

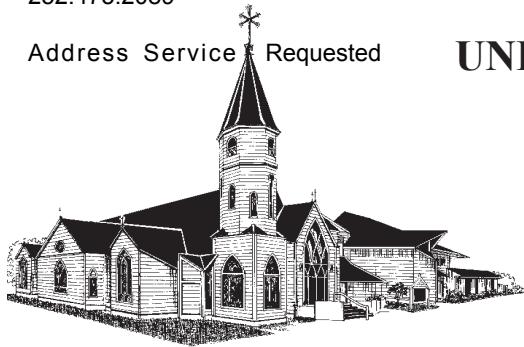
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Sheryl and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for such a warm welcome. We truly appreciate the effort that you have made to make us feel at home.

Your love and prayers are so important to us and to the church.

We especially want to thank those who brought food, who gave us gift cards, and who helped get the parsonage ready for us. A special thank you goes out to the youth for working in the yard and in the house.

I know that we are the newcomers and your acts of kindness are appreciated. Transitions are not easy for any of us; your love, prayers, and words of encouragement are needed and appreciated.

Several months ago, I read a newsletter article from a pastor about his expectations for his church and thought how appropriate these expectations being stated. I am certain that I cannot remember all of them. Here are a few:

1. God's word is our authority.
2. Jesus Christ is the head of the church and we follow Him.
3. We grow in our love for God and for each other.
4. The church is a welcoming oasis in a dessert of despair.
5. We practice generosity in all areas. We love generously, we pray generously, we grow generously, we serve generously, we forgive generously, and we fellowship generously.
6. We reach into the community and build bridges to the least and the lost.

7. We remember to encourage one another along the way.
8. We hold on to our core values and remain flexible in our methods.
9. When we disagree we do so with charity.

May God bless us as we begin our journey together.

*Grace and Truth,
John*

*If you missed VBS, you
REALLY missed a great week!*



Children's Ministry

The Influence of Video Games

Revenues for the video game industry were at \$58 billion in 2013—and that doesn't even include games on smart phones and tablets. That's six times more than the movie industry made. Video games are a force.

A whopping 60 percent of Americans play video games, with gender percentages almost equal, according to the Entertainment Software Association.

So how do we deal with this force in our lives? It's never been more important. Music is influential, but kids are only listening. Movies are influential, but kids are only watching. But with video games, they're doing. And that can affect them more than the other forms of entertainment.

Let's be diligent with the entertainment our kids take in. Here are resources to turn to next time you're not sure whether a video game is appropriate.

ESRB.org—Every game has to have an ESRB rating. This site gives the rating for a game and the broad reasons for that rating.

commonsensemedia.org—This site gives detailed descriptions of the content in movies, books, and video games. The site isn't religious; they're merely reporting.

pluggedin.com—This site provides details about game play and reviews the games from a Biblical standpoint.

Let's stay strong and pay attention to what our kids are paying attention to.

POWER SOURCE

ASK GOD:

1. To help your kids "level up" in their relationship with God.
2. For diligence in scrutinizing what your kids are playing.
3. To give your kids wisdom in the decisions they make when you're not around.

Level Up Your Armor

In many video games, the first thing a player must do is create an avatar, or character. In fact, you can't play the game until you've chosen your human warrior, complete with armor for the ensuing battle, a variety of weapons, even a snazzy haircut. In Ephesians, we see that dressing for spiritual battle is as important as dressing for a physical battle. If you

go into battle—virtual, spiritual, or otherwise—without all your armor, you'll never come out alive. The armor of God in Ephesians 6 covers us from head to toe for spiritual battle. Discuss the importance of God's armor everyday with your kids using these talking points.

The description of the armor of God implies that character, not brute force, wins the battle. The armor in Ephesians represents truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation.

The belt of truth is the first item, and the belt holds the weapons. Without truth and sincerity, there can be no victory. It's no coincidence the body armor or righteousness covers your heart. Decency, honesty, and virtue are synonyms for righteousness. Walk in peace as you put on the shoes of Good News. Completing your spiritual ensemble are a helmet, shield, and sword—for cover, defense, and offense.

