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*Words from
Our Pastor*

I chatted with a friend of mine about tithing and he gave me permission to use this article for our November newsletter.

Answering Questions: What is a Tithe?

The tithe is a biblical description of proper giving. It is a pattern of giving that is proportionate (10%) and regular. The Old Testament presents the tithe as one dimension of living in covenant with God. In the New Testament, Jesus affirmed the tithe, and the Apostle Paul connected such giving with our gratitude for grace (2 Corinthians 8 and 9). The Prophet Malachi was particularly articulate when he wrote of God's invitation for us put Himself to the test with regard to tithing,

Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. (Malachi 3:9-10)

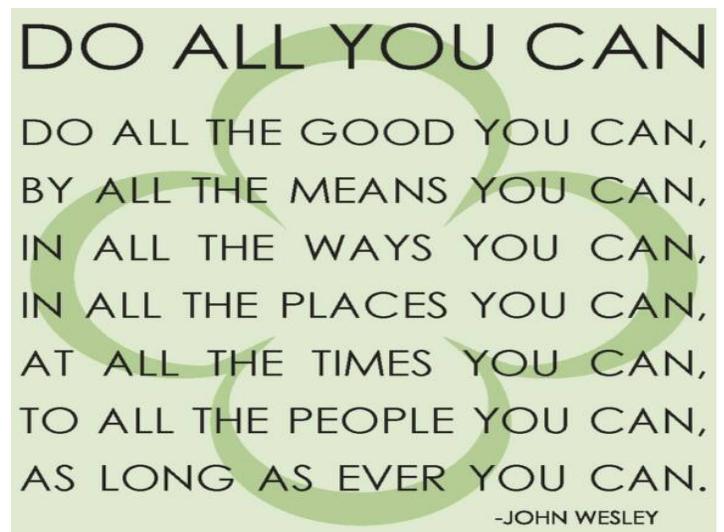
The passage speaks of tithes and offerings. These are often distinguished with the tithe being 10% of one's gross income and offerings being anything given in addition to the tithe. Reading the Bible, one also hears of alms. These are often designated as what is specifically given to aide those who are poor.

Have you given thought to your pledge? The pledge is a prudential spiritual practice. Both the Old and the New Testaments mention pledging. Generations of Christians encourage pledging as helpful for one's life in Christ. By means of the pledge, one prayerfully plans one's offerings of thanksgiving and gratitude. The pledge helps the Christian to be intentional, disciplined, and spiritual in the use of and

offering of money. As we come to our commitment Sunday, you are encouraged to pledge, and we hope you will choose to do so. In addition to its value for spiritual growth, your pledge helps the church plan more wisely as we seek to support and strengthen the ministry of Christ.

May God bless you in the adventure in faith that is giving and pledging. May you grow and flourish in trust and obedience to Him who met us and who meets us fully in the gift of his Son Jesus Christ.

*Reverend David Banks
(Used with permission)*



WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT GIVING:

"I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week." —

John D. Rockefeller, Sr. (1839-1937), American industrialist and philanthropist

"I have observed 100,000 families over my years of investment counseling. I always saw greater prosperity and happiness among those families who tithed than among those who didn't."

Sir John Templeton, chairman of Templeton Funds

"I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God's failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of His work. He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my service to Him." —

William Carey (1761-1834), Baptist missionary to India

Giving (continued from Page 1)

"You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving." —

Amy Carmichael (1867-1951), missionary to India

Dearest lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost." —

Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), Jesuit founder

"Giving is true loving." —

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-92), English Baptist preacher

"Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave." —

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-92), English Baptist preacher

"The measure of a life is not its duration, but its donation." — *Peter Marshall (1902-49), former U.S. Senate chaplain*
"Charitable giving should be a spiritual, rather than an economic decision. Economically, charitable giving never pays." — *Ron Blue (1942-), Christian financial planner*

I judge all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity." —

John Wesley (1703-91), English evangelist and founder of Methodism

(Quotations are courtesy of Maximum Generosity, Brian Kluth)



STEWARDSHIP
A way of Life

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35

Children's Ministry

Living Out Our Gratitude

Like love, true thanksgiving is expressed through our actions. Serving God by serving others doesn't necessarily mean you need to travel across the world on a mission trip, though. Opportunities abound in our homes, churches, schools, neighborhoods, and communities to meet other people's needs. By doing so, to show our love and gratitude to God. Children are pre-wired for service, so they'll be more eager to help out than you might expect. Just watch out: Your kids will begin to view the world from a whole new perspective. Coming face to face with human need is truly transformative! Use these ideas to start living out your gratitude as a family.

- With babies and toddlers, read aloud picture books about thankfulness. Then talk about ways we say thank you to God and other people.

