



## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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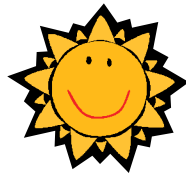
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### MHBC Highlights of 2010

Special events and developments we enjoyed and celebrated together

- Active youth and children ministries: *(highlighted below)*
- Three special services celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> year as a church!
- Mission and Vision statements and plans affirmed!
- New leadership teams being formed
- Seven new members join
- Baptized four adults into the fellowship
- MH Mission Offering goal of \$10,000.00 passed!
- Average worship attendance: 119
- Many MHBC members listened through the Bible in 40 days
- Two big services on Easter Sunday
- New parking lot lights installed
- Dedicated 12 children in Parent/Child Dedications
- Men's softball teams enjoyed another summer season!
- Special Sunday worship time in old church, July 25
- Special Sunday worship format, August 15
- Collection for *Change for Orphans*
- Good Wednesday night dinners and programs
- Collected 41 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
- A fun Holiday Dinner, Dec 5!

#### Guest speakers:

- Omarh Rajah, county school board representative
- Guest preacher, Rev. Ed Powell
- Missionaries, Paul & Sally Cline

#### MHBC Youth Highlights

- Volunteered with Embrace Richmond-twice
- Chesterfield, Mount Hermon, Red Lane & Skinquarter softball game fundraiser
- Missions Madness Weekend
- Windy Hill golf & go-kart outing
- Graduating Seniors Sunday
- End of the School year pool party
- Passport Camp, Wingate, N.C. with 15 youth and adults
- Hyaets Mission trip in Charlotte, N.C.
- Fall Kick-off pool party
- Fall Retreat at Camp Cross Roads
- CCHASM-Thanksgiving meals and volunteered twice
- Campout on the Lake at the Witts
- Served in worship for the Advent season
- Christmas party and progressive dinner
- Jr. and Seniors luncheon

### **MHBC Children Highlights**

- Lunches with children at their elementary schools
- Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt
- Great Vacation Bible School - *High Seas Expedition*
- Children led in worship after VBS and fun cookout and party
- Summer movie days at Commonwealth 20
- Fall Festival
- Children's Christmas program
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Children's Christmas Eve Service
- Fantastic children's choir and handbells

### Other Highlights:

- Parenting Beyond your Capacity workshop and lunches
- VBS leaders met for 5 evenings for fun dinners and set design
- Youth and Children's teams reformed and met regularly
- Susan attended the Orange Conference in Atlanta and youth conference at VBMB Resource center in Richmond.



### **Deacon Ordination**

**this Sunday, Jan 9, 11:00 AM**

**for**

**Sarah Blankenship, Stephanie Hancock,  
Scott Szczesniak**

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## Youth gathering this Sunday, Jan. 9 at 6 PM

### Youth: Embrace Richmond-Community Blessing Day is coming up

Monday, Jan 17 --9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Cost is \$10 person

During a blessing day you may work with children doing activities and games, help distribute clothing, or serve in the CARITAS Furniture Bank assisting a formerly homeless family. -- Register with Susan Prather today!



Also... save the date: **Missions Madness Weekend**, March 25-27 in Danville, Virginia



**Children's choir** resumes this Sunday

## Wednesday, Jan 12

(No Dinner)

**6:45 PM** – Prayer time and video presentation of

*The Making of the King James Bible, part 2*

**Handbells**

**Children's Music & Mission Time**

**7:30 PM** – Choir rehearsal

**Sunday – Dec 26, 2010** (no service due to snow)

Contributions **\$2,582.00**

**Sunday – Jan 2, 2011**

Contributions – **\$4,310.00**

Avg. weekly need – **3,836.00**

Sunday School - 47

Worship - 94



**The Big Event** at Longwood University

is an ambitious service project coordinated by our own Molly Spraker. Hundreds of students will go out into the Farmville community on March 26 to about 100 job sites. Monetary donations will help to purchase tools and supplies.



