



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

Newsletter – January 3, 2019



Your Deacon in 2018



Each MHBC Deacon is serving a portion of our church families and friends. Call on him or her to share prayer concerns and other needs.

A – Blankenship	Gina Thompson
Boothe – Chilton	Linda Meyerhoeffer
Corbitt – D	Bill Hall, Sr.
E – Godsey	Jeremy Blankenship
Golden - Hancock	Lee Thompson
Hansen – Hudson	Brandon Garrett
I - Lind	Bill Green
Lindberg - Moore	Kay Hancock
Morris – Prather	Ed O’Neill
Pratt – Southard	Becky Dix
Spivey – V	Jim Woody
W	Ron Hatcher

Deacon Ministry Coordinator: Bill Green
Assistant Ministry Coordinator: Ed O’Neill

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

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

Miss Anne’s Movement & Movement Time for preschoolers!

This Saturday, Jan 5, 9:30 or 10:30 am. (Every first and third Saturday of the month.)

-- Contact Anne Shultz at annewestshultz@gmail.com for details

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.

And now we welcome the new year.

Full of things that have never been. -- Rainer Maria Rilke

Prayers appreciated for...

- **Dana Bates**, had foot surgery yesterday
 - **Keith Utley**, scheduled for several skin surgeries this month
 - **Wayne Butler**, Joan Hudson's nephew, in Johnston-Willis
 - **Sympathies to Megan Lester**, friend of Katie VanHouten, in the death of her father, Thomas Herr
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Happy Birthday! **January**

6 Katie Moore	8 Enzo Fudala	10 Jean Dudley
7 Joanne Elmore	8 Leah Long	10 Scott Bass
7 Rich Catlett	9 Tim Wright	10 Aimee Parsons

Sunday – December 30, 2018

Worship – 69 Nursery – 6

Contributions – \$7,221.00

Avg. weekly need – 4,172.00

Budget needs to date: \$216,473.00

Contributions to date: 213,372.00

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

from: Wayne & Rachel Boothe, Ken & Beth Paul

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

and click the ONLINE GIVING bar

Children's Church will resume this Sunday

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



From the Pastor...

Hope It's a Happy One!

Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'It will be happier.'
-- Alfred Lord Tennyson

We usually enter a new year feeling that we have a fresh start. Resolutions are made to improve our lives one way or another. There is a sense of starting over. We hope for good things to come our way. *But there are no guarantees.* There never are, except when it comes to the promises of God.

So, go ahead and hope. God wants us to do that. Hope is positive, upward, aspirational, even ambitious. We hope for good things to happen, not bad. Healthy hope extends to others, not just ourselves. What we experience depends on what we are looking for, what we focus on. Positive people experience positive things.

Perhaps you began 2018 full of hope and found quite a few disappointments along the way. Each of us can look back and see many blessings, most of which we take for granted: clean water, nice homes, good cars, lots of clothes, plenty of food (too much over the holidays, right?), a supportive family, sufficient income, and much more. – To our material prosperity, let's add *spiritual* aspirations and hope for a closer walk with Christ, new ways to serve Him, a better grasp of His will, a kind heart and attitude, a letting go of anger and contempt.

Here's hoping you have a wonderful and blessed 2019!

In Christ,

Lee

January 6, 2019 – 10:30 am

Call to Worship *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* Choir
Scriptures & Prayer Bill Hall, Sr.

John 1:9, John 8:12, 2 Corinthians 4:6

The Way Heather Dix, Savannah Wright

* Our MHBC Purpose Statement and Covenant Renewed

* Song 19 We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, vv.1-2
10,000 Reasons, chorus

* Greeting Each Other

A New Year and New Beginnings

Church Highlights

God's Word Isaiah 6:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

* Offering Song 595 Send the Light, vv.1-2,4

* Offering Statement & Prayer Bill Hall, Sr.

Carry the Light Choir

How Much We Need the Light Lee Ellison

The Lord's Supper

The Bread: leaven for our lives

The Cup: renewing the covenant of Christ

Love Ran Red Danielle Heath

- * Commitment Song 579 Shine, Jesus, Shine, vv.1&3
- * Parting Song 117 As With Gladness, Men of Old, v.1