Wear salvation as a helmet, enveloping your mind with thoughts of divine deliverance, rescue, and recovery. Your shield, crafted from pure faith, is able to block attacks meant to wound and burn. Stand firm as you wield God's Word as a sword, dividing truth from lies with one fell swoop.

Once you've put on your armor, expect to use it. You can't get dressed for battle and expect to sit on the sidelines. In Ephesians, we see an attack that the devil uses: the fiery arrow. He uses these fiery arrows—insults, self-deprecating thoughts, doubts—to wound us, to scar us.

But the shield of faith is the perfect article of armor to deflect and defend from such attacks. In Genesis 3:1-5, the devil twisted God's words, confusing Eve. The helmet of salvation combats these mind games.

Satan used the same strategy in an effort to tempt Jesus in Matthew 4:1-11. Jesus counterattacked with the sharp edge of God's Word. At every turn, God has equipped us to defend, attack, and succeed. Together with shield, sword, and the full armor of God, we stand firm in victory.

One way you can help your kids learn to put on their own armor is to make sure you have your armor on first. Time spent with God, and learning to use the tools he's given us, can help us step into situations with our kids. Be bold and courageous, and you'll teach your children to be the same.

(Adapted from Group's Living Inside Out curriculum.)

"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

Proverbs 4:23

God Bless!

Tina Hodgson

Director of Children's Ministry



Both of our July camps were successful. From staff, children, and to families - we all have been blessed! Thank you for your prayers, donations, support, and service. It is such a joy to be a part of this ministry, and I am excited to see how God will use us next! Feel free to call 473-2089 ext 29 to learn how you too can become a part of the children's ministry team today.



Roanoke Island Food Pantry

Missions is THRILLED to welcome Bob and Angela Noffsinger as coordinators of Roanoke Island Food Pantry. They definitely have big shoes to fill, coming in on the heels of Jim & Anne Davis who served the Pantry, the community and Christ with such big hearts. Jim & Anne's faces will be missed around the Pantry but their legacy will remain for years to come.

Stop by and offer your services ... Help out by volunteering, stocking, purchasing or donating food or finances.



Happy Anniversary!

- 2 John & Loretta Fertal – 45 yrs.
- 2 Jim & Nancy Gmitter - 45 yrs.
- 2 Stuart & Ramona Wescott – 44 yrs.
- 3 Jep & Carol Adams – 43 yrs.
- 3 Brandon & Stacey Gregory – 12 yrs.
- 3 Bill & Caroline Kebschull – 18 yrs
- 3 Tucker & Christine Walker – 18 yrs.
- 4 Steve & Martha Howell – 35 yrs.
- 6 Heath & Erica Burkhart – 9 yrs.
- 7 Dan & Katherine Bottjen – 16 yrs.
- 7 Terry & Kathryn Gore – 4 yrs.
- 7 Mike & Emily Wilson – 10 yrs.
- 8 Carl & Ann Payne – 27 yrs.
- 9 Chip & Jen Phillips – 17 yrs.
- 10 Edgar & Michele Barnes – 29 yrs.
- 10 Kevin & Stephanie Phillips – 18 yrs.
- 11 Dick & Peggy Parker – 41 yrs.
- 12 Russell & Susie Fleming – 41 yrs.
- 15 Bill & Caroline Pearce – 44 yrs.
- 15 Bob & Flossie Tugwell – 44 yrs.
- 16 Jerry & Michele Cribb – 34 yrs.
- 16 Chris & Kathy Seawell – 44 yrs.
- 19 Erick & Susan Henry – 19 yrs.
- 19 Jeff & Peg Landreth – 42 yrs.
- 24 Gene & Peggy Snead – 56 yrs.
- 26 Tim & Rita Shearin – 37 yrs.
- 27 Todd & Lindsey Davis – 9 yrs.
- 28 Mark & Gloria Spence -43 yrs

I Loved you Yesterday
I Love you Still
I Always have..
I Always Will

Music Ministry

Sing for Joy!

