

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

# The Witness

## Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 2-9

### Benevolent Fund

- Your donations would be appreciated for the Deacon's Benevolent Fund on Sunday, March 30. All "loose monies" in the offering plate that Sunday (not in checks or designated) will be directed to the Benevolent Fund.



### Theme: "Rooted in the Gospel"

The sower generously and intentionally spread seed upon many types of soil, with mixed results. Yet his focus and purpose was to spread the seed everywhere, not just choose the most fertile soil. North American Mission Board missionaries are just like this sower—they are focused on sharing the gospel with all people, remaining steadfast in their commitment to sow the gospel despite the challenges and risks. They are motivated by a passion to bring people to Christ and to see churches and individuals bear fruit and multiply. They are confident in their faith, bold in their witness and dependent on our prayers and support to encourage and motivate them each day.



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

**Lunch & Dessert Auction following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on April 6**

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## New Email Addresses for Church Staff

### PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL CONTACT LIST

Pastor	dale@mtolivetbaptist.org
Secretary	shirley@mtolivetbaptist.org
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Children's Minister	felicia@mtolivetbaptist.org
Youth Minister	cindy@mtolivetbaptist.org

**Grade K-1 Classroom Is Temporarily Relocated!**

Due to furnace issues in the preschool area of the Vaughan Building, Room 102 A&B will be relocated to the second floor of the education building (over the fellowship hall) to Room 211.

Parents will want to escort their children to Room 211 for choir that meets at 9:30 each Sunday morning.

Children's Church will also meet in Room 211.

*Contributions to the 2013 Mt Olivet Budget was nearly \$3,250 short of the goal!*

*Thanks for your faithfulness in giving!*

**f** Facebook Users are invited to join a Mt Olivet Facebook Group that is reading the Bible through chronologically in 2014.

You may access the group using the following URL address.

[www.facebook.com/groups/1410656885841696](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1410656885841696)

## Looking for CARITAS Volunteers

Brenda McAllister's leadership of Mt Olivet's CARITAS ministry has been invaluable! She has spearheaded our CARITAS mission project each year for many years! It is a ministry which provides housing and meals for homeless families out of Richmond.

Brenda reported at the recent business meeting that she and her husband may be moving before Mt Olivet would host

CARITAS in 2015.

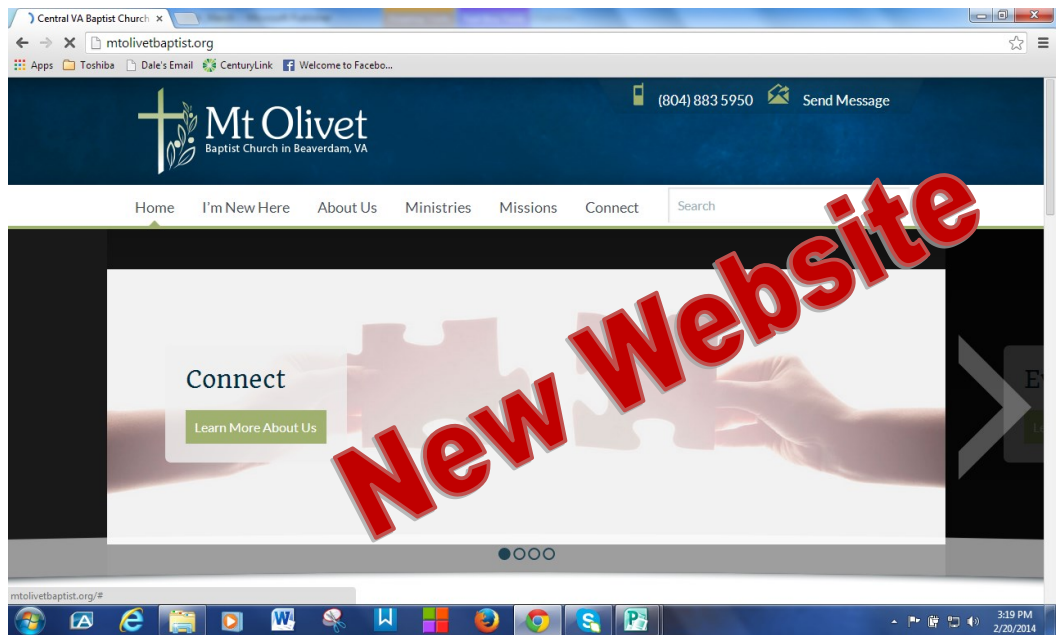
Therefore, Brenda is trying to enlist a person or team of people who would volunteer to help her lead the 2014 CARITAS in preparation for taking over the ministry in 2015. There is no better training than "on the job".

**Willing people are urged to call Brenda McAllister at (804) 449-6833 for more**

**information.**

She will be attending an orientation meeting in the middle of March. She would love for any volunteer to go with her.

