

The Witness

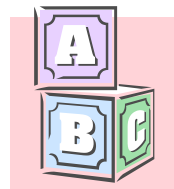
May Events



Our guests from CARITAS will be visiting with us May 3-10. Please volunteer your time to help with this ministry. See Brenda McAllister or sign up in the red book located in the kitchen.

Baby Dedication Service

Call the church office if you would like to have your child dedicated on Sunday, May 11 during the 11:00 worship service.



Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, May 18

No 8:30 Worship, 9:45 Sunday School, 11:00 Worship,
Lunch prepared by Food Service Committee, Business Meeting

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Special points of interest:

- The Annie Armstrong goal of \$5,000.00 has been met! Thank you for your support of North American Missions!!!
- The Kitchen Upgrade goal of \$34,000.00 has also been met. The Food Service Committee and the "Kitchen Flip-pin" Committee thank you for your generosity!
- A few pictorial directories are available for purchase at \$6.00 each. Call the church office.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar for this year's Bible School the week of July 7-11 from 8:30 a.m.-Noon. The theme is "Weird Animals". Wednesday, May 14, the VBS group will share information about this year's program after the Family Night Ministry meal.

Registration for VBS will be available after the time of sharing. Contact Melissa Huckstep at 804-994-7232 to volunteer to help with VBS.



Legacy to Christ, Her Church & Its Mission

All of us who knew Phyllis Vaughan can testify to her love for the Lord and her obedience to His teachings. Without question, she was devoted to the life and work of Mt Olivet Baptist Church. She loved its people and loved the community the church serves. She had a tender heart for those who would run into difficult times and needed financial assistance to help them move past the hurdle.

Phyllis not only helped others during her life, but also in death. She has bequeathed a portion of her estate to the church's benevolent fund that is

managed by the Deacons. The church recently received a check in the amount of \$62,500.00 from Phyllis's estate.

This gift will be a legacy to her Christ and His compassion for the less fortunate. Phyllis continues to "minister to the least of these", even now as she rests in the very presence of the Lord.

This gift also serves as a model for all of us to follow —exemplifying how we too can remember the church in our own "last will and testament."



Many Thanks for ALL Who Made Easter So Special

I love the way that the many volunteers at Mt Olivet use their creativity, energy and time to make celebrations like Easter so meaningful.

Did you see the beautiful flowers around the church (inside and out) on Easter?

Did you taste the yummy foods served at the Easter breakfast?

Did you notice how the tables & chairs were arranged, making your Easter breakfast a time of warm fellowship?

Did you hear the glorious music at both

Easter worship services? Didn't the choir's presentation of the Easter story stir your heart?

Did your child experience the children's worship on Maundy Thursday (led by Felicia Taylor) as they followed Jesus from the triumphal entry to His death on the cross?

Did you feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit as you blended your voice with the voices of 225 other people in attendance at the 9:45 worship?

Did you take part in the conversations about the Easter story in Bible study?

What if our volunteers who prepared & decorated the building, rehearsed the music, or cooked the food had chosen not to serve, ... ?

Hundreds of volunteer hours were invested in making Easter the beautiful experience that it was! THANKS to each one.

Mission Notes

RAM Mission Trip



shoes (athletic style) or work boots

The youth are still collecting "gently" used or new shoes of all sizes for men, women and children. "Walking" type

are preferred. Collection boxes are located in the fellowship hall for your donations.

Ruth Evening Circle ...

... Is collecting soap and wash cloths for Operation Christmas Child during the month of May . Drop off donations in Room 205.

"Soles For Souls"

250 pairs of shoes were delivered to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The collection will continue through mid May. Donations may be dropped off in the Odd Fellows Classroom in Room 212.

Prayer Concerns

Jessie Bayne

Brandon Germon

Bobby Hall

Mary Lee Hall

Seth Hall

Patti Harris

John McAllister

Brenda Morrison

Brittany Melton

Beverly Parrish

Anne Puryear

Tye & Colton Rhyne

Evelyn Seay

Fred Small

Ruby Stilwell

Kenneth Taylor

Gayle Wingfield

Assisted Living/Convalescent/ Homebound

Bob Campbell

Barbara Cosby

Betty Dye

Margaret Gray

Ilene Henderson

W.P. Hockaday

Richey Jewell

Martha Loving

Neesie Stearns



In the Military

David Igou & Michael Thurston

About Our People

Sympathy is extended to...

...Bobby Hall in the loss of his brother, Gene.

...Bill Hockaday in the loss of his mother, Pauline.

...Dawn Dill in the loss of her grandfather, Paul Stanfield.

...Judy Ashley in the loss of her sister-in-law, Kathy Ball.

...Cindy Weston in the loss of her mother, Barbara Carr.

Congratulations to...

