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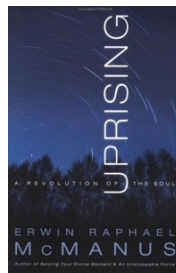
Bible 101 – the book of Genesis

The word “genesis” means “beginnings.” The Bible opens with the words: **“In the beginning...”** So when exactly was that? The Bible doesn’t say. Genesis is all about firsts... first light, first land, first plants and animals, first people, first sin, and so on.

Multiple choice: **The Bible is what kind of book?**

- a. geology
- b. biology
- c. zoology
- d. theology

(see end of Enewsletter for answer)



Sunday School - Adults & Youth

Sept. 6 is the last Sunday adult and youth classes meet 9:45 AM in the worship center for **“Uprising: A Revolution of the Soul”**
Path of Servanthood



Church dinners start Wednesday, Sept. 9 - 6:00 PM

Menu: hot dogs & hamburgers

Wednesdays in September...

Sept. 9, Elton & Barbara Cooke share their mission work in Tanzania, Africa. **Called-To-Serve** has been part of our Mount Hermon Mission Offering for the past several years, and it will be exciting to learn first-hand how the good news of Christ is being shared through them.

Sept. 16, quarterly business session – 6:45 PM

Regular reports and a proposal from trustees on parsonage use; see **attached** information.

Sept. 23, Sam Zhao will share more of the medical mission trip he took to Lesotho, Africa, this summer.

Sept. 30, an archeological/historical video on *The Fall of Jericho* as recorded in the book of Joshua. Background information about an interesting Bible event.

YOUTH & CHILDREN UPDATES



Sunday night youth group activities resume

September 13, 6:00 to 7:30 PM (new time)

Come enjoy the first ***Breaking Bread Together Meal!***

Parents, join us for the meal to chat with other parents and find out more about MHBC youth ministry.

YOUTH MISSIONS



Kingdom Builders, a one-day mission event for area youth to serve our community doing: light construction, painting, yard work, and house repairs. **September 26, 7:30 AM to 5:00**

PM. Cost is free to MHBC youth. Contact Susan Prather to register.

Embrace Richmond-House Blessing – Sunday, October 11.

Join us as we help a family move from homelessness to a new home, CARITAS Works Furniture will be providing them with much needed furniture. We will leave MHBC after worship and eat a quick lunch on our way to the Blessing. -- Contact Susan Prather for more information or see www.embracerichmond.org

Wednesday night Music & Missions for Kids

Begins **September 9**, 6:45 to 7:30 PM. Kids learn exciting ways to serve God through missions and learning how to play children's hand bells. For ages through 5th grade; nursery is also provided. Sept. 9 we will hear a missionary family talk about Africa, and Sept. 23 our friend Sam Zhao will share about going on a medical missionary trip this summer.



Note: **Children Choir** will not practice this Sunday, Sept. 6, but will be singing during worship Sept. 20.



WANTED! THOUSANDS OF COOKIES FOR RACEWAY MINISTRY!

Church mission groups, Sunday School classes, youth groups, etc. are asked to make "*homemade*" cookies and bag these in small clear zip lock plastic bags with 2-3 medium sized cookies each. A label saying *Compliments of Mount Hermon Baptist Church* may be put on outside of each bag. These will be available to race fans through Motor Racing Outreach and the Central Virginia Fellowship of Raceway Ministries. Cookies may be brought to church by this Sunday, Sept. 6



Joe Gibbs - *Game Plan For Life Event*

Men, mark your calendars for September 12!

The Game Plan For Life Event will be held at [Grove Avenue Baptist Church](#), 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. **Joe Gibbs** will talk about his life story and **Tony Evans** and **Randy Alcorn** will be with him to give perspective on life purpose and eternity. For ticket info, go to [http://noblewarriors.org/Events/Game Plan For Life/](http://noblewarriors.org/Events/Game_Plan_For_Life/)

Limited seating available.



Local Boy Scout Troop being formed...