Psalm 100:1-2 (NIV)

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2
worship the Lord with gladness; come before him
with joyful songs.

In the past few weeks I have shared with the Chancel Choir “10 Reasons for Joyfully Singing in the Church Choir” (by Cynthia Boyd). I hope that after reading this ‘top ten’ list that you will be able to discover for yourself your ‘joy’ as you sing the songs of the church that enables you to spread the good news of the Gospel and the glory and majesty of our God that gave us this amazing ability to sing! Here they are:

1. Singing in my church choir gives me the opportunity to express my love for the Lord. “... sing psalms unto Him; sing of all His wondrous works.” (from Psalm 105)
2. Singing in my church choir is more than a hobby or an activity. It is a calling. “I will sing and make melody! (from Psalm 108)
3. Singing in the church choir allows for a type of expression of praise to the Lord that could not be accomplished in any other way. Choral singing can convey feelings that solo singing cannot. Would Handel’s Hallelujah Chorus be the same sung as a solo?
4. Singing in my church choir allows me to participate in the overall ministry of leading in worship, which is a joy and a privilege. “Oh, that we would sing praise to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children! Let us exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and sing praises to Him in the assembly of the elders.” (Psalm 107:31-32)
5. Singing in my church choir and in other Christian choirs has given me the opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ in many settings, throughout the USA and in other countries as well. “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.” (Psalm 100:1)
6. Singing in my church choir and in other Christian choirs has implanted incredibly profound messages within my heart and soul through the lyrics of the songs that I have been able to sing. “O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord all the earth.” (Psalm 96:2)
7. Singing in my church choir and in other

Christian choirs has allowed me to get to know so many wonderful people who love the Lord and have a heart of service. “Blessed are those who dwell in the house of the Lord, ever singing Your praise!” (Psalm 84:4)

8. Singing in my church choir allows me to participate in something is so much bigger than myself. “Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.” (Psalm 95:2)
9. I believe that singing praise to God is the closest thing to Heaven that I can experience on this earth. “And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, ‘Great and wonderful are Thy deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!’”
10. I love to sing in my church choir and in other Christian choirs because of the incredible songs that God has inspired men and women to write, which then become part of my own spiritual journey. “The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with tumpets... and they sang praises with gladness and joy, and they bowed down and worshipped their God!” (from II Chronicles 29)

As you sing the songs we sing in worship, I hope you sing with joy in your heart, and know that the Lord, He is Your God!

Peace, love and Alleluia! Jim Lowder

Worship

August 2014

Altar Guild

Chair – Jennifer Phillips 473-5269; Valerie Wheeler, Helaire Webster, Charlotte White

Ushers/Greeters

8:30 Bobby & Delores Harrell 473-5739

11:00 Lynda F. Midgett 473-7023

11:00 Joyce Etheridge 473-2022

Communion Stewards will be announced in Bulletin

Thanks to all who help with Worship Committee activities.

Tri-chairs: Lynda Midgett, Kathy Seawell, Sarah Wise





This summer has been one of growth and excitement at the Cove. We have had a lot of great events such as a pool party, climbing an Alpine Tower, and playing Ultimate Frisbee together. We have also spent time at the Cove and the beach with one another. In this way, throughout the summer we have been able to continue to build and sustain relationships at the Cove.

The students have also had the opportunity to grow in their relationship with God through our weekly study through the DVD-based curriculum: "Jesus Is ____". Thursday nights have become my favorite time of each week because of the beneficial discussion and Bible study that this meeting cultivates. It is my hope, prayer, and expectation that our students will be better-equipped to accurately answer the question "Who is Jesus?" as a direct result of this study.

The last day of our summer schedule will be the day before school starts (August 24th). We will then wait and start our Fall schedule until the beginning of September, after our fall retreat. Every "Summer Schedule" event that is listed below is available for all rising 6th-12th grade students, as well as those who graduated high school in 2014.

Drew Peyton

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Monday: Drew's day off, no events

Tuesday: Beach day, 1:30-5pm, Olde Towne Creamery 5:00-5:30

We will leave around 2, arrive at Laughing Gull around 2:30 and will have about 2 hours of beach time. We will drive back to the Olde Towne Creamery by 5pm. Parents can pick students up anytime from 5-5:30. Bottles of water will be provided, money for food or ice cream is optional, and up to the student to bring.