The students would also appreciate the donation of your used yard tools or hand tools, such as **rakes, shovels, hammers, hand saws, clippers, and wheelbarrows**. Supplies

needed are: paper towels, Windex, work gloves, trash bags, paint trays, paint rollers, and brushes.

For more info on Longwood's Big Event visit [www.longwoodbigevent.org](http://www.longwoodbigevent.org) (note website under construction), or email [longwoodbigevent@gmail.com](mailto:longwoodbigevent@gmail.com), or call 434-395-2111

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## New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- **Herb Dodrill**, had outpatient surgery on his back Wednesday
  - **Carol Bass**, wife of David Bass, was in Johnston-Willis this week, now home
  - **Vuokko Kanervikko**, neighbor of Roger & Mary Ann Mann, dealing with cancer
  - **Debi Hansen**, Danielle Heath's mother, severe back problems
  - **Sympathies to Nancy Spivey & family** in the death of her uncle, Hugh Howard
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### Sunday ministers

#### Nursery Care:

Jan 9 – Gina Thompson and helper

Jan 16 – Amy Whatley and Tommy Woody

**Ushers:** Jan 9 – Wayne Boothe, Eff Ayers, Russ Hancock,  
Mary Ann Mann, Charles Payne

Jan 16 – Lee Thompson, Brian Nichol, Tom Hauser,  
Georgie Capps, Brandon Garrett

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## Happy Birthday!

Jan 10 - Jean Dudley	12 - OJ Johnson
10 - Scott Bass	12 - Larry Hollister
10 - Aimee Parsons	15 - Jon Lindberg
	15 - Gillian Kunkel

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### *Quotes for Today*

Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you. Love me and I may be forced to love you. - William Arthur Ward

Everything can be taken from man except one thing -- to choose ones attitude in any given set of circumstances. - Victor E Frankl

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## From the Pastor

## *The End in Sight*

When you think about it, no one who entered 2011 really knows if he/she will still be alive at the end of this year. That's not just true for old people, but for every person on planet Earth. We don't dwell on it, but we are always aware that death can happen to anyone, at any time, at any age. Yes, that's scary, but it's also what makes life sacred. Because our days are limited, they are valuable. So is there time to waste? No.

Christians are blessed to know that by His resurrection, Jesus changed death from being an *end* to being a *transition*. Rather than expiring into nothingness, we get transported to another level of existence, which is far more real and complete than the partial, flawed, flimsy one we occupy now. – Yep, I might be dead to this world before Dec 31, 2011, but I will really have relocated. How fantastic is that!

And having the end in sight helps you know what to do right now. Having the end in sight helps a believer focus on today. NOW is the time to think God's way. NOW is the time to be kind to others. NOW is when you talk with others about faith perspectives and values. "...But let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." – Hebrews 10:25

Yours in Him,

Lee

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### January 9, 2011 – 11:00 AM Deacon Ordination Service

Call to Worship		Choir
	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	
Scripture	Mark 10:42-45	Bill Hall
Invocation prayer		
* Song of Praise 2	Holy, Holy, Holy	
* Called to Serve	Romans 15:1-2, 4	
* Greeting each other		
Welcome and Church Highlights		
God's Word	Romans 13:8-10; 15:5-9	Ken Paul
Charge to the Candidates		Lee Thompson
Charge to the Church		Kathy Goode
* Offering Song 495	Serve the Lord with Gladness	
	(Children may go to Children's Church and Choir as song begins)	
* Offering Statement & Prayer		Roger Mann
* Special Music	<i>God Speaking</i>	Choir
Message	<b>Now Serving...</b>	Lee Ellison
Ordination Prayer of Blessing		Pat Bentley

### Laying on of Hands

Sarah Blankenship, Stephanie Hancock, Scott Szczesniak

(Deacons serve under both a divine and congregational call. Since all believers are priests in Christian service, everyone is invited to take part in this act of blessing and commission.)

- \* Commitment Song 604 vss.1-3  
Come, All Christians, Be Committed
- \* Presentation of Ordination Certificates Bob Lanier
- \* Parting Blessing Susan Prather
- \* Parting Song *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* Choir