



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

Enewsletter – January 10, 2019

Well, there is snow in the forecast this weekend. Who knows what will happen, but if enough arrives to disrupt our Sunday activities, we will send an email notice, post of Facebook, and ask you to pass the word to members who don't have email.

Some Highlights of 2018



Average worship attendance – 96
Contributions to the ministry budget - \$213,372.00
Mount Hermon Mission Offering giving of \$15,522.00!
Reid & Lacy Monahan shared their mission work
Men's weekend at Claytor Lake in March
Gideons International Offering received
New carpet in worship center, classrooms, offices
New kitchen floor installed
Worshipped in the Chapel two Sundays
Debbie Thompson joined staff as Minister of Music
Church-wide Fall Festival enjoyed!
Flu Shots provided at church
Lunch Out times
Formation of *Forever Young Friends*
Election days at MHBC voting precinct
Many clothing donations to *Richmond Friends of the Homeless*
Donated Thanksgiving Dinners and many gift cards to CCHASM
Donations to the Christmas Store
Great Christmas Dinner
Adult Choir Christmas presentation – *Images of Adoration*

Youth

Sunday evening youth gatherings moved to 4:30 pm
Souper Bowl of Caring
Suicide Prevention Seminar with Rev. Rich Catlett
Youth Pancake Breakfast
Fun bowling
Mission Madness Weekend in Richmond
Graduate Recognition & luncheon
Passport summer camp, Greensboro College
Fall Retreat at Eagle Eyrie
Call Weekend at Camp CrossRoads
Shopping for CCHASM Thanksgiving bags

Middle District Christmas Store-shopped for presents for 12 children
Trip to Christmas Town in Williamsburg

Children

Great times of Children's Church

Miss Anne's Music & Movement classes started

Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt

VBS week of great fun and learning through *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*

VBS Celebration Sunday Picnic & Waterslide

Backpacks of Love

Lunches with elementary children

Christmas program: *Angels Say What?*

Gingerbread Houses

Youth Gathering – Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Forever Young Friends first gathering, this Monday

January 14 will be a free soup lunch at church at 12 noon; there will be Bingo with prizes. The next meetings will be on the second Mondays in February and March. Join the fun!

Forever Young Friends is designed to:

- Bring People to a closer intimate relationship with God.
- Minister to relational needs through interaction among people of the church; through prayer, worship, activities, events, trips, and programs of interest.
- Encourage Others to Minister – valuing the wisdom, experience, knowledge, talents and other God given abilities and gifts.
- Include as many people as possible, with a variety of activities for varied interests.

For information contact: Linda Meyerhoeffer, Kay Hancock, Betty Hill, Joan Hudson, Joanne Winn, or Susan Prather

MEN, put April 5-7 on your calendar for the **Men's Weekend** at Occoneechee State Park on Kerr Lake

This Sunday at church



9:15 am – Coffee fellowship

9:30 am – Adult Bible groups

10:30 am – Worship and Children's Church

4:30 pm – Youth Gathering

Bring **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.

Prayers appreciated for...

- **Matthew Nichol**, had outpatient surgery at MCV to repair a broken wrist bone
- **Joan Hudson**, was in an auto accident Sunday morning. After being checked at the hospital, she was discharged and is staying at her daughter Diane's home for several days in Aylett, VA. She can be reached on her cell phone.
- **Joey Capps**, Leland & Georgie Capps' son, scheduled for surgery on his neck today at Johnston-Willis Hospital
- **Wayne Butler**, Joan Hudson's nephew, in Johnston-Willis

Sympathies to the family of Hugh Woodle

His service will be Saturday, January 19, 11:30 am in the worship center

I just can't thank Mount Hermon members enough for all they do for me. I thank everyone for their prayers, many, many cards and visits and telephone calls. I was so happy to have the large group of carolers to come and sing for me. I wish all of you a Happy New Year. — **Marguerite Bendall**

Happy Birthday! *January*

12 Larry Hollister	17 Rachel Maine
12 OJ Johnson	17 Kay Hancock
14 Nancy Woody	17 Beth Hall
15 Jon Lindberg	18 Molly Walker
16 Aiden VanHouten	18 Linda Pettus

Sunday – January 6, 2019

9:30 groups – 34 Worship – 82
Children – 13 Nursery – 7
Contributions – \$9,635.00
Avg. weekly need – 4,504.00

Gifts to the Youth & Children's Ministries in memory of Margaret Crump

from: Chris & Nancy Topalu, Mike & Sharon Garber, Lockett & Julia Garnett

To contribute online go to... www.mt-hermon.org

and click the ONLINE GIVING bar

My mother was a huge influence on me. She was a living example of what a Christian should be. Her conviction, her discipline. She would rather see other people happy than herself. – Barry Sanders



From the Pastor...

Your 2019 Spirit?

Human spirit is the ability to face the uncertainty of the future with curiosity and optimism. It is the belief that problems can be solved, differences resolved. It is a type of confidence. And it is fragile. It can be blackened by fear and superstition. -- Bernard Beckett

A new year always turns our thoughts to the future. *Are you optimistic about 2019?* It probably depends on what area of life you are talking about. Asked about your personal situation, you may be optimistic. Asked about national politics or the world situation, you may be pessimistic. Which impulse influences you more, the temptation to give up, or the decision to solve problems? Hmmm.....

As Beckett says, our confidence is a fragile thing. It doesn't take but a little failure or a significant setback to pour water on your spirit. Yet, a depressed mind will linger in hesitancy, inaction, and self-doubt. *Is that where you want to stay?*

Human spirit is a great resource, but it is *limited*, no matter how hard we work, no matter how hard we try. – The Bible urges us to tap the power of the Holy Spirit, which is nothing less than the power of the Universe (God) giving us power, purpose, and the ability to conquer! The great acts of faith recorded in the Bible attribute success and achievement to God's Spirit leading men and women of faith in specific ways.

So, be Spirit-led today. God's Word tells us how to do that. Prayer is asking God for guidance and instructions. -- Yes, it takes faith. But faith is merely the key unlocking the power of Almighty God. – Be curious about what God has in store for you! Be brave enough to step up and do it!

God's best to you today,

Lee

January 13, 2019 – 10:30 am

Call to Worship *Come As You Are* Choir

Soloists: Heather Dix, Dana Heath

Scriptures & Prayer Matthew 28:18-20 Bill Hall, Sr.

* Praise Hymn 330 Amazing Grace with *My Chains are Gone*

- * *Baptized into Christ Jesus* Romans 6:3-6
- * Hymns 7 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, vv.1,3
223 Alleluia, vv.1,4
- * Greeting Each Other
- Church Highlights
- God's Word Mark 1:1-12
- Baptism: Take the Plunge!*
- Prayer
- * Offering Song 447 Trust and Obey
- * Offering Statement & Prayer Bill Hall, Sr.
The Way by Jeremy Camp Jake Dix
- What About Baptism?** Luke 3:21-22 Lee Ellison
- * Commitment Song 363 Jesus, Our Lord and King
- * Parting Blessing
- * Parting Song *The Way*