Mount Hermon Baptist Church

***Enewsletter* – December 12, 2019**

Welcome New Member!

Emaleigh Garrett

6706 Fieldtan Trail, Moseley, VA, by baptism

Emaleigh is the daughter of Brandon & Nicole Garrett and a seventh-grader at Tomahawk Middle School. She is active in the youth group and the activities of Mount Hermon and we rejoice in her profession of faith!

CAKE: *Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment*, Dec 8

To see the **YouTube video** of the children's presentation, go to:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KkA5wlTd0M&feature=youtu.be

Witness His Glory!

This Sunday, Dec. 15, 10:30 am

Celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world as told by three eye-witnesses: a **shepherd**, **Mary**, and one of the **magi**. Their witnesses will be echoed by the choral music of traditional hymns celebrating the Word made flesh and dwelling among us. – Bring family and friends with you this Sunday!

Christmas Open House

Everyone is invited to the **Snow/Spraker Open House**
Saturday, December 14 – 3010 Mount Hermon Road
3:00 – 10:00 pm. Come casual, bring friends, eat, visit. -- If you would like to park at church, there will be a walkie-talkie in the mailbox with directions for calling someone who will come bring you to the house.

Deacons meet immediately after worship this Sunday, Dec 15

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at the Bares' house
21429 Genito Road, this Sunday, 4:30 pm
Bring a white elephant gift to exchange ($15 limit) and wear an ugly Christmas hat to win a prize!

Caroling! – Sunday, Dec 22
Leave from church, 5:00 pm to go caroling to the homes of some MHBC members and friends. -- **Then it's on to the Thompsons**, 4241 Hunters Ridge Drive, for food and fellowship. -- Bring all kinds of food and desserts!

Coming up…

Dec. 24, **Christmas Eve Service**, 5:00 pm
Dec. 29, **Worship**, 10:30 am in the Chapel

2020 Packets

are in the commons. Using envelopes is helpful to the Counting Team and is an efficient way to keep a record of giving. If you don't find a packet with your name, please contact Linda Meyerhoeffer. Your steady financial support empowers our church through Bible study, worship, mission projects, and it brings people into a closer relationship with Christ.

Happy Birthday! *December*

15 David Goode
15 Waverly Winn
17 Hazel Williams
17 Miranda Hall
18 Harper Goode
20 Kelly Doyle

There is no decision that we can make that doesn't come with some sort of balance or sacrifice. -- Simon Sinek

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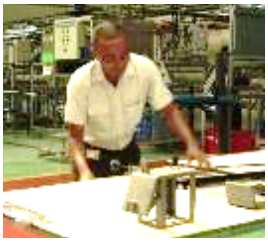
Sunday – December 8, 2019

9:30 Groups – 27 Worship – 155
Contributions – $3,281.00
Avg. weekly need – 4,364.00
Average needs to date: $213,836.00
Contributions to date: 189,821.00

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

Special Gift in memory of Roger Mann from the Mann family

***Congratulations* to Adam & Ashley Arthur** in the birth of a son, Rowan Kenneth Archer, on December 7, and to proud grandparents, Johnny & Becky Dix!

From the Pastor…  ***Be a Productive Person***

Being productive gives people a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment that loafing never can.
-- Zig Ziglar

When Debbie and I see each other in the evening, she will most often ask, "How was your day?" And I often answer, "Very good. I got a lot done." How satisfying it is to be productive. How disappointing it is to be frustrated or delayed. To be productive is a pleasurable experience, isn't it?

Every day, I create a Do-List of things I hope to accomplish. I never check off all the items on my list, but I usually check off many. At least I can see the ways I have been productive, and that feels good.

Of course, a compulsive need to *always be doing something* useful can be overdone. Our value as human beings is not ultimately found in our ability to perform, produce, or create. Babies can do little, yet we treasure them dearly. And leisure is a blessing we all need to enjoy, so long as it helps balance the time and energy we put into the work at hand.

God put us into this world to be productive, as seen in his directives to the first people to till the garden and work the earth and "have dominion over the fish of the sea and the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that breathes." All work is honorable, whether it be for a company, a family, an organization, or a social club. – So, let's all make the most of our abilities to be productive, because such efforts honor our very creative, creating God.

God's best to you,

Lee

If snow or icy weather impose a change to our schedule of church activities, **we will send an email** and ask you to phone members who do not have email.

We'll also post on Facebook.

December 15, 2019 – 10:30 am
Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture & Prayer Luke 2:1-7 Lee Thompson
Prelude Music Natalie Blankenship
Parent-Child Dedication
The Advent Candle of Joy
* Praise Song 89 O Come, All Ye Faithful
Church Highlights
God's Word John 1:1-4,14
* Offering Hymn 93 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
* Offering Statement & Prayer Lee Thompson

Offertory Music

Witness His Glory!

* Commitment Song 117 As With Gladness Men of Old
* Parting Prayer