

Mount Hermon Baptist Church

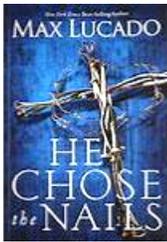
Enewsletter – February 27, 2020



Called business session



immediately after worship this **Sunday, March 1** to consider church action on a proposal from the deacons to form a Retirement Celebration Team, a Transition Team, and a Pastor Search Team. (The meeting will be focused, but not rushed, so it should be brief.)



Beginning Wednesday, March 4, 10:30 am

Everyone is invited to a special study by Max Lucado on the gifts of Easter. This five-session study includes video presentations by Lucado and discussion guides (only \$5.00) for each participant. The guides will be available this Sunday and at the first session. One need not read them before attending. – This will be in place of the Wednesday night Bible study.

Primary voting – at church, Tuesday, March 3



BAPTISM Service – Sunday, March 8, 4:00 pm in the chapel

Next *Forever Young Friends* event

Lunch at church, Monday, March 9, 12:00 noon

Flying Pig BBQ and homemade sides

Guest speaker: **Bruce Boyajian**

Men's Weekend... April 17-19: sign up for a great time at a lodge in a state park near Clarksville, VA, on Kerr Lake; a two-night stay with times of spiritual reflection, fellowship, boating, and fishing. Cost is \$54, with food costs added when known later. – 8 spots available. Contact Lee Thompson to sign up.

Youth Gathering – this Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

March 27-29, Youth Mission Madness 2020, at Second Baptist Church-Richmond. This will be a very special event as we celebrate the 10th year of Mission Madness. If you are a former youth who attended Mission Madness in the past and would like to join us for all or part of this event, please see Susan. -- The cost is \$55.00 per student.

Wednesday, March 4
10:30 am – *He Chose the Nails* study
6:15 pm -- Handbell practice

Prayers appreciated for...

Claire Whitlock, having surgery on thyroid this morning at Chippenham

Lisa Rutherford Cosby, Ilene Rutherford's daughter, had eye surgery for a torn retina yesterday

Erma Blamble, Lucille Dodrill's sister, had another surgery this week

Jason Loving, Mary Ann Mann's nephew, in Georgetown University Hospital, recovering from liver transplant

Sympathies to Marci Nichol & family in the death of her father, Carl Slone, who passed away Wednesday morning

Note of appreciation: I would like to thank everyone at Mount Hermon for the phone calls, texts, cards, visits and food as I recover from my knee replacement surgery. God has blessed me with minimal pain during the process. Your love and support during this process pushes me each day be one day closer to full recovery. -- **Ron Hatcher**

***Happy Birthday!* March**

1 Owen Eungard	3 Lori Scott	5 Hope Hall
1 Rebekah Bentley	3 David Crump	5 Emaleigh Garrett
2 Erin Doyle	4 Rob Wesley	6 Shawn Morris
2 Lee Ellison	5 Anna Chilton	6 Ellyson Catlett
2 Mark Ellison		

True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that - it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth. -- Charles Spurgeon

Sunday – February 23, 2020
9:30 Groups – 33 Worship – 86
Nursery – 4 Children – 6 Youth – 3

Contributions – \$4,120.00
Avg. weekly need – 4,245.00
Avg. needs to date – 33,960.00
Contributed to date – 34,148.00

Special gifts in memory of Jo Ann Lind from: Faye Lind Jensen, Martha Lind Hayes

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From the Pastor... *Principled Voting*

Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost. -- John Quincy Adams

Every four years, the political noise surrounding the U.S. presidential campaign is deafening. I'm sure the media outlets love it as it gives them a horse race to tout, analyze (to death), and boost ratings. And yet there are many local and state elections, especially in Virginia, which has a voting schedule offset from other states, resulting in a continuous stream of elections.

There are many reasons people vote the way they do. Some see a party label and just go with that candidate. That's understandable, because it's easy. – Others go with personality issues. – Some analyze position statements and select based on that. – Still others are simply voting *against* a candidate they oppose or don't like. – And still others vote for the person they think has the best chance of winning.

I like Adams' quote above because I *try* (emphasis on try) to vote for principle. It doesn't matter to me what the polls say about who is ahead or far behind. I'm going to vote for the person I feel *should* be president, senator, congressional representative, supervisor, dog-catcher, or whatever. Of course, I don't have perfect knowledge about him/her, just what can be gleaned from media sources and campaign positions, but I try... to vote principle.

If you don't care or can't be bothered, that is your right. But I hope you vote. It's a great privilege, and the better informed each of us are, the better. – As you probably know, in our state voters aren't registered by parties and anyone can vote in any primary. See you at the polls!

God's best to you today,

Lee

March 1, 2020 – 10:30 am

Call to Worship *Here I Am To Worship* Praise Team
Scripture & Prayer Psalm 8:1-4,9 Ron Hatcher

- * Praise Song 10 How Great Thou Art
- * *To Him Be the Glory!* Romans 11:33,35-36
- * Song 13 From All That Dwells Below the Skies, v.1
- * Greeting Each Other
- Church Highlights
- God's Word Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
- * Offering Song 263 Break Thou the Bread of Life
- * Offering Statement & Prayer Ron Hatcher
- Solo Katie Ranallo
- Message **Calling Out Phonies** Lee Ellison
- The Lord's Supper
- The Bread: the genuine love of Christ
- The Cup: the sincere forgiveness of sins
- * Commitment Song 267
- Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
- * Parting Blessing
- * Parting Song *Blest Be the Tie*

Flowers in the worship center this Sunday are placed in loving memory of Frances Crump for her March 2 birthday by Kay Hancock and Ed O'Neill