**You can learn more about CARITAS at <http://www.caritasva.org>**



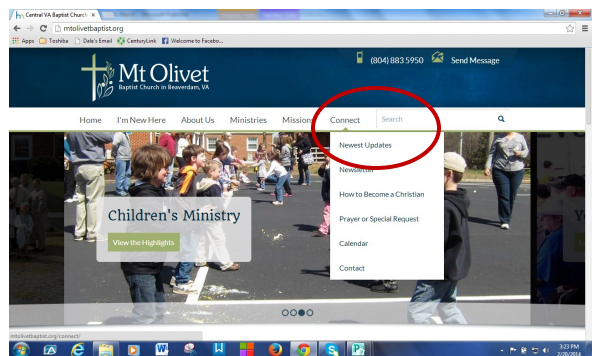
The church has recently launched its new website.

The site has two purposes.

1. To provide information for the church member
2. To introduce our church family to the community at large, helping them to learn a bit about us before they visit with us.

Click on the "Newest Updates" under the Connect tab on the

homepage for latest updates (such as having to cancel services due to



inclement weather).

View Calendar.

RSVP for dinners.

Try viewing the web site on your smartphone.

## Prayer Concerns

Jessica Bayne	Beverly Parrish
Pat Bland	Evelyn Seay
Ruby Bumpass	Ruby Stilwell
Russell Bumpass	Felicia Taylor
Dawn Dill	Kenneth Taylor
Betty Dye	Susan Turner
Richard Eck	Brad Weston
Brandon Germon	Luke Williams
Mary Lee Hall	Connie Williamson
Brittany Melton	Gayle Wingfield
	Joel Wingfield

### Assisted Living/ Convalescent/Homebound

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

### In the Military

David Igou  
Michael Thurston

### *Congratulations to...*

*...Stephen & Nikki Hall on the birth of Timothy William born January 25. Bobby & Nancy Hall are the grandparents. ...Travis & Brittany Brigham on the birth of Bentley Lyn born February 4. Neal & Carol Brigham are the grandparents.*

### *Sympathy is expressed to...*

*...Bob Sichi in the loss of his aunt, Janet Mullen. ...Claudia Phillips in the loss of her uncle. ...Ann Sichi in the loss of her aunt, Frances Jones.*

*Congratulations to Carol Umbel on receiving the "Good Samaritan" Award from Rappahannock Electric Cooperative!*

## News From our Mission Groups

### Mother/Daughter Girl

**Time...**Are you and your 1st-6th grade daughter in need of some girl time? Consider attending a fun-filled Alaskan Adventure missions event, Mom & Me, at Eagle Eyrie, April 25-26 or 26-27. Contact Missy Stanley for more details and/or for carpooling.

Save the dates June 26-28 or July 17-19 for Family Camps at Crossroads this summer as well. More details to follow!

### Recycling

The Girls-In-Action group has begun their recycling again at church. The girls

will be earning a badge for helping to gather and bring in recycled items. The recycled items will be collected every Wednesday night. Brown drop-off bins are located at the stairway in the Vaughan Building. Lisa Smith has additional information.

## Constitution & By-Laws Being Updated

Committee chairpersons and program leaders are asked to review their ministry descriptions in the Constitution and By-Laws and submit changes and updates to Bob Sichi,

chairman of the Committee, as soon as possible.

If you need an updated copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, please call the church office.



The Ruth Evening Circle will be collecting cups, bowls and utensils in March for Operation Christmas Child. Remember all items need to be small enough to fit in a shoebox. Janice Igou has details.

**"Body & Soul" Exercise classes continue to meet each Monday and Thursday at the church at 6:15 p.m.**

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Dale F. Ashley, Pastor  
Felicia G. Taylor, Children's Minister  
Claudia M. Phillips, Music Minister  
Cindy C. Weston, Youth Minister  
Shirley S. Mills, Secretary

**Daylight Saving Time  
Begins March 9**

***New Members***

*We are pleased to welcome Forrest and Sherry Jones who made their profession of faith and joined the Mt. Olivet family on February 2. Their son, Forrest, also became a member of the Children's Grade 5 Sunday School Class.*

**Youth News!**

**Youth Bible Study**

Every Wednesday night our youth are gathering and studying the life of the Apostle Paul and the early church. They are learning a little something about the letters Paul wrote which make up 13 books of the New Testament. Our focus in March will be the two letters Paul wrote to the Thessalonians.

Read along with us! Join us in conversation! Go to this webpage where I have a "virtual" bulletin board available for you to read and join us in conversation about our Bible Study! It's FREE!: <http://noteapp.com/poELcMESLicc>

**Bible Based Movies Coming to a Theater Near You!**



There are two movies hitting the national scene this March: "The Son Of God" and "Noah". The youth group is planning to see both! We invite parents and any other adults to join us. You can see movie trailers for these movies by doing a google or YouTube search. Please check the church bulletin for dates and times the youth are planning to go.

**RAM Mission Trip**

Youth who are planning to attend RAM

this summer need to sign-up by March 9th. A letter is being sent out this week to all parents of youth. Please see Cindy Weston or Dawn Dill for more information.

**Shoes Needed for RAM**

Please consider donating like-new shoes for our mission trip to RAM. Please ask family and friends to help us in this im-



portant mission. Donation boxes are located in the fellowship hall. We will be having several fundraisers, one of which includes our "Take-Out Box Lunch", to raise money to purchase new shoes for RAM. Thank you for your donations!