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A Message from Pastor Sam

One of the most important things for a Christian to do is pray. In Philippians 4:7 it says “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (NKJV). It is vitally important for a Christian’s life to have prayer as a key element. Sometimes Christians think that their lives don’t really matter. Maybe this is true for you or maybe you’re shy or stuck at home. Maybe there is some reason why you are not able to be as involved as you think you should be. You can ALWAYS pray. You can pray for your neighbor who needs the Lord. You can pray for your family who is struggling. You can pray for your friend who has a hard time this time of year. You can pray for our church and its people. I want to encourage you to look through the rest of the newsletter and mark your calendar with all of the upcoming activities (and of course, pray for the upcoming activities).

Look forward to seeing you at His House soon,

Pastor Sam

Yard Sale

The church will have a Yard Sale on Saturday, **September 17, 2016** at 9:00 a.m. at Sydnor’s Store. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Journey Meals Backpack Program which provides hundreds of meals to children that otherwise might not have food. Come out and support this great cause!

Stop Hunger Now

On Saturday, **October 8, 2016**, Mt. Hope will host its second Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. During those two hours, volunteers will perform a variety of tasks to package and pack approximately 10,000 meals which will be sent to needy families throughout the world as well as the United States. Statistics reveal that nearly 870 million people suffer from hunger and about 25,000 people die every day of hunger or hunger-related causes. Mt. Hope was notified last year that its 10,000 meals were part of 285,120 meals shipped from Richmond to Zambia.

We will be registering people to participate in our program in the next few weeks. Last year, approximately 55 adults and children volunteered to help package our meals. Many participants stated that it “was one of the most worthwhile causes in which they had ever participated!” Please put October 8 on your calendars. If you are interested in participating, please call Susan Roberts at (434) 292-5961.

PromisedLand Quartet Concert

Need to hear an uplifting concert? Come for a concert by the PromisedLand Quartet on Sunday, **October 16, 2016** at 11:00 A.M. You will be glad you came! Lunch will follow the concert. Bring a covered dish and come join us!



Fall Festival

Please join us for our Fall Festival on **October 29, 2016** from 3-6 p.m. We will have games and activities for all ages, along with hot dogs and our famous Brunswick Stew. Stew will also be available for purchase at \$7.00 per quart. The proceeds from the stew sales go into our Scholarship Fund.



Operation Christmas Child

It's time to pack those shoeboxes! Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse serving our Lord and "the least of these" through a beautiful act of love from people like you. By packing a shoebox full of toys, hygienic items, school supplies and more you will be giving the gift of love to a child for Christmas. You can get more information at www.samaritanaspurse.org. You can also email Amy Mayo at amayo6609@gmail.com for information on packing a box, receiving materials such as a brochure and a box, and/or volunteering to collect boxes at Mount Hope Baptist Church during the National Collection Week, **November 14th to 21st**. Please pray about your commitment to this ministry and pack a box to spread joy and the truth of God's love to a child at Christmas.

Senior Adult Sunday School Class

The Senior Adult Sunday School Class has taken on several charity groups both inside and outside of our church. Our small group has donated \$200.00 in 2016 to these charities and plan to make more donations during the Christmas season.

Vacation Bible School

Mt. Hope had a great week of Vacation Bible School June 20th - 24th. The theme was "*Surf Shack - Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love*". There were 48 children in attendance and we want to thank all of the volunteers that helped to make the week successful in teaching the children about God's love for them.



Maintaining Our Building and Grounds

On July 23 and July 30, members of the church worked to clean and make repairs to our buildings and grounds. Below is Pastor Sam power washing the steeple.



Annual Scholarship Presentation

Mt. Hope held its annual scholarship presentation and luncheon on Sunday, August 14, 2016. Scholarships were awarded to Megan Cary, Denali Roberts, John Waldrop, and Abigail Mayo (not pictured). Since the program started in 2001, Mt. Hope has awarded a total of \$76,800 to 51 different students. These scholarships have helped students with expenses related to attending college and postgraduate work. Scholarships have been funded by a generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. Crawley Ford as well as monies allocated in Mt. Hope's general budget and fundraising activities such as Brunswick stew sales at our annual Fall Festival. Mt. Hope is very proud that it can assist students in fulfilling their career goals.

