



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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Bible 101 – fill in the blank

The accounts in Genesis were passed on _____ long before they were ever _____ down.

The first thing God created was _____.

True or False?

Revelation is accomplished when mankind searches for and discovers what God is like. (T/F)

There are two versions of the creation story recorded in the first chapters of Genesis. (T/F)

(see end of Enewsletter for answers)

Children Choir sing during worship this Sunday, Sept. 20



Men's Rally

General Jerry Boykin will speak at Iron Bridge Baptist Church this Friday, September 18 – 6:30 PM, 10900 Ironbridge Rd, Chester
For more information call Steve Whitlock at (804) 639-3111

Co-sponsored by [Ironbridge Baptist Church](#) and Virginia Men of Vision. -- No registration. Love Offering taken.

For more info, go to Virginia Men of Vision's website.



Wednesday dinner, Sept. 23 - 6:00 PM

Menu: Spaghetti, tossed salad, bread, dessert



Sept. 23 - Sam Zhao shares more about a medical mission trip he took to Lesotho, Africa, this summer.

Sept. 30 - Music & Missions for Kids - 6:45 to 7:30 PM.

Children learn exciting ways to serve God through missions and how to play children's hand bells. For ages through 5th grade; nursery is also provided.

The Fall of Jericho... an archeological/historical look at a Bible event



Youth, Kingdom Builders is a one-day mission project coming next **Saturday, Sept. 26, 7:30 am to 5pm.** No cost for MHBC youth. -- Contact Susan Prather to register.

Sunday, October 11 -- Embrace Richmond-House Blessing

Plan to leave MHBC after worship to eat a quick lunch on our way to helping a homeless family enter their new home. -- Contact Susan Prather for more info or see www.embracerichmond.org

Business Session update: on Sept 16, the church approved a trustee recommendation to rent the parsonage and to appoint a Church House Team to be responsible for this action. The church accepted the Ministry Placement Team recommendations for this team: Barbara Hollister, Bob Lanier, Rick Pratt, and Wayne Boothe (trustee representative).



*"For where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name,
I am there among them." - Matthew 18:20*

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

you are invited

“Mindful Ministry for Today and Tomorrow”

Monday, September 28, 2009 · Bon Air Baptist Church

2531 Buford Road · Richmond, VA 23235-3419 · 272-1475

Conference Choices: attend any two sessions

- **Preschool Conference- Lucy Dorr**
- **Faith at Home: Children’s Conference (Panel Discussion) - Deborah Upton**
- **Riding the Next Wave of Youth Ministry - John Mark Skammer**
- **Reaching Unchurched Youth – Matt Senger**
- **Young Adult/College Conference - Susan Blanchard**
- **Adult Sunday School Conference - Jimmie Miles**
- **Beyond BINGO Games and Bus Trips- Ministering to Those 55+- Melissa Fallen**
- **General Officers Conference - Wayne Smith**
- **Resource Management in Gloomy Days - Don Campbell**
- **You Don't Know What You Need Until You Get It: Administrative Assistants’ Conference - Brenda Green, Sue Hall, and Sandy Weakley**
- **Churches That Grow Over the Long Haul - Bob Dale**
- **The Blessing of Serving the Homeless - Steve Blanchard**
- **Envisioning God’s Future For Your Church: Strategic Planning & Visioning - Craig Sherouse**
- **How Churches Benefit from a Partnering Ministry: “Angel Food Ministry”- Lois Paige**
- **Leadership During Anxious Times - Victor Davis**
- **Ministering to International People Groups Among Us - Sterling Severns**
- **Muddle Your Way Through: How to Use Creative Technology in Ministry- Beth Brawley**
- **Opening the Door of Membership to Christians from Other Denominations - Jim Somerville**
- **Singing Our Faith: How Music Enables Us to Worship God - Tom Ingram**
- **The Art of Enjoying God - Guy Holloway**
- **The Role of Prayer in Spiritual Formation - Kevin James**
- **Congregational Rebirth - Bill Nieporte**
- **Reaching Children in the 21st Century (Panel Discussion)- Diane Smith**

5:45-6:30 PM Dinner (Cost per meal \$7) - RSVP by September 18

6:40-6:50 PM Opening session with Travis Collins

6:55-7:55 PM Session I

8:00-8:55 PM Session II

Register online at www.cvbm.org or by email with Gayle Taylor at gayle.taylor@cvbm.org or by telephone (804) 598-6350.

