



## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

*Newsletter* – January 24, 2019

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### Welcome New Members!



#### **Bill & Betsy Gayle**

**4230 Heron Pointe Ct., Moseley, VA 23120; 739-2950; Bill, 356-7086; Betsy, 840-8085; [bet65sy@verizon.net](mailto:bet65sy@verizon.net).** Bill & Betsy are both retired from the Bellwood General Defense & Supply Center and have been part of the life of our church for awhile now. We are happy to welcome them to the fellowship of MHBC!

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**2018 Contribution Statements** have been emailed and mailed as of January 21. If you need a statement and don't receive one, please contact Linda Meyerhoeffer at 804-437-1252 or email: [ljmeyerhoeffer@gmail.com](mailto:ljmeyerhoeffer@gmail.com).

To everyone who has contributed financially during 2018 we are very thankful for your generosity to Mount Hermon Baptist Church. We would not be able to do what we do without your giving. The topic of giving is mentioned 921 times in the Bible emphasizing its importance. As we give, we are also spreading the Word of God to the community and around the world. Giving is an act of worship and the result of trusting God with our finances. Generosity isn't about wealth, but rather the condition of our heart towards God. The free gift of God's grace shapes our faith and is the fullest expression of a steward, one who has been given a gift, a gift that must be used wisely and for a purpose, bringing glory to God. -- May this be our focus for 2019.

**Linda Meyerhoeffer, Financial Secretary**

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**Mission Madness Weekend - March 22-24** is a great time to be with numerous youth groups at Walnut Hills Baptist Church in Williamsburg for worship, fun, and hands-on missions. Lodging has been arranged by the Mission Madness staff at a local hotel. Cost per student: \$70.00. – Sign up with Susan by Jan. 30!

**PASSPORT** – **Passport Choices Summer Camp - July 7-12** at Greensboro College for students grade 6-12. Cost is \$415.00 per student. In previous years we have successfully fundraised 100% of student cost and will make every effort to do that this year. -- Sign up with Susan by Jan. 30!

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

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**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

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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.

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**Prayers appreciated for...**

**Ray Condrey**, friend of Vickie Robben, in Duke Medical Center recovering from severe injuries in a fall

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*Happy Birthday!*

*January*

27 Levis Crump  
28 Kathy Goode  
28 Rick Mustian  
28 Anita Southard

29 Trey Matthews  
29 Keith Whitlock  
30 Jonathan Goode  
31 Burley Spivey  
31 Riley Willoughby

*February*

1 Daniel Hall  
2 Niki Pettus  
2 Christie O’Neill

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**Sunday – January 20, 2019**

9:30 groups – 29    Worship – 91  
Children – 8    Nursery – 5  
Contributions – \$9,211.50  
Avg. weekly need – 4,504.00  
Average need to date: \$13,512.00  
Contributions to date: 18,846.50

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**Special Gifts:**

In memory of **Hugh Woodle** from Stephen Summerell  
In memory of **Margaret Crump** from James & Sandra Kerr  
In honor of **Kitty Snow** from the Golden Circle Class

The memorial association is grateful for a gift from Grace Orr  
in memory of Lettie & Calvin Jarrell

To contribute online go to... [www.mt-hermon.org](http://www.mt-hermon.org)  
and click the ONLINE GIVING bar

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**I wish to be useful, and every kind of service necessary to the public good becomes honorable by being necessary. -- Nathan Hale**

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From the Pastor...

***Puzzled? Disoriented?***

**I'm really thankful for every experience I've had, even the ones that were puzzling or disorienting, because they taught me so much. -- Tavi Gevinson**

Have you ever been puzzled? Disoriented? Sure, you have. No one goes through life fully understanding what is happening in every circumstance. Some things are just hard to understand... confusing. – But what do you remember about such times? More than likely, you learned a lesson, gained an insight, or came to a deeper understanding of yourself.

I think God made life precarious for a reason. No, God doesn't inflict us with trouble or disruptive pains. Living in a free-will world where trouble comes to the good people as well as bad ones provides one with a share of difficulties. A trouble-free existence would be dull, meaningless, and even boring. And we wouldn't learn a thing! – The old adage is true: *We learn more from our mistakes than we do from our successes.*

So, when you wonder: “Why am I going through this?”, just know that there is a greater purpose and greater good to be found at the end of the process. It may not be understood until we get to the end of life, or even to the other side, heaven. Life is a puzzle and we constantly try to make its pieces fit. No one sees the whole picture except God, and He is always on your side working for your good.

How reassuring!

God's best to you today,

*Lee*

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**January 27, 2019 – 10:30 am**

Call to Worship    *It Is Well With My Soul*    Handbells  
Scriptures & Prayer    Joel 2:28-29,32    Bill Hall, Sr.  
Hymns of Praise    Holy Spirit

244 Spirit of the Living God

*Blessed Assurance*—Handbells

\* 334 Blessed Assurance

\* Greeting Each Other

Church Highlights

*How God Has Shown His Presence*

Joe Hall

God's Word Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

Prayer

\* Offering Song 390 We Are Called to Be God's People

\* Offering Statement & Prayer

Bill Hall, Sr.

*Be In Our Gathering*

Choir

**When God's Dream Gets In Your Heart** Lee Ellison

\* Commitment Song 287 Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord

\* Parting Blessing

\* Parting Inspiration