



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

Enewsletter – February 14, 2019

Happy Valentine's Day



Okay, MEN, start signing up for the Men's Weekend at Kerr Lake coming up April 5-7! Get \$45.00 to Lee Thompson. Make checks payable to the church. Food costs will be minimal and added later. It will be a great weekend of spiritual enrichment, boating, fishing, and other recreational stuff. – Only 16 spots available.



5th thru 12th grade youth!

The youth ministry invites you to go bowling at King Pin Lanes on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 4:30 pm. This fun afternoon will be a great introduction to the youth ministry for our 5th graders. We also extend this invitation to our college and career young adults who were former members of the MHBC youth ministry. -- The youth ministry will pay for the lanes and shoes; you bring money for the snack bar. For all attending, please confirm with Susan Prather.

Miss Anne's Music & Movement



for preschoolers This Saturday, Feb 16
9:30 am or 10:30 am at church



Christmas decorations on cemetery graves will be removed beginning Feb. 15, as regularly scheduled. If you wish to communicate instructions about specific graves, please email ellison.mhbc@gmail.com, or call the church 794-2049.

Prayers appreciated for...

Ilene Rutherford, in St. Francis Medical Center for tests
Sandra Hauser, heart valve issues

This Sunday at church



9:15 am – Coffee fellowship
9:30 am – Adult Bible groups
10:30 am – Worship and Children’s Church
11:30 am – Financial Resources Team meeting
4:30 pm -- Youth Gathering

Congregation of Mount Hermon,

Ann and I want to thank you for welcoming our family and friends at the memorial for Hugh Woodle. We are especially grateful for the wonderful lunch. Everyone who ate said how excellent the food was. We really appreciate your providing this for us. Thank you for your expression of sympathy. It meant so much to us.

Ann Barrar and Sue Woodle

Happy Birthday! February

20 Anne Cox
20 Russ Hancock
21 Derek Pratt
23 Griffin McGuire
23 Marci Nichol

Sunday – February 10, 2019

9:30 groups – 32 Worship – 91 Children – 12
Contributions – \$3,435.00
Avg. weekly need – 4,504.00
Average need to date: \$27,024.00
Contributions to date: 32,120.00

Special Gifts...

- **In memory of Frances Manley** from Mary Mann, Tammy Corbitt, Debbie Thompson, John & Linda Meyerhoeffer, Mike & Sharon Garber, Donald Haycox, the Golden Circle SS Class
- **In memory of Hugh Woodle** from Marilyn Barrar, J.N. McGee, the Virginia Kennel Club, Chesterfield County-Colonial Heights Crime Solvers

The Memorial Association appreciates a contribution from Mary Hughes and a donation from Richard Brown in memory of Phyllis Woody

To contribute online go to... www.mt-hermon.org
and click the ONLINE GIVING bar

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.

To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.
-- Reba McEntire



From the Pastor... *Look Up!*

I try to avoid looking forward or backward, and try to keep looking upward. --
Charlotte Bronte

There are two big mistakes to be made in life... always looking back to the past... and always looking ahead to the future. It's so easy to do one or the other, or even both. Usually, we are searching for an *ideal* existence; so, we idealize the past and linger in memories of the good old days. Or we idealize the future and think: *Gee, it's going to be much better than today!*

If we aren't idealizing the past or future, we are probably *regretting* the past or *fearing* the future. Either impulse is a waste of time. Neither the past nor the future exist, of course, but that doesn't prevent us from trying to live there. – What to do?

Bronte has it right: don't look forward or backward, LOOK UP to God today! Strive to live His ideals. The good news Jesus brings is that God liberates us from the past... your sins are forgiven. God lets go of our mistakes, so we can, too. God also assures us that the future will be the ideals of Revelation 21... no more crying, pain, fear, or death. God says, "Hey, I got this! Don't worry about it."

So, what are you doing today? Living in the past? Living for the future? STOP and LOOK UP with faith, hope, and trust. Today is of higher quality when we do that.

God's best to you TODAY,

Lee

February 17, 2019 – 10:30 am

Call to Worship	<i>Stand In Your Love</i>	Dana Heath
Scripture & Prayer	Psalm 68:3-4,19	Becky Dix
* Praise Songs 231	Come, Christians, Join to Sing, vv.1-2	
	441 Since Jesus Came Into My Heart, vv.1-2	
* <i>Complete Joy in Christ</i>		John 15:11
* 430 Sunshine In My Soul, v.1		