- At home, provide Helper's Hints. On slips of paper, have kids write or draw a picture of a way to serve each family member. Then place the slips in a decorated shoebox. Examples include "Make Mom's bed," "Give a hug," or "Empty the dishwasher." Each morning, kids can choose a slip and use the hint to serve someone that day. Regularly add new ideas to the box.

- At church, volunteer as a family at a work day. Look for age-appropriate tasks for your kids, such as cleaning out pews, washing toys in the nursery, or pulling weeds.

- Be good neighbors! Older kids can help with lawn work, painting, and house- and pet-sitting. Younger children can provide company to elderly or homebound people, bringing flowers or cards during visits.

- Enlist children in the CSS: Christian Secret Service. Deploy kids for undercover operations by having them serve others covertly. They can leave sidewalk-chalk messages, deliver cards to a local nursing home, pick up trash at a favorite park, or wash windshields in the church parking lot.



- Donate to food drives or help at a food bank. Discuss how God provides for us in amazing ways. (For example, read about the Israelites and manna in Exodus 16:11-18.)

Children's Ministry (continued from Page 2)

- In the community, serve as volunteer readers at local schools and libraries. Older kids can tutor or be “buddies” to younger kids who need extra attention.
- Participate in holiday toy drives. Or pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- Stuff and label envelopes at a nonprofit or denominational organization. Ask what other immediate needs they have.

“Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. So two good things will result from the ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.”

—2 Corinthians 9:11-12

ASK GOD:

1. To give your children loving, grateful hearts toward Him.
2. To help your family members put their love for God into action by serving other people.
3. To help you make service a joyful, regular habit in your home.

Tina Hodgson

Thanks!!!

Dear Mount Olivet,

Thank you for the devotional book. Thank you for remembering my graduation. I really appreciate it and will use it at Liberty University.

Bobby Cooper
(Ann Ownley's grandson)

Give
thanks
to the
LORD
for He is good
His love endures
forever

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

Missions

It is STEWARDSHIP MONTH and it is our prayer that as you consider your tithe to our Church Budget that you will also make a commitment to MISSIONS and pledge your gifts. Our Church is certainly not the only church to have a dedicated Missions committee with it's own budget; but we are certainly one of the few. Our Missions committee was a vision of folks in our church who had a heart for sharing the gospel locally, nationally and internationally.

Over 50 years ago a trust fund was set up to support “overseas” missionaries specifically by Lucetta Willis. Currently we are able to realize approx \$5000 annually from this fund.

We also have a budget of approx \$28,000 that is funded totally by your pledges and we partner with established programs and also help with emergency needs locally.

Your gifts are graciously appreciated and we look forward to see what God leads you to pledge to Missions for 2015.

Missions Committee



Nursery Volunteers

	8:30 AM	Sunday School	11:00 AM
November 9 4 PM			Lynnette Crews 473-3295
November 16	Rita Shaffer 473-6630	Lee Swain Petty 216-6310	Paula Donaghy 480-1844
November 23	Joyce Edwards 473-3845		Martha Howell 475-1117
November 30	Jackie Hart 473-6579		Lisa Fry 475-1717

Thank you for volunteering to serve our children in the church nursery. Your time is appreciated! If you cannot serve during your scheduled time, please make arrangements to swap with someone on the schedule. The nursery can always use more volunteers. If you are willing to serve, please contact me!

Elizabeth Gallop elizabethgallop@yahoo.com 423-0484

Music Ministry

“The First Noel” and “Camel Lot”

On Sunday, December 14 at the 8:30am and 11:00am services the Chancel Choir will present its Christmas Cantata entitled The First Noel (Celebrating the Birthday of a King). The First Noel is a traditional carol of French origin that tells the story of the birth of Jesus. It reminds us of the reason we celebrate Christmas. Often the Christmas season becomes a time of busy-ness and shopping for gifts. Through this musical presentation we can help ourselves remember that Christ should be the focus of our Christmas.

If you love to sing, you are invited to join the Chancel Choir on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the choir room. We would love to see you there!

We will also be presenting the Mount Olivet Kids Musical Camel Lot on December 14 at 5:00pm. This musical weaves together a good deal of humor with the important message of turning our attention back to the birth of Christ. Come and be transported to the Camel Lot in Bethlehem where you will meet some travelers on their way to the manger.



As we enter the month of November, let us not forget the time of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day was originally a day set aside for feasting and prayer to express the gratitude the colonists had that they were still alive. Scripture says:

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever.”

Psalm 107:1

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Psalm 100:4-5

Let us enter into this season with Thanksgiving in our hearts, praising God for the gift of his son, Jesus Christ. Celebrate the Birth of our Savior.

