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# GOOD NEWS

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## Words from Our Pastor

Spring has finally arrived, as I shiver outside today. There are very few things in life more reliable than the seasons of the year.

We know, to the second, when one season ends and another begins. We all go through seasons, as well. Our seasons are not nearly as defined as the seasons of the year. Solomon wrote about seasons in Ecclesiastes 3.

- 1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.
- 9 What does the worker gain from his toil? 10 I have seen the burden God has laid on men.

11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. 12 I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. 13 That everyone may eat and drink, and find

satisfaction in all his toil--this is the gift of God. 14 I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him.

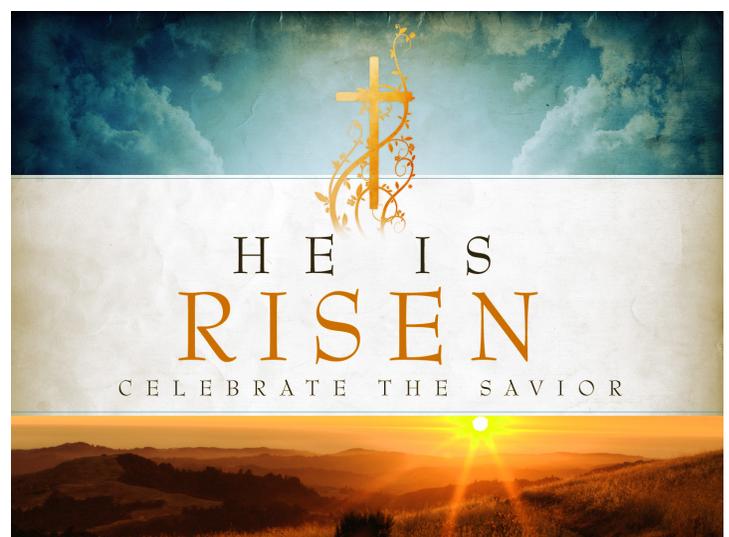
We see seasons a little differently, I think. We see them in time. A season is when our children start school. A season for us might include our children going off to school. We call that the empty nest time. We think of retirement as another season. Our interests change from one season to another. We find ourselves doing "activities" that are congruent with our season.

There are many times and activities that do not change with our seasons. Perhaps you can name those for me.

As we enter into Easter season, I would like for us to remember that the season of Easter is about life. Easter is about resurrection and we all know this to be true.

When I say Easter is about life what I mean is that we have life and eternal life now. Life is about Him and abundant life is about experiencing Him now. Abundant life begins when we understand and believe. Life in Him is about celebration. We celebrate that the chains of sin and death are broken and we are free to live as never before. Shame and guilt are gone. Death has lost its hold. Glorifying God becomes the chief duty of us all. Hallelujah He is Risen and that is a Season that has no end.

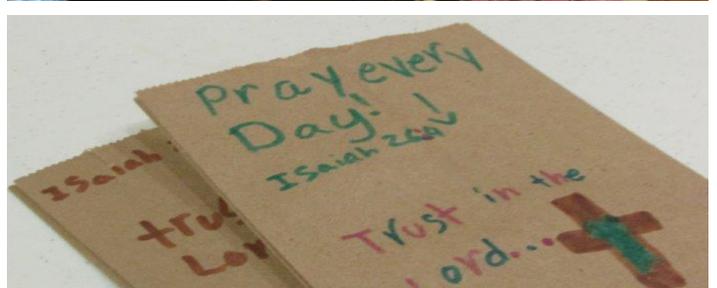
*Grace and Truth,  
John*



# Children's Ministry

Olivet Kids Children's Ministry is a blessing to me and to so many in our community! Thank you so very much for supporting this ministry through your acts of service, love and prayer. We are receiving notes, telephone calls, and visits from parents sharing how their child's faith is being displayed and how together at home they are growing closer to Christ. YES! This is exactly what our goal, vision, and mission here is all about. So, again thank you for bringing in the eggs for the most exciting Easter event ever, donating items and time for VBS, teaching Sunday School classes, changing diapers for Jesus, providing snacks, singing/acting in a children's musical, decorating your vehicle all out to reach someone during Trunk or Treat, and being willing to allow God to use you! The verse shared during our Appreciation Sunday states it best, '4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord' 1 Corinthians 12:4-5 (ESV) May God bless each of you as we all continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

*Tina Hodgson  
Children's Ministry*



Jesus loves the little children.....

## Missions



Please do not forget to pray for our Easter Offering Opportunities and consider making a gift to one or more of these great ministries.

ROOM IN THE INN - our local community “churches-coming-together” initiative to help house the homeless on the OBX Nov-March. Mount Olivet usually takes two weeks during this period and houses our guests at the Youth House and provides all three meals. It is a great way to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need in our community.



