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# The Witness



## May Missions & Events

Operation Christmas Child "Crafting Day"

May 7 (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) in the fellowship hall

Week of Prayer for Dover Baptist Association Missions

May 15-22

Leslie & Hazel Watson Offering will be received

"Grace Inside" presents *Hope* as the guest speaker

on Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.

(presented by Chaplain, Reverend Lynn Litchfield, that ministers in the Virginia's state prison system)



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## CARITAS

Mt. Olivet will sponsor "Family Focus" guests for CARITAS from June 4—June 11, 2016.

There are many opportunities to volunteer as it takes the whole church and community to make

this ministry available. We will need at least 6 people to set up on June 4 and take down on June 11. Opportunities are available to prepare breakfast, bag lunches and prepare dinner for our guests. Laundry will need to be done for our guests as

well as towel laundry every day. You can also volunteer to spend the night at church. When you help with CARITAS you help to transform a life and restore dignity.

Contact Judy or Lisa to

volunteer, or you may sign up on the sheets which are provided in the fellowship hall by the kitchen.

Thank you in advance for using your talents for God's work.

Judy Sams & Lisa Smith

## Focus on Sunday School Teachers

### Dawn Dill—Lead Teacher for 4th & 5th Grades

Dawn is a grants manager for the Virginia Department of Education. Prior to working for the DOE, she worked for the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction at the Hanover School Board. After graduating from VCU with a degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in psychology, Dawn worked in day-care and began raising her family with her husband, Drew. She enjoys singing (for which we all are very grateful) and hunting.

Dawn and Drew have two daughters, Megan and Andrea, who are also members of our Mt. Olivet family. She also has a stepdaughter, Dara, and two grandchildren, Cate and Ella, ages seven and two months. She and her family were drawn to Mt. Olivet in part due to its focus on missions and among other activities, she has organized the church's annual participation with RAM (Remote Area Medical). Dawn is also our Director of WMU while Drew is an associate teacher and serves on the Youth Committee.

Dawn feels that teaching Sunday School has been more of a learning experience for her, helping her to grow in her knowledge and faith. When asked why she teaches she said "we are raising the next generation who will minister to the world so we want to give them a firm foundation". Thank you to Dawn for sharing her time and passion with our young people here at Mt. Olivet.



### Ernie Mason—Associate Teacher for the 4th & 5th Grades

Mr. Mason has been a member of Mt. Olivet over 50 years and is one of our most cherished and respected church leaders. He began with the church as Minister of Music, a position he held for 13 years and he has served in many other capacities over the years including teaching various adult classes. He presently serves as a Trustee. He has also been a community leader and teacher in Hanover County, holding positions in both teaching and administration. Ernie served on the Electoral Board for twelve years and was Treasurer of Hanover County from 1985—1996. Clearly Ernie loves teaching and has devoted much of his life to guiding and serving others in our church and our community.

Ernie and his wife, Emily have two children and four grandchildren, and he enjoys spending as much time as possible with them. He and Emily also love working in their garden where they grow a variety of vegetables and flowers.

*"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."*

(picture not available per Ernie!!!)

## Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, encouragement, and donations of medications and money for my Haiti mission trips. Thanks to your help, during my recent January trip we treated over 275 people and know that at least 2 little babies were saved due to our care. We took multivitamins to be given to all of the children in Haiti Outreach Ministries' 3 primary schools and gave a basic care package of soap,

toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair ties and lip balm to all 12 girls in the orphanage plus a few treats!

I have lots of photos of these beautiful children and would love to share them. Each trip I make just reinforces that this is where God wants me to be—but I couldn't do it without the support of my family and friends.

God is doing amazing work in Haiti. Thank you for helping me to be a part of it.

Janet Horton



## Prayer Concerns

Jessie Bayne

Don & June Beazley

Dottie Bumpass

Lois Chenault

Andrea Dill

Gwen Eck

Brandon Germon

Daniel Gibson

Dawn Gibson

Gloria Hare

Johnny Jones

Blake Mason

Lori Melton

Luke Morrison

Tom Morrison

Rachel Mothena

Anne Puryear

Heather Shelton

Lewis Willis

Gayle Wingfield

### Assisted Living/ Convalescent/Homebound

Dean Carter

Peggy Gravely

Margaret Gray

Richey Jewell

Martha Loving

Evelyn Seay

Neesie Stearns

Betty Wallace

### In the Military

Michael Thurston



## About Our Folks

### *Sympathy is extended...*

*...to Laura Stanley in the loss of her brother-in-law, Buck Harris.*

*...the family of Ardie Browne.*

*...Pat Bland in the loss of her brother-in-law, James Foster.*

*...Sara Eck (Richard & Gwen's daughter-in-law) in the loss of her grandmother.*

*...John Axselle in the loss of his cousin, Ed Vaughn.*

**Congratulations** to Robbie & Jamie Sichi on the birth of William Jackson. Bob & Anne Sichi are the grandparents.

A thank you note from the families of Marsha Taylor, my friend from UPS who we helped in Tappahannock after the tornados destroyed 3 homes...Brenda Morrison.

Brenda, thanks so much to you and your church family for all the donations. It is so appreciated and will go a long way in our recovery.

Thank you again,

Families of Marsha Taylor & Jackson

**Praise!!!** Kyle Weston was awarded the Hepler Scholarship. It was awarded to him at the Dover meeting on May 1.

My deepest appreciation to Dale and the members of Mt. Olivet for the cards, phone calls, food and most of all prayers during Tom's illness and passing. God's love and strength sustain us during troubled times and the church supports us with love and kindness. I am so fortunate to be a part of your family. God's blessings on each and everyone of you.

