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October 24 4:00-7:00 p.m. Details on Children's Insert Sheet "Body & Soul" Exercise Class begins October 5 at 6:15 p.m. World Hunger Sunday October 11 (bowls are distributed to be returned in February, 2016 with your donations for the hungry of the world) Alma Hunt Offering Deadline

Mt. Olivet Fall Festival

Alma Hunt Offering

May God bless this church for her generous support of missions — associational, state, national, and international.

It is remarkable to see we have already met and

exceeded our goal for the Alma Hunt State Missions Offering! There are so many valuable ministries that this offering helps to provide — from church planting to mission team support to disaster relief to

October 18

Goal: \$2,500.00

Received: \$4,145.00

G.A. camps and R.A. camps (where our boys and girls can attend during the course of the year!

You may continue to give through Sunday, October 18.

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Operation Christmas Child

• The Ruth Evening Circle is collecting flashlights and batteries for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes during the month of October. They would also appreciate your donation of empty shoeboxes. Janice Igou has information.

Meet the Preschool II Teachers by Gwen Eck, Preschool Division Director

Meet Angela Drumheller, co-teacher with Cheryl Puryear. She has been teaching Sunday School for three years and does it because she loves children and loves seeing them excited about learning of God's love. Angela has also taught Mission Friends and Vacation Bible School.



Angela Drumheller

She decorates her room to go along with the Bible story she is teaching. She is enthusiastic and loves the children. The children say they love her because "she is always nice and fun and teaches us stories and games."

She is married to Kevin Drumheller and this October they will have been married for 18 years. They have twin sons, Austin and Cody, who are in middle school. Her birthday is April 26. In her spare time, Angela enjoys crocheting, knitting, vegetable gardening and raising chickens as well as always enjoying the children.

Cheryl Puryear has been teaching Sunday School on and off for 20 years. According to Cheryl she does it because "I love children and teaching." She also teaches Vacation Bible School. People love to watch her teach; she makes the stories come alive. The children say "she tells good stories and makes puzzles and games."

Cheryl has been married to Billy for 30

years and has two daughters, Abby and Katey, and a grandson, Thomas. She loves gardening and children. Her birthday is July 16.

Cheryl loves to teach and is willing to provide this ministry.



Chervl Purvear

Catching Your Breath by Dale Ashley, Pastor

Are you like me — just trying to catch your breath?

Each year life seems to get busier and busier! With the beginning of the new school year, our calendars are quickly filling in with homework and after school activities, sports, scouts, music lessons, dance lessons, volunteering in community events plus many other fine things.

Free time is becoming a rare commodity these days, more so than ever before! Somehow, we must reclaim our calendar so that it doesn't rule us! But how do we free up some time? What do we leave out?

One thing that we must allow for is our faith development. Don't believe the myth that you can catch up on God when schedules are less hectic! Something else will always clamor for our attention and time and finances!

It is extremely important to take care of the spiritual dimension of ourselves at least as we take care of our academic, physical, and emotional dimensions of our life! Let's not forget GOD!

Let's make sure that we are in a Bible class with other Christians each week. Children, youth, and adults always need to learn more of the Scriptures and how to apply God's Word to our life.

Let's also make certain that we are joining with other Christians for worship on a weekly basis. Let worship and Bible study attendance consistently show up on your calendar, week after week!

I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and Wednesdays!

Recreation Center Update

The church in the most recent business meeting asked that a committee be formed to study options for the use of the volleyball court and bring a recommendation to the November 2015 business meeting.