FOOD BANK OF THE ALBEMARLE - this Food Bank provides Roanoke Island Food Pantry with many nutritious items at a fraction of the cost. They need financial donations to help offset the costs of management, fleet and fuel.



VOICE OF THE MARTYRS - the purpose is “Serving the persecuted church through practical and spiritual assistance while leading Christians in the free world into fellowship with them.”

# after PROM

The AfterProm Party is right around the corner.... it will take place beginning at 11 pm on Saturday, April 25 - PROM NIGHT! Mount Olivet’s goal is to raise at least \$1500 for the event that was originally started by folks here at our church but later passed confidently to Coastal Family Church. This is a great way for local churches to come together and show our teenagers how important they are to us and to our future.

Missions Committee

## Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	9:45 Sunday School	11:00 Service
April 5	Pam Harrison 473-1414		Erica Burkhart 423-0989
April 12	Denise Trevino 305-8210		Kathy Seawell 473-2056
April 19	Becky Austin 473-5694		Jennifer Phillips 473-5269
April 26	Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484	Millicent Duprey 473-6079	Wynne Hopkins 475-1006

The nursery can always use more volunteers. If you are willing to serve, please contact me!

*Elizabeth Gallop*  
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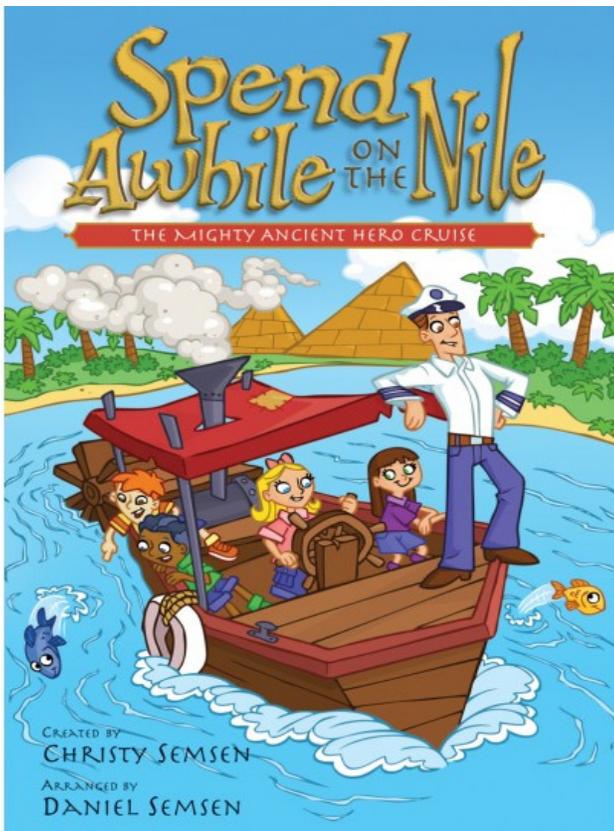
# Music Ministry

## “Worshipping through Easter and Beyond”

Easter is such an exciting time when we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord. We fill the air with exclamations of “He is Risen, He is Risen indeed.” We are reminded that “Christ our Lord has conquered the grave.” We sing songs of joy to rekindle a passion in our hearts with the reminder the Jesus saves and was sent to bring us salvation. What a mighty and awesome God we serve that He would send His son to die on the cross for our sins. One of my favorite songs has the following lyrics:

“We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He’s given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He’s comin’ back again, we believe.”

- *The Newsboys*



If your children are interested in music, we have an exciting opportunity to worship through our spring musical *Spend Awhile on the Nile*. There is still plenty of time to join on Sunday afternoons at 4 PM. We will be presenting the musical in May.

Our cantata choir leads worship each Sunday

morning for the 11:00 AM service. We would love to have you join us! If you are interested in singing with the choir, we meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the choir room.

The Resounding Praise team leads worship for the 8:30 AM service each Sunday. If you are interested in joining then stop in at a rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM. We would love to see you there.

If you are in 6 – 12th grade and are looking for a great time to hang out with your peers then join us on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

As we continue worshipping together past Easter Sunday, I pray that God would help us continue to be focused on the love and sacrifice that He poured out for us. Colossians 3:16 says “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

*Blessings,  
Nathan Schierer*

## Worship

April 2015

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers/Greeters

8:30 Stanley & Paula Oliver 473-2944

11:00 Tom O’Neal 473-1125 & Lynda Midgett 473-7023

11:00 Bill & Margaret Daniels (Greeters) 473-3534

Communion Stewards –

Johnny Wescott, Sherry Wescott, and others to be announced

The Worship Committee will decorate the cross on Saturday April 4. We are asking any and all church members to please bring flowers that morning to the church. There will be buckets on the Educational Building porch for flowers.

