- **There are estimated to be at least 5 million undescribed species on the planet. Only 1.9 million species have been given scientific names, and today's species are thought to represent less than 1% of all animals and plants that have ever lived!**
- **An estimated 85 billion cells in the human brain are not neurons, and we can only speculate as to what functions these glia and myelin cells serve.**

In short, there is still a heck of a lot mankind does not know! – So when a brilliant scientist such as Stephen Hawking asserts in his new book that there is no need for a Supreme Being or God for the observable universe to exist... uh, a little humility is in order. Since God by definition cannot be seen, weighed, measured, or quantified, how can one assert that God does not exist? On the other hand, no one can prove that a Creator-God does exist. So the musing of Stephen Hawking, bless his heart, is not a fact of science but merely a metaphysical belief... and a mistaken one at that.

I'll go with Paul because he held to a wider view when he wrote: *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen but what is unseen. For what is unseen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.* – 2 Corinthians 4:18.

When scientists tell us how much of our universe is unseen, I actually find Paul's assertion even easier to believe. Don't you?

Yours in Him,

Lee

September 19, 2010

Worship – 11:00 AM

The Thread... thru the Bible, from God to You

Call to Worship Choir

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Scripture call to worship Gina Thompson

Psalm 68:32-35

Invocation prayer

* Song of Praise 247 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

* God's Word Declared James 3:13,17-18

* Greeting each other...

Welcome and Church Highlights

Children's Time Lee Ellison

After Children's Time, 2-5 year olds may go to Children's

Church and grades 1-5 to Children's Choir

God's Word I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Prayer

* Offering Song 268 "The Love of Christ Who Died for Me"

* Offering Statement & Prayer Gina Thompson

Special Music Choir

No Other Word for Grace But Amazing

The Bible Says... Isaiah 26:3-4

Message Lee Ellison

The Benefits of Living in the NOW

* Commitment Song 282 "Living For Jesus"

* Parting Blessing

* Parting Song *Grace, Love, and Fellowship* Choir