...Eric & Sondra Williams on the birth of Sara June born April 9. Ron & Cathy Williams are the grandparents.

...Jeannette Rosenberg who was selected Chickahominy Middle School's Teacher of the Year.

...Ronnie & Cathy Williams who received the 2014 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Award (Outstanding Small Business Award) for their spirit of "giving back" of food and service over the years.

...Bernadette Sipple on receiving the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal- Outstanding Performance of Duty Award through the ROTC Program at Patrick Henry High School.

...Austin Cook who is also a member of the ROTC Program at Patrick Henry.

...David Igou who is graduating from Basic Training in the National Guard.



With Appreciation

Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and meals during my recent illness and the death of Bobby's brother. We are so blessed to be a part of Mt. Olivet.

In Christ's Love,
Bobby & Nancy Hall

Dear Mt. Olivet Family,
Your cards, thoughts and prayers have meant so much to me and my family during this difficult time. My grandfather was a precious man to me and I will greatly miss him. He and my grandmother were life-long ballroom dancers and now my

grandfather is dancing with angels. I am certain that the Lord has said to him "Well done".

Love,
Dawn Dill and family

Chimes for Children-Grade One and Up (Or for the Young at Heart)

It came to my attention, right around Christmas time, that some of our children would like to learn to ring. We are fortunate at Mt. Olivet to have not only 3 octaves of Handbells, but also 2 octaves of Handchimes. Chimes, much like Bells, make a beautiful sound. They are not as heavy as Bells, are a little easier to grasp, and can generally take the “whoops” of less refined motor skills a little better than Handbells. If you or your child (currently in 1st Grade or older) would like an introduction to ringing, please join us for a 6 week hands-on test drive. We will meet in the Choir Room each Wednesday evening from 6 – 6:30 pm from May 7 through June 11. Please call Claudia (752-0012) if anyone in your family is interested.



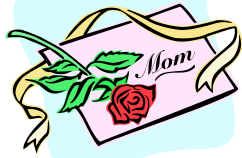
Handchimes

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

That’s the title of Hymn # 360 in our Baptist Hymnal. And boy, did you do that on Easter Sunday! Many thanks to all our musicians who made our Easter celebration such a memorable event. Thanks to the Praise Team for getting up in the dark to sing praise at day break. Thanks to the Handbells for the ethereal tones that accompanied “Christ the Lord is Risen Today.” Thank you to the Choir and the Easter Singers who joined them for the soaring cantata. “Best one ever!” is the response I keep hearing.

Keep the Momentum Going

This season, our regular choir members have dealt with some difficult situations. We’ve had members with family deaths, several completed surgeries, upcoming surgery on the horizon, extended illness and family members who have needed care. Those issues, combined with the normal requirements of being out of town, have at times made our choir quite small. In spite of that, our faithful members have offered encouraging and uplifting worship in song. If you like to sing and have had thoughts of attending choir, now would be a good time to try it out. You could “hold up the hands” of that member who is not able to sing at this time. Help us keep the Easter momentum going. It would greatly encourage us!



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

**Business Meeting:
May 18**

Welcome Sunday School Member

Kenneth Jayne—Youth (Grade 11)

Welcome New Member

We are pleased to welcome Kylie Rosenberg who made her profession of faith on April 20 and will be baptized. Details regarding her baptism will be available in the near future.



Business Meeting Agenda for May 18

The trustees of Mt Olivet Baptist Church plan to share some basic information about a request from WHEAT (Western Hanover Emergency Action Team) to construct a building on Mt Olivet's property to accommodate its growing ministry of providing food for the hungry in the western Hanover community.

Currently, WHEAT uses two of the church's storage spaces as a pantry from which food is distributed to a growing number of families on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

Initial drawings from the WHEAT Board show the structure to be a 30 foot by 80 foot vinyl clad building.

There are many questions that need to be asked and answered before the trustees can feel comfortable in mak-

ing a recommendation to the church. Researching these questions will take a lot of time and work.

Therefore, the trustees feel that it is prudent to ask the church membership how it feels about the basic idea of providing the land, before investing the effort in exploring the idea in greater detail.

You can expect the trustees to

1. Present the concept and information as it has been presented to them by the WHEAT Board
2. Give opportunity for church members to ask questions and voice opinions about the project and its short-term and long-term potential impact on the ministries of both Mt Olivet and WHEAT

3. Report that the Church Council sees this request as an opportunity to increase our partnership with WHEAT

4. Ask the church for direction about exploring the matter further. If the church authorizes the trustees to pursue the matter, they will report back to the church in a future business meeting, providing answers to questions and offering additional details about the project

5. Affirm that no action will be taken and no promises will be made without the knowledge and approval of the church in business session.

If you have questions please feel free to talk with a trustee (Russell Bumpass, Ernie Mason, or Billy Puryear).