

# THE WITNESS

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## HOMECOMING AT MT. OLIVET! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20



Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Luncheon following Worship

Church provides chicken, 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)

Our church family has been scattered this spring and summer traveling  
"far and wide".

Let's try to get together on September 20.  
Look inside for more information.

## "EVENING AT THE RIVER"

The Special Events Deacons' Team has scheduled a relaxing evening at the river on the Thomason Farm (14335 Cherry Hill Road, Montpelier) for the church family.

Everyone is invited to attend on September 2

from 6:00–7:30 p.m.

There will be a short devotional with baptism for anyone requesting baptism in the river. Tessa Hawks plans to be baptized that evening!

The church is providing hamburgers, hotdogs,

and all the fixings for an enjoyable meal. Just show up and enjoy the evening!

Everyone bring a lawn chair or blanket.

RSVP via the website or insert in the Sunday bulletin.

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### Important Notice

- Regular Worship Schedule begins September 13
- 8:30 & 11:00 Worship
- 9:30 Children's Choir
- 9:45 Sunday School

## WOULDN'T IT BE FUN IF ...

all of the Mt Olivet church family would come together in one place at the same time for worship and fellowship?

I dream that our traditional 3rd Sunday of September Homecoming will be a Family Reunion of sorts!

What's a family reunion without sharing food and photos, conversation & catching up with others, and in our case worshipping together?

Sunday School at 9:45  
Worship at 11:00  
Lunch at noon

The worship service will feature about 25-30 minutes of good Gospel music provided by our Praise Team as well as conversation about what makes us family — our faith heritage.

And what if we shared some of your vacation pictures with one another showing some of the places that we have visited and things that we have done summer?

We can put your pictures together in a PowerPoint to be shown during lunch in the fellowship hall. I bet some of those pictures can



prompt some great conversations with one another.

Send us a few of your family pictures (to dale@mtolivetbaptist.org). We will pick and choose from the photos that you send in, making sure that everyone has a chance to share.

### Deacon Ordination Service

For Jacob Gilkey and Jason Melton is scheduled for Sunday, August 30, at 10:15. Jake and Jason will be sharing their testimonies. Be praying for them and their families.



Jacob Gilkey



Jason Melton

### "Pumpkin Farming" and "Cow Kissing"



Donations accepted toward children's playground for pumpkins.

See Children's Newsletter that is enclosed.

### Wednesday Evening Study

October 7 & 14

6:30 pm

"Post Traumatic Stress Disorder"

Led by WMU

Everyone is invited to share in this focus, helping the church to minister to the many who are struggling with this life-changing disorder.

## ALMA HUNT STATE MISSIONS

The Alma Hunt State Missions emphasis this year is September 13-20.

Our church goal is \$2,500.00 and will be collected through October 18.

The offering provides funding for all Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists).

Since 1976 this offering has been a joint venture between WMUV and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

Starting new churches, helping Christ followers to develop ministry skills, providing funding for the Disaster Response Ministry, sponsoring Impact! Mission Camps, providing funding for the Bland Ministry Center — are only a few of the projects funded by our gifts to the Alma Hunt State Mission Offering.

## Alma Hunt

Offering for Virginia Missions

**EMPHASIS DATES**  
September 13-20, 2015

**OFFERING GOAL**  
\$1,167,500

Find out more at [AlmaHunt.org](http://AlmaHunt.org)

# PRAYER CONCERNS

Cindy & John Axelle  
 Jessie Bayne  
 Charlie Eck  
 Rick Eck  
 Dawn Gibson  
 Tom Morrison  
 Judy Sams  
 Evelyn Seay  
 Fred Small  
 Kenneth Taylor  
 Jean Thurston  
 Wayne Watson family  
 Cathy Williams

Everett Williamson  
 Gayle Wingfield  
Assisted Living/Convalescent/  
 Homebound  
 Bob Campbell  
 Lin & Dean Carter  
 Barbara Cosby  
 Peggy Gravely  
 Margaret Gray  
 Richey Jewell  
 Willy Lipscomb  
 Martha Loving  
 Beverly Parrish

Anne Puryear  
 Neesie Stearns  
In the Military  
 Michael Thurston

Dale & family,  
 We want to thank you so much for performing the funeral service for Mom. She thought the world of you and the whole church family. She always loved spending time with everyone at the church. She was a very strong-willed and determined Christian. God love her. She will be dearly missed, but I praise the Lord for taking her out of all of her suffering and pain as hard as it is to say. God is good! Now my Mother can rejoice being in the presence of the Lord. Praise be to God! Thank you again for words of encouragement and kindness. With all of our love to you and the whole church family.

Sherry Young & Carlton Wingfield

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONF.

This conference, sponsored by Dover, will be held Monday, September 21 at Cool Spring Baptist Church in Mechanicsville.

The conference, designed for all church leaders, features the following conferences:

- Please Keep Me Safe!
- Caring for Those Who Care for You
- We've Never Done It That Way

- My Church's Finances Stink
- Will guests Return to My Church
- Seeing Sunday School With Fresh Eyes

The Conference begins at 5:15 p.m. with food and fellowship. \$10.00 registration. Register at [www.doverbaptist.org](http://www.doverbaptist.org) or call the church office. Childcare available for \$10.00 per child.

*Wednesday Family Night Ministry begins September 16. (It is cancelled for the 23rd as Hanover County Schools are closed.)*

## RUTH EVENING CIRCLE SPONSORS...

...August 31 at 6:30 p.m. is the group's annual pool party. Brenda and Tom Morrison will be hosting the event. Everyone please bring a side dish to go with chicken. Bring your family or a guest and come earlier if you want to swim.

Janice Igou has details.



...The group continues their collection for Operation Christmas Child. During the month of September they are collecting shoes, socks, small clothing and underclothes. They would also appreciate your donations of empty shoeboxes and Christmas wrapping paper. Donations may be placed in Room 211 upstairs in the Educational Building.

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



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Homecoming  
Sunday, September 20



### *Welcome New Members*

*We are excited to welcome Carter and Kathy Brown into the fellowship of Mt. Olivet! They united with the church family by transfer of letter on August 2. Welcome!!!*

## YOUTH NEWS!

### School Supply Give-Away August 29th

Thank You to all who have donated school supplies! Our goal is to provide 75 bags of school supplies to children in need. We will take donations right up until August 29th!



### Prayer Walk to Open the School Year!

Monday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m., please join us at Patrick Henry High School to pray for students, teachers, and all those in education both locally and nationally. Youth and children are invited to attend with their parents! Please email Cindy Weston or Missy Stanley if you plan to attend.

### "Movie Night"

Join us on Thursday, September 24 at 6:15 p.m. for a FREE movie night! We will be showing "Do You Believe?" Hot dogs, movie and snacks...all free!!! Check out [doyoubelieve.com](http://doyoubelieve.com) for information on

the movie. All age groups invited to attend.

### "Parent Back To Faith Night" - Wednesday, September 9th, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

I hope to see youth, parents and grandparents, and all those who love kids at our first annual "Back To Faith Night". This program is a joint effort of the children and youth ministries. Felicia and I encourage you to attend and share your hopes and dreams for your children and teens! Bring your questions and your ideas! Anyone interested in helping kids and teens is invited to attend. Dessert and coffee will be provided.