



## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

*Enewsletter* – May 4, 2017

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**SCORE!**



**Mount Hermon Mission Offering Goal: \$12,500.00**

**We reached the goal with \$12,835.00!**

**Thanks to everyone who contributed!**

**Can you still give to the MHMO? YES,** and all donations beyond the goal will go to other good mission causes.

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**Mount Hermon youth and chaperones** attended CBFVA Mission Madness in Hampton, Virginia last weekend. Our theme was “Bearing Witness to Jesus Christ,” and our youth had this to say.

### **I like doing missions at Mission Madness because...**

- I get to help out in different ways around the community. - **Madison Hancock**
- I am helping the community, but while I’m doing that, I’m showing people the Light of Christ. - **Katie Glover**
- I can impact my and everyone’s community through Christ, even if it’s simple painting. It also helps me grow in my faith and learn useful lessons from others. - **Julia Whatley**
- I enjoy doing mission work to experience bringing joy to those we complete work for and having an impact on those beyond what we see. - **Jake Dix**
- Missions are always really fun and interesting, but the most exciting part is meeting the people. For example, meeting the people involved in an organization helps you picture where your hard work is going. What’s most special about all of this is the fact that we as students get to share the Light of Christ through simple hands on task with these organizations. - **Katie Corbitt**
- It opens my eyes to how others are truly living in such bad circumstances. It shows me how blessed we truly are, but that we should be so much more thankful for what we do have. I love going to different mission sites and helping others in distress, or just a messy back yard. I love seeing the smiles after it’s done. Missions are definitely an amazing way to spread God’s love and glory and I am very thankful to be able to take part in that. - **Heather Dix**



**This Sunday, May 7**, worship will be led by the deacons. With the theme **Rise Up**, it will be special in many ways. -- Be on hand, bring friends and neighbors.

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**Wednesday, May 10** – dinner, business session & more!

Dinner served at 5:45 pm: **hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, & desserts**

We will conduct the regular business session during dinner.

**Handbells** practice at 6:30 pm

**Choir** practice at 7:30 pm

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**Parent-Child Dedication** will be part of worship **May 14, Mother's Day**. If you would like to dedicate a child on this occasion, contact the pastor.

**The children will also be singing that day!**

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**May 21 - Graduate Sunday!**

We recognize our graduating High School and College seniors during this special time. Please send Susan Prather **graduation information, a photo and future plans**.

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**Youth Gathering** – this Sunday, 6:00 pm

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**A noble man compares and estimates himself by an idea which is higher than himself; and a mean man, by one lower than himself. The one produces aspiration; the other ambition, which is the way in which a vulgar man aspires.**

**-- Marcus Aurelius**

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**Prayers appreciated for...**

**Kelly Doyle**, recovering from surgery for kidney stones

**Sympathies to Macy Hudson & family** in the death of his brother-in-law, Jim Notch

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**Sunday – April 30, 2017**

9:30 groups – 42    Worship – 84  
Children – 8    Nursery - 6    Mission Madness - 9  
Contributions – \$ 4,915.00  
Avg. weekly need – 3,097.00  
Mission Offering - \$1,260.00  
Budget needs to date: \$71,460.00  
Contributions to date: 78,272.00

**Mount Hermon Memorial Association** gratefully acknowledges gifts from:  
Marguerite Bendall, Georgie & Leland Capps, Jean Clyburn, Eleanor Durvin, Betty Hill,  
Amonette Osborne, Doris Reams, Louise & Cleon Roberts

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*Happy Birthday! May*

7 Brian Godsey	10 Carolyn Bare
7 Jane Snellings	12 Derek Flora
8 Claire Hollister	12 Shannon Kesler
9 Betty Hill	12 Bayleigh Martin
9 Christopher Hancock	13 Adalynn Willoughby

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*How Old Are You?*



**Let us never know what old age is.  
Let us know the happiness time brings, not count the years.**

**-- Ausonius**

**Do you care if people know how old you are? What does it matter? It's just a number. -- I am 64. When I reach a milestone birthday, I think: "Woo hoo! I made it!" Do I consider myself old? Depends on who I am talking to. To a teen, I am *quite* old. Talking to someone in his 90's... not so much.**

**I know young people who are self-limited, cynical, complaining, and tired. And I know folks way up in years who are outgoing, engaged, learning, and active. So, which one is "old?" – Sure, natural bodily vigor diminishes with age, but what a blessing to enjoy the long-range perspectives and wisdom of accumulated years!**

**Last Sunday's paper contained a *Faith & Values* article written by Dr. Walter S. Griggs, Jr., a retired college professor who suffered a near-death experience a couple of years ago. Griggs described how he now intensely values the gift of life and considers every element of it to be a huge blessing to be savored. (See Ausonius quote above)**

**Old age brings the temptation to *coast*, whereas this amazing world offers many opportunities to learn, grow, and aspire. The choice is ours, isn't it? What do you choose? – Are you *old*, or not?**

**God's best to you,**

*Lee*

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**May 7, 2017 – 10:30 am *Rise Up!***

Call to Worship            *It's Our Time to Rise Up!*  
Scripture & Prayer            Sarah Blankenship  
  Jude 1:20-21  
Praise Time                            Lee Thompson  
\* Song of Praise 400    Rise Up, O Men of God  
Church Highlights                    Larry Rowland  
Greeting Time and Offering  
Offertory Prayer  
\* Song 483            Footsteps of Jesus  
Morning Message                            Ron Hatcher  
  **Why Fit In?**    Romans 12:9-21  
Time of Communion                            Ken Paul  
  Gina Thompson, Heather Szczesniak  
  John Meyerhoeffer, Sarah Blankenship  
  The Bread: Body of Christ broken for you  
  The Cup: Blood of Christ shed for you  
The Rest of the Story  
Scripture            John 13:1-17            Jim Bernard  
\* Song 330            Amazing Grace  
\* Commitment Prayer & Dismissal    Joanne Winn