Our 180th year

Mount Hermon Baptist Church

Enewsletter – October 29, 2015

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Fall Back

Turn clocks back one hour this Saturday night

Richmond Friends of the Homeless needs **warm winter clothing**: coats, jackets and blankets for people of all ages. Donations can be placed in the bin by the church offices.

BGAV

Advancing the Kingdom Together

Church Today… Church Tomorrow is the theme of this year's annual meeting of Virginia Baptists, **Nov. 9-11** at Second Baptist Church here in Richmond. You can attend as a messenger or visitor and be part of the worship, fellowship, inspiration and business with Baptists from across the state and region. For more information, visit http://meeting.bgav.org/ or contact Lee or Susan.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes bring the good news of God's love to children all over the USA and the world. If you need shoebox packing instructions, send an email to ellisonmhbc@aol.com **(Collecting by Nov 15)**

Youth Gathering this Sunday, 6:00 pm
Guest speaker: **Ken Paul**, Retired State Police

Voting at church… Tuesday, Nov 3

CCHASM Thanksgiving Meals

Your donations of meal packages and/or $15.00 grocery store gift cards will assist families in Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights who do not have the resources to celebrate the holiday. -- Bring donations to church by Nov 15.

A complete meal gift package includes:

1 can (large) of yams or sweet potatoes, 40 oz.
1 box of mashed potatoes, 13 oz.
1 can of cranberry sauce, 14 oz.
2 cans of corn, 15 oz.
2 cans of green vegetables, 15 oz.
2 bags of stuffing or 2 boxes of "Stove Top"
2 cans or packages of gravy
1 box of hot chocolate
1 box of tea bags
1 box or bag of cookies

Coffee fellowship – 9:15 am each Sunday in the commons
A good time to visit and catch up with MHBC friends!

Sunday Morning Groups - 9:30 am

Make the most of Bible learning and fellowship small groups
Be part of one this Sunday!

- **Senior men**
- **Senior women**
- **Couples group**

- **Ladies group**
- **Men's group**
- **Intergenerational group**

Happy Birthday! ***November***

1 Matt Heath 3 Kathy Beaber
2 Samantha Franz 3 Logan Brinkley
2 Heather Szczesniak 6 David Elmore

Wednesday – Nov 4

- **6:30 – 7:15 pm**
  Prayer Time & Bible Study
  Handbells
  Children's activities & handbells
- **7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal**

Prayers appreciated for…

John Meyerhoeffer is scheduled for gall bladder surgery tomorrow at Johnston-Willis
Molly Boyer is out of the hospital
Phyllis Woody, Jim Woody's mother, in Lucy Corr Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Congratulations **to Bruce & Lalaine Boyajian** in the birth of a grandson, Wesley Mack Conyers, born Sunday

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Sunday – Oct 25

Adult & intergenerational classes – 31 Worship - 65
Children – 8 Nursery – 8 Youth – 10
Contributions – $3,910.00
Avg. weekly need – 3,922.00
Budget needs to date: $168,646.00
Contributions to date: 155,231.00

Special Gift in memory of Bob Hatcher, by Mary Hatcher

Men weary as much of not doing the things they want to do as of doing the things they do not want to do. - Eric Hoffer

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From the Pastor…

An excuse is worse and more terrible than a lie,
for an excuse is a lie guarded. - Pope John Paul I

Have you ever called in sick when you really just wanted to sleep in or go shopping? Did you write an excused absence note to the school for your kid because you wanted to let her do something special? How many events or activities did you skip without giving the real reason why you didn't want to attend? We make use of excuses most every day.

Some excuses are inexcusable. Lame at best. Lies at worst. Why can't we be honest about what we want to avoid or not do? Are we cowards, or just being "polite", not wanting to hurt someone's feelings? If we have made a promise to God to love and serve Him, why do we then offer excuses as to why we can't do this or that? Do we suppose that God is fooled by our excuses? He knows how terribly lazy we are.

The next time you find yourself making up an excuse, ask yourself why you are doing it. Is honesty truly that difficult? Do deceptions please the Lord of Truth? No, any form of lying offends God and His purposes. So let's quit making excuses, starting today. – Oh, you can't start today? – What's your excuse?

God's best to you,

Lee

November 1, 2015 – 10:30 am

Call to Worship *All Saints Day* by Carrie Newcomer
Scripture & Invocation Jeremy Blankenship
Hebrews 12:1-3
* Praise Songs 350 The Church's One Foundation
400 Rise Up, O Men of God vss. 1&4
* *A Chosen People* 1 Peter 2:9
* Greeting each other…
Welcome and Church Highlights
The Word of God Psalm 24:1-6
The Prayer of St. Francis
* Offering Song 389 To Worship, Work and Witness
* Offering Statement & Prayer Jeremy Blankenship
Offertory *Draw Near* Emilee Kowalewski, flute
Message Lee Ellison
God's Idea of Sainthood
Lord's Supper Song 368 Here At Your Table, Lord
Bread to feed the souls of the saints
A Cup to claim the covenant of faith
* Commitment Song 402 vss. 1-3,5
The Church of Christ in Every Age
* Parting Song *Come, Holy Spirit* Choir