



## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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### The Year in Review... MHBC Highlights 2011

- Active youth and children ministries: (highlighted below)
- Vision statement plans implemented
- Ordained three new deacons to ministry
- Thirteen new members joined MHBC... 5 by baptism
- MH Mission Offering reached \$10,000.00!
- Average worship attendance: 115
- General Offering receipts of \$194,000
- Updated church photos and contact information
- Big Church Picnic in May
- Church Movie Night, *Letters from God*
- Two great services on Easter Sunday
- Dedicated five children in Parent/Child Dedications
- Women's Beach Retreat weekend in May
- Church parking lot resurfaced and relined
- Great VBS for children in June
- Concert by the River City Sacred Singers
- Love Offering received for Susan Prather's five year staff anniversary
- Men's softball team had an outstanding season record: 23-1
- Special Sunday worship time in old church in May
- Pastor took a six-week study leave
- School supplies donated and sent with our mission trip to Charlotte, NC, in Aug
- New format for Children's Church begun in September
- Golf Tournament benefitted church youth ministry
- Pillow Ministry of Marguerite Bendall & Lucille Campbell celebrated
- New small groups formed and meeting
- Flu shots administered at church
- Association Missions Celebration hosted by MHBC in October
- Collection for the Leila Rose Foundation
- Good Wednesday night dinners and programs
- Collected 39 shoeboxes for *Operation Christmas Child*
- A fun Christmas Dinner, Dec 4!

**Sunday Guest Speakers:** Kevin Salyer, Mike Gafford, Ed Powell, James Wilson,  
Liz Thompson, Brian Wills

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## Children Highlights



- Wednesday night hand bells and activities
- Children's Choir
- Inquirers class (6 week session)
- Four youth and children baptized
- Elementary school lunches continued with children
- Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt
- Children and youth led in worship for Mother's Day
- Vacation Bible School - *Pandamania*
- VBS Celebration Sunday and cookout
- New 11:00 AM Children's Worship began in fall
- Fall Festival held in the Pavilion
- Ginger Bread house building provided by Kitty Snow
- Children's Christmas party
- Angel Alert-Children's Christmas program
- Children & Family, Christmas Eve Service

## Youth Highlights



- Served at *Embrace Richmond* - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Mount Hermon vs. Chesterfield Baptist in *Minute to Win it* Games at MHBC
- Valentines Dinner Fundraiser
- Movie Night Fundraiser - "Letters to God"
- Missions Madness Weekend - Danville, VA with 10 youth and adults
- Spring Break Scavenger Hunt
- Mother's Day Youth and children led in worship
- Senior Night for graduating High School seniors
- Sunday night youth gatherings, September-May
- Youth volunteered as leaders in VBS
- Passport Camp, Wingate, N.C. - 22 youth and adults
- End of Summer Celebration Party- for youth and children
- Fall Retreat-Camp Cross Roads, Lowesville, VA - 13 youth and adults
- MDBA *Kingdom Builders* - local mission
- Golf Tournament Fundraiser to benefit the youth ministry
- CCHASM Thanksgiving food collection and shopping
- High School seniors shopped for the MDBA Christmas Store
- Nook color fundraiser
- Youth Christmas celebration- progressive dinner
- Lock-in with 17 youth



## Small groups!

Sign up at church, or if you have any interest in attending, or even leading, a small group, please contact Sarah Blankenship: [shaysblankenship@gmail.com](mailto:shaysblankenship@gmail.com)



- **The Women's group** meets **Tuesday, Jan 17 - 7:00 pm** at the home of Joanne Winn, 2350 Westwood Pine Drive to begin the *Experiencing God* series. Resource books are available at church: \$15 each. Contact Debbie Ellison
- **The Men's group** will meet **Thursday, Jan 26, 7:00 pm** at the home of Lee Thompson, 4241 Hunters Ridge Drive.



