



# The Witness

Mt Olivet Baptist Church

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## Homecoming & Revival—September 16 & 17

Please watch for details about our upcoming Homecoming & Revival Service. Rev. Terry Sullivan will be our guest speaker.

### Homecoming Service September 16

Sunday School—9:45

Worship—11:00

Luncheon after worship

Special Music—1:15

### Worship Service on Monday, September 17

Dinner at 5:30

Worship at 6:30

### Guest Speaker

Pastor Terry served in the United States Air Force during the first Gulf War as a Military Police Officer. It was during this time he met his wife, Misty, who was serving as well. After an honorable discharge he began

working for the Gulfport Police Department in Mississippi.

Following the birth of his first son, T.J., he and his family moved to Virginia where he began working for the Hanover County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) where he investigated cases such as the beltway sniper and the September 11th Terrorist Attacks. Eight years later he and his wife were blessed with the birth of their second son, Wyatt. Then just over a year ago another blessing to the family was the birth of their third son, Josiah. After 15 years in law enforcement Pastor Terry ended his career as the Sergeant of the HCSO Intelligence Unit and FBI Terrorism Task Force. God called him into ministry where he served as the Associate Pastor of Administration and Spiritual Growth at Beaverdam Baptist Church in Hanover County, VA., the Camp Pastor at Camp ACCOVAC Christian Camp and served as the Police Chaplain for the Hanover Sheriff's Office.

Pastor Terry also served as a



Guest Speaker: Rev Terry Sullivan

minister of the gospel with a new church plant, Faith First Community Church, Orange Park Florida. Once the plant was established Pastor Terry identified his successor and is now back in Hanover County VA. as a police chaplain and Police Investigator with the Hanover Sheriff's Office.

Pastor Terry is a graduate of the Community College of the Air Force, J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College, Newburg Theological Seminary and Liberty University.

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### Special points of interest:

- At least 119 people received clothing at the Annual Mt. Olivet Clothesline (Free Clothing Give-Away)
- North American Mission Board congratulates Mt. Olivet for ranking top in per capita giving in Dover Association for 2011 Offering
- Trustees have signed the contract with WMP Corporation to build the Welcome Center
- Body & Soul Resumes on September 10 at 6:00 p.m.

## Focus on State Mission Work

September 9-16

Dean Miller, from the VA. Baptist Mission Board, will be the Guest Speaker on September 9 at 10:15

Offering Goal: \$2,500

Offerings will be received through October 20.

Adult Study on  
Wednesday, Sept. 12  
at 6:30 p.m.



**Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV2011)**

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you.  
<sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

## 15 Years & Counting

Paul's words to the Philippian Church echo my sentiments about Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. I am so thankful for the opportunity that you have given us to partner with you in ministry. God has blessed our efforts of ministry as we continue to serve our community, our state, our nation, and the entire world in Christ's Name. May we continue to share together in the joy of serving together under God's leadership — allowing God to continue the good work that He has begun in us.

On Sunday afternoon, August 5, 2012, you surprised us with a reception honoring our 15 years of ministry with you as pastor & wife.

We can't begin to thank each one of you who had a part in planning & preparing the reception, in compiling the book of letters that you wrote, and in contributing to the money tree that you presented us. We feel so unworthy of all of this outpouring of love & generosity and yet are thankful for your loving affirmation that you have shown us not only on August 5th, but also throughout our time together.

I feel that I should be the one to give the party to honor you.

- You show such kindness & compassion in our family's times of sickness & need.

- You are teaching me much about life & ministry through our experiences together.
- You consistently offer suggestions for ways to enhance the ministry of Christ through the community of faith at Mt. Olivet.
- You constantly challenge me to study as you present probing questions about the Scriptures.
- You present an example of generosity—giving of yourself for the sake of others.
- There are many other things I could say, but most of all we humbly say, **"Thank You!"**

— Dale & Judy Ashley

*Church office is closed Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.*

## Ordination & Commissioning Service for New Deacons

The following men have agreed to serve as deacons for the coming year:

- Steve Bland
- Neal Brigham
- Damon Igou
- Bootsie Stanley
- Robert Williams
- John Williamson

**The Ordination & Commission Service is scheduled for Sunday, September 23 at 11:00.**

Church members will be given opportunity to help the deacon's ministry through the ministry teams —

Community Missions  
 Greeting  
 Homebound  
 Ordinance  
 Prospect—New Member  
 Special Events  
 Hospital Visitation

## Worship Schedule

No doubt, the Church Council will be asking the congregation for its evaluation of the Summer Schedule that was implemented this summer.

We will value your comments, both positive and negative!

Please add this information to your family's calendar so that you will be on time for worship in September.

