



## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

*Enewsletter* – February 21, 2019

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Our adult choir has begun rehearsing (each Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 pm) for the presentation of an EASTER CELEBRATION OF GRACE entitled, ***THE BEAUTIFUL CHRIST***, which will be a musical part of our Easter worship service on April 21. -- I would love to have YOU join the choir (high school and older) to be a part of this experience, and also for our weekly presentations of anthems. MEN, we especially need you! If I may answer any questions or concerns, please call/text me @ 804-502-9521 or email @ [dbthomps1@yahoo.com](mailto:dbthomps1@yahoo.com)  
– *Debbie Thompson*

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### **MEN, sign up now for the Weekend at Kerr Lake coming April 5-7.**

Get \$45.00 to Lee Thompson; make checks out to the church. Food costs will be minimal and added later. Don't miss the spiritual enrichment, boating, fishing, and other stuff. – Only 16 places available.

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### ***YOUTH!***

#### **This Sunday, Feb 24, 4:30 pm at King Pin Lanes**

This fun afternoon will be a great introduction to the youth ministry for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. College and career young adults who are former members of the youth ministry are invited, too. Lanes and shoes will be covered by the youth ministry; bring money for the snack bar. Let Susan Prather know that you are going.

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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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**Prayers appreciated for...**

- **Doug Kunkel**, in Sheltering Arms, 408b, physical rehab
  - **Martha Fletcher**, Cheryl Crump’s mother, in Henrico Doctors Hospital being treated for a stroke
  - **Wilson Kelly**, Beverly Bailey’s father, in McGuire VA Hospital being treated for a stroke
  - **Sympathies to Beverly Bailey & family** in the death of her niece, Effie, in Tappahannock, VA
  - **Sympathies to Hope Hall & family** in the death of her son, Matt Parrish. Funeral tomorrow, Feb. 22, 2:00 pm in the worship center of Mount Hermon
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*Happy Birthday!*

**February**

25 Billy Bare	27 Sara Brevard
25 Lucy Hansen	27 Janet Dickson
26 Jeremy Blankenship	27 Ray Fleming
26 Danny Morris	27 Ella LaRocco

**March**

1 Owen Eungard
1 Rebekah Bentley
2 Erin Doyle
2 Lee Ellison
2 Mark Ellison
2 Ginnie Moore

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**Sunday, February 17, 2019**

9:30 groups – 26    Worship – 65  
Children – 6    Youth – 4  
Contributions -- \$5,041.00  
Avg. weekly need – 4,504.00  
Average needs to date: \$31,528.00  
Contributions to date: 37,161.00

The Memorial Association is grateful for gifts from Amonette Osborne and Mary Hughes

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**Surround yourself with good people; surround yourself with positivity and people who are going to challenge you to make you better. -- Ali Krieger**

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From the Pastor...

*Be Yourself?*

**There are so many different walks of life, so many different personalities in the world. And no longer do you have to be a chameleon and try and adapt to that environment - you can truly be yourself. -- Hope Solo**

Have you ever wanted to be someone else? Why? Would one's life be better by assuming another's role or identity? You would gain his/her miseries and disappointments along with that person's accomplishments. And why envy another person anyway? The 10<sup>th</sup> commandments warns us not to do that. It's a dead-end exercise.

In the last chapter of John's gospel is an interesting conversation the resurrected Jesus had with Peter. When the Lord commented on Peter's future, Peter looked back to another follower of Jesus and basically asked, "And what about that guy?" Jesus brushed aside his question as irrelevant and urged Peter to follow his own path of discipleship and not someone else's (John 21:18-22).

Jesus lets us be our own person. His will for our lives is not cookie-cutter or one-size-fits-all. To those with many talents, He expects more. To those of lesser abilities, less. God is really good at dealing with us as individuals. – Yes, individualism is very American and can be carried too far. But the Lord calls us to live our own lives... for Him.

**To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man. – William Shakespeare**

There are many other quotes about being yourself, but the best green light we have on that advice comes from Jesus.

God's best to you today,

*Lee*

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February 24, 2019 – 10:30 am

Prelude *Great is the Lord* piano  
Thoughtful Preparation for Worship Lee Ellison  
*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Ellen McGuire  
Scripture & Prayer Linda Meyerhoeffer  
Psalm 139:1-3, 23-24

\* Praise Songs

36 Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him, vv.2-3

58 Like a River Glorious, vv.1,3

Psalm 145:3 - Great is the Lord!

12 Great is the Lord

- \* Greeting Each Other
- Church Highlights
- God's Word                      Luke 6:27-38
- You Are Known*    Choir
- Prayer
- \* Offering Song 628 *A Servant of the Least*
- \* Offering Statement & Prayer      Linda Meyerhoeffer
- Just a Closer Walk With Thee*    piano
- Your Life-Philosophy?**    Lee Ellison
- \* Commitment Song 611 Let Your Heart Be Broken
- \* Parting Blessing
- \* Parting Song      *Creator God, Creating Still*      Choir