*Blessings,
Nathan Schierer*

Worship

Altar Guild

Chair – Angie Sellers 305-1236

Charlotte Dixon, Susie Fleming, Allison Martin

Ushers/Greeters

8:30 Stuart & Ramona Wescott 473-3604

11:00 Clint & Juanita Hepler 305-8124

11:00 Amy Radford (Greeter)

Communion Stewards will be announced in Bulletin

Worship Advent Schedule –

Monday, October 27, 9:30 AM. Deep cleaning of Worship areas

Sunday, November 9, 4:00 PM. Sunday Worship Service. (Marathon Day) (no morning services)

Sunday, November 16. Samaritan Shoe boxes due

Sunday, November 23. Poinsettia order deadline

Sunday, November 23, 7:00 PM. Community Thanksgiving service, First Assembly - Rev. Check will give message

Monday, November 24, 9:30 AM. Preparing Sanctuary for Advent

Sunday, November 30, 5:00 PM. Hanging of Greens

Sunday, December 7. Communion service at both Worship Services (8:30 AM and 11:00 AM) Stewardship cards returned

Sunday, December 14. Christmas Choir Cantata (8:30 AM and 11:00 PM services)

Sunday, December 14, 5:00 PM. Children’s Christmas Play - Birthday Party for Jesus - Pizza dinner in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 21. Mission Food Basket Project - early afternoon

Wednesday, December 24. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Christmas Eve Open Communion

Wednesday, December 24. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24. 11:30 PM - 12:00 AM. Christmas Eve Communion Service

Sunday, December 28. 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. Worship Services

Friday January 2, 9:30 AM. Breakdown Christmas decorations

Thanks to all who help with Worship Committee activities.

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



I don't know about you, but whenever I think about the month of November, I cannot help but think of Thanksgiving. It is a holiday of which I have many fond memories of time spent with family and friends. One tradition that my family has is to go around the table and take turns sharing at least one thing that we are thankful for, as many people do. Over the years I have realized more and more that I am incredibly blessed and have innumerable things to be thankful for. The family tradition that I used to consider a nuisance before dinner has now become one of my favorite times throughout the entire Thanksgiving holiday. I have found that the more that I reflect on things that I am thankful for, the less I worry about everything else.

As you go throughout the month of November and Thanksgiving approaches, I hope that you have the opportunity to pause and thank God for what He has done for you. Regardless of whether you have much or little, you are sick or well, times are easy or hard, you can choose to be thankful. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Even if there were nothing else good in our lives, Jesus gives us a reason to be thankful, because in Him we have the hope of salvation, a purpose for our lives, and the joy of eternal fellowship with our Creator.

*Happy Thanksgiving,
Drew Peyton*



Special Events in November

Saturday, November 15th- Town of Manteo Litter Pick Up Day (Service Opportunity)

This is a great opportunity for us to serve our community as we join with other groups to help Manteo stay clean. If you would like to attend this

event, meet Drew at the Cove by 8:45 am, and we will walk down to the waterfront together for coffee, donuts, and hot chocolate at 9:00. We will pick up trash until about 11:00 and will eat pizza after we finish.

Cancellations in November

Cancellations for Thanksgiving- We will not have any events at the Cove from November 27th- November 30th because of Thanksgiving. The cancelled events are listed below. Enjoy the time with your families!

November 27th- Youth Breakfast and Cove Afterschool

November 30th- Sunday Night Youth Group

2014 Fall Schedule

All events are open for students in the 6th-12th grade

All events meet at the Cove except youth breakfast

Tuesday and Thursday- Cove Open Afterschool 3:00-5:00pm when school is in session. We will enjoy snacks together from 3:30 -4:00 and spend the rest of the time in fellowship.

Thursday morning youth breakfast, 7:00 -7:40 am each Thursday morning school is in session; come out for a great hot breakfast and a guest speaker each week. Transportation is provided to middle and high school after breakfast. This event meets in "Room A" inside the main church building.

Sunday night Youth Group 5:30 - 7:00 pm. This is a time for students to grow in their love for God and their love for one another as they fellowship through the sharing of heavy snacks, playing games, and studying Scripture together.

Sunday school will continue to meet as previously scheduled. (9:30-10:30)





We are excited to say that we will be partnering with SAMARITAN'S PURSE again this year with the fun ministry of OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD; the ministry that provides children all over the world with a shoebox full of gifts. We have participated in this ministry many times before and so this is "familiar territory" for us. Pre-made boxes will be available for pick up to fill up early in the month and collection deadline and dedication Sunday will be Nov 16.

If you do not wish to fill a box; you may still be involved by helping sponsor the transportation costs so the children can fill boxes through a donation to the Shoebox Ministry!

In 2013 the OUTER BANKS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION awarded more than \$385,000 in grants to non-profits and \$120,000 in scholarships to local students. The OBCF is fully tax-deductible and is funded by gifts and trusts. Your donation help support arts and culture, children and youth, community services, education, environment, health, history, and disaster recovery across the Outer Banks.