Sunday ministers

Children's Church

Sept 20 – Scott & Heather Szczesniak

Sept 27 – begin Christmas program practice

Nursery Care

Sept 20 – Stephanie & Russ Hancock, Kristen Godsey

Sept 27 – Felice & Bill Hall, Jr., Dustin Pratt

Ushers

Sept 20 – Lee Thompson, Brian Nichol, Tom Hauser,
Georgie Capps, Steve Van Cleef

Sept 27 – Kitty Snow, Billy Bare, Woody Carter,
Rita Utley, Vincent Russell

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Ilene Rutherford**, having surgery next week
- **Norman Wilkinson**, is home from hospital
- **Jean Boykin**, Beth Paul's mother, had surgery in Tampa, FL on Monday; arrived home Wednesday night
- **Peiling Zhao's parents in China**: her father has been diagnosed with stomach cancer, and her mother is in hospital with heart problems. Peiling is going to China on Friday to be with her parents.
- **Rita Prather**, Brian Prather's mother, in St. Francis Med. Center, 506

Notes of appreciation...

Jean Dudley and Betsy Smith thank all the good people of Mount Hermon for all the cards, prayers, visits, food, and calls during Betsy's recent hospitalization. Your wonderful support is appreciated.

Ruth Hall and family would like to thank you for the meals, cards, visits, and prayer. Your love and support are greatly appreciated. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Please continue to keep us in your prayer. –**The Hall Family**

Happy Birthday this Week!

Sept 20 - Emilee Kowalewski

Sept 20 - Holly Spivey

Sept 21 - Amie Edwards

Sept 24 - Jeff Godsey

Sept 20 - Katie VanHouten
Sept 21 - Jean Carter

Sept 26 - Damien Hall

Quotes for Today

The rule in carving holds good as to criticism; never cut with a knife what you can cut with a spoon. -- Charles Buxton

A man's mind stretched by a new idea can never go back to its original dimensions. --Oliver Wendell Holmes

The purpose of life is a life of purpose. -- Robert Byrne

Sunday – September 13, 2009

Sunday School – 59	Contributions	\$ 3,145.00
Worship – 119	Avg. weekly needs	3,765.00

Given to date: \$134,714.00
Total budget needs: 139,305.00

From the Pastor

Hey, Preacher!

I may have told you this before... or perhaps some new folks at church don't know... but I don't like being called *Preacher*, or *Reverend*, or even *Pastor*, for that matter. Oh, yes, I am all those things, and sometimes in formal settings or introductions, those titles fit fine. But for day-to-day conversation... they make my skin crawl. Honest.

Some pastors enjoy being called "Pastor Larry", or whatever their name might be. But I just don't like it. I am not exactly sure why, but I guess it sounds dorky. So please just call me Lee. That's dorky enough, I know... and I won't take it personally, I promise.

I suppose chucking a title is similar to not wearing clerical garb in the pulpit. Dressing up in a black robe is a *great* way to be written off as irrelevant. It's pretty much that way with coat and tie at church now, too. Dressing more casually as do the men who attend church strengthens the connection between the Word, the messenger, and real life. A holy-to-heaven preacher trying to act like a regular guy will be sniffed out as phony. Actually... I feel like a regular guy masquerading as a preacher.

We'll be talking more about this kind of thing Sunday. I hope you'll catch what God says is your part in all this.

In His love,

Lee

Worship – September 20, 2009

- Call to Worship *Jesus, Name Above All Names* Choir
Scripture Call to Worship Joel 2:28-29,32 Wayne Boothe
Invocation Prayer
- * Songs of Praise 614 “Fill the Earth with Music”
 604 “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” vss.1&4
 - * Greet each other...
 Welcome and Church Highlights
 Children’s Choir
 God’s Word Numbers 11:24-30
 Prayer
 - * Offering Song 628 “A Servant of the Least”
 - * Offertory Statement & Prayer Wayne Boothe
 Special Music *More Love to Thee* Choir
 [older children go to Children’s Choir]
 - Scripture I Peter 2:9
 - Message **Hey, Preacher! Yes, You!** Lee Ellison
 - * Commitment Song 591 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”
 - * Parting Blessing
 - * Parting Song *I’ve Got Love Like a River* Choir
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Bible 101 answers...

The accounts in Genesis were passed on orally long before they were ever written down.

The first thing God created was light.

True or False?

1. **Revelation** is accomplished when mankind searches for and discovers what God is like. – FALSE: Revelation is the action of God making Himself known to us!

2. There are two versions of the creation story recorded in the first chapters of Genesis. TRUE: compare Genesis 1:1-2:3 to Genesis 2:4-3:24. When the two accounts were written down, they were placed together to give a fuller picture of God’s great and gracious work.