

# The Witness

March 25, 2015

## Special points of interest:

- > Your Annie Armstrong Easter Offerings are still being received. Your donations for North American Missions is greatly appreciated. Our goal is \$5,000.00.
- > Sunday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m., the Harvesters Quartet from North Carolina will be having a concert at Mt. Olivet. A love offering will be taken. Refreshments following the concert. Sponsored by Special Events Ministry Team.
- > If you or someone close to you needs help with yard or clean-up after the winter season, contact Wayne Coleman or call the church office. The Community Missions Deacon Ministry Team will be happy to assist you.

## Easter Schedule

### **Family Easter Celebration, March 28**

For children & their families from 1:00-2:30

### **Palm Sunday, March 29**

Baptism Service at 11:00 am  
in Fellowship Hall

### **Dessert Auction in Fellowship Hall, March 29**

Goal for Annie Armstrong Offering - \$5,000

### **Christ in the Passover, April 1**

Dinner begins at 5:45 (Please RSVP)

The Easter story in the Passover at 6:30  
Led by David Liebman (Jews for Jesus)

(nursery provided for birth—age 3)

### **Easter Services, April 5**

Sunrise Service - 6:45 am

Breakfast - 7:30 am

Sunday School - 8:30 am

Worship & Cantata - 9:45 am

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**MOBC is headed to Zimbabwe! Have you heard the call?**

Whether you are going or sending, Mt. Olivet is preparing to be the hands and feet of Jesus at Sanyati Baptist Hospital this August as part of the five-year makeover being sponsored by Baptist Global Response.

This is the fifth year of the makeover, and MOBC is sending a team to put the finishing touches on the hospital. There will also be op-

portunities to serve and pray with inpatients, outpatients, and in the community. Special skills are NOT needed—just a willingness to serve!

Commitments can be made through April 1st by adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the breezeway and paying a deposit of \$250.00. Training sessions and more information will follow in order to prepare for the trip

August 12-24, 2015.

Contact a Missions Development Committee member for more information. This is an exciting time in the life of our church as we answer God's call to the Great Commission through this opportunity.



**“So no one can become my disciple unless he first sits down and counts his blessings and then renounces them all for me.”  
Luke 14:33 TLB**

**Becoming A Disciple...***Do you know what it means to be a disciple? A disciple is, literally, a scholar, a*

*learner, especially one who believes in the doctrine of his teacher and follows him. A disciple acknowledges there is one who knows more than he does. A disciple is a person who realizes he needs to learn more than he knows now and the more he learns the more he realizes he needs to learn.*

*A disciple must spend time with his teacher in order to gain wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. He knows he cannot get it by osmosis or any other way. It would be like trying to graduate from college without ever attending classes. It is impossible to do. One must interact with one's professors, asking questions, receiving answers, and studying the assigned material.*

*All of us who belong to Christ are (or ought to be) His disciples. Unlike the original disciples, we cannot physically spend time with Jesus. But we can hear Him speak and learn from Him just the same by reading what He said when he was here, by speaking to Him through prayer, and by determining to be obedient to his teachings. This is the ultimate proof that one is a disciple: if he follows the commands of his teacher.*

*Jesus said that he who keeps God's commandments is the one who truly loves God. Are you a disciple of the Lord Jesus?*

Dear Father, You sent Jesus to be the Master Teacher, and I want to be His disciple. I want to learn from Him, learn about Him, and learn about You and Your will for me. Give me insight, Father. Give me wisdom to use what I learn well. In the name of the Master, Amen.

From "Unto the Hills" by Billy Graham, copyright 2010

**Mt Olivet Will Host the Dover Baptist Association's Semi Annual Meeting—May 3**

On Sunday, May 3, the Dover Baptist Association's Semi-annual meeting will be held right here at Mt Olivet Baptist Church.

We look forward to representatives from all the Dover churches coming to our church for this meeting. The program will feature the

Virginia Baptist Women's Chorus under the leadership of Deborah Loftis. Our church membership will certainly be welcome to attend the meeting as guests, with only 7 being eligible to serve as registered, voting messengers to the meeting.