New Life United Methodist Church is hosting an information meeting for those interested in starting a **Boy Scout Troop** in our area. A representative from BSA will meet with parents and church leaders on **Sunday, September 27 at 3:00 PM** at New Life UMC, 900 Old Hundred Rd. --This is an opportunity for adults and boys to be involved in an excellent program and interact with our community. If you would be willing to be a contact person for MHBC for this September meeting, or if you want additional information, contact Rob Greer - robert.greer@dom.com, Cell 366-1235

Sunday ministers

Children's Church

Sept 6 – Penny and Kristin Godsey

Sept 13 – Susan Prather, Katherine Harris

Nursery Care

Sept 6 – Heather & Scott Szczesniak, Lindsey Matthews

Sept 13 – Chip & Becky and Chris Hancock

Ushers

Sept 6 – Brian Nichol, Levis Crump, Chip Hancock,
Gary Carpenter, Bill Hall

Sept 13 – Wayne Boothe, Pat Clark, Russ Hancock,
Mary Ann Mann, Charles Payne

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Zeke Leftwich**, had heart surgical procedure in Washington, DC on Wednesday
 - **Cliff Ellison**, Lee's father came home from hospital Tuesday
 - **Debbie Vaughan**, Sandra Hauser's neighbor, dealing with advancing states of cancer
 - **Joann White**, Gina Thompson's mother, surgery Friday
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Happy Birthday this Week !

Sept 7 - Maggie Cox

Sept 8 - Dawn Durvin

Sept 9 - Kyle Nichol

Sept 10 - Carolyn Ailstock

Sept 10 - Barbara Ailstock

Sept 11 - Pat Timms

Sept 12 - Beverley Brinkley

Quotes for Today

**It is folly to punish your neighbor by fire when you live next door.
- Publilius Syrus**

**For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by
doing them. - Aristotle**

**Enjoying success requires the ability to adapt. Only by being open to
change will you have a true opportunity to get the most from your
talent. - Nolan Ryan**

Sunday – August 30, 2009

Sunday School – 41	Contributions	\$ 4,468.00
Worship – 102	Avg. weekly needs	3,765.00
Missions – \$ 100.00		

Given to date: \$127,568.00
Total budget needs: 131,775.00

From the Pastor ***Labor Day... So What?***

So what do most of us do on Labor Day? We don't work. Go figure! Why is it called Labor Day, then? Apparently, somewhere along the line, our national culture deemed it good to set aside holiday time for pondering and appreciating the contributions and benefits of work done by the average guy or gal in the good old USA. I think of labor unions whenever I hear the holiday mentioned. Some folks think unions are evil, while others credit them with creating fairness in the workplace as well as America's great middle-class.

Funny how some of us have so much work to do, we are driven to a frazzle to get it done; while others have so little to do, they constantly search for some worthwhile activity; they are bored. I would love to be given the hours many people waste, but alas and alack, everyone gets 24/7 across the board, no exceptions.

Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.

-- Sam Ewing

Work is honorable; work is good; but work is not our god. To put our jobs/careers first is idolatry and ticks off the Almighty. He didn't put **"Be still and know that I am God"** in the Bible for frivolous reasons; it is something we need to hear and heed. – So perhaps this is the best use of Labor Day this Monday: stop to appreciate the energy and effort put forth by every segment of our labor force today, and thank the good Lord for meaningful work to do.

In His love,

Lee

Worship – September 6, 2009

- Call to Worship *Jesus, Name Above All Names* Choir
Scripture Call to Worship Proverbs 21:2-5 Wayne Boothe
Invocation Prayer
- * Song of Praise 226 “O Praise the Gracious Power” vss.1-2,4,6
 - * God Knows Our Hearts Hebrews 4:12-13
 - * Greet each other...
Welcome and Church Highlights
 - Children’s Time Susan Prather
 - God’s Word I Samuel 16:1-13
 - Reflections on Work and Labor*
 - * Offering Song 245 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
 - * Offertory Statement & Prayer Wayne Boothe
 - Special Music *Whiter Than Snow* Choir
 - Message **What’s In The Heart?** Lee Ellison
 - The Lord’s Supper
 - * Commitment Song 281 “Speak to My Heart”
 - * Parting Song *Wherever He Leads I’ll Go*
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Bible 101 answers...

The Bible is **theology**. Our first clue? Gen. 1:1 – “In the beginning, **God** created the heavens and the earth...”. God is the subject from the first Bible book to the last, so it ought to be read as **theology**.