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GOOD NEWS

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I have been spending a lot of energy wondering how our church can be the best church God would have it to be. In order for our church to be

the church God would like for it to be, it must be balanced. For that to happen, we must each find our "niche". In order to be balanced, as a church, we need to remain focused on our mission and on our methodology. Our mission is to reach the world for Jesus Christ and proclaim His Great Love. Our methodology and our focus are the 5 vital disciplines. They are: worship, discipleship, mission, evangelism, and fellowship.

Each one of us needs to be involved in each of these disciplines:

When someone participates in worship alone, they expect that service to "meet" all of their needs. Sometimes this leads to a false understanding of who God is. Paul wrote concerning religious people, they have a form of godliness but denying its power. (2 Timothy 3:5).

When someone participates in discipleship without worship, their world often becomes about information and knowledge which tends to make them proud. Paul says, Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up (1 Corinthians 8:1b).

Equally troubling is one who neglects other disciplines to be involved in only evangelism. Often the character of their walk with God is inconsistent with their words.

We read in I Corinthians these words, This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words (2:13) .

Those who focus in on fellowship, alone, are usually lacking in spiritual depth and strength. This person may find their human contact needs being met... contact with God is out of balance.

Of course similar imbalance is relevant to anyone who is "only" involved in mission. Sometimes this person may feel as if the whole world is controlled by injustice and poverty and that meeting those is the "Great Commission".

One of the positives that we need to not overlook is that a person's point of contact, for the church, may be found in one of these areas (worship, discipleship, mission, evangelism, and fellowship) this is a good thing.

We, as a church, need to work toward bringing all of our members into a full, complete, balanced, and mature relationship with Jesus Christ. Wesley called this vital piety.

*Grace and Peace,
John*



Relationship with God through:

WORSHIP

DISCIPLESHIP

EVANGELISM

FELLOWSHIP

MISSION

Don't be out of balance!!



Children's Ministries

Learning Healthy Independence

Early in life, children are wholly dependent creatures, relying on their parents for almost everything. A parent's job is to help kids become self-reliant and eventually become independent as they grow. But with independence comes increased responsibility. You can teach your kids to continue relying on God—even when they're independent from you.

Consider the stages of independence a child grows through:

- **Toddlers** A child's desire for independence begins at 12 months, not 12 years. Your toddler's "me do it!" autonomy may complicate daily routines, but continue to offer encouragement, supervised guidance, and assurance of your love as your child learns to do things on his or her own.
- **Preschoolers** As children age 3 to 5 become more independent, they can also be less cooperative. They take increasing pride in making decisions. But they also find comfort in predictability. Help your kids by maintaining routines while letting them make some simple choices on their own.
- **Elementary Age** From ages 6 to 9, kids enjoy making more decisions. They also begin to learn that decisions have consequences. Encourage confident decision-making in your kids by asking open-ended questions, seeking their opinions, and trusting them with increasingly complex tasks.
- **Preteens** By age 10, most kids start taking ownership of their beliefs and values by analyzing and challenging what they hear. As they do, encourage them to talk with God about those things too.

ASK GOD:

1. To guide you as you nurture independence in your children.
2. To remind your family of the freedom from sin that Jesus offers you.
3. To help you model for your children how to completely depend on Jesus every day.

*God bless you for all you do,
Tina Hodgson
Children's Director*

*Give THANKS,
for HE is GOOD!!!*



THANK YOU!

So many of you have given of your time and talents to ensure the success of Olivet Kids' summer camps this year. Thank you just does not seem to be enough to share with you exactly how grateful, touched, and blessed I am that you have invested into the lives of children here in Manteo. Our prayer is for their experiences here to have an eternal impact on their lives. We could not even come close to accomplishing this without YOU. You have cut decorations, donated decor and snacks, come spent time with the kids; sharing Christ's love through your smiles and high fives! This does not even cover half of all that you do on any given Sunday, so again my deepest most sincere thank you to you. I will leave you with this verse: And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Galatians 6:9

Thank You!

TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES OF HELEN VAN CLEEF PETTY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP & WOODY GASKILL-KEITH JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

I'd personally like to thank you for awarding me these scholarships. I know every penny will go to good use towards my education at North Carolina State University. I am beyond excited to start this new chapter of my life, and now with your help I will be able to do so. Again I cannot explain how truly grateful I am to be awarded these scholarships.

*Thank you,
Abby Haywood*

Dear Mount Olivet Scholarship Committees,

I just wanted to thank you for the two scholarships. It was an honor to be chosen for both of them. I'll do my best over the next four years at UNC- Wilmington to show that the scholarships were given to a person that will use them. I hope you all have a blessed day.

