



## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

*Encounter* – May 18, 2017

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### *Congratulations, Graduates 2017!*

Recognition in worship this Sunday, May 21



**Jodi Capps** – Radford University, B.S. in Psychology, parents: Joey & Tammy Capps, great-grandparents: Leland & Georgie Capps



**Will Chilton** - Cosby High School, parents: Donnie & Anna Chilton; attending Southside Virginia Community College in the diesel technician training program



**Kevin Cornett** – Thomas Dale High School, parents: Kevin & Mary Cornett; attending Virginia Military Institute



**Heather Dix** - Cosby High School, parents: Johnny & Becky Dix; attending John Tyler to study becoming a pediatric nurse.



**Erin Doyle - Cosby High School**, parents: Donald & Kelly Doyle; attending Lipscomb University on a softball scholarship. Plans to study dietetics.



**Emma Meredith - Cosby High School**, parents: Kelly & Steve Roberts; attending ECPI for a medical assistant degree.



**Jordan Moore - Richmond Christian School**, parents: John & Cindi Moore; attending J. Sargent Reynolds, to study mechanical engineering.



**Shane Rudd, Jr. - Cosby High School**, parents Shane & Katie; attending Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College to study forestry.



**Cory Witt - Cosby High School**, parents Kevin & Janice Witt; looking into several opportunities for an apprentice program



**Logan Witt** – **Clover Hill High School**, parents Kevin & Janice Witt; attending Queens University on an athletic scholarship to play volleyball; she is planning to study biology

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MIH Mission Offering: **\$13,320.00!**

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**Hey, Youth!** - We have concluded Sunday night youth gatherings until September, but we will see you all during the summer for lunches, hiking, and Passport Camp.

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Registration is now open for **Maker Fun Factory VBS**

July 31-August 3, 6:00 – 8:30 pm. **Register** your child online, or **volunteer** to help make this a creative and fun VBS for children. – Celebration & Picnic - Sunday, Aug 6, 10:30 am. Register online at: [vbspro.events/p/31fdbamcountherm.on](https://vbspro.events/p/31fdbamcountherm.on)

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**On the mountains of truth you can never climb in vain: either you will reach a point higher up today, or you will be training your powers so that you will be able to climb higher tomorrow.** - Friedrich Nietzsche

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**Prayers appreciated for...**

**Debbie Ellison**, recovering from surgery for fractured vertebrae

**Ed Yancey**, Debbie Heath's father, in VCU Medical Center recovering from auto accident

**Randy Holder's mother** broke her elbow in a fall

**Sympathies to the family of Carrington Goode**. Carrington has provided custodial service to our church for many years; he passed away Tuesday

**Sympathies to the family of Gladys Rountree**. Gladys is the mother-in-law of Debbie Ellison's sister; she passed away yesterday

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Sunday – May 14, 2017  
9:30 groups – 27   Worship – 122  
Children – 7   Nursery - 9  
Contributions – \$ 3,122.00  
Avg. weekly need – 3,097.00  
Budget needs to date: \$79,400.00  
Contributions to date: 85,447.00

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*Happy Birthday! May*

21 Brianna Wooten	27 Shane Bare
23 Scott Green	27 Jason Itner
24 Adrian Prather	27 Erin Kmetz
26 Anne Shultz	27 Ashleigh Taylor

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From the Pastor... *Think You're Done?*

**Some people drink from the fountain of knowledge, others just gargle.**

– Robert Anthony

'Tis the season for students throughout land to march across a stage to receive a high school diploma or university degree. Are they now *educated*? Is their education complete? – I recall a college professor in the business school telling us that our degrees would not equip us to function in a particular company, but we would need to be trained in the special skills required for the job taken in that industry. How true! Any degree is just a start... a foundation on which to build a lifetime of learning.

And we should respect every kind of knowledge and skill. The highly literate scholar may excel in her field but be a complete dolt when it comes to repairing a car or the plumbing in a home. An acclaimed surgeon may receive accolades in the field of medicine, but he relies on an HVAC tech to keep his office system functional. – Let's respect all kinds of expertise and not look down on anyone for what he/she does for a living.

Now more than ever, knowledge is available to us. There is no excuse not to keep learning. – I believe we keep learning when we transition to heaven, and I look forward to asking a million questions of God how He made this universe and its now mysterious forces.

So, congratulations, graduates! Nice start! Now keep going. There is so much more to learn. – Don't just gargle!

God's best to you,

*Lee*

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**May 21, 2017 – 10:30 am**

**Graduate Day**

- Call to Worship *Bind Us Together* Choir  
Scripture & Prayer Sarah Blankenship  
Psalm 118:27-29
- \* Song of Praise 197 Rejoice, the Lord is King  
*Praise the Name of the Lord* Psalm 113:1-3  
Song 206 Blessed Be the Name, v.1
- \* Greeting Time  
Church Highlights  
*Graduate Recognition 2017*  
Scripture Acts 1:1-11  
Prayer
- \* Offering Song 184 vss. 1-3  
Jesus Is All the World to Me
- \* Offering Statement & Prayer Sarah Blankenship  
Special Music *Just As I Am* Handbells  
Message Lee Ellison
- Christ Has Gone Up!**
- \* Commitment Song 193 One Day vss. 1,3,5  
\* Parting Blessing  
\* *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Handbells

**The deacons meet briefly after worship this Sunday**