### September 2

9:00 — Sunday School  
 10:15 — Worship

### September 9

9:00 — Sunday School  
 10:15 — Worship

### September 16

(Homecoming)  
 9:45 — Sunday School  
 11:00 — Worship

### September 23

#### Resume Regular Schedule

8:30 — Worship  
 9:45 — Sunday School  
 11:00 — Worship





## Prayer Concerns

Connie Bagley	Neesie Stearns
Jessica Bayne	Ruby Stilwell
Melissa Burke	Susan Turner
Bob Campbell	Gayle Wingfield
Brandon Germon	
Terry Germon	<b><u>Assisted Living/ Convalescent/ Homebound</u></b>
Rachel Mothena	Helen Brown
Beverly Parrish	Barbara Cosby
Mike Parrish	Betty Dye
Claudia Phillips	Ilene Henderson
Meagan Pillow	Daisy Houston
Michael Pillow	
Rick Slater	

## Thanks So Much!

Dear Mt. Olivet Family,  
Thank you so much for your generous gift to Camp Bethel Ministries. I sincerely appreciate your support. My trip so far has been such a blessing. The work that is done here truly glorifies the Lord. I look forward to seeing all of you real soon and sharing

my experience with you.  
Love in Christ,  
Drew Dill

Thanks to all who participated in Mt. Olivet's Clothesline event on August 18. A heartfelt thanks to anyone who donated clothing, purchased clothing, helped fold and organ-

## Leadership Development Conference 2012

You are invited to attend the Central Virginia Baptist Ministries Leadership Development Conference on Monday, September 24 beginning at 5:45 p.m. at Cool Spring Baptist Church.

Register online at [www.cvbm.org](http://www.cvbm.org) and pay upon arrival. Cost: \$5.00.

Some of the speakers include: Bobby Ukrop, Bob Dale, Susan McBride and many others.

Some topics to be covered:

- You've Been Elected as a Church Leader, So How Do You "Lead Like Jesus"
- Reaching Young 20 and

Richey & Lillian Jewell  
Martha Loving

### **In the Military**

Michael Thurston

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

...the family of Dr. Merton Stearns. He passed away on July 29.

...the family of Mrs. Lillian Watts. Lillian passed away August 2.

...Virginia Lee Hall in the loss of her brother, Henry Hudson Hall who passed away August 9.

### **Congratulations to...**

...Ron & Cathy Williams on the birth of their grandson, Drew Craig Williams born July 23. Tobi & Dale are the parents.

...Chris & Brittany Henley on the birth of Braeden Webb born July 27. Stacey Gray is the grandmother, & Bootsie & Laura Stanley are the great-grandparents.

...Herbert & Gloria Hare on the birth of their great granddaughters, Hannah & Emma who were born July 30.

...Johnny Axselle & Brittany Layne who were married August 4.

ize clothing, cooked food, worked a welcome table, gave out numbers, greeted guests, escorted guests, put up or took down signs or cleaned up or prayed at or for this event. Mt. Olivet's WMU, through this event, provided approximately 120 neighbors with clothing. May God be praised.

Mt. Olivet's WMU

The WHEAT Open Food Pantry is serving 60-80 families each month. WHEAT is looking for individuals that will take on some of the responsibility of stocking the shelves, checking overdue dates, taking inventory, maintaining the volunteer list, etc. If you have extra produce and would like to share with those less fortunate, just bring it to the pantry the 2nd and/or 4th Tuesday of each month.





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### **Church Staff**

Dale F. Ashley, Pastor  
Claudia M. Phillips, Music Minister  
Cindy C. Weston, Youth Minister  
Shirley S. Mills, Secretary

Messengers are needed for the Dover Baptist Association Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 28 at Ridge Baptist Church.

Messengers are also needed for the Virginia Baptist General Association Annual Meeting in Roanoke on November 13 & 14.

Please call the church office if you are willing to volunteer to represent Mt. Olivet.

### **Welcome New Member**

We are pleased to welcome Brittany Layne Axselle into the Mt. Olivet fellowship. Brittany united with the church family on August 19 and comes to us by transfer of membership.

Brittany and Johnny were married on August 4, Welcome and congratulations!



## **Parents of Youth**

Parents of youth are invited to attend the first Youth Committee meeting of the new school year on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Come share your thoughts concerning our Youth Ministry and share in conversation with us as we seek to follow the Lord in leading the youth of Mt. Olivet.

All interested adults and youth are welcome to attend. We will be discussing our Sunday curriculum, the Wednesday evening study and fellowship, plus other ideas we have for the upcoming year.

I will also be discussing "Sticky Faith"!

Come join us.

Cindy Weston  
Youth Minister

Looking forward to seeing you in Sunday School on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (Summer Schedule)



## **Family Night Ministry Teachers**

- Ages 3-Kindergarten: Lisa Smith & assistant, Melissa Huckstep
- Girls in Action, Grades 1-5: Angela Drumheller
- Royal Ambassadors, Grades 1-5: Eric & Kathryn Rocchiccioli
- Youth: Cindy Weston, Lisa McCrea & Bob Sichi
- Adult Study: Pastor

**Begins Wednesday,  
September 12  
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.**

