

February 2, 2009



The Vision

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Ty Lochridge Accepts Our Call As Minister of Education

Ty Lochridge has officially accepted the call of our church family to become our new Minister of Education. The vote to call Ty was 95% affirmative. Ty should be able to join us in early March. All of us are excited as we anticipate the beginning of his new ministry with us. Please pray for Ty during this significant time of transition in his life, as he closes out his ministry in South Carolina and prepares for his move to Danville. If you wish to send a word of greeting and encouragement to Ty during the transition period, his current mailing address is 108 W. Arlington Heights, N. Augusta, SC 29841, and Ty's email address is tyloch@hotmail.com.

TRUE LOVE WAITS

February 8 - Parents' Training Session in the
Open Door Sunday School Room

February 15 - Kick off True Love Waits Campaign
"Every Young Man's Battle"
"Every Young Woman's Battle"

March 8 - True Love Waits Commitment Service
during 6:00 p.m. Worship Service



From Our Pastor. . .

Sunday was a great day!

Ty Lochridge accepted the call to be our **new Minister of Education!** Praise the Lord! Thank you for taking advantage of the various opportunities we provided for you to get to meet Ty this past weekend. As you were able to readily discern, Ty will be a great asset to our ministry team and a great help to me personally as our church seeks to move forward in fulfilling the mission vision to which God has called us. Like me, I know that you excitedly anticipate Ty's arrival here in early March. Please remember him in prayer during the days ahead as he transitions from his current ministry position to his new one.

On a different note, there have been a couple of **Emergency Medical Service (EMS) calls** to our church in the past few weeks. Both occurred on a Sunday morning, one just prior to the start of a worship service, the other near the conclusion of a service. First of all, **I want to commend our church family as a whole for the excellent manner in which everyone responded to these crises.** I especially want to give high praise to our ushers and to the various medical personnel in our

church that were on hand at the time, not to mention the skillful ambulance crews that responded to the calls. Each of you is to be highly commended for your quick, caring and compassionate response to the need at hand. Thank you for a job well done!

These recent happenings, however, also served to reveal an area of concern that I feel compelled to address. In both instances mentioned above, the EMS crews were hindered either as they tried to enter our parking lot or as they tried to turn their vehicle around. How so? Due to a number of cars parked along the Franklin Turnpike side of our church that were parked incorrectly. The placement of these cars, in both instances, prevented our church from being able to maintain a legally required lane of access through which an ambulance can safely and easily pass.

I know that sometimes on Sunday mornings it's hard to find good parking spaces at Mount Hermon. That's one of the "problems" of being a large, thriving church. But one thing we all can do to help with this situation is to always make sure that we are parked in a legal, clearly-marked parking space. By doing

that, we can insure that these types of public safety issues will not occur again. Now that this matter has been brought to our attention, I want to thank everyone in advance for working together with me to help us make our church campus as safe and accessible as possible.

This coming Sunday morning, I will be preaching the second sermon in my series on **"The Pursuit of Holiness."** This week's message is entitled **"Holiness: The Struggle"**.

I want to thank **Bill Soyars** for pinching for me this past Sunday night while I was sick. I will be resuming the **Cover to Cover** series this coming Sunday evening with a message on the book of **1 Corinthians**.

God bless you. Have a great week in the Lord!

Pastor Danny

Getting to Know Rev. Ty Lochridge

Rev. Ty Lochridge comes to us from the Augusta Rescue Mission, Augusta, GA, where he has served as Executive Director. Under his direction the mission provided shelter, food, clothing, counseling and job placement assistance for the needy in Augusta and North Augusta. Prior to his ministry at the mission, Ty served as associate pastor of the First Baptist Church of North Augusta, South Carolina. His ministerial ministries included: ministry to new members, singles and senior adults; supervision of curriculum, training, budgeting and lay leadership; discipleship training from children to adults. Ty also performed the pastoral duties of preaching, performing marriages, funerals, and visitation. He also served as a speaker for a wide range of conferences. Beyond his ministerial positions, Ty is experienced in marketing and advertising. Ty holds degrees from Baylor University and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Born on December 6, 1958, Ty has never married, but has had the God-given pleasure of helping to rear his much loved niece, Ashley Sullivan who is now a student at North Greenville University in Tigerville, South Carolina. We are eagerly awaiting his arrival as he brings his spiritual gifts and talents to Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, continuing to live out his life's verse:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" II Corinthians 5:17.

“Youth News”

Our annual True Love Waits campaign will begin on February 15th in Sunday School. This year we will be doing something different. We will split the youth into groups based on age and gender. In the high school we will go through “Every Young Man’s Battle” and “Every Young Woman’s Battle.” Although this is not True Love Waits curriculum, it still deals with sexual purity. These studies will give students strategies to help them fight sexual temptation. The middle school will be studying “Complete A Life of Purity,” a True Love Waits curriculum.

Another thing that we are doing differently this year is that we will be holding a Parents’ training session prior to going through this study. On Sunday, February 8th from 4:30-6:00pm we will meet to help you learn current trends our youth are facing and how to speak to your students about sex. This session will be open to everyone, youth parents, non-youth parents, grandparents, and friends. We will meet in the Open Door Sunday School class. Please mark it on your calendars and plan to attend. Invite your friends who do not go to our church, as well, as I am sure it will help in our efforts to have our students live a life of sexual purity.

In Him,
Josh



On Sunday, January 4, 2009, Pastor Danny challenged all of us in his sermon to become ministers of the Word. He challenged all of us to work for missions – locally and internationally. In the spring of 2008, the F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Circle of the WMU at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church started planning a Rainbow Tea for the ladies of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church and our other lady friends in the community to raise money for local missions in Danville and Pittsylvania County.

