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Mount Hermon Mission Offering

Through May 13 - **\$ 10,442.00** received
 toward the **\$10,500.00** goal...**Way to go!**

We received the special mission offering March 18 thru May 13 and collected a total that is **only \$58.00** shy of this year's goal! -- Gee, someone will probably give at least that much this Sunday to push us past the goal, don't ya think? (Wink... wink)

Big thanks to everyone who contributed! You are making possible a wide variety of gospel missions in our local area, and across the state, nation, and world!



This Sunday, May 20

Bring family & friends to the pavilion!

Everyone bring covered-dishes at 5:30 pm, and we will eat at 6:00!

The fenced-in play area has a fresh layer of playground mulch. After dinner, enjoy some outdoor games, or just talk and visit as much as you please.



YOUTH **Coming up soon!**

Saturday, June 2 - 8:00 am

Your gently used items will be appreciated and will help our students attending Passport camp. Items can be brought to the pavilion after this Sunday, May 20.

New & Updated Prayer Concerns

Duane Ellis in Thomas Johns Center of Johnston-Willis, room 286

Sympathies to Gina Thompson & family in the death of her aunt,

Thelma Mason, of Phenix, VA



Congratulations to Evan Thompson & Becca Hasskamp

who were married Saturday, May 12, in Larkspur, Colorado! Evan is the son of Lee & Gina Thompson. Evan and Becca live in Chicago, IL.

Quotes for Today

The purpose of Christianity is not to avoid difficulty, but to produce a character adequate to meet it when it comes. It does not make life easy; rather it tries to make us great enough for life.

- James L. Christensen

Be assured, if you walk with Him and look to Him, and expect help from Him,
He will never fail you. - George Mueller

Happy Birthday!

May 20 - Lindsey Mann 23 - Scott Green
21 - Brianna Wooten 26 - Anne Shultz

Sunday – May 13, 2012

Contributions – \$ 2,375.00 Worship – 110
Avg. weekly need – 3,764.00 Sunday School – 33
MHMO - \$ 1,750.00
Given to date – \$ 75,473.00
Avg. need to date – 75,280.00



This Sunday

9:30 am — Coffee fellowship
9:45 am — Sunday School
11:00 am — Children's Church
11:00 am — Worship
5:30 pm — Arrive for **Church Picnic!**

From the Pastor

Shhhh!

Ekhardt Tolle points out the importance of silence in his book *The Power of Now* and reminds us that sounds and noises have no existence apart from silence. The spaces and pauses between notes and words give each produced sound its existence and meaning. Actually, silence comes

first and is the natural state of reality. A sound erupts for a moment and then is gone. Where? Back to silence. Continuous sounds, no matter what they are, would be nothing more than a meaningless roar. The older I get, the more I value silence.

People today seem to be afraid of it. They get in the car and crank up the radio; step in the house and turn on the TV. *What's on?* They don't know or care, they just want to have the thing babbling away non-stop... making noise. I rarely turn the radio on in the car because it keeps me from being able to think... or reflect... or pray. A library is a quiet place for a reason. Noise and conversation compete for the brain's attention and distract the eyes that are trying to scan a book or computer monitor. **Shhhh!**

God says, "...when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent." – Psalm 4:4
And His best advice is simply "...be still and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10

Don't be scared of silence; it is the essence of the sacred. Spend hours in the woods and experience the rich texture of quiet nothingness that makes each sound significant. The animals know this. They are so attuned to the silence that they understand what they hear. We humans seem to have lost touch with this wakefulness because we create SO MUCH NOISE! No wonder God can't get through! The frequency waves of our souls are jammed. We think we are filling our spirits, but we are actually covering up the spirit of God within.

The older we get, the less we tolerate noise. "Dang, I have heard enough of it to know that most of it is meaningless!" Mature souls find contentment in quiet, don't they?

Lee

May 20, 2012

We Are Here to Worship

Scripture James 3:13,17-18 Scott Szczesniak

Invocation Prayer

* Song of Praise 425 He Keeps Me Singing

* John 3:16 – the good news summarized

* Greeting each other

Welcome & Church Highlights

The Bible Says... Matthew 25:31-46

Prayer

* Offering Song 604 Come, All Christians, Be Committed

* Offering Statement & Prayer Scott Szczesniak

Solo Danielle Heath

Message **I Did What Now?** Lee Ellison

* Commitment Song 538 Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

* Parting Blessing

* Parting Song

Ushers:

May 20 – Brian Nichol, Tom Hauser, Georgie Capps, Brandon Garrett

May 27 – Billy Bare, Kitty Snow, Woody Carter, Rita Utley, Vincent Russell