



**Mount Hermon Baptist Church**  
*Newsletter* – May 30, 2019

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**Graduate Recognition this Sunday!**

Be on hand to celebrate the achievements of our high school and university graduates, and to congratulate them on their accomplishments

**High School Graduates**



**Abigail Marie Birchmeier, Cosby High School**

Attending: Longwood University

Parents: Mark & Lauren Birchmeier and brothers Andrew and Aaron



**Jordan Alexander Dickson, Cosby High School**

Attending: Costal Carolina University, to pursue Homeland Security and Intelligence degree.

Parents: Hal & Janet Dickson and sister Haley.



**Joseph Peyton Hall, Cosby High School**

Attending: Hampden Sydney College, to study Political Science and Government.

Parent: Joe Hall and grandfather, Bill Hall, Sr.



**Austin Glen VanHouten, Liberty University Online**

Plans to join the work force. Parents: John & Katie VanHouten, siblings Kayleigh and Aiden, Grandmother, Kay Hancock



**Andrew Weight, Cosby High School**

Attending: James Madison University, majoring in Economics and playing baseball  
Parents: James & Angela Weight and brother, Jack

### **University Graduates**



**Kristina Joyce Dillard, Radford University, Bachelor of Exercise Sport and**

Health Education. Continuing her education at the University of Lynchburg to pursue a Masters in Athletic Training. Parents: Chris & Pam Dillard, sister Kasey



**William Keim, Magna Cum Laude with distinction- Liberty University,**

Bachelor of Science with major in Government/PreLaw. Major with Business and Criminal Justice, minors. Wife: Erin



**Jordan Lemite, Longwood University, Bachelor of Science in Business**

Administration with a concentration in information systems and cybersecurity. Parents: Gregory & Kim Lemite

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**Note:** No Enewsletter will be sent next week

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Next gathering of ***Forever Young Friends***

**Monday, June 10, 12 noon**

**Lunch at church**, with guest presenter Roberta Damon, who has written several good books on Bible topics, which she will have available for purchase, only \$10 each.

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**Worship on June 9** will feature the new gospel group ***Last Chance***. – Don't miss it!

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**Time to get ready for VBS 2019 – *Roar!***

We need volunteers to make this the best part of the summer for our children.

The dates are **July 29-August 1** (4 sessions) 6:00 to 8:30 pm with VBS Celebration Sunday, Aug 4 with a picnic and waterslide.

Click on this link to register your child or volunteer for specific roles during the week of VBS. [vbspro.events/p/2d99ad](https://vbspro.events/p/2d99ad)

If you would like to help build our incredible set, help with the picnic, or volunteer, contact me. - Blessings, ***Susan***

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**Sunday, June 16 – 9:30 am**

Served by youth attending Passport Summer Camp.

Breakfast includes **egg casseroles, muffins, fresh fruit.**

**It's for everyone.** Invite family, friends, and neighbors. – **No charge.** — You'll have opportunity and ways to contribute toward the expenses of our youth to attend Passport, if you wish. (**NOTE: 9:30 groups will not meet June 16**)

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### **Music & Movement for Preschoolers**



**This Saturday — 9:30 or 10:30 am at church**

A fun time for infants – 4-year-olds, with a participating adult

Only \$5.00 per class! \$2.00 for each additional sibling

No sign up necessary. For more information, contact

Anne Shultz at [annewesthultz@gmail.com](mailto:annewesthultz@gmail.com)

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**Life is full of banana skins. You slip, you carry on.** -- Daphne Guinness

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**THANK YOU to Doug Kunkel** for designing/making and contributing a portable choir music cubby to be used to house individual choir members' music for rehearsals in the worship center and choir room. - THANKS, Doug!!!

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### **Prayers appreciated for...**

**Kay Hancock**, recovering from surgery

**Tom Hauser**, recovering from surgery

**Cindy Waymack**, cousin of the Ellisons' brother-in-law, in Johnston Willis, 272

**Sympathies to Leo Edens & family** in the death of his sister, Charlotte Crist

**Sympathies to Ann Crumley & family**, the Ellisons' former neighbor, in the death of her son, Doug Crumley

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### *Happy Birthday! June*

1 Campbell Ittner	5 Lucille Dodrill
2 Jimmy Golden	5 Betsy Gayle
2 Dolores Miller	5 Gray Witt
3 Adam Prather	6 Fred Williams
3 Micaela Garrett	7 Valerie Mann

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### **Sunday, May 26, 2019**

9:30 groups – 27    Worship – 60

Children & Nursery – 9

Contributions – \$3,900.00

Avg. weekly need – 4,504.00

Average needs to date: \$94,584.00  
Contributions to date: 90,550.00

**The Mount Hermon Memorial Association greatly appreciates** a contribution from L.M. Johnson, Jr. and contributions **in memory of Levis Crump** from: Sharon & Mike Garber, Larry & Karla Rowland, Mae Hancock, Lillian Fleming

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From the Pastor

### *Your Philosophy on Risk?*

**Take chances, make mistakes. That's how you grow. Pain nourishes your courage. You have to fail in order to practice being brave.** -- Mary Tyler Moore

By now you have developed a personal philosophy of RISK. You tried things you weren't sure would work, and when they failed you either beat yourself up and vowed never to risk again, or you pushed on to try something else! Take that job... or not? Start a business... or not? Marry that person... or not? Teach that class at church... or not?

People invest their money in various ways. Some go for broke and try risky ventures which might result in big returns. Others fear loss and stick with plodding, low-return investments to hold on to what they have. – And life is loaded with such decisions.

That's why Jesus makes us nervous. He walks up to guys running their fishing business and tells them to drop everything to follow Him. Two thousand years later, we still talk about the ones who did and have no knowledge of the ones who didn't. He called one fisherman to step out of the boat during a storm to walk on the water... and Peter did it!

What do you need to trust God with today? Do you have all the facts? Do you have a guarantee of success? No. – But haven't you benefited from past mistakes and missteps? Didn't you grow from past experiences of falling short? Yes. – Sure, some situations aren't worth the risk, but extremely valuable ones are.

As Paul reminded the Corinthians: **"We live by faith and not by sight"** (2 Corinthians 5:7)

God's best to you today,

*Lee*

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**June 2, 2019 – 10:30 am**

*Where I Belong*  
Scripture & Prayer

Dana Heath  
Gina Thompson

Colossians 3:12-14

\* Praise Songs 22 Bless His Holy Name, v.1

20 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above, vv.1-2

\* Greeting Each Other

Church Highlights

**Graduate Recognition**

*Friends Forever*

Heather Dix

God's Word

John 17:20-26

Prayer

\* Offering Hymn 611 Let Your Heart Be Broken, vv.1-4

\* Offering Statement & Prayer

Gina Thompson

*Be Still My Soul* with *He Will Hold Me Fast* Choir

**He Prayed For Us!**

Lee Ellison

The Lord's Supper

The Bread: which is for you

The Cup: given in love

\* Commitment Song 445 Sweet Hour of Prayer, vv.1-2

\* Parting Song *A Parting Song We Sing*