The meeting begins at 3:00 pm and will conclude at 5:00 pm.

Please let the pastor know if you would like to serve as a messenger.



**Prayer Concerns**



John Axselle

Jessie Bayne

June Beazley

Micky Campbell

Dawn Dill

Betty Dye

Richard Eck

Brandon Germon

Bernard Gravely

Bobby Hall

Mary Lee Hall

Randy James

Wanda Laing

Brittany Melton

Tim Pickle

Evelyn Seay

Jamie Sichi

Rick Slater

Wayne Watson

Kim Williamson

Gayle Wingfield

Barbara Cosby

Peggy Gravely

Margaret Gray

Ilene Henderson

Richey Jewell

Willy Lipscomb

Martha Loving

Beverly Parrish

Anne Puryear

Neesie Stearns

Michael Thurston in the military.

Assisted Living/

Convalescent/Homebound

Bob Campbell

Lin & Dean Carter

**Notes of Appreciation**

John and I wanted to thank the Odd Fellows Class, our church family and friends for the meals that have been prepared for us. We appreciate all of the cards, emails and phone calls checking in on us and most importantly for the prayers during my recovery. We love our church and feel so blessed to have

you all in our lives.

John & Kim Williamson

A special thanks to Anne, my mother-in-law, who is an amazing example of what it means to be a Christian full of love, faith and generosity.

Thank you for your continued support of us over these past weeks. You have given so

much of your time in helping us with our daily tasks, preparing dinners and assisting in the care of Savannah. You are a true blessing in all of our lives and thank you for setting the bar high for the woman I hope to become!

Love you!

Kim Williamson

Dear Mt. Olivet Church Family,

Thank you again for your continuing care and concern for me and my family. I appreciate your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and food during my recent illness. I am so thankful for a loving church family.

In His Name, Ray Parrish



Palm Sunday is a time to remember the occasion of Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. It was a time of great rejoicing for those who thought that Jesus was the Messiah who was coming into the city to rescue them from the dominating Roman Empire! Can you imagine the excitement in the hearts of the disciples to see their Lord being hailed as king?

**Palm Sunday at Mt Olivet on March 29 will also be special as 3 will be baptized.**

**Please come to the Fellowship Hall in time for the baptism which happens at 11:00.** After the baptism, we will proceed to the sanctuary for the remainder of the service.

**Congratulations to Chris & Brittany Henley on the birth of Addison Drew on March 1.**

**Sympathy is extended to Melissa Huckstep in the loss of her mother, Pam Andrews.**



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The Ruth Evening Circle is collecting combs, brushes and hair items for Operation Christmas Child during the month of April. Donations of empty shoe-boxes would also be appreciated. All items may be placed in Room 211 upstairs in the educational building.



### CARITAS Guests Coming to Mt. Olivet!

CARITAS guests will be visiting with us the week of May 23-30. Much help is needed to carry out this ministry to the homeless. Contact Judy Sams, coordinator, or sign-up in the red book located on the table in the fellowship hall next to the kitchen. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

### Youth News!

#### RAM Mission Participants

Please look for an email soon with details pertaining to RAM. Thanks for going! We have 30 adults and youth attending this year!

#### RAM Shoe Collection Underway

The youth are collecting as many "new" shoes as possible to take with us to RAM this summer. Donation containers are located in the fellowship hall, the adult Sunday School area, and next to the youth "ATTIC" room. All sizes are needed for both adults and children. Athletic/walking shoes or work boots are requested. Thanks for your donations!

#### "The Life Of Christ" Shadow Play

Our shadow play will be performed Wednesday, June 10th in the fellowship hall.

#### Youth Ministry Guest Speakers

I am looking for individuals to come and give testimony during our Wednesday or Sunday classes. If you know of any young adult in the community or any other individuals willing to share a testimony or encouraging message aimed towards youth, please contact Cindy. [cindy@mtolivetbaptist.org](mailto:cindy@mtolivetbaptist.org)



Joint meeting of parents, youth and Youth Committee members on April 9 at 7:00 p.m. to receive input from parents and youth regarding goals for the youth and the ministry program.