



The Witness

River Service: July 28

Come on down to the Rivah!!!

Sunday, July 28 is our annual River Baptism Service and picnic at the Thomasson Estate in Montpelier.

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Sunday School—9:00 a.m.

Travel to the River — 10:00

Worship, Baptism & Picnic — 10:15

What to bring:

Lawn Chair

Side Dish to add to the fried chicken provided

If your last name begins with the letters A-M, bring desserts

If your last name begins with the letters N-Z, bring vegetables.

Church is providing fried chicken, drinks, & paper products

Maps to the river are available on the shelf in the sanctuary.



Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, August 18 is our quarterly business meeting. Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m. with worship at 10:15. Lunch, provided by the Food Service Committee, will be available for folks staying for the meeting. The meeting will begin at the conclusion of lunch.

Clothesline & School Supply Give-Away

This annual FREE event for the community will be held at the church on Saturday, August 10 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing through 1:00 p.m.

You may come select clothing, shoes and school supplies for the upcoming year. Infant

through adult sizes of clothes will be available as well as some household items. School supplies are for children and youth K-12. Children must accompany parents, and children must be present to receive the supplies. Walk-ins accepted only, no appointments will

be taken for the school supply give-away.

You may bring your donations of clothing, shoes, household items and basic school supplies to the church July 28—August 9.

Event is sponsored by WMU and Youth Ministry.

Fantastic Week in Vacation Bible School!



“Colossal” is a great word to describe the energy level at Mt Olivet Baptist Church last week when we hosted 75-80 children each day for Vacation Bible School.

MANY thanks for the hard & capable leadership of **Melissa Huckstep** and **Lisa Smith** who served as our Bible School directors this year.

Thanks to **Ronnie & Cathy Williams** for providing the delicious

pastries each morning for workers!

God will water the Gospel seeds sown this week with His Holy Spirit and He will produce fruit as a result of our labor! Let’s pray & watch for it!

Words from our VBS Directors



What a pleasure it has been to serve Mount Olivet through Vacation Bible School and Carnival Night. The teachers, station leaders, and helpers did such an AMAZING job!! This huge event would not be possible without everyone chipping in serving, doing, making, singing, listening, and loving all the children involved. We had over 80 families that we served this week and it is not possible without the faithful members of this church serving God by helping children. We had over 50 volunteers each day helping to make this the best experience for each child. The children learned about Paul and his unwillingness to give in. He loved the Lord, accepted Him in his life and stood up for what he believed, everywhere he went. The children learned the verse 2 Timothy 1:7 that states, “For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.” They will forever know they can turn to Him for

help facing their fears. To go along with the week’s message the children made “comfort pillows” during craft time. These pillows will be sent with the Mt Olivet Youth Team on the RAM trip to pass out to children who are seeing the doctor for the first time. They also made contributions to the WHEAT pantry that helps members of our community!! **We are so blessed to have an awesome support system. It is great to have so many people that are there for all the children; because it truly takes a village ... and what a wonderful village it is ... to serve. Thank you for all your support, help, offerings and prayers. We could not have accomplished this without each and every person.**

God bless,

Melissa Huckstep & Lisa Smith



Water “Fun”day for Kids

Sunday, August 4

11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

For all kids through Grade 6

Lunch, Water Games, Activities —
here at the church

Prayer Concerns

Jessica Bayne
 Ella Lee Bowles
 Bob Campbell
 Lois Chenault
 Brandon Germon
 Matt Huckstep
 Kenny Newcomb
 Lori Newcomb
 Beverly Parrish
 Mike Parrish
 Debbie Rhyne
 Judy Sams

Charles Searles
 Fred Small
 Neesie Stearns
 Ruby Stilwell
 Susan Turner
 Robert Williams

Assisted Living/ Convalescent/Homebound

Barbara Cosby
 Betty Dye
 Ilene Henderson

Richey Jewell
 Martha Loving

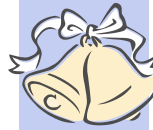
In the Military

Michael Thurston
 Daniel Wickham

Sympathy is extended to...

...Richard Eck in the loss of his uncle.
...the family of Stanley Lipscomb.
...Glenn Davis in the loss of his brother, Linwood.

Congratulations to Sara Coleman & Josh Oden who were married June 29, 2013.



Be in prayer for our Belize Mission Team as they travel and do mission work in Belize the week of August 17-24.

With Special Thanks To All Of You

To know you is to know people who are kind, considerate, and thoughtful. To know you is to be grateful for the special things you do.

For everything you've done...for being the special people that you are...thank you so very much.

We are fortunate to be part of

this church family. Thank you very much for all the various acts of kindness.

Love, Fred & Nancy Small

Dear Friends at Mt. Olivet,

I want to thank the church body for all the support for CARITAS. It was a wonderful

week for everyone. Your support for the homeless in our area is certainly honoring God when we serve those in need. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. In Christ's Name. Amen!

Also John and I wanted to thank all for the prayers, cards and food when his sister died.

Support from your brothers and sisters in Christ mean so much in times like that.

Sincerely, John & Brenda McAllister



Ruby Tuesday Give-Back Program: WOW

From all of the ladies of the Ruth Evening Circle, thanks to everyone for supporting the Ruby Tuesday Give-back Program for Operation Christmas Child in June. It was an astounding success and \$369.18 will ship at least 52 shoeboxes!

Here's more remarkable news—beginning August 1st and until further notice, eat at Ruby Tuesdays in Ashland on ANY Sunday, show our church bulletin, and we will continue to collect 20% for Operation Christmas Child. Flyers will

still be available on the church website for you to forward or pass along your



In August the Ruth Evening Circle will be collecting stuffed animals and underclothes for the shoeboxes. Remember all items need to be small enough to fit in a shoebox!

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Welcome New Member

We are pleased to welcome Annika Rocchiccioli who made her profession of faith on June 30 and will be baptized at the river.
Welcome Annika!

Welcome New Sunday School Members

Bob & Joan Crummette—Joy Class
Doug & Sara Collier—Café Class

“Young At Heart”

Contact Russell Bumpass at 883-6448 if you are interested in going with the “Young At Heart” group to Westover Plantation (owned by the Byrds) in Williamsburg, VA. on Thursday, August 29. They will be leaving the church at 7:00 a.m. and having breakfast on the road.



Wednesday “Nite” Bible Studies Are Returning

Discipleship Training is kicking off in August with a study on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 6:15-7:15 p.m. either at the church or at Neil and Wanda Laing’s home. A “lite” snack dinner will be served, and you will have an opportunity to participate in discussion on topics that will help you engage your world with information that points to Christ.

- There Is No Such Thing As Absolute Truth
- People Are Inherently Good
- No One Should Be Of-

fended

- Men And Women Are Equal
- A Fetus Isn’t Human
- The World Is Overpopulated
- Americans Are Greedy & Self Centered
- Islam Is A Religion Of Peace
- The Jews Stole Jerusalem
- The Earth Is Billions Of Years Old
- There Is No God
- Jesus Was Just A Good

Man

It takes effort to be prepared. Aren’t you tired of not having an answer??? Come on!! Let’s do this together!! “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”



We must have an accurate head count. Please let Neil know by July 28. Contact him at 883-

