

THE WITNESS

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MOUNT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 4-11, 2012

March 4: 8:30 & 11:00 Worship—DeeDee Hoosier from the Bland Ministry Center in Bland, VA. speaking in both services
12:00 p.m.—Covered dish lunch (meat is provided; bring a dish to share)

March 7: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Church-wide mission study for all ages

**Annie Armstrong Goal:
\$5,000.00**

April 1: 12:00 p.m. Annie Armstrong Dessert Auction after 11:00 worship. Women on Mission will provide a lunch of soup and sandwiches. Desserts are needed.



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Hunger Offering



Donations Received For World Hunger

\$3,796.29

(Still Receiving Donations)

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Special points of interest:

- The Body & Soul Exercise Classes continue to meet each Monday and Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. Come join us!
- The Ruth Evening Circle is collecting items throughout the year to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Items collected during the month of March are *cups/bowls/utensils*.



Good Things Are Happening!

There are so many good things to celebrate in the life of Mt Olivet. We have the **largest international missions team** since we have been blessed with the Wallace & Vernell Carr International Missions Endowment Fund. This team will be leading Vacation Bible Schools, feeding the hungry, & doing construction work in Belize. Please be praying for this team as they continue to plan for their work!

Robert Williams, our Sunday School Director, announced at the Business Meeting **that we had**

reached an attendance high point in the last 7-8 years! Much of the attendance increase comes from launching two new Sunday School classes which God is blessing! We will be needing to rearrange class rooms due to overcrowding! That's a wonderful thing!

We exceeded our Lottie Moon Goal for the international missions offering and we are on the way to breaking a record in our giving to **World Hunger!** I have to believe that God is pleased!

We had a "church-full" of people who attended the

movie, Courageous, last Saturday night! Many thanks to the Ruth Evening Circle who promoted the movie event.

We are looking forward to the **revival** being planned by the Deacons' Special Event Team that will begin on Homecoming in September of 2012.

We have 4 people to be baptized at the River Service on July 22nd.

This date is different this year due to scheduling needs for the baptismal candidates.

The Youth Committee announced that they are having 11-13 youth each Wednesday evening! PTL

Journey to the Cross

Please check the church's website

www.mtolivetbaptist.org

The church website provides the link to a wonderful devotional site that will lead you to reflect on the gift of salvation that God has provided through our Lord—Jesus the Christ. All you have to do is to click on the logo for



"Journey to the Cross" that will be on the home page of our church's website.

The site features music, a passage of Scripture, a devotional thought, & a

prayer for the day!

This link is one of many ways that each of us can prepare for the church's celebration of the crucifixion & resurrection of Jesus.



Why the Church?



1. Because Jesus started it & said that it is important.
2. The word "church" is defined as a group of people who have a personal relationship with God through Jesus. Therefore, when I have been saved, I am automatically a member of God's group.
3. It is a "natural" thing for
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believers to meet together as a group for worship, instruction, fellowship & service.

A person is created with the need to belong to someone other than him/herself. We gain confidence & productivity when we are a contributing member of a group.

whose members have a personal relationship with God through Jesus helps me to become the person that God wants me to become.

A group of people can accomplish much more than any one individual can do by himself.

Because Jesus started it and said that is important.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship



Speaker:

Chris Winans

March 17, 2012

8-9:30 a.m.

All Ages Welcome

Name _____

Call church office to RSVP

Children's Easter Celebration

Children's Ministry is having an Easter Celebration on Saturday, March 24 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for ages 3 through 5th grade.

There will be games, crafts, snacks and an Easter egg hunt.

An insert will be in the Sunday worship bulletin that provides an

opportunity for you to sign up to attend.

This fun-filled event is open to the church family as well as the community!



Easter Sunday Schedule

Sunrise Service—6:45

Breakfast—7:30

Sunday School—8:30

Worship & Cantata —9:45



Focus on WMU

"There is in our churches a great power, which has not been utilized but has remained dormant: the power and influence of woman. The lines of destiny seem to point to her as the great power by which the gospel is to be sent to the ends of the earth" (F.M. Ellis). (from a Century to Celebrate; History of Woman's Missionary Union, 1987,46.)