As a committee was not officially nominated and approved at the business meeting, the church council has approved the following people who are willing to serve

Joel Stanley (Deacon) - Chairperson Billy Puryear (Trustee) Jason Melton (Building and Property) Harlan Mason (Administrative) Cindy Weston (Youth) Dawn Dill (Youth) Bob Sichi (Church Council)

Volleyball Court Location Being Studied



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Prayer Concerns

Cindy & John Axselle

Jessie Bayne

Don Beazley

Rick Eck

Dawn Gibson

Gloria Hare

Luke Morrison

Tom Morrison

Evelyn Seay

Heather Shelton

Debbie Smith Kenneth Taylor

Jean Thurston

Wayne Watson family

Everett Williamson

Gayle Wingfield

Assisted Living/Convalescent/

Homebound

Bob Campbell

Lin & Dean Carter

Barbara Cosby

Peggy Gravely

Margaret Gray

Richey Jewell

Martha Loving

Beverly Parrish

Anne Puryear

Neesie Stearns

In the Military

Michael Thurston

Sympathy is extended to...

... Velma Wingfield in the loss of her aunt.

...the family of Mrs. Willie Lipscomb.

...family of Mrs. Alethia Dietrich (wife of former pastor of Mt. Olivet, Dr. William Dietrich, Jr.)



Get Into Worship Through Music

8:30 A.M. Song Leader Needed

The Music and Worship Committee is looking for someone (or a tag team) to lead the hymn singing during the 8:30 service.

Physical direction (i.e. hand waving) is not required. We simply need someone to stand in the pulpit, announce the hymns and lead the singing with their voice. If you like to sing and feel



led to minister in this position, please talk to a member of the Music and Worship Committee (Andy Parrish is the new chair—883 -5431).

We wish to thank Sandy Barnard for the fine job she has done in filling this position for several years. We pray God's blessings on her and on Jim as they prepare to move from our community.

Forget Your Troubles, Come On Get Happy

That's the first line of an old song sung by the likes of Garland and Sinatra that continues like this: You better chase all your cares away

Shout Hallelujah, come on get happy

Get ready for the judgement day

As it turns out that old song is a pretty potent health prescription. According to an article in Arthritis Today, "studies have linked singing with a lower heart rate, decreased blood pressure, reduced stress and less awareness of pain." Just a few more reasons to get singing and/or playing at Mt. Olivet.

Choir: Wednesday nights 7:30-9:00

Handbells: Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30

Praise Team: Two Thursdays a month 7:00-8:00 or 8:30

CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARS-

ALS start the first Wednesday in October. We sing each Wednesday from 7:30 until about 8:00, rehearsing one song per week for our presentation on Sunday, December 20. The cantata is based on Amy Grant's and Chris Eaton's award winning song, "Breath of Heaven." The music is easy and take home rehearsal CDs are available.

So come on out and get singing, ringing, playing, moving.

IT'LL DO YOU GOOD!!!!!!!!!!!

8:30 Song Leader Needed



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Welcome New Member

We are so pleased to welcome Eric Cauthorne who joined Mt. Olivet by transfer of membership on August 30.

Welcome Eric!

S.O.S. (Serving Our Savior) Youth News!

Bible Study:

Our first Wednesday night Bible study will come from the movie "Do You Believe?". This study will look at two specific questions.

- If someone were to accuse you of being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?
- If you're a Christian, then what are you going to do about it?

This study will take us through the end of October.

Our next Bible study is called "Firsthand Faith". What is meant by a firsthand faith? We're talking about a faith that is built around a personal relationship with Christ. Too many confuse knowledge about Jesus with a *relationship* with Him. Your beliefs must be just that, *yours*. They can't be your parents, pastor's, or even your

friend's faith because that would be a secondhand faith. We will be exploring how we can have that "firsthand" faith where we each have a very personal relationship and walk with the Lord.

Wednesday night Bible study begins at 6:30 p.m.! All youth grades 6-12 are invited to attend!

Looking Ahead: Fun & Fellowship!

• Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. Young adults who are high school seniors through age "20-something" are gathering at the Ashland Coffee & Tea for fellowship and discussion. All high school seniors are invited!

 Saturday, October 31 at 7:00 p.m. All youth grades 6-12 are invited to a bonfire at the home of the Dill family. Food, games, candy, fun and fellowship! Please RSVP and bring a friend!

Questions or information? Contact Cindy at cindy@mtolivetbaptist.org

