

The Witness

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

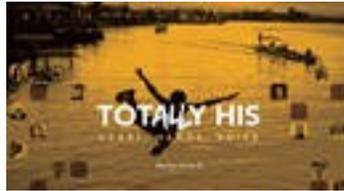
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Goal is Reached for Lottie Moon!

A total of \$13,460.00 was received
for International Missions
Our Goal was \$12,750.00

Thank you for your prayers & support!



World Hunger Gifts

will be received

Sunday, February 9

Nearly 98 percent of worldwide hunger exists in underdeveloped countries and is often passed from mother to child. Each year, 17 million children die because their mothers are malnourished.



Dinner & Movie Night

Children's Ministry is sponsoring a Movie Night for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders on Saturday, February 22 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Dinner and snacks are included.

Bring camper chairs for movie watching. The movie title is, *The Chronicles of Narnia (The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe)*.

Contact Felicia Taylor or Melissa Huckstep for details.



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Inclement Weather Notice

- Church Council approved in their January meeting the following: "When Hanover County Schools are closed, activities will be cancelled that day/evening at the church."



Financial Report for 2013

Mt Olivet has been blessed by the generosity of the people who gather together for worship, study, service, and fellowship.

Projected 2013 Budget Needs	\$438,036.33
Actual 2013 Budget Receipts	\$434,793.40
Actual 2013 Budget Expenses	\$418,279.21
Budgeted Amount given to Cooperative Program	\$51,082.62
Budgeted Amount given to Dover	\$18,579.53

Our church also gave very generously to the special Mission Offerings in addition to the budget.

Annie Armstrong	\$7,388.00
State Missions	\$3,450.00
Lottie Moon	\$13,460.00

Because of the generosity of our members, Mt Olivet was able to accomplish multiple mission projects in Hanover County, Virginia, and Belize! Think of the clothes donated for the clothing give-away, the school supplies provided for the school supply give-away, the hard work invested in the community garden, the contributions made to WHEAT (Western Hanover Emergency Action Team), and the nearly 2,000 pairs of shoes donated for people in Southwest Virginia. Just over \$22,000 was contributed for the Belize Mission Trip last summer, including the amount that each team member paid. Without question, much was donated above and beyond the tithes and offerings!

Because of the generosity of our members, Mt Olivet was able to call Felicia Taylor (part-time children's minister) to join with our other staff members to help develop our church's programs and ministries that reach out to the community.

Because of the generosity of our members, Mt Olivet has been able to maintain the church building which required significant repairs over the course of the year!

While there are so many other things that could be reported, the best thing to report is that God has blessed us with a faith community who loves and supports one another, and who is committed to reaching out beyond itself to the community at large! May God be praised for His work through us!

Sunday February 16, 2014

Noon

Lunch provided for all who attend the business meeting.

The 8:30 worship service is cancelled so that all can join together for worship, lunch, and participation in the business meeting.

The church will be meeting for its quarterly business meeting on Sunday, February 16, after the 11:00 worship service.

This meeting is for all members of the church as well as for anyone who would like to learn more about our church family.

Though only members are able to vote at the meeting, all are invited to attend!



Prayer Concerns

Jessie Bayne
Pat Bland
Ardie Brown
Russell Bumpass
Lois Chenault
Dawn Dill
Betty Dye
Brandon Germon

Mary Lee Hall
Paul Harris
Brittany Melton
Beverly Parrish
Evelyn Seay
Rick Slater
Ruby Stilwell
Kenneth Taylor



Susan Turner
Gayle Wingfield
Joel Wingfield

Assisted Living/Convalescent/ Homebound

Bob Campbell Barbara Cosby
Ilene Henderson Richey Jewell
Martha Loving Neesie Stearns

In the Military

Michael Thurston

Notes of Appreciation

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for my Christmas gift. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. I appreciate also your prayers and expressions of concern for my family this past year. What a blessing you are to each of us.

God bless you,
Anne Williamson

To My Mount Olivet Church Family,

Thank you so much for my wonderful Christmas gift. It is a joy and privilege to share my God given talents to help others. I love each of you and wish for everyone a blessed and happy 2014.

In Christ's love,
Nannie Mothena

**There is no such thing in anyone's
life as an unimportant day.**

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Congratulations to...

...Sandy Carroll on the birth of her grandson, Dylan Brian, born December 31. Rick & Trisha are the parents, and Herbert & Gloria Hare are the great-grandparents.

...Chris & Courtney Thurston on the birth of Claudia Joy on January 6. Charles & Jean are the grandparents.

...Forrest & Sherry Jones on the birth of their daughter, Candace Lea, born January 9. Linda Hall is the grandparent.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mike Parrish. Mike passed away January 21.

Ruth Evening Circle Luncheon to Thank Ruby Tuesdays

Please join us on February 2, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at Ruby Tuesdays in Ashland. We will present Ben Banks, manager, a small gift and thank him for his support to Operation Christmas Child. All are welcome to attend. 20% of your meal cost will come back to Operation Christmas Child. Be sure to take your church bulletin!



RAM Sign Up & Shoe Collection

Sign up for the RAM mission trip begins February 17 through March 9. Dates of the trip are July 17-20 in Wise County, VA. Youth are collecting "gently" used or new shoes of all sizes for men, women and children. "Walking" type shoes (athletic style) or work boots are preferred. Shoe collection has begun in the fellowship hall. Dawn Dill and Cindy Weston have additional information.



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Felicia G. Taylor, Children's Minister
Shirley S. Mills, Secretary

**Focus on WMU Sunday
February 16**

Welcome New Member
We are very pleased to welcome Shawn Samuel who made his profession of faith on December 24! We will be celebrating his baptism in the near future.

Welcome Sunday School Members
*Anthony & Traci Chapman—Café Class
Noah Chapman — Grade 2
Melody Doolen—HOPE Class
Luke Morrison—Grade 5*

GOOD NEWS from JERUSALEM!!!

That's the title of our Easter Musical—an upbeat, exciting collection of songs that lift your spirit as you listen and sing. You're invited to join us as we prepare this music for our Easter celebration.

The collection contains only five songs and runs for about 22 minutes. As with other holiday music, there are Rehearsal CDs which help you



to learn your part as you go about your daily routine. Then each week starting the 1st Wednesday in February, we will rehearse as a group for the 1st 30 minutes (7:30 to 8:00) of Wednesday night choir time.

Some parts of this music are so energetic;

they just make me want to dance (maybe that's my grandmother's Pentecostal gene coming out in me). So catch the excitement. Come and sing with us. Give me a call or catch me at church if you would like to join in the fun.

Excited about Easter!
Claudia (752-0012)

A Good Time To Get Organized

The beginning of the year is a great time to sort, store, clean up and catalog. That's what happens in the music office this time of year. Your help is needed as we try to account for missing copies of various pieces of music. These include Christmas and Easter cantata books, re-

hearsal CDs, and individual copies of sheet music that have been hiding under your magazines, slipped into your car's seat pockets or tucked into your "to do" stack.

Please help us with this "search and rescue".

Along with the vegetables and fruit in your grocery cart, printed Music and listening CDs have become quite expensive, and replacement costs only escalate each year. So do a little detective work and snoop out those missing copies. The church treasurer and I will be overjoyed! Thanks for your help!



Claudia