Thanks to everyone who help with Worship Committee activities.

*Sarah Wise, Chair*





March was a fantastic month at the Cove, highlighted by our trip to Greensboro for Acquire the Fire. Over the course of the weekend, our students were challenged to become resilient by making their relationship with Jesus Christ the foundation for their life. Thank you to everyone who prayed for us and supported us leading up to and throughout the weekend. It truly was a great experience for our students, and I am praying that God continues to build upon the lessons that He taught them this weekend as we have settled back into our routines at home.

I am excited that April is here, because Holy Week is an exciting time in the life of our church. As Holy Week comes, I hope that each of us takes the opportunity to reflect upon the grace and hope that Jesus provided for us through His sacrificial death. He took the wrath and the penalty of sin so that we do not have to, and through His resurrection, He has thoroughly defeated sin, death, and the grave. This is the good news of the gospel, that we can have life now and forever in relationship with a loving and gracious God. Glory to God, He is risen!

*Drew Peyton*

**Upcoming Trip:**

College For A Weekend: April 9th-12th, Liberty University. This trip is open for any 10th-12th grade students. It comes at the end of the students' Spring Break. Our students will be given the opportunity to experience what college is like for students at Liberty University, and will have a lot of fun and fellowship with one another in the process.



**2014 Winter 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 5:00 - 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 continues to meet at the Cove. (9:45-10:45)



- 4 Jim & Linda Boyd - 12 yrs.
- 5 Scott & LeeAnn Finicum - 21 yrs.
- 8 Paul & Estelle Midgett - 54 yrs.
- 9 Gene & Charlene Dever - 73 yrs.
- 11 Mark & Traci France - 23 yrs.
- 13 John & Gladys Wise - 52 yrs.
- 17 Gene & Kim Grissom - 22 yrs.
- 17 Stanley & Paula Oliver - 44 yrs.
- 18 Tom & Janice Krauss - 28 yrs.
- 19 Robert & Charlene Heroux - 35 yrs.
- 19 Troy & Lyuda Sluder - 11 yrs.
- 19 Edward & Penny Williams - 35 yrs.
- 21 Michael & Denise Trevino - 14 yrs.
- 26 Drew & Sarah Peyton - 1 yr.
- 28 Bob & Janet Daley - 36 yrs.
- 28 Gib & Pam Harrison - 25 yrs.
- 30 Joseph & Amelia Rozmus - 4 yrs.

## A Voice from the Past...

Mount Olivet!

Philemon 1:4 sums up my thoughts this semester: “I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers...” I miss this church family dearly and pray for you all regularly. I miss Pastor John joyfully calling the “offertory people” to come to the altar. I miss John Wescott wishing he were a Duke fan. I miss being with Mrs. Tina and the children during the summer camps, and I miss seeing all of you on Sunday mornings. But more than that, I am thankful. I see now more than ever how privileged I was to serve alongside you all this summer—what an honor! Without taking up too much space, I wanted to give you a short update on my life. First, I graduate in May! God is good. Second, I am currently a youth pastor at Roxboro Baptist Church and, if anything, I’ve learned how good your church has it with Drew and Sarah! And third, after graduation I hope to join a fellowship program called Trinity Forum Academy located outside of Washington, DC. The program is an investment in young Christian leaders who live together in an immersive community doing research, doing outreach, and networking with Christian leaders along the east coast. I am also looking at serving as the chaplain for a private high school outside of Atlanta called King’s Ridge Academy. Please pray with me as I discern where God would have me serve and grow on the next leg of my journey. Lastly, know that I desperately desire to come visit, but haven’t been afforded the opportunity because of my jobs as Graduate Resident, full-time student, and youth pastor. Hopefully when things slow down—hopefully this summer!—I can return to the land of sunset dolphin cruises, lost colony performances, and one of the most hospitable and amazing churches around, Mount Olivet.

