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In worship this Sunday – 11:00 AM

Brian & Susan Prather

Be on hand to welcome back Rev. Ellison from study leave and to **celebrate Susan Prather's fifth anniversary** as MHBC's **Minister to Youth & Children**. The Love Offering received will be presented to her this Sunday! – Don't forget to express your appreciation to Susan personally with a note, an email, a text, or in person.



Parent-Child Dedication – Aug 28

Next Sunday's worship will include a special time as some parents dedicate their children to the Lord and themselves to Christian parenting. (If you would like to have your child and family included in this ceremony, contact the pastor right away.)



**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES**

COLLECTION

There is one more Sunday to bring **backpacks**

and school supplies to church so our MHBC mission team can take these to Charlotte, NC next week. Your kind gifts make it possible for inner-city children to be ready for a new school year. – So much has been contributed already. Thanks!



Golf Tournament – Oct 3



Start putting together your 4-person team to play in this fun Captain's Choice golf tournament to benefit MHBC's youth ministry. Look for details coming soon, or contact Wayne Boothe for more info: wtbgolf@comcast.net



Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Cross Roads

September 30 – October 2

Cost is \$60 and space is limited, so sign up before Sept.1

See Susan Prather to register

Sunday – August 14, 2011

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| Contributions – \$ 3,452.00 | Sunday School – 31 |
| Avg. weekly need – 3,836.00 | Worship – 89 |
| Building Fund – \$40.00 | |

Contrib. to date – \$ 119,287.00
Avg. needs to date – 126,588.00

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

Vincent Russell, now home from hospital recovering from pneumonia
Monty Jackson, in Johnston-Willis, 304, being treated for leg infection
Ken Brooks, in UVA Medical Center being treated for pancreatitis. Ken worked with Pat & Delores Bentley at VA State Police, and Ken's wife, Becky, is a co-worker of Monnie Kesler

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care:

Aug 21 – Katie Ranallo & helper
28 – Belinda Kunkel & helper

Children's Church:

Aug 21 – Amy and Tommy Woody
28 – Penny Godsey

Ushers:

Aug 21 – Wayne Boothe, Lee Thompson, Steve Van Cleef,
Keith Utley, OJ Johnson
28 – Wayne Boothe, David Cox, Woody Carter,

Vincent Russell, Rick Witt

Happy Birthday!

August 21 - Tina Golden 25 - Rodger Hall
21 - Todd Crump 25 - Agnes Callahan
21 - Sam Zhao 26 - John Meyerhoeffer
21 - Wayne Boothe 26 - Heather Mitchell
24 - Abby Edwards

Quotes for Today

An idea can turn to dust or magic, depending on the talent that rubs against it.

- Bill Bernbach

It's easy to have faith in yourself and have discipline when you're a winner, when you're number one. What you got to have is faith and discipline when you're not a winner.

- Vince Lombardi

It is noble to teach oneself, but still nobler to teach others. - Mark Twain

From the Pastor

The Focus Challenge



On this first week back from study leave, things are going great. I have looked forward to reconnecting with everyone and am enjoying the resumption of the ministry routines. Not that pastoral work is all that routine, really. While there are patterns and regular tasks, every day can be different, for sure. You can plan all you want, but you had better be flexible.

Since having the past six weeks to focus on reading, learning, and input, I have enjoyed reaping the spiritual benefits that come from uninterrupted time for reflection on matters of life and faith. I see why Jesus got away by himself so often. – And now that the sweep of ministry tasks have resumed, I realize how much I multi-task and how that can lead one to be unfocused and hurrying from one thing to the next without buckling down to give things the full force of time and attention they need.

It's also a constant challenge in ministry to discern the differences between the truly important and that which is doable but not of much value or relevance to the Kingdom of God. What I hope to do is to stay *focused*, both on learning and on things that matter most. Rather than doing dozens of things half-way, I wish to do a few essential things with excellence and full force.

What do you think deserves your full-focused attention and efforts today?

Yours in Him,

Lee