From WMU's watchword (He.12:1-2) to the purposing of each woman's mind, heart, and hands, we have been a very deliberate organization at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church this year. We are deliberate in praying, giving, going and evangelizing in our homes, community, state, nation and world.

According to Mt. Olivet's By-Laws, Woman's Missionary Union shall be the mission education, mission action, and mission support organization of the church for women, girls and pre-schoolers. Its task shall be to teach missions, engage in mission action, support world missions through praying and giving and provide and interpret information regarding their work.

WMU at Mt. Olivet provides teachers, assistants and materials for Girls In Action, Mission Friends and two Women on Mission Circles.

Mission Friends are for pre-schoolers ages 3-5. They meet on Wednesday Family Nights at 6:30 p.m. Missy Stanley is their leader, and they have been busy making get well cards, thank you cards for fire fighters, painting flower pots for the elderly and washing Pastor Dale's car. They learn about missions through church members who have been on a mission trip or to Camp Crossroads. These small children regularly discuss key Bible verses about caring for others. They make crafts and discuss the work of missionaries and the places they live. They are drilled on the definition of missions and missionaries weekly.

Girls In Action encompasses girls in grades 1-5. They also meet at 6:30 p.m. on Family Nights. Angela Drumheller is their leader and Katie McCrea assists. GA's are having a lot of un learning about missionaries around the world and here at home. They have established pen pal relationships with GA's at sister churches. February 18 is Children's Ministry Day. Because that focus is education, the girls will be baking and packing care packages to send to college students. They will also be making tea jars which will be placed in the Welcome Center for visitors to our church. They are also collecting small deodorants for a prison ministry.

The Carrie Rose Ellen Circle meets every 4th Tuesday morning of each month as a group of adult women at 10:30 a.m. either at church or at someone's home. The meeting always ends with lunch. Some mission projects they are actively involved in are: visiting residents of the Ashland Convalescent Center, sending cards to those needing encouragement, making fleece baby blankets for newborns in our church family and the Pregnancy Resource Center. They also adopted college students for their school year and packed shoebox gifts for Samaritans Purse.

The Ruth Evening Circle meets the 4th Monday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. as an adult group of women in someone's home. Their meetings always end with dessert. This group of women sponsors several church-wide events: the Annie Armstrong Dessert Auction, the year-long collection of items used in Samaritan's Purse Shoebox gifts, and the Operation Christmas Child mission trip to Charlotte. They also work with CARITAS, provide a meal for BSU students at the University of Richmond's BSU, as well as collected for and assembled hygiene and stationary items for Fluvanna Correctional Center. They also adopted a needy family in our community for Christmas.

Both Circles have a program about a missionary and pray for missionaries on their birthdays at their meetings. They are both actively involved in many mission projects too numerous to mention. All WMU groups work cooperatively to execute the Annual Clothing Giveaway at Mt. Olivet which will be in August of 2012. We are all trying to live a "missions lifestyle".

But as the beginning quote states, some of us are dormant in living out the "Great Commission". Won't you prayerfully consider joining us in this unhindered? Maybe you are led to start or join an existing group? Maybe you could bring a child to Family Night's Mission Friends or Girls in Action?

We welcome you!

In God's Love,

Cathy Williams, WMU Director

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

Prayer Concerns

Judy Ashley	Ruby Stilwell
Jessica Bayne	Kenneth Taylor
Brenda McAllister	Phyllis Vaughan
Katie McCrea	Wayne Watson
Shirley Mills	Lillian Watts
Kenny Newcomb	Eric Williams & family
Jake Parrish	
Meagan Pillow	<u>Assisted Living/ Convalescent/ Homebound</u>
Michael Pillow	
Dottie Sharpe	Helen Brown

