



Mount Hermon Baptist Church
Enewsletter – March 7, 2019



Spring Forward -- This Sunday, March 10
Set clocks ahead one hour for DST



Forever Young Friends will meet at

Monday, March 11, at noon at Mable's Café, 3844 Old Buckingham Road in the Powhatan Village. Men & women of all ages are invited. Along with great fellowship, there will be a Raffle and door prizes.

Men's Weekend at Kerr Lake - April 5-7



Spiritual enrichment, boating, fishing, and other stuff. – Only a few spaces left. Get \$45.00 to Lee Thompson (make checks out to the church). Food costs will be minimal and added later.

Virginia Beach Women's Retreat

June 21-23, Limited spaces

Contact Gina Thompson at GinaRX1227@verizon.net or 814-6794



I have gained so much more from my experiences of being open and loving humanity rather than being jaded and being closed-off. -- Mary Lambert



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 – Missions Team
4:30 pm – Youth Gathering

Prayers appreciated for...

Nick Crowe, son of Terri Matthews’ co-worker. Nick is in serious condition in ICU at a Richmond hospital with multiple heart tumors

Sympathies to Kelly Doyle & family in the death of her grandmother, Lela Rogers in Ft. Scott, Kansas

Happy Birthday! March

10 Mitchell McGuire
10 Joy Summers
11 Lindsey Matthews
13 Krissy Dillard
16 Liz Thompson

Sunday, March 3, 2019

9:30 groups – 28 Worship – 75
 Children – 12
 Contributions – \$5,503.00
 Avg. weekly need – 4,504.00
Average needs to date: \$40,536.00
Contributions to date: 45,996.00

Special Gift in memory of Hugh Woodle from Nancy Clemmons

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From the Pastor... *Open the Door?*

The soul should always stand ajar, ready to welcome the ecstatic experience. -- Emily Dickinson

Have you ever had an ecstatic experience? Surely everyone has. What made you ecstatic? The birth of a child or grandchild? Getting your dream job? Completing a project successfully? Finding true love? – Ecstasy is a wonderful feeling, but it doesn't happen every day. And it's a *personal* experience as well, since people value and enjoy very different things along the way.

The poet Dickinson advises us to keep the door to our souls open to experiences that will allow our spirits to soar. *Good advice, madam.* Too often we close our souls (and minds) to outside interference. It's a defensive posture. Opening oneself to new levels of spiritual reality is scary, since we never know how it will affect us. Better to stick with what I think, know, and feel right now. – Such thinking is safe, but sad.

Jesus knows you keep the door of your soul shut. In Revelation 3:20, he tells us that he is knocking on the door, and if you will simply open the door and let him in, you will have an ecstatic experience with the God of the Universe! – How will that feel for your life? I have no idea. – Why not open the door to find out?

God's best to you today,

Lee

March 10, 2019 – 10:30 am

Call to Worship *Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door*

Choir, with narrators: Debbie Ellison, Heather Dix,

John Meyerhoeffler, Bill Green, and Randy Jordan, drum

Scripture & Prayer Becky Dix

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

* Praise Songs *Good, Good Father... The Way*

10,000 Reasons

* *Watch out for temptation* Matthew 26:41

* 330 Amazing Grace, with *My Chains Are Gone*

with Jake Dix, guitar

* Greeting Each Other

Church Highlights

God's Word Luke 4:1-13

Prayer Song *What a Friend We Have in Jesus, v.1*

Prayer

- * Offering Hymn 283
Take My Life and Let It Be, vv.1-3 and chorus
- * Offering Statement & Prayer Becky Dix
- Offertory Music piano
- You Say* Heather Dix
- The Devil in Your Wilderness** Lee Ellison
- * Commitment Song Yield Not to Temptation
- * Parting Blessing
- * Parting Inspiration *Give It Away!*