

The Witness

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Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

WANTED

An organizer for the Annual Clothesline/School Supply Give-Away on August 27. If you would be willing to fill this role, please see Dawn Dill.

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North American Missions

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal: \$5,000.00

Amount Received: \$5,041.00!!!

Thank you for your support!!!!!!!



"Body & Soul" Exercise Classes

continue to meet each Monday and Thursday at 6:15 p.m.
in the fellowship hall

Mark your Calendar for these events:

May 8: Parent-Baby Dedication Service (11:00)

May 15: Quarterly Business Meeting

May 22: Family Road Trip to Maymont Park

June 4-11: CARITAS at Mt. Olivet (Judy Sams, coordinator)

June 27-July 1: Vacation Bible School
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

July 10-15: Mission Trip to Bland, VA.

Focus on Our Sunday School Teachers



Katie McCrea
&
Kathy Williams

Katie McCrea—Teacher's Aide in Kindergarten/First Grade

Katie is the teacher's aide in our K/1 classroom and has also assisted during Children's Church and in a variety of other children's activities at Mt. Olivet. Katie worked in a daycare environment outside of church after completing the Early Childhood Development program at J.S. Reynolds in 2013 where she earned high marks. She has been an active member of Mt. Olivet for most of her life and loves to volunteer for and participate in many church functions.

It is wonderful to have a young person who is dedicated to serving our youngest members, and her assistance in our Sunday School Department is very much appreciated.

Carol Brigham—Lead Teacher in 2nd/3rd Grade

Carol was born and raised in the Beaverdam area and is an Instructional Aide at Beaverdam Elementary working with Kindergarten students. She loves to read and basket weave. She also enjoys the beach and sitting by the pool with a good book. She and Neal have been married for 35 years and have 4 children, Parrish, Julie, Travis and Scott and 4 grandkids, Grady, Sulli Grace, Bentley and Alex who are the treasures in her life.

Carol was raised in the Methodist Church but joined Mt. Olivet just prior to getting married and has been a member for around 36 years. She was the Church Hostess for 9 years, working and cooking in the kitchen on Wednesday's and on special holidays and events, and has been on the Food Service Committee off and on throughout the years. After being in the kitchen, Carol felt God leading her to work in the Sunday School Department. When an opening came up in the 1st and 2nd grade class she volunteered and has been there ever since. Carol loves working with children in this age range and says "They are so much fun. Hopefully they learn as much from me as I learn from them. They teach me something new or challenge me with questions every week. They are FANTASTIC!"

When asked if she has a favorite verse or Bible story, Carol thinks of Noah and Moses. "Both had big challenges to face and overcome. They really had to trust God and rely on their faith. I feel that's true today, as each of us has a lot to face and we need to stand on our faith and remember God is standing beside us."

Thank you, Carol, for standing on your faith and sharing it with our children.



Wanda Laing
&
Carol Brigham

Wanda Laing—Associate Teacher in 2nd/3rd Grade

Wanda is thankful to have been raised in a Christian home and attended a Nazarene church as a teen, then a Friends (Quaker) church where she was married. She and Neil, her husband of 37 years, have been members of Mt. Olivet now for 17 years. They are grateful to God for the gift of family. Their son, Casey and his wife, Courtney have 3 beautiful children, 3 year old twins, Liam and Noah and 5 month old Charlotte.

Wanda has worked in Children's Ministry for most of her life, mainly in the nursery and with younger children and feels privileged to be working alongside Carol Brigham in the 2nd/3rd grade classroom this year. When she isn't teaching Sunday School, you will likely find her in the kitchen cooking wonderful meals for our church family.

Prayer Concerns

Jessie Bayne
 Don Beazley
 June Beazley
 Dottie Bumpass
 Andrea Dill
 Betty Dye
 Brandon Germon
 Daniel Gibson
 Gloria Hare
 Johnny Jones
 Lori Melton

Luke Morrison
 Rachel Mothena
 Tim & Freda Pickle
 Heather Shelton
 Kenneth Taylor
 Cathy Williams
 Lewis Willis
 Gayle Wingfield



Assisted Living/ Convalescent/ Homebound

Dean Carter
 Barbara Cosby
 Peggy Gravely
 Margaret Gray
 Richey Jewell
 Martha Loving
 Anne Puryear
 Evelyn Seay
 Neesie Stearns
 Betty Wallace

In the Military

Michael Thurston



Church Family Notes

Sympathy is extended to Neesie Stearns in the loss of her son, Martin.

Congratulations to Justin & Bonnie Flagg on the birth of Ross Walton. Bryan & Terri Flagg are the proud grandparents.

Congratulations to Jacob and Malinda Sherk on the birth of their daughter, Victoria Rose.

Sympathy is expressed to Evelyn Seay in the loss of her husband, Tom.

Congratulations to Stephen Wright and Courtney Thomasson on the birth of Beazley Anne Wright. Tommy & Kathi Thomasson are the proud grandparents.

Thank You!

We've had a lot going on the past several months and apologize for taking so long to thank our church family for your prayers and love shown to us first with Paul's second experience dealing with A-Fib and then with Patti's mother's death in early December. Your

cards and kind words lift our spirits. We were so touched by a group from the church driving to Culpeper to attend the funeral. Thank you for how you care for us and each other. We can't imagine going through life without God's love shown through you.

In Christ,
 Patti & Paul Harris



The "Young Adult" Sunday School Class meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month in the parlor at 9:45 a.m.

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Claudia M. Phillips, Music Minister
Cindy C. Weston, Youth Minister
Shirley S. Mills, Secretary

Welcome Sunday School Member!

Jamie Edwards—Odd Fellows Class

Youth News from Cindy Weston, Youth Minister



Thank you to everyone who donated shoes and blankets to RAM! We will not be going this year due to logistics. We still plan on using them by either sending them to RAM for others to distribute, or they will be used in other local mission trips we are planning this summer.

Wednesday night this spring, we will be looking at the role of missions in the life of a Christian. We will be discussing local mission projects we hope to participate in this summer. I hope all youth will make plans to attend Wednesday evening Bible study every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

We are planning an international mission trip to take place in the summer of 2017. Youth will need to be at least 14 years of age by the summer, 2017, of our mission trip. They will need to be a rising 9th grade student to go on this trip. Other information will be provided in the near future.