Barbara Cosby
Betty Dye
Ilene Henderson
Daisy Houston
Richey & Lillian Jewell

In the Military

Michael Thurston

***Congratulations to
Jake Schools & Ma-
rissa Zimmer on the
birth of Cooper Reid
born January 26.***

***Sympathy is extended
to...***

*...Carolyn Greenwood
in the loss of her
mother, Virginia
Wright.*

*...Martha James in the
loss of her cousin,
Tommy Givens.*

*...Bob Campbell in the
loss of his
sister,
Geraldine
Walker.*



Notes of Appreciation

Dear Mt. Olivet Family,
Thank you for your cards, visits, calls and your prayers during my Mother's illness and following her death. Your love and support has been greatly appreciated. We are so blessed to be a part of such a caring congregation here at Mt. Olivet. Thank you!
Love, Mike Hamby & family, Carol Fowler

Dear Church Family,
My family and I would like to express our appreciation to each of you for your many kind concerns, support, and prayers during my Mother's illness and at the time of her death. It is truly a wonderful blessing to be part of such a wonderful and caring group of Christians. May God continue to bless you.
Love,
Carolyn Greenwood

Dear Odd Fellows Class,
Kim and I want to thank you all for the wonderful surprise during our Sunday School "Christmas Party". Your thoughtfulness and caring have always been a comfort for the both of us throughout our journey together in these recent years. You all have particularly exemplified God's love through your giving of your time and listening ear when we both were

rediscovering who we were. Words cannot always express the gratitude for special friends as yourselves so I hope the words, We Love You ALL, lets you all know the impact of your friendship on us both.

With God's Love,
John & Kim
aka
The Soon Mr. & Mrs. Williamson

CrossRoads Summer Camp 2012

What are YOU doing this summer?

- Are you age 10 (or completed 4th grade) to age 17?
- Wanna build life-long friendships?
- Wanna strengthen your relationship with God?

- Wanna have an awesome time in the mountains?

If you've answered yes to all of those questions, CrossRoads is the place for you!

Contact Cathy Williams (752-2339) for details on the camp and costs.



WHEAT Update

Over 40 families were assisted on February 14 at the Open Food Pantry! The average has been 60-80 families each month. Please continue to bring your donated food items as they are greatly needed.

WHEAT is looking for a donated laptop to use on Open Pantry Nights. Contact Cathy Williams.

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Welcome New Sunday School Members

Karen Morris—The Café Class
Drew & Dawn Dill—The Café Class

The Church Voted to Proceed with Welcome Center

The church adopted the plans & decided to proceed with updating the Vaughan Building to include a vestibule & welcome center! While there are still some decisions to be made about the details for the welcome center, the basics of the plans are in place & pictured below.

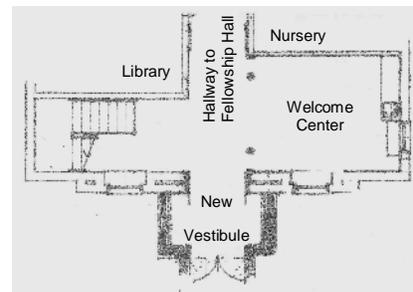
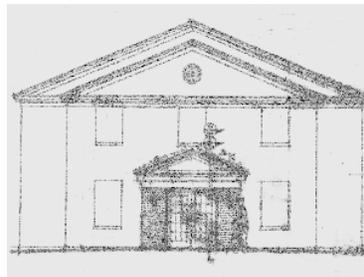
Why a vestibule & welcome center at the front of the Vaughan Building?

1. The structure (as it is) allows for the cold winds to blow directly down the hallway, chilling the nursery & pre-school Sunday School rooms. The vestibule will curtail much of the temperature discomfort in our pre-school rooms.

2. The welcome center will provide a central place where visitors & members alike will be able to learn about the ministries & programs that are happening in the church.
3. The welcome center will provide a warm, open space where we will receive & register guests and then escort

them to their respective meeting area(s).

4. The renovations will provide better fire-door protection for our building.
5. The renovations will make the space feel more up-to-date with warmer colors & more open space.



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