Evelyn Seay

Thank you so much to my Mt. Olivet church family for all your love, encouragement, food, gifts, cards and prayers since I was diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma in September. You lifted me up in so many ways on so many days as I went through six months of chemo treatments. I am so blessed and happy to have been officially released from treatment on April 30 and told that I am probably 98% cured! Thank you, Jesus! It's certainly been a difficult time for me and my family, but also an amazing blessing and very humbling to be able to experience the love and peace of God through His people in this church and beyond. You sure know how to make a girl feel special! Through you He is teaching me how to better be His hands and feet by reaching out to those in need because that's what you have done for me. You never know how much a simple gesture of love and friendship can mean to someone. I love my church and thank God for Mt. Olivet and all her people!

Heather Shelton

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### Church Staff

Dale F. Ashley, Pastor  
Felicia G. Taylor, Children's Minister  
Claudia M. Phillips, Music Minister  
Cindy C. Weston, Youth Minister

Please call the church office by June 1 with the names of Mt. Olivet high school and college graduates. They will be recognized during the 11:00 Worship Service on June 12.



### Baptism Service in July

Our annual river service is scheduled for Sunday, July 17. Watch the newsletter for further details.

### Welcome Sunday School Members!

Daniel & Kristy Edwards—The Café Class

Joy Edwards— Children's (Grade 4)

James Edwards—Children's (Grade 2)

## "Relay For Life"

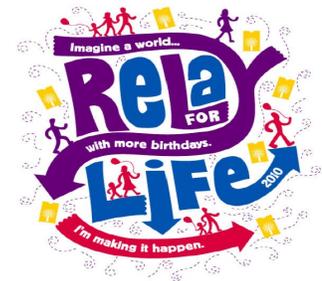
For about 15 years Mount Olivet had a team in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life". We took a break for a couple of years but joined again last year and so far we have 12 people wanting to participate in this year's event. We are walking in honor of Heather Shelton and celebrating her cancer-free status. There are several other members of our church who are currently being treated or have gone through cancer treatment, and we want to do all we can to help them also. Hopefully one day there will be a cure for this dreaded disease. All of the money

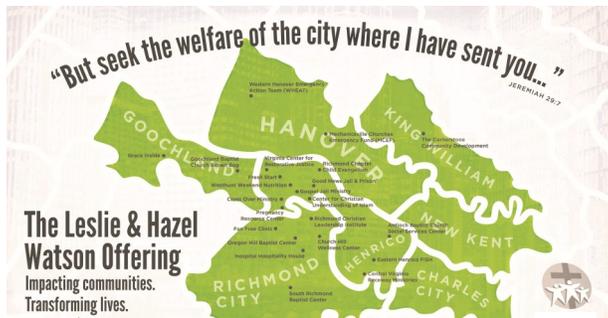
raised in the "Relay for Life" goes to the American Cancer Society for research, patient services and supplies.

To help the MOBC team, there was a fundraiser dinner on April 27. We appreciate your support that evening.

The "Relay for Life" is not a race—you only have to run if you want to. If you are interested in participating, contact Laura Stanley for more information. The event is being held on June 18 at the Kings Dominion Campground from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Come and join us—you will be inspired by the cancer patients there, by their stories and their determina-

tion. There will also be food, music,, silent auction and a fun time of fellowship.





The Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering is named in memory of an amazing couple who were strongly dedicated to God and His Missions. The Watsons were long-time Dover Baptists as well as missionaries serving in Japan and other places.

Giving to this offering allows the Association to help fund missions and charitable work outside of Dover's budgeted expenses. The offering calls attention to missions and charitable work in and beyond the communities served by Dover churches. Association Missions Offering grants are intended to benefit work that complements, rather than duplicates, the work of Dover and its churches in keeping with our biblical values.

Soon you will find an offering envelope in your Sunday bulletin that you may use to contribute to this very worthy cause. Mt Olivet Baptist Church has received supplemental funds as a grant from the Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering to supplement some of the costs of our mission trips, most recently to Zimbabwe.

### Quarterly Business Meeting

May 15

Following the 11:00 Worship Service

Lunch is provided for all who stay for the meeting.

Quarterly Business Meetings are open to all members of the church. Members have the right and responsibility to hear what is going on at church and participate in the discussions and voting. Guests are also welcome to attend to learn more about the church, though they do not have the same privileges of discussion and voting.

There are several matters that may be on the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

The Nominating Committee plans to present a slate of names of volunteers who are willing to serve as church officers and program directors for the coming year, pending church approval.



CHURCH BUSINESS

The Recreation Team plans to present a report regarding its work in planning the picnic pavilion and hard surface area (for games for older children and youth.)

Plans include answering some of the church's questions from a prior business meeting about building a columbarium — a burial place for cremains.

A conversation may happen about amending our 2016 budget regarding our missions giving.

The church will hear a recommendation from the Church Council about the summer schedule which calls for Sunday School to begin at 9:00 and for only one worship service to begin at 10:15 during the summer months.

We will hear reports about what is happening with our children and youth ministries, and the variety of programs that our church supports.

### We welcome new members to our church family



Kensley Smith made her profession of faith on March 27 and united with the church family.



Nellie Hall professed her faith in Jesus and requests baptism and church membership.



Jamie Sichi requests transfer of her membership from St Martin's Episcopal Church and asks for baptism by immersion.