

MT. OLIVET BAPTIST
CHURCH

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Church office closed September 1 in observance of Labor Day
- 2014 Leadership Development Conference on Monday, September 22 at Central Baptist Church in Richmond. Watch for details...

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The Witness

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Homecoming: Sunday, September 21

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon following Worship

Church provides meat, beverage & paper products

Congregation is asked to provide vegetables & dessert

(last names ending in A-P, bring vegetables)

(last names ending in Q-Z, bring desserts)



Regular Worship Service

Resumes September 7

8:30 & 11:00 Worship

9:45 Sunday School



Family Night Ministry

Begins Wednesday, September 10 (dinner & study for all ages)

Week of Prayer for Virginia Missions

September 14-21

Our Church Demographics



The Oldest Member holding the newest arrival in our church family

When people ask about our church, many times they want to know such things as the number of members, the size of the budget, the seating capacity of the sanctuary, the average attendance, etc.

Another thing that many will ask concerns the average age of those who attend. Many churches find that the majority of participants are in the “senior

adult” range.

One of the blessings that Mt Olivet enjoys these days is the wide and balanced age span of our congregation. There are many young families with children & youth as well as older adults. To see classrooms filled with energetic children who are eager to learn is a beautiful thing. To hear the voices of children as they sing praises to

the Lord is a beautiful sound. To hear the gurgles and coos of babies in the sanctuary is a precious sound. Mt Olivet is in a good place right now, as God blesses us with people of all ages who love one another in the Lord! Just ask Mrs. Rachel Mothena as she already is “spoiling” the newest arrival — Chase Anderson Huckstep!

“Body & Soul”

Join us Thursday, September 4th at 6:15 p.m. for a “pot-luck” salad supper in the fellowship hall. There will be a surprise for all those who bring a friend!

Exercise classes begin Monday, September 7th at 6:15 and continue each Monday and Thursday.

You have elected 6

new deacons.

Johnny Axselle

Wayne Draper

John Montaigne

Jim Sams

Joel Stanley

Brad Weston

Website Update

The website has gained a new feature just recently. While there is still some work to be done, a photo gallery will be added. You will see the gallery option at the top of the home page when you go to

www.mtolivetbaptist.org.

In time, we will be posting

pictures of recent mission trips, church events, etc. so that everyone can see what is happening in the life of the church.

Also on the website is a devotional option if you click on the Pentecost picture on the homepage. There is a devotional for each day as well as a sug-

gested prayer for the day!

As always, we welcome your suggestions as to how to improve the website to provide information that will be helpful to you. Please contact the pastor or church secretary with your ideas.

Deacon Ordination

A Deacon Ordination Service will be held on Sunday, September 28 for Johnny Axselle, one of our newly elected deacons.

There is an 11:00 service that morning with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. There will be no 8:30 service to

allow everyone the opportunity to participate in Johnny’s Ordination Service.

We hope you will plan to attend and support Johnny as he begins his new role as a deacon at Mt. Olivet.



Prayer Concerns



Jessie Bayne
 Don Beazley
 Ardie Browne
 Pam Call
 Brandon Germon
 Peggy Gravely
 Mary Lee Hall
 Niki Hall
 Neil Laing
 John McAllister
 Brenda Morrison

Tom Morrison
 Rachel Mothena
 Evelyn Seay
 Zetsie Stevens
 McKensie Washington
 Wayne Watson Family
 Gayle Wingfield

**Assisted Living/
 Convalescent/Homebound**

Bob Campbell
 Barbara Cosby

Margaret Gray
 Ilene Henderson
 W.P. Hockaday
 Richey Jewell
 Willy Lipscomb
 Martha Loving
 Susan Newton
 Beverly Parrish
 Anne Puryear
 Neesie Stearns

In The Military

David Igou
 Michael Thurston

With Appreciation

Thank you so much for all the prayers and concerns for Freddie. God has heard and answered prayers by allowing Freddie to come home and being able to move about.

We appreciate all the good food and fellowship that has been shared as well as the cards and calls. We ask for your continued prayers as Freddie goes through chemo and radiation therapy. Tim & Freda Pickle & Betty Dye

This is a very belated but very well deserved thank you to our church family for how you have loved on us since my knee replacement surgery in April. The delicious meals were such a blessing; the cards, phone calls and visits uplifting and the prayers have kept us going. It has been a bit more than I anticipated with all the therapy but the doctor says we're finally turning a corner and I don't have to come back for 8 months, just need to keep walking and doing

the exercises on my own to strengthen the muscle. Discipline—now that is something I struggle with and God has used this to remind me that like my weak muscles, my faith has to be strengthened in order to walk the Christian walk (1 Tim. 4:7-10). We are all on this journey together—one step at a time—and we thank you again for your love and encouragement as we walk side by side. We couldn't ask for better traveling companions!

Patti & Paul Harris

Week of Prayer for Virginia Missions

We will be observing the Week of Prayer for Virginia Missions September 14-21. The Alma Hunt goal this year is \$3,000.00. Please join us on Wednesday evening, September 17 to hear our guest speaker, Chaplain Bill Twine. Bill is the chaplain at St. Brides Correctional Center and

is the longest serving prison chaplain in the state of Virginia. He also serves as the chaplain supervisor for the Chaplain Service Prison Ministry of Virginia. This important ministry is one of the many ministries that benefits from the Alma Hunt State Missions offering. Hope to see you there!

**Living
 Through
 The
 Presence**



Sympathy is extended to...

*...Nichole Allan in the loss of her father, Robert Hasty.
 ...Melanie Harman in the loss of her mother, Ruby Stilwell.*

Congratulations...

*...to Stuart Huckstep & Hope Bell on the birth of their son, Chase Anderson.
 Rick & Ann Huckstep are the proud grandparents.
 ...Jonathan & Niki Hall on the birth of Clarke born August 25. Bobby & Nancy Hall are the proud grandparents.*



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Welcome Sunday School Member

John Ramirez—The Café Class

Youth News!

Wednesday Bible Study:

"A year with Jesus!"

I'm very excited to begin our new church year! Wednesday nights we will be focusing on just one subject: JESUS! I'm calling this "a year with Jesus". We will look at every aspect of the life and ministry of our Lord. We will study His teachings, marvel at His miracles, and in the process, it is my prayer that youth will come to see fully why we call Him "The Light Of The World, our Hope, The Messiah, our Savior". Youth will meet in the ATTIC room each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. I hope your youth will join us for fellowship

and study. Youth Bible study is for those in grades 6-12.

Youth Sunday School!

Each Sunday, youth will gather for lessons from the Lifeway series called KNOWN. The focus of each lesson is: "Know God, Own your Faith, make your Faith Known. Our 6th and 7th grade youth meet as one class in room 201, while our 8th through 12th grade youth meet as a class in room 200. Please contact Cindy Weston if you have any questions about our youth ministry.

Thank You!

On behalf of all the youth and its workers, I would like to thank all of you for your support of youth and our ministry here at Mt. Olivet. You have supported us in your giving, in your prayers, and your constant words of love and encouragement. Thank you Mt. Olivet for all the ways you support our youth and our ministry to them!

Cindy Weston, Youth Minister