## Men's Weekend - February 10-12

**Occoneechee State Park**, Clarksville, VA - (stay in a modern lodge)

Lodging cost is only \$40 for the weekend (if 14 people sign-up)

Food cost will be divided later. Activities- hiking, horseshoes, corn hole, Bible study, goofing off

If interested, contact Lee Thompson at [ljtelk@comcast.net](mailto:ljtelk@comcast.net) or 337-0269



**Winter Cancellation Reminder...** We have enjoyed mild weather so far, but should snow or icy conditions come, any cancellation of church activities will be communicated via **email, Facebook, and text messages...** and we'd ask you to phone church members who don't make use of these communication methods.



**Youth gathering** – this Sunday, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

### Prayers for...

- **James Weatherford**, home from the hospital
- **Mary Williams**, having heart surgery at Chippenham; Mary is the cousin of Lillian Fleming, Georgie Capps, and Jane Wilkinson

### *Quotes for Today*

**The average man, who does not know what to do with his life, wants another one which will last forever.** - Anatole France

Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve.  
Find another way. And don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when  
the sun shines. - Leroy Satchel Paige

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**Wednesday – Jan 18**

**5:45 pm – Dinner:** Roast pork, baked mixed vegetables, rice pilaf,  
tossed salad, (bring desserts)

**6:45 pm -- Children's Music & Missions, Bible Study**

**7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal**

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**Sunday – Jan 8, 2011**

Contributions – \$ 4,185.00      Sunday School – 47  
Avg. weekly need – 3,764.00      Worship – 132

Given to date – \$ 8,377.00  
Avg. need to date – 7,528.00

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## Happy Birthday!

Jan 15 - Jon Lindberg	18 - Linda Pettus
15 - Gillian Kunkel	20 - Dakota Flora
16 - Aiden VanHouten	20 - Emily Scott
17 - Rachel Maine	20 - Peyton Tardy
17 - Kay Hancock	21 - Madison Hancock
17 - Beth Hall	21 - Steve Kesler
18 - Molly Spraker	

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### Ushers:

**Jan 15** – Lee Thompson, Brian Nichol, Tom Hauser,  
Georgie Capps, Brandon Garrett

**Jan 22** – Kitty Snow, Billy Bare, Woody Carter,  
Rita Utley, Vincent Russell

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### This Sunday

9:30 am — **Coffee fellowship** in the commons  
9:45 am — **Sunday School**  
11:00 am — **Children's Church**, preschool thru grade 5  
11:00 am — **Worship**  
6:00 pm — **Youth Gathering**

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**From the Pastor**

***Extra or Essential?***

For two days I had fun working as an *extra* in *Office Seekers*, the movie that was being filmed recently in Richmond and Petersburg. It was interesting to see Director Steven Spielberg on the set, along with Daniel Day Lewis, the actor portraying Lincoln, and Sally Field, who portrays Mrs. Lincoln.

The people on the production crews responsible for organizing the extras were very nice, polite, and helpful. – More than once, they told us: “We can’t make this movie without you!” As a matter of fact, they called us “background actors” rather than *extras*. So while our parts may have seemed small and inconsequential (being one of many in a large crowd), and any one of us may or may not appear in the movie’s final cut, each of us were considered important and were treated as such.

Actually, none of God’s people are “extras.” All of us are essential to the Kingdom’s cause. And I hope you think of yourself this way. Who you are and *what you do* is important to God. How you touch the lives of others with the love of Christ may seem small, but it makes all the difference in the world. – God needs you to keep doing your part!

Blessing to you today,

**Lee**

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**January 15, 2012**

Scripture                      Psalm 103:8-12                      Bill Hall  
Invocation Prayer  
Call to Worship    *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*    Choir  
\* Hymn of Praise 227    Praise Him! Praise Him!  
\* Christ Died for Sins...    Romans 5:8, I Peter 3:18  
\* Hymn 329                      Grace Greater Than Our Sin, v.1  
\* Greet each other...  
Welcome and Church Highlights  
The Bible Says...    Leviticus 5:14-19, Hebrews 10:1-10  
Prayer  
\* Offering Song 333    Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
\* Offering Statement & Prayer                      Bill Hall  
Special Music                      *More Love to Thee*                      Choir  
Message                      **Eliminate the Problem!**                      Lee Ellison  
\* Commitment Song 307                      Just As I Am                      vss.1-2,5-6  
\* Parting Blessing