On Saturday, March 21, 2009, at 12 noon, we will sponsor a Rainbow Tea in the Fellowship Hall at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church. A delicious lunch will be served first and then our very own Sandy Davis will speak to us about the importance of local and international missions and she will entertain us with a few songs.

Please come and join us for this fun and worthwhile event. More information will be coming later in a later newsletter.

The Pursuit of Holiness

An upcoming sermon series
by Pastor Danny Davis

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| February 8 | <i>Holiness: The Struggle</i> |
| February 15 | <i>Holiness: The Key</i> |
| February 22 | <i>Holiness: The Implementation
(Part 1)—Body & Mind</i> |
| March 1 | <i>Holiness: The Implementation
(Part 2)—Emotions & Will</i> |
| March 8 | <i>Holiness: The Challenge</i> |

“Be ye holy for I am holy”
1 Peter 1:16

“...holiness, without which no man shall see the
Lord”
Hebrews 12:14

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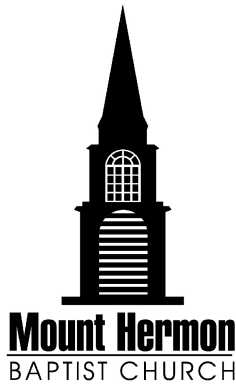
Adult Books

Tested by Fire by Kathy Herman
A Shred of Evidence by Kathy Herman
Eye of the Beholder by Kathy Herman
All Things Hidden by Kathy Herman
Not By Chance by Kathy Herman
Try Darkness by James Scott Bell
Grace in Thine Eyes by Liz Curtis Higgs



Mt. Hermon Preschool

MT. HERMON PRESCHOOL: Registration for Mt. Hermon Church members will begin on February 8 for the 2009-2010 school year. Contact Brenda Smith, Director, at 434-724-4057 for information.



STAFF

Pastor Danny Davis
 Minister of Music Jana Wolfe
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 Josh Mark
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Opportunities of the Week

February 8
 Morning Worship 8:30 am
 Media Library Open 9:30 am
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Media Library Open 12:00 pm
 Creative Arts 4:00 pm
 Children's Handbells 4:30 pm
 Youth Parents' Meeting in
 Open Door Classroom 4:30 pm
 Children's Choirs 5:00 pm
 Youth Choir 5:00 pm
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Adult Handbells 7:00 pm
 Finance Committee 7:00 pm
 Youth Lead Teams 7:00 pm

Monday, February 9
 Group #1 in Ruth Martin SS 10:00 am

Tuesday, February 10
 New Generation Choir 9:30 am
 F.R.I.E.N.D.S. at home of
 Judy Wilson 6:45 pm

Wednesday, February 11
 Prayer Time - Prayer Room . 10:00 am
 Church Supper 5:30 pm
 Youth Handbells 6:00 pm
 Music Council 6:00 pm
 Media Library Open 6:15 pm
 RAs, GAs, Mission Friends .. 6:30 pm
 Gentle Spirit 6:30 pm
 Mid-Week Worship &
 Business Meeting 6:45 pm
 Refuge 6:45 pm
 Adult Choir 7:30 pm

For the Record

February 1, 2009

Sunday School		
	Enrollment	Attendance
Gen Officers	6	6
Preschool	82	52
Children	128	81
Youth	139	65
Adult	866	280
TOTAL	1221	484

Worship

8:30 am	273
11:00 am	346
TOTAL	619

Budget Receipts \$22,078.72
 Building Fund (to date) \$182,843.67

Servants of the Week

Counting Committee

Butch Cassada, Debbie King, Linda Stroud

Deacons

Jackie Hardy & Tom Parrish

Repairs and Maintenance

Lawrence Wilson

New Member Team

Keith Southern

Prayer Team Ministry

8:30 am Bob & Ruth Hankins,
 Ronnie & Liz Lews

11:00 am Buddy Clayton, D. Ware, Dan Raines

Childcare

Sunday, February 8

8:30 am Donna Petty, Nancy Lewis, Tamra &
 Erin Riddle, Sherry Turpin, Wendy
 Shields, J., Lydia & Leah Landrum

11:00 am Emily Hughes, Brandi Thompson,
 Lisa Rowland, Andy & Shannon
 Stoler, Anne Goins, Charlene Harris,
 Debbie McCormick, Suzanne Stowe

6:00 pm David & Freda Carter

Children's Church

No Children's Church

Wednesday, February 11

6:45 pm Neal Meyer & Brandi Forker

**Menu for Wednesday,
 February 11**

Baked Chicken

Baked Potatoes

Green Peas

Tossed Salad

Rolls

Cheesecake with cherries

Cost \$7.25 for adults and \$3.60 for
 children.

The family maximum is \$20.00.

Call the church office by Tuesday at noon
 or fill out the reservation card in the pew
 rack on Sunday!

The Honduras Medical Missions

Team is collecting money for the Honduras mission trip during the month of February throughout the Sunday School classes. They are also collecting used eye glasses.

In addition, the team will be taking baby slings to the villages again this year. If you can sew and would be willing to provide slings or fabric, contact Lorie Touart at 836-9113 or at the church office.



We have received thank you notes from Walter and Mildred Bryant, the Clark family, Hazel Meadors, the family of Jesse G. Davis, the family of Hilda Mason, Grace Merricks, Brenda Smith, and Lee Bradley. Look for them on the bulletin board in the Children's Lobby.