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Stop Hunger Now

On Saturday, September 19, 2015, Mt. Hope hosted a meal packaging event facilitated by Stop Hunger Now. Approximately 55 members and community persons performed a variety of tasks in packaging 10,152 meals in less than two hours! Volunteers filled meal bags, weighed and sealed bags, packed bags, as well as assisted with the unloading and reloading of materials from the truck. These meals consisted of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins and nutrients.

After meals are delivered to the distribution center in Richmond, they will be distributed to needy persons in the United States as well as other countries around the world. These meal packaging events play an important role in helping to feed the world's hungry. They also provide a fun, hands-on, and rewarding experience for participants of all ages.

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



Baptismal Service

We are excited that we had two young men, Adam Fleming and Peyton Vaught, become members of our congregation. Adam and Peyton were baptized in a beautiful service on September 13, 2015.



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in homes of the group. We just finished a great study on the book of Esther in the Bible. Our next study will be on a book called, "Parables from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. We share prayer concerns and have wonderful fellowship as well. We will be meeting **October 12th** in the home of Pearl Clifton.

Deacon's Corner

If you have a prayer request that you would like listed in the Sunday Bulletin, please either complete the prayer request form on the back of your Sunday bulletin or email it to Ruby Lee Dillard at dillardrl@tds.net or Pastor Sam at pastorsam@mthopebc.org. For prayer chain requests, please call your Deacon or Pastor Sam.

Worship Service Activity Bags for Children

Located in the vestibule are activity bags for children ages 3-6 and 7-12 years old. Please help your child take a bag filled with small, quiet activities for the worship service. Please return the bag to the vestibule at the end of service. The activity bulletin is for your child to take home; all other items are to be returned to the bags for use during the next worship service.

Watch for another newsletter coming out in November that will include all of our Christmas activities!

PromisedLand Quartet Concert

Need to hear an uplifting concert? Come for a concert by the PromisedLand Quartet on **October 18th** at 11:00 A.M. You will be glad you came! Lunch will follow the concert. Fried chicken will be provided. Bring a covered dish and come join us!



Fall Festival

Please join us for our Fall Festival on **October 24th** 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.

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 the following generous amounts to these charities:

\$750 in 2013
\$1,000 in 2014
\$508 in 2015

They also plan to make more donations during the Christmas season.

Congratulations to Pastor Sam and Amy on the announcement that they are expecting their fourth child. They are the proud parents of Anna, Sammy and Mollie. The family is now established in their new home at 8181 Pembelton Drive, Amelia, Va. 23002. Pastor Sam can be reached at (804) 561-0911.