The Foundation has been generous to Roanoke Island Food Pantry over the years, the AfterProm Party that our church has been involved in and also sowed into our JOY STORE program when we had that. Many of our children have benefited from the Foundation as well through sports programs, scholarships etc.

Won't you consider a gift to help support the this unique program we have on the Outer Banks? There are 5 easy ways to donate; 1) By Phone, 252.261.8839 2) Online at www.obcf.org 3-4) by mail or in person at 13 Skyline Road, Southern Shores, NC 27949 5) donating to the church and memo OBCF.

This is an wonderful way to be part of the good things that take place in our Outer Banks Community. If you have questions, please see OBCF Board Members Chris Seawell or Delores Harrell. They will be happy to share the needs and benefits of the Foundation.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 1 Les & Becky Austin - 17 yrs.
- 1 R. D. & Kay Sawyer - 38 yrs.
- 3 Charles Bruce & Cynthia Davis – 25 yrs.
- 4 Bill & Ina Ernst – 8 yrs.
- 8 Rob & Michelle Petty – 11 yrs.
- 11 Mac & Mary Basnight – 19 yrs.
- 13 Jim & Anne Davis – 52 yrs.
- 15 Michael & Donna Steiner – 11 yrs.
- 16 Paul & Melissa Rock – 28 yrs.
- 18 Brian & Charlotte White – 19 yrs.
- 22 Ralph & Pam Jones – 53 yrs.
- 22 Todd & Kristy Kretschmar – 11 yrs.
- 22 Jonathan & Leslie Reed – 19 yrs.
- 23 Mark & Jennifer Gamiel – 18 yrs.
- 24 Bill & Dee Wheeler – 65 yrs.
- 24 Jay & Kathy Burrus – 35 yrs.
- 27 Jon & Donna Presgrave – 50 yrs.



<http://www.obcf.org/>

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



The Worship Committee will be decorating Mount Olivet with red poinsettias for The Advent Season. The Poinsettias will cost \$10.00 and we will be ordering enough to decorate the Sanctuary. After deducting the cost of the poinsettias, the remaining funds will be donated to the Roanoke Island Food Pantry.

Please complete the order form below and enclose \$10.00 for each person honored or memorialized. The dedication insert will be placed in the December 7th bulletin.

DEADLINE for placing your order is Sunday, November 23, 2014.

IN HONOR OF: _____



IN MEMORY OF: _____



Please Make Your Check Payable To
 Mount Olivet United Methodist Church. Memo: Poinsettias
 Total Paid: \$ _____

Happy Birthday!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ben Barbee , Daylen O’Neal, Kristin Selby
- 2 June Elizabeth Dixon, Mark Spence
- 3 Bill Kraus, Blake LaRose, Jeffrey Midgett, Mary Pool, Zack Tillett
- 4 Julia Burrus, Jan Culpepper, Jennifer Lynn Dixon
- 5 Bill Daniels, Ashley Grissom, Katie Lee, Shannon Owens , Joanna Stickley, Kyle Stickley
- 6 Tom Blanchard, !V
- 7 Caroline Atkinson, Thomas Krauss, Kristen McCown, Chris Moore, Bob Turney, Hunter Wright
- 8 Amanda Hernley, Richard Wright
- 9 Zorita Basnight, Dianne Jones, Leslie Reed, Gary Setzer
- 10 Holly Presgrave, Meredith Wells, Nevin Wescott,
- 11 Anna Cribb, Mue Daniels, Grace Deichler, Erin McCown
- 12 Punk Daniels, Barbara Dare Hartwig, Tucker Rozmus
- 13 Emily Gamiel, Jonathan Reed
- 14 Elizabeth Gallop, Mary Kathryn Gore, Troy Tugwell|
- 15 Caroline Adams, Christopher Roberts, Sallie Clarke Roberts
- 16 Katie Cheeseman, Gib Harrison, Carlee Paramore, Jennifer Phillips, Cody Watts
- 17 Steve Howell, Christian S. Martin
- 18 Algie Campbell, Linda Cheeseman, Kevin Hathaway
- 19 Jean P. Basnight, Chrissy Bradley, Michael Davenport, Cindy Gregory, Keaton Wescott
- 20 Rusty Campbell, Nancy Gmitter, Sierra Marie Nissley, Joseph Storey, Buddy Twiford
- 22 Margaret Orr
- 23 Martha Allen, Laura Szilvagy
- 24 Jennifer Bridgers, Buddy Thompson
- 25 Sheena Berry, David Holton
- 26 Ryder Austin, Mariah Schierer, Penny Williams
- 27 Sunshine Scarborough
- 29 Wil Reed
- 30 George Miller