*Your brother in Christ,  
John Mark  
(The intern with 3 first names)*

*Nannie Midgett Circle  
Monday, April 20  
Janice O’Neal’s home*

## Happy Birthday!



- 1 Barbara Keller, Clara Pierce Smith, Amanda Songer, Patsy Zoll
- 2 Janet Daley, Josie Fry, Martha Howell, Allison Martin
- 3 Barbara Brown, Estelle Midgett, Christine Skinner, Deborah Williford
- 4 Cole Basnight, Walt Davis, Jasmine Johnson
- 5 Tylor Ballew, Nan Brown, Samatha Steiner, Hunt Thomas, Jim Trefny, Leo Woodard
- 6 Bill Kebschull
- 7 Barbara Holton
- 8 Jesse Cheesman, Leah Cribb, Ronnie Davis, Olin Davis, Tara Horne
- 9 April Hawkins Ball, Gabrielle Gregory, Keegan Lee, Ryan White, Rob Williams
- 10 Jo Jane Korbach, Trip Phillips, Adam Reed, Susan Storey, Charles Winstead, Robin York
- 11 Kevin Goudy, Kendelle Petty
- 12 Bodan Harrington, Jon Presgrave, Emma Weatherly
- 13 Jay Austin, S. C. Basnight, Kristin Buckalew, Lin Gaskill
- 14 Cathy Boyce, David Creef, Jeff Landreth
- 15 Robert Braine, Ayden O’Neal, Jean Payne, Anna Barrett Smith, Ramona Midgett,
- 16 Sophie Bennewitz, John Wescott
- 17 Seth Hash
- 18 Kevin Nissley, Angie Sellers, Meredith Skinner
- 19 Helen Farrow, Carly Osmon
- 20 Byron Sawyer, Noah Wescott
- 21 Skylor Burke, Amy Noffsinger
- 22 Suzie Tedrick, Bill Zottoli
- 23 Daniel Fauth, Janice O’Neal, Caroline Snapp, Charlotte White
- 24 Hannah Davenport, Ryan McOwen, Mike Meekins, Patrick Pritchard, Christan Stroud, Mariah Wilson
- 25 Buddy Creef, Michael Keller, R. V. Owens, Trent Phillips, Melissa Rock
- 26 Skip Lange, Kevin Wescott, Kenya Whittington
- 27 Daniel Davis, Bettie Kellogg
- 28 Crystal Cox, Jennifer Gamiel
- 29 Benjamin Ezra Fauth, Cedric Grgurich, Sydney Pearce, Stephen Stetson
- 30 Nancy Austin, Brenda Spake Brent, Keith Martin, Donna Presgrave, Sandy Snapp



## *Evangelism*

What is Evangelism? According to the scriptures it is Christian's sharing the Good News that Jesus Christ died and was raised from the dead to save us from our sins that we may have eternal life. Believers and unbelievers are sinners, but by the grace of God we all can be cleansed as white as snow, to one day meet him in the sky and live forever with the Father. When trying to decide how to share Christ with someone, the starting point should be the same as that of John the Baptist and Jesus Himself. Matthew 3:2 tells us that John began his ministry with the words "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." Repentance refers to a "change of mind," which implies sorrow for past offences (2 Corinthians 7:10), a deep sense of the evil of sin as committed against God (Psalm 51:4), and a conscious decision to turn from sin to God. The first words Jesus spoke when He began His public ministry were identical to John's (Matthew 4:17).

In February we held our Winter Revival with Rev. Abidan Paul Shah as our teacher and speaker. We certainly were blessed with a week of biblical lessons proclaiming our accountability in stepping out of our comfort zone to tell others the good news of Jesus Christ, He shared with us how it is not only a conscious decision on our part, but a commandment to share with those that do not have the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ especially in today's volatile world. Are we at Mount Olivet UMC ready to approach those that need God's love, comfort, and hope? Are you ready to go outside the safety of our church walls to proclaim the bad news of sin and wrath and the good news of love, grace, mercy and faith? Begin with prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in witnessing, and that doors will be open with the opportunity to share your faith, experiences, and love of your Savior and Redeemer, Jesus!

To start your journey, begin with the opportunities already started at Mount Olivet. Come and sit with a Room in the Inn participant at breakfast or dinner, or share with the folks that attend our Fish Fry's, or what about telling the good news through music with the choir when they minister to the elderly at the nursing homes and through the cantata's. You

can join the many choirs in the community that bring the love and joy of Christ through music. Serve at the Hosea House, Dare Challenge, or the Crisis Pregnancy Center. What about joining a few that hide shells with scripture written on them at the beach during the summer months, share the good news when we feed the lifeguards, or take a Bible with you to your next doctor or dentist appointment and leave it in the reception area. Have you ever left a Bible in the lunch room at work? Watch it disappear and ask God to touch the person that took it. There are so many opportunities and open doors for you to spread the good news.

Next month I'll share with you Lifestyle Evangelism as given to us by Paul and Peter.

Let me share with you the upcoming events that your Evangelism Committee members are currently planning.

- We will be combining the completion of the children's Mission Camp with an Ice Cream Social on July 24th
- Church family picnic after Sunday services at the Old Swimming Hole on September 20th
- Currently we are working on a Senior Recognition event
- Fall Revival scheduled for October 25th through October 28th

We would love to hear any ideas or suggestions you may have that will take us out of our comfort zone to a community that needs to hear the good news of Jesus. May God challenge you to reach out and speak for Him.

God's Blessings on each of you,

*Reha Otte'  
Evangelism Chair*