

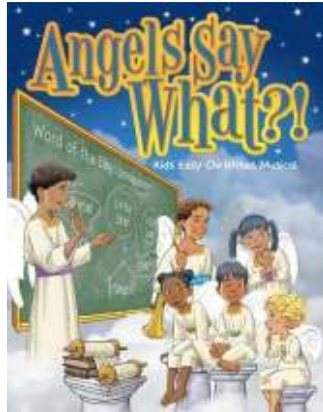
Mount Hermon Baptist Church

Enewsletter – December 20, 2018



Trip to *Christmas Town* @ Busch Gardens.

Today, 12:00 noon



A Children's Christmas Musical

This Sunday, Dec 23, 10:30 am

Follow the angels as they deliver the good news to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Listen as they reflect on what it means to be part of the greatest story ever told!



Caroling! – this Sunday, Dec 23

Leave from church at 5:00 pm to go caroling to the homes of some MHBC members and friends. -- **Then it's on to the Thompsons**, 4241 Hunters Ridge Drive, for food and fellowship. -- Bring all kinds of food and desserts!

Merry Christmas *From your Church Staff*

It is a pleasure to serve the Lord with you and we wish you a **Merry Christmas** and many good blessings for 2019! Thanks so much for your Christmas cards and greetings!

Lee Ellison, Susan Prather, Debbie Thompson

Big thanks to Debbie Thompson and everyone who made the Choir Christmas presentation so special and wonderful last Sunday!



Here is a link to the YouTube recording of the program
[Mount Hermon Adult Christmas Program 2018](#)

Coming up...



Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm
Dec. 30, Worship, 10:30 am in the Chapel

2019 Offering Envelope Packets are now out in the commons. If you don't find a packet with your name, please contact Linda Meyerhoeffer.



We are collecting **Box Tops for Education** to help local elementary schools and **aluminum can tabs** to help Savannah Wright's sorority support Ronald McDonald Houses. These can be placed at the table in front of the offices.

**My brothers and sisters, true love is a reflection of the Savior's love.
In December of each year we call it the Christmas spirit.
You can hear it. You can see it. You can feel it. -- Thomas S. Monson**

Prayers appreciated for...

- **Hugh Woodle**, in hospice care at home
- **Luther Lawson**, recovering from rotator cuff surgery
- **David Mann**, in Inova-Fairfax Hospital

Dear Mount Hermon family,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, food, visits, and hugs expressing sympathy for the passing of Steve That warm smile will be truly missed. **God bless, Sandy Van Cleef**

Happy Birthday! **December**

24 Nancy Spivey 26 Logan Witt 27 Allison Taylor
25 Jefferson Moore 27 Sarah Blankenship 28 Kimberly Robben
26 Cory Witt 27 Gina Thompson 28 Addy Blankenship

Sunday – December 16, 2018

9:30 groups – 25 Worship – 149 Youth – 17

Contributions – \$8,277.00

Avg. weekly need – 4,172.00

Budget needs to date: \$208,600.00

Contributions to date: 202,221.00

Special Gift from Buddy & Laura Haycox in memory of

Bet, Boo Boo, Daddy Arthur, and Mama Hazel

Gifts to the Youth Ministry in memory of Steve Van Cleef from: Larry Rowland,

Georgie & Leland Capps, Levis Crump and Kay Hancock

Gifts to the Youth Ministry in memory of Todd Crump:

from Levis Crump and Kay Hancock

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From the Pastor

Not There Yet

The Christian is not one who has gone all the way with Christ. None of us has. The Christian is one who has found the right road. -- Charles L. Allen

At Christmas we are reminded that Jesus came to save us from sin... and ourselves. As the model human being... the very image, imprint, and character of God in a

human life... Jesus demonstrates *what we all should be*. To believe *that* is to take up the challenging goal of perfect moral, ethical, and practical living.

How are you doing with that? Falling short? Welcome to the club! We are all in good company with the Apostle Paul who confessed to the believers at Philippi that while he WANTED to be just like Jesus, he knew full well what a screw-up he was and that he was still working on it. (Philippians 3:12-16) THAT is you and me... still working on it. But if we trust and try to imitate Jesus, *we are on the right road!*

The GPS on our phones are (usually) very helpful in keeping us on the right road. **The key is to enter an accurate location for our *destination*** and then to listen to the GPS voice when it tells us to turn right or left.

Take time this Christmas season to see if your spiritual GPS destination is set on Christ. The magi of the Christmas story found their way to Him. We try to do the same because He is THE way to eternal, meaningful, fulfilling life.

God's best to you,

Lee

Children's Church will resume Jan 6
No nursery Care provided this Sunday
Nursery Care provided Dec 30



December 23, 2018 – 10:30 am
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Let There Be Peace on Earth Handbells
The Advent Candle of Peace

Advent Invitation: Gina Thompson

Reading and Lighting: The Garrett Family

Scripture & prayer Ed O'Neill

Joy to the World Handbells

* 87 Joy to the World, vv.1-2,4

The Angel Said to Them... Luke 2:10-11

94 Angels From the Realms of Glory, vv.1,4

100 Angels We Have Heard on High, vv.1,4

* Greeting Each Other...

Church Highlights

The Word of God Luke 2:8-14

Prayer

* Offering Hymn 107 O Come, Little Children, vv.1-2

Away in a Manger Handbells

Offering Statement & Prayer Ed O'Neill

Carol of the Bells
Christmastime

Handbells
Piano

Angels Say What?

- * Commitment Hymn
 95 Go Tell It on the Mountain, vv.1-2
- * Parting Blessing