Wednesday: Cove Open, 2-4pm

This is the same as our afterschool program except in the summer. Snack provided, with games and fellowship.

Thursday: Pray and Play, 7pm-9pm Pray and Play is going to meet at my house this summer

(202 Devon Street, Manteo). We will be going through an 8-week dvd curriculum called "Jesus Is ____" by Judah Smith. We will play a game together after the study each week.

Friday: Cove Open, 2-4pm (Same as Wednesday)

Saturday: Various activities - We won't have anything consistent scheduled on Saturdays, but could do isolated events such as a service project, etc.

Sunday: Off-campus Trips - We will go on a weekly trip with the students where we go off campus to do something fun. I will teach a quick devotion at each event so this would be a good event for our students to invite their friends to. Here are the events we are doing on Sundays in August:

SUNDAY NIGHTS IN AUGUST:

We will depart from the Cove at the given starting time and return to the Cove at the given ending time for all of these events. We will travel to each event together on the Church bus.

August 3rd- Dolphin Tour 5:30-8:30pm. Space is limited for this event, sign up in the church office.

August 10th- Kite-Flying Competition at Jockey's Ridge 6:00-9:00pm.

August 17th- Shaving Cream Whiffle Ball 6:00-8:00pm.

August 24th- Beach Night/Bonfire (Weather permitting) 5:00-8:00pm.

FALL RETREAT INFORMATION:

We will be going to Camp Willow Run from August 29th(Right after school gets out for early dismissal) to August 31st. This will be a great time for fellowship, discipleship, and growth as a group as we study the Bible and have fun in a camp setting. There are 36 spots available, and the trip will be \$40 per student. Register before August 15th by paying \$40 and filling out the medical statement provided by the camp, as well as the "Mount Olivet Cove Youth Ministry Contact Information & Trip Permission" Form. There will be another meeting later in August for those students who are attending this trip. We have copies of Camp Willow Run's medical release form in the church office, or you can find this online at the following link: http://campwillowrun.org/formdownloads/cwr_medical_statement.pdf

One More Thank-you

Mt. Olivet Scholarship Committee,
Thank you very much for awarding me one of the Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs Memorial Scholarships. I greatly appreciate the financial Support the church is giving me, as well as emotional support. I plan on bettering myself through school and not letting you regret choosing me as a recipient!

Thank you! Nickie Snapp



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Clarence Lewis
- 2 Charlotte Dixon, Erick Henry, Janice Lucero, Chip Phillips
- 3 Courtney Hathway, Babs Meekins,
- 5 Clint Hepler, Lawson Lee, Solomon Mills
- 6 Ben Gallop, Joanne Williams
- 7 Cathryn Daniels, Sarah Marshall Gallop, Elizabeth Hopkins
- 8 "Sissy" Campbell, Larry Franklin
- 9 Ana Brent, Parker Gregory, Reda Midgett
- 10 Todd Kretzschmare, Beverly Lafferty, Bill Ruffin, "Jackie" Shannon
- 11 Pam Adkisson, Colby Fry, Mary Jo Matthews Edison Midgett, Angell Wescott
- 12 Parker Midgett
- 13 June Bell, Lance Culpepper
- 15 Della Basnight, Jeffrey Garrison, Alice McChesney
- 16 Amy Dixon
- 17 Kathryn Stewart
- 19 Trenton Rogers, Brennan Wescott
- 20 Kim Grissom, Susan Rogers, Lee Tugwell
- 21 Dolores Isenhour
- 22 Tina Phronjia Bradley, Scott Finicum, Glen Hopkins, Reuben Payne, David White
- 23 Joe Lafferty, Sara Meekins, Cam Sellers, Tom Tillett, Angela Twiford
- 24 James Daniels, Pam Jones, Mackenzie Ulmer-Meekins
- 25 Adrian Pitts, Gabe Walker
- 26 Addison Tedrick
- 27 Buddy Stell
- 28 Katherine Hopkins, Tyler Pendry, Kathryn Snead, Darnell Tillett
- 30 Jennifer Anderson, Sharon Collins, Morgan Davis, Nancy Murray

Thank You!!

