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Youth Lock-in, Dec 30

The **Lock-in** was *spectacular*, with **17 youth** having a good time throughout the night!
Thanks to the awesome adults who came in shifts: **Brian Prather, Lindsey Prather, Russ Hancock,**
and **O.J. Johnson**, and to the *all-nighters*: **Gina Thompson, Pam Dillard, Janice Witt, Kristin**
Godsey, and Morgan Haskins.



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



Small groups starting again soon!

Sign-ups will be this Sunday in the commons area. (Please sign up even if you were part of a group this past fall.) The number of groups will be determined based on interest, so please sign up at church or email Sarah Blankenship at shaysblankenship@gmail.com. The groups will meet on the night that meets the needs of the most people involved. If you have any interest in leading a small group please contact Sarah Blankenship!



Note: the Women's group will meet Tuesday, Jan 17 at 7:00 pm to begin the *Experiencing God* series. Resource books are available at church for \$15 each. Contact Debbie Ellison for more information.

Your Deacon in 2012

Each MHBC active deacon is asked to provide a measure of care and attention to a segment of our church families and individuals. This list tells you who your deacon is for the coming year...

A – Bowman	Gina Thompson
Boyer – Cornett	Linda Meyerhoeffler
Cox – Elgin	Scott Szczesniak, Asst. Ministry Coordinator
Ellis – Godsey	Roger Mann
Golden – Hatcher	Jeremy Blankenship
Hauser – Kesler	Bill Hall
Kunkel – Manley	John Meyerhoeffler
Mann – Morris	Wayne Boothe
N – Prather	Pat Bentley
Pratt – Southard	Stephanie Hancock
Spivey – V	Bill Green, Deacon Ministry Coordinator
W – Z	Sarah Blankenship

Prayers for... **Rick Pratt**, having gamma knife procedure today at Johnston-Willis

Quotes for Today

The future is always beginning now. - Mark Strand

If you don't decide what your life is about, it defaults to what you spend your days doing. - Robert Brault



Wednesday – Jan 11

5:45 pm – Dinner: Mexican food, (bring desserts)
6:45 pm -- Children’s Music & Missions, Bible Study
7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday – Jan 1, 2011

Contributions – \$ 4,192.00 Sunday School – 35
Avg. weekly need – 3,764.00 Worship – 75
Building Fund – \$45.00

Happy Birthday!

Jan 8 - Woody Carter 10 - Aimee Parsons
8 - Enzo Fudala 12 - Larry Hollister
10 - Jean Dudley 12 - OJ Johnson
10 - Scott Bass 14 - Nancy Woody

Ushers:

Jan 8 – Wayne Boothe, Roger Mann, Russ Hancock,
Mary Ann Mann, Charles Payne
Jan 15 – Lee Thompson, Brian Nichol, Tom Hauser,
Georgie Capps, Brandon Garrett



From the Pastor

End of the World?

Will the world end on December 21, 2012 as is supposedly foretold by the ancient Mayan calendar? Some experts hold that such an interpretation of the Mayan system is off base. Last year, the Rev. Harold Camping made headlines with his “Biblical” end-of-times forecasts. Didn’t happen, did it? – Most people aren’t paying attention to such claims. The older you get, the more times you have heard such predictions. Even in every other human endeavor, be it politics or economics, our future-forecasting is hit and miss. Mostly miss.

Besides, our personal “end of the world” moment can come at *any* time. I might not make it to the end of next week. Accidents happen, although the statistical probabilities are very small... but they happen. The moment we die, our world ends... here. But because of God’s gracious gift of eternal life in Christ, we immediately begin existing in a new realm.

When Steve Jobs the famous CEO of Apple died last year, his last words were: “Wow! Oh, wow! Oh, wow!” I can’t prove it, but I believe he was seeing the world to come. By all accounts of those who have had near-death experiences, the next life is beautiful beyond words. So the best we can say is something like, “Oh, wow!”

Since our engagement in the world is not over yet, let's make the most of today. Seek God. Live like Jesus. Accentuate the spirit in all things. Then we'll be prepared for the "end" that is really a beginning.

Blessing to you today,

Lee



Children's Church resumes this Sunday with new volunteers for winter quarter!



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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January 8, 2012

One Small Step

Call to Worship

Choir

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

- * Hymn of Praise 16 O Worship the King
- * Scripture Psalm 8:1,3-5,9 Bill Hall
- * Invocation Prayer
- * Greet each other...
- Welcome and Church Highlights
- The Bible Says... Psalm 90:4-6, 9-12; Mark 7:14-23
- Prayer
- * Offering Song 280 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
- * Offering Statement & Prayer Bill Hall
- Special Music *The Old-Fashioned Meeting* Choir
- Scripture Mark 8:34-37
- Message Lee Ellison
- Our Deepest Need: Significance**
- * Commitment Song 52
- He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought
- * Parting Blessing
- * Parting Song *Shine, Jesus, Shine* Choir