



Mount Hermon Baptist Church
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Ladies Tea Party

This Sunday, Feb 27 – 4:00 PM

At the home of Debbie Ellison, 8355 McCaw Drive in Bon Air

Come enjoy a variety of teas & goodies and great fellowship... and bring friends.

Directions: take Huguenot Road north toward Bon Air; turn right onto Forest Hill Avenue; after light at Buford Road turn left at the 5th street on the left, Anwell Drive -- go two streets and turn right onto McCaw Drive, turn into first driveway on right



Kelley Scholarships

MHBC members graduating from high school this year who will be attending a college or university are eligible to receive Kelley Scholarship funds. To obtain information and an application, email ellisonmhbc@aol.com. – Applications are due by April 17.



Updating church photos

Gina Thompson is taking photos again **this Sunday after worship**.
No reservations needed for these informal shots, just get photographed.



Inquirers Class



Designed for **4th to 6th graders** to explain the basics of faith and answer questions in clear ways; sessions begin this Sunday, 9:30 AM. For more info, contact Susan at prathermhbc@aol.com or call, 794-2049.



Women's Beach Retreat

May 12-15, Sandbridge, VA

See Susan Prather for details, prathermhbc@aol.com



Interested in playing on **Men's Softball Team**?

Contact Pat Bentley, 744-3240 or djcb722@yahoo.com

Wednesday, Mar 2

5:45 PM – Dinner: Mexican Fiesta (bring desserts)

6:45 PM – Prayer Time & Bible Study

Handbells

Children's Music & Mission Time

7:30 PM – Choir rehearsal



Thank you for hosting the wedding shower for Carl and Natalie. The decorations, food, and fellowship were loads of fun. You throw an amazing party! We are so grateful for your thoughtfulness, generosity and hard work. Your friendship means the world to our family. Thanks again. -- **With love, the Lanier Family**

Members of Mount Hermon,

Words cannot express the gratitude to everyone who blessed Brett & Liz with such love and generosity! The shower was absolutely amazing.

Thanks so much to the ones who brought food and prepared for the shower. It was a fine array of "goodies". Brett & Liz were both honored at your generous gifts. We are all so excited about the wedding and we appreciate you helping us celebrate. We are truly blessed to call you our church family. – **Love, Lee & Gina Thompson**

Sunday – Feb 20, 2011

Contributions – \$4,710.00	Sunday School – 58
Avg. weekly need – 3,836.00	Worship – 134
Building Fund – \$130.00	Gifts to date – \$31,706.00
	Avg. needs to date – 30,608.00

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Buddy Carter**, in MCV Massey Center
 - **Gerri Abernathy**, in Johnston-Willis
 - **Mary Utley**, the mother of Keith Utley, in Memorial Regional Medical Center with heart problems
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Sunday ministers

Nursery Care:

Feb 27 – Felice & Bill Hall
Mar 6 – Gina Thompson and helper

Children's Church:

Feb 27 – Sarah & O.J. Johnson
Mar 6 – Heather & Scott Szczesniak

Ushers:

Feb 27 – Woody Carter, David Cox, Brett Thompson,
Barry Flora, Charles Payne
Mar 6 – Brian Nichol, Bill Hall, Sr., Chip Hancock, Levis Crump

Happy Birthday!

Feb 27 - Sara Brevard	2 - Ginnie Moore
27 - Janet Dickson	2 - Frances Crump
27 - Ray Fleming	3 - David Crump
Mar 1 - Charles Ittner	3- Lori Scott
1 - Rebekah Bentley	5 - Hope Hall
2 - Lee Ellison	5 - Emaleigh Garrett
2 - Mark Ellison	

Quotes for Today

Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly endless. - Mother Teresa

The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it
to change; the realist adjusts the sails. - William Arthur Ward

By the choices we make, by the attitudes we exhibit, we are influencing
lives every day in positive or negative ways. - Mac Anderson

From the Pastor

Stop Thinking

Eckhart Tolle has some very helpful insights in his book *The Power of Now*, especially when it comes to dealing with the incessant chatter going on in our minds. We need to stop paying attention to the elaborate narratives our minds create in order to defend and justify ourselves. So much of it is just noise.

It's enlightening, says Tolle, to step back and observe our minds, like a bemused spectator. Your perception of the world is usually nothing more than the creation of your thinking mind. How liberating to stop thinking so as to be alive to *right now*. Not the *past* your yakking mind is constantly rehashing – nor the *future* you are imagining and reacting to before it gets here... *right now*.

Why do you lie awake in bed at night unable to sleep? You say "I couldn't turn my mind off." We all know that a brain that lacks sleep goes insane, so turning off the mind is healthy. – "Crazy" people who constantly mumble and talk out loud are simply doing what most of us do silently. The only one who can hear the voice in your head is you (and God).

As much as I value clear, rational thinking, I see the value of catching the thinking mind doing its mischief. Now I can realize when I find myself getting angry over something, it is really a scenario my mind imagined, which is not real. Then I just stop and laugh and let it go. How liberating!

Not thinking is actually the way to be more alive and aware. – After all, on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus, Peter was jabbering away about building booths when God yelled, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him!" – And when the Bible says, "Be still and know that I am God," I believe God is saying the same thing... stop thinking, and you will hear Me... and you can hear your own spirit, the real You.

Not thinkingly yours,

Lee



February 27, 2011 – 11:00 AM

Somewhere Over the Rainbow- 1939

Scripture Call to Worship Psalm 115:15-18 Ron Hatcher

Invocation prayer

Call to Worship *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Choir

* Song of Praise 16 O Worship the King

* *God's Promise in a Rainbow* from Genesis 9

* Greeting each other

Welcome and Church Highlights

Children's Time Lee Ellison
God's Word Revelation 21:1-7
Prayer
* Offering Song 516 When the Roll is Called Up Yonder
* Offering Statement & Prayer Ron Hatcher
Special Music *Sweet Rivers of Mercy* Choir
A Rainbow in Heaven Revelation 4:3-5
Somewhere Over the Rainbow – 2010
Message **Somewhere???** Lee Ellison
* Commitment Song 514 When We All Get to Heaven vss. 1-2,4
* Parting Blessing
* Parting Song *He Hideth My Soul* Choir