

The Witness



MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

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EASTER *Services*

Maundy Thursday, March 24

7:00 p.m. — Communion Service

Easter Sunday, March 27

7:00 Sunrise Service

7:40 Breakfast

(provided by the Food Service Committee)

8:30 Sunday School

9:45 Worship & Cantata

Special points of interest:

- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS MARCH 13
- DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 20
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FUNDRAISER DINNER. SEE WANDA LAING TO SCHEDULE THE EVENING.

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Week of Prayer for North American Missions

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal
for North American Missions
\$5,000**

Dessert Auction — Sunday, March 20 at 12:00
(details on Page 3)

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Parent—Baby Dedication Service—Mother’s Day



The birth of a child into a loving family is one of the richest blessings from God. The church offers its support to families in a variety of ways including having a “parent-baby dedication service” where parents commit themselves to raise their child(ren) in a Christian home where God’s loving truth is modeled, where regular worship is experienced with the church, and where the child is offered the opportunity to accept Christ as Savior and Lord. We are planning a Parent—Baby Dedication Service on Mother’s Day, May 8. Please call the church office by April 15 if you would like to participate in this service.

Sunday School Teacher Focus

Kathy Williams—Lead Teacher: Kindergarten/1st Grade



Kathy is a reading specialist at Bowling Green Elementary. She has been teaching since graduating from East Carolina in 1977 where she majored in Education. She taught elementary school while she and Robert were living in North Carolina, where she became a Reading Specialist after finishing her Master’s Degree (also in Education). Kathy and Robert joined Mt. Olivet in 1989 after moving here from Pennsylvania when their neighbor invited them for a visit.

Kathy and Robert have two daughters, Jennifer and Kelly, and an adorable granddaughter named Lily. Not surprisingly Kathy enjoys reading, especially mysteries, as well as NASCAR. Teaching has been her primary focus, and she has a deep love for children. As a matter of fact when asked what he admired most about Kathy, Robert replied “well first of all I admire how much she loves the Lord but also her great love and caring for other people”.

Robert said that she keeps him in line, and he would be helpless without her and so would we! Mt. Olivet is blessed to have such a dedicated teacher to help guide our young children in their faith journey. Thank you, Kathy, for your service and friendship!

Missy Stanley—Associate Teacher: Kindergarten/1st Grade



Over the years, Missy has either taught or led a class in a variety of children’s classes at Mt. Olivet including Mission Friends, GA’s, Kindergarten-1st Grade, and Middle School. She has also serviced as the church’s bookkeeper for 13 years and enjoys helping with the WHEAT food pantry. Missy is originally from Kentucky and met her husband Joel in elementary school. They remained friends through middle and high school and dated during college. They have been married now for 16 years and their daughter Grace is 8 years old and an active member of Mt. Olivet as well. Missy and Joel say that Grace has taught them so much, and she is a great joy to them.

Missy is also a Senior Business Analyst for Southern States in the Agronomy Division where she has worked for 19 years. She enjoys being outdoors, jogging, hiking, shooting, riding ATVs and traveling, especially to places where she can enjoy God’s creation.

When asked why she enjoys teaching Missy replied, “I love to laugh and the children crack me up and lighten the pressures of grownup life. I feel that investing in their faith journey is a very important responsibility”. We agree and are so grateful that Missy continues to be a positive force in the lives of our young people!

Her favorite Bible verse is John 16:33 because it provides the ultimate encouragement:

“I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart for I have overcome the world!”

HOW
WONDERFUL
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CHILDREN
WERE IN
SUNDAY
SCHOOL LAST
SUNDAY!

Prayer Concerns

Jessie Bayne	Heather Shelton	Anne Puryear
Don & June Beazley	Kenneth Taylor	Tom & Evelyn Seay
Dottie Bumpass		Neesie Stearns
Brandon Germon	<u>Assisted Living/ Convalescent/Homebound</u>	Betty Wallace
Gloria Hare	Dean Carter	<u>In the Military</u>
Johnny Jones	Barbara Cosby	Michael Thurston
Lori Melton	Peggy Gravely	
Luke Morrison	Margaret Gray	<i>Congratulations to David & Jenni Parrish on the birth of Luke Michael.</i>
Rachel Mothena	Richey Jewell	
Lori Newcomb	Martha Loving	
Vivian Newcomb		

Notes of Appreciation

Dear Mt. Olivet Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent to the funeral home for our Dad, Linwood Carter.

Your being there for our family during this difficult time meant a great deal to us. We deeply appreciate your kindness and sympathy.

Sincerely,

Sharon & Wayne Carter

I want to thank the church for all the many ways you have supported me in my calling to minister to youth. I also want to thank you for the generous Christmas bonus that was also given out to myself and all staff members here at Mt. Olivet. God bless you all for your constant generosity. I love you all.

Cindy Weston



Discipleship

Jesus gave a simple command to His disciples: "Feed my lambs...take care of my sheep"

(John 21:15-17)

Anyone interested in "feeding and tending" by participating in a Discipleship Class? Topics can include Biblical Foundations of Discipleship, Communi-

cation Skills, and Packing your "Witnessing Go-Kit".

We hope this will be an interactive class with practical exercises and take-aways over 4-6 sessions and can be tailored to the interests of the group.

Contact Janice Igou at 647-1601 or

Janice.igou@hotmail.com



WMU will host lunch and a **dessert auction** on March 20th after the 11:00 worship service. Everyone is invited to bring a dessert to be auctioned, enjoy lunch, and bid on something to take home (just in time for Easter.) Children may purchase sweets for a nominal price during the auction. All proceeds will go towards the Anne Armstrong Easter Offering. Our church goal is \$5,000. Please sign up for lunch by calling the church office.

Operation Christmas Child

The Ruth Evening Circle is well underway preparing to fill shoeboxes in 2016 with a focus on 2-4 year olds and 10-14 year olds. There is a specific need for baby dolls, balls, small toys, solar calculators, cloth knapsacks, flashlights and batteries, bar soap and toothpaste. All donations may be placed in Room 211.

It's **Script Time** again! The Ruth Evening Circle is placing another order for gift cards that will be available before Spring Break. Orders must be placed and checks received by March 16. Please check the weekly bulletin (or the church website) for instructions about ordering the cards.

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**Easter:
March 27**

"Mom & Me" 2016 at Eagle Eyrie

"Mom & Me" is a WMUV sponsored event for 1st—6th grade girls and their moms. The dates are April 23-24, and this year's theme is "Love Nicaragua." There is opportunity for Bible study, worship, cultural experiences, mission projects and a craft. The WMU at Mt. Olivet offers some monetary support to those who attend. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Missy Stanley before March 13.

Youth News

RAM Mission Trip 2016!

The youth, along with adults, will be attending RAM again this summer! Please sign up with Dawn Dill or Cindy Weston by Sunday, March 20th. RAM is scheduled for July 21-23. We are collecting both blankets and shoes to take to RAM.



For more information about RAM (Remote Area Medical) go to www.ramusa.org

"Create For Christ" Contest!

Our youth are entering this contest! Further information will be given soon about how you can help us win \$2,000.00 towards missions!

See Cindy Weston for more information.



2017 International Mission Trip

The Youth Committee along with the Missions Development Committee are continuing to explore the idea of a youth/adult international mission trip for the summer of 2017. Youth currently in grades 7-10 are eligible to go. Parents, please discuss with your teens their level of interest in such a trip. Cindy Weston has additional information.

