Mount Hermon Baptist Church
Enewsletter – September 18, 2014
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2014 Leadership Development Conference

Monday, Sept 22 - Central Baptist Church
1500 Courthouse Road
Open to anyone wishing to be better equipped and informed about a variety of ministries and service opportunities in church life

5:45 – 6:45 pm, Food, Fellowship, Networking, Introductions
6:45 – 7:45 pm, First Sessions
8:00 – 9:00 pm, Second Sessions

See a full listing of info on sessions offered at
http://cvbm.org/news/2014-cvbm-leadership-development-conference

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The church parking lot markings are being repainted tomorrow (Friday)

Work progresses on the Chapel
Fortunately, floor damage was limited, so costs for this part of the repair work are much less than first estimated. Electrical upgrades and heat pump installation will be done next.

Planning to get flu or pneumonia shots this fall?
They will be available at church **Wednesday, Oct 15**
Mark your calendar. Details coming later

Parent-Child Dedication is planned for part of worship on **Sunday, Sept. 28**
If you wish to participate in this service for your child or wish to find more information about it, please contact the pastor.

Wednesday – Sept 24

Dinner – 5:45 pm: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, desserts
6:45 pm - Prayer Time & *God First* Study
Handbells
Children: *Celebrating God's Creation Through Art*
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Youth Fall Retreat, October 3-5
Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg

You are invited to the **75th Anniversary Party**
for **Levis & Frances Crump**
Sunday, October 5, 1:00 - 3:30 PM
Amber Grove, 16216 Genito Road
RSVP to Kay Hancock by Sept 22
(H) 739-2253 (C) 356-2252 or FranKay8@comcast.net

Thoughts for Today

Farm like you are going to live forever and live like you are going to die tomorrow. - From *Country Magazine*

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves. - Lao Tzu

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Happy Birthday! Sept

21 Jean Carter	26 Damien Hall
22 Susan Ellis	27 Tammy Capps
24 Jeff Godsey	27 Herman Morris
26 Bonnie Culley	

Prayers appreciated for…

- **Mark Ellison,** was in Johnston-Willis early this week being treated for pancreatitis, now home
- **Joseph Poore,** Sylvia Green's father, in declining health at Brandermill Woods
- **Dale Scott,** Tom & Annette Critelli's son-in-law, dealing with blood clots
- **Margaret Lynch**, in hospice care at home
- **Richard Ranallo**, Johnston-Willis, 438
- **Patricia Kesler,** scheduled to have a procedure today at Johnston-Willis
- **Grace Huckaby,** serious health issues
- **Tuomo Kanervikkoaho,** neighbor of Roger & Mary Ann Mann, having serious heart problems
- **Claudia Miller,** LuGay Lanier's aunt, had hip surgery

Sunday – Sept 14

Adult classes – 41 Worship - 83

Children – 10 Nursery – 7 Youth - 11

Contributions – $ 3,386.00

Avg. weekly need – 3,800.00

Budget needs to date: $ 140,600.00

Contributions to date: 135,209.05

From the Pastor… ***Murder Inspires Murderous Rage***

The recent barbaric murders by ISIS posted on social media are doubtless intended to inspire fear in the minds of the nations and leaders ISIS wishes to conquer. But their horrific actions remind me of an incident an army combat veteran of WWII told me about…

During the Allied advance in Germany, the Germans killed an American soldier in a grisly manner (too awful to describe here) and left his body for the Americans to find… thinking they would be intimidated and cowered in fear. The old vet told me how when the platoon sergeant saw what the Germans had done, he turned to his troops and simply said, *"Kill 'em all, boys. Kill 'em all."* – Thus what was intended to intimidate merely inspired rage, murderous revenge, and no show of mercy to enemy soldiers. -- Brutality breeds brutality, and ISIS will doubtless reap violence for themselves, sooner or later.

It's human nature to strike back. That's why Jesus' instructions to *turn the other cheek* is so difficult. But unless we follow his lead, violence multiplies, hurt is piled on hurt, and

more damage is done, not less. What happens on the world scene is not within our power to determine, but we practice this on a personal level all the time. Will we decide to produce more violence and hurt in the world, or less? – Which action pleases God?

God's best to you today,

Lee

September 21, 2014 – 10:30 am

It's All About GRACE
Scripture & Prayer Titus 3:4-7 Pat Bentley
* Praise Song 334 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine
* *How and Why We Are Saved* Ephesians 2:8-10
* Song 344 Jesus Loves Me vss.1-2
* Greeting Time
Welcome and Church Highlights
The Bible Says… Matthew 20:1-16
Prayer Time
* Offering Song 335 Standing on the Promises
* Offering Statement & Prayer Pat Bentley
Special Music *Sinner Saved By Grace* Choir
Message **It's Not Fair!** Lee Ellison
* Commitment Song 333
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
* Parting Blessing
* Parting Song *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Choir