Dear Mount Olivet United Methodist Church,

The Board of Directors of Food for Thought thanks you and Janice O'Neal for printing and distributing the FFT Healthy Hints newsletter – about 6,000!

We appreciate all that you do for FFT. To date, Food for Thought provided meals for more than 560 children in Dare County each weekend during the last school year, and is prepared to feed 700 this year.

Your help in reaching out to children and families in our community is especially appreciated in the present economy. The number of children in need has increased dramatically in the last year. It is with the support of our wonderful volunteers like you that Food for Thought will continue to be able to grow in the number of children we can serve in our community.

*Sincerely yours,
Barbara Price, Corresponding Secretary
Food for Thought, P.O. Box 1167, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949*

SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOUS

Dear Mount Olivet,

Thank you so much for your generosity in granting me one of the Betty Ruth Flowers Memorial Scholarship. I cannot thank you enough. I greatly appreciate all you have done to support my education.

Thank you. Katie Cheeseman

Thank you so much for awarding me one of the Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs Scholarship! I really appreciate it, and I'm really looking forward to school in the fall!

Zach Smith

Dear Helen Van Cleef Petty Memorial Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for selecting me to be one of the recipients of your scholarships. I am very grateful for your help which will allow me to follow my dreams to continue on with my education. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Amelia Anglin



Mount Olivet,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve at this place and in this community. What a privilege it has been to work under the leadership of both Pastor Cribb and Pastor Check as well as my advisory team, the church staff, and the lay leaders. I have learned so much from all of you—from the children I worked



with at VBS to the adults I sat with in Sunday School. In spite of my youth, you all have helped encourage and affirm my calling into the ministry. Because of that, I ask that you join me in prayer for my continuing sanctification and future vocation. I will certainly be praying for this church. I am and will continue to pray that the love of Christ be made manifest in ways that radically transform lives in this community. I pray that this body will be fueled by the Spirit to reach Manteo with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that the church will be ignited by a passion to not simply “do” church, but really be the Church. I look forward to coming back to Mount Olivet in the future for a visit! I leave you with one last word from the apostle Paul: “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy” (1 Peter 2:9-10). You are certainly a chosen people, Mount Olivet. Duke Divinity spoiled me with this internship. I am truly grateful.

*In Christ's love,
John Mark Elliott
The Intern with Three First Names*

*A special thanks to all those who fed me and treated me this summer. Thank you specifically to Byron and Sandra Sawyer for housing me and my friends and family who visited me this summer!

1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Cottage Meetings

Our new Pastor, John Check, has a great idea for meeting and getting to know our Mount Olivet congregation. We are scheduling a series of “cottage meetings” on upcoming Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week both in the morning and in the evening. We encourage everyone to either agree to host one of these cottage meetings or to participate.

The meetings are get togethers of about 8 to 12 adults in someone’s home with Pastor John and gives us the opportunity to let John know who we are and to discuss matters related to our Church.

Aletia at the Church office is coordinating these events. If you are interested in hosting one or participating in one please give her a call so this can be scheduled in the near future.

Also, if you would like to participate but Tuesdays and Thursdays don’t work, we will arrange a meeting or two at the Church at a convenient time. Again, please contact Aletia.

We look forward to your participation.

*Yours in Christ,
Chris Seawell*



Nursery Volunteers

8:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am

August 10	Jackie Hart 473-6579		Lynnette Crews 473-3295
August 17	Rita Shaffer 473-6630		Paula Donaghy 480-1844
August 24	Joyce Edwards 473-3845		Martha Howell 475-1117
August 31	Erica Burkhart 423-0989		Lisa Fry 475-1717

If you cannot serve your time in the nursery, please call someone and trade, if possible. The nursery is in need of assistance. Please contact me if you would like to serve in the area?

Elizabeth Gallop, Nursery Coordinator