



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

Enewsletter – January 22, 2015

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Welcome New Members!



Sandra & Jerry Payne, by letter

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Jerry & Sandra are both Phillip Morris retirees. They have two children: Chip and Krystal, and five grandchildren. Jerry's hobbies include hunting, fishing, playing guitar and ukulele, and scuba diving; while Sandra enjoys crocheting, cooking, and genealogy research. – We welcome the Paynes to Mount Hermon!



The Prathers share their **Haiti mission trip**

this **Sunday, Jan 25 at 4:00 pm** at church

Come hear about their experiences, see their photos, and enjoy some Haitian coffee, hot cocoa, tropical fruits and a few simple desserts.

Wednesday, Jan 28, we welcome **Brenda Evans**, who will share information about the great mission work done by **Operation Christmas Child** and how local collection efforts move the shoeboxes we donate to needy children all over the nation and the world.



Talent/Variety Show-Silent Auction

coming **Sunday, Feb 22 - 5:00 pm**

It's a fun fundraiser to help our youth go to Passport camp in July. 100 % of donations go toward their expenses. A variety of talents will be showcased and there will be a silent auction for gifts donated for this event. *If you are interested in sharing your talent, donating an item, or preparing a gift basket, please contact Susan Prather.*



Health screenings

at MHBC – **Friday, Feb 20**

Life Line Screening offers a variety of important preventive health screenings. Printed info is available at church. – **To register** and receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.



Passport Kids! July 29-August 1

at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA

Four children and 3 adults are already registered for this minicamp for children grades 3-6 (children must have *completed* 3rd grade.). Cost is \$260 per person. Susan Prather has information, so contact her about your child attending.



Nineteen youth and adults prepared **130 snack bags** for Richmond Friends of the Homeless during Youth Gathering last Sunday evening. On Monday, Jan 19, Mount Hermon youth distributed the bags at Broomfield Church to very grateful folks who come to Friends of the Homeless for a meal. – **Thanks, MHBC YOUTH!**

No Youth Gathering this Sunday: come to the Prathers' Haiti presentation at 4:00 pm!



Men's Weekend!

March 13-15 at Kiptopeke State Park, Eastern Shore
A time of good fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and recreational activities.
Cost is only \$50 + food expenses to be determined on the trip. Sign up now, or by Feb 15, with Lee Thompson: ljtelk@verizon.net or 337-0269



Washington Nationals vs Pittsburgh Pirates

June 19, 7:05 pm

Section 132 (same section as last year)

Mark your calendars for this game

More information to follow within the next 30 days



If you would like a section of the old **carpet** from the Chapel (old sanctuary), it is available at church

Wednesday – Jan 28



5:45 pm – Dinner: Beef stroganoff, green beans, rolls, dessert

6:45 pm – Guest Speaker: Sandra Evans, Operation Christmas Child
Handbells

Children's activities

7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Prayers appreciated for...

- **Margaret Crump**, in Johnston-Willis, had hip surgery again yesterday
 - **Mike Abernathy**, at the Laurels of Bon Air, 104
 - **Karen Snellings**, Sandra Payne's sister, recovering from surgery
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Happy Birthday! January

25 Tyler Kowalewski	27 Levis Crump	29 Trey Matthews
26 Ellen McGuire	28 Kathy Goode	29 Keith Whitlock

26 Jeanne LaRocco 28 Rick Mustian 30 Jonathan Goode
27 Julie Bass 28 Anita Southard 31 Burley Spivey

Thoughts for Today

**Good manners may be found in six words:
Forget yourself and think of others.**

**Lost dreams may help you find new dreams.
-- J Charles White**

Sunday – Jan 18

Adult classes: 28 Worship: 88
Children: 14 Nursery: 6 Youth: 19
Contributions – \$6,822.00
Avg. weekly need – 3,922.00
Budget needs to date: \$11,766.00
Contributions to date: 14,512.00



From the Pastor...

Free Speech vs. Respect

**We don't need threats or law to respect one another.
We give respect as a matter of course. -- Leonard Pitts**

In America we stand for intrinsic human rights, including the ever-important *freedom of speech*. So any one of us can say and write whatever we think, no matter how profound and positive it might be, or how stupid and vacuous. This freedom extends to ANY subject, including religious beliefs.

Does that mean I *should* express my opinions about faith-matters important to others? While I feel free to do that, I also feel a compunction to respect others' beliefs and not give offense. – If an orthodox Jew feels that one should not pronounce God's name (Yahweh) except using other deferential terms, I honor that. If members of a cultural religion from India consider an image of a multi-armed goddess to be sacred, I won't insult them in derision. If a Muslim is offended by visual depictions of the prophet Mohammed, to publish such seems quite rude.

Is this being timid or politically correct? No, it is being considerate in a Christ-like way. The same holds true for respecting others' beliefs about social issues or political opinions. We may disagree, but we should not do it with scornful contempt.

Of course, a far worse sin is to assault or murder someone who offends your religion as Islamic terrorists did in France at the publishing offices of Charlie Hebdo. No one

has the right to stoop to such barbarity! Such violence offends the God of love, peace, and mercy, and these killers face His judgment now.

We do well to follow Jesus and not match hate with hate.
May respect for others win out over all.

God's best blessings to you,

Lee



January 25, 2015 – 10:30 am

- Call to Worship *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Choir
Scripture & Prayer Psalm 50:1-7 Bill Hall, Sr.
* Song of Praise 15 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
* *What God Tells Us to Do* Matthew 17:5
* Song 5 All People That on Earth Do Dwell vss.1&5
* Greeting Each Other
 Welcome & Church Highlights
 The Bible Says... 1 Samuel 3:3-10
 Prayer
* Offering Song 411 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
* Offering Statement & Prayer Bill Hall, Sr.
 Special Music Handbells
 Message **Who Is Listening?** Lee Ellison
* Commitment Song 502 Open My Eyes That I May See
* Parting Blessing
* *Make It Count!*