*Go Seahawks!
Charity Durand*

Scholarship Committee,

Thank you. Through your generosity and blessing I will be able to pay for more of my college expenses. May the Lord bless your church and lead you all in His desires for the rest of your days! Through this blessing I, in turn will be able to bless others, so thank you for your partnership!

*By His Grace,
Violet Krawchuk*

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Stacey Bell, Karynna Culpepper, Caroline Kebschull, Connie Rose, Anastasia Wescott,
- 2 Tony Wilcox
- 3 Becky Austin, Griff Crews, Jimmie Hopkins, Clara Jones, Dougie Tillett
- 4 Stephen King, Bo Owens, Tracy Watts
- 6 Cam McCown, Saxon Skinner
- 7 Hannah Renee Meekins, Waverly Reibel
- 8 Winborne Evans, Steven Jones, O'Anna Rose, Dusty Sawyer, Julie Tillett
- 9 Taryn Jade Booth, Travis York,
- 10 Charlie Petty, R.D. Sawyer, Jr., Thomas Woody
- 11 Tom Crews, Susie Fleming, Donna Tillett
- 12 Edgar Barnes, Stuart Wescott, David Wilcox
- 13 Caitlin Byrum
- 14 Carolyn Johnson, Gene Snead, Lynn Tugwell
- 15 Lindsea Fearing, Evan Frank, Tim Hartwig, Carol Meekins, Hunter Presgrave
- 16 Cristina Gaylord Bope, Angela Pitts Rozmus
- 17 Christian Goudy, Terry Wheeler
- 18 Amy Davenport, Jimmy Hook, Karen Phillips,
- 19 Sally Scarborough
- 20 Rodney Berry, Jackie Hart, Shelton Ott
- 21 Tom Blanchard, III, Sarah Lynn Brown, Archie Burrus,, Loretta Fertal, Hannah N. Meekins
- 22 Marguerite Martin, Buddy McCown. Carl Payne, Keith Zillifro
- 23 Adlyn Wescott
- 24 Hannah Barnes, Marilyn Campbell,
- 25 Philip Foreman, Kiersten Hart, Jeanie Midgett, Larry Thomasson
- 26 Jim Brown, Jim Martin
- 27 Jed Dixon, Linda Ott, Sarah Dee Wise
- 28 Meredith Gwaltney
- 29 George Bonner, IV, Kevin Duprey, Russell Fleming, Brent Underwood
- 30 Maudie Vaughn, Chris Tedrick
- 31 "Little Robbie" Campbell, Sandy Murphy

Missions

SHORT and SWEET

Mount Olivet

Integrating

Serving God through serving others &

Sowing love

In

Opportunities

Near and Far

Successfully



July Nursery Volunteers

2015 First Quarter Nursery Schedule

Date	8:30 Service	9:45 Sunday School	11:00 Service
March 1	Lee Swain Petty 216-6310		Lisa Fry 475-1717
March 8	Deloris Harrell 473-5739	Judith Fearing 441-5487	Brenda Davis 305-8393
March 15	Melinda Creef 473-2345		Lynn Tugwell 473-1338
March 22	Liz Brown 473-9892	Jan Culpepper 757-373-4155	Melva Garrison 473-3399
March 29	Charlotte White 475-1864		Valerie Wheeler 473-5595

Thank you for volunteering in the nursery. Please make arrangements to switch with someone or find a substitute if you have a schedule conflict.

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



I am so glad to be able to officially welcome all of our rising 6th grade students to the Cove Student Ministries. I am excited to get to know you more in the coming weeks, months, and years. As an introduction for those of you who are considering attending events at the Cove, and as a reminder for those of you who are currently involved here, I want to share our student ministry's "Purpose Statement": "The Cove Student Ministry exists to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to students in Dare County and to build relationships and disciple them to grow Spiritually through prayer and the study of Scripture."

This statement drives all of our events, activities, and meeting times. It is my hope and prayer that the students at the Cove are able to better understand how much God loves them. As that occurs, they will begin to look to Him for their joy, peace, and hope that is only found in Jesus Christ. With this purpose in mind, here is our weekly summer schedule! Please be in prayer for us, that God would use these events to draw students into relationship with Him.

Drew Peyton

FALL RETREAT INFORMATION:

We will be going to Camp Willow Run from September 4th (Right after school gets out for early dismissal) to September 6th. 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 a limited number of spots available, and the trip will be \$40 per student. Register before August 23rd 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 towards the beginning of 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

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Monday: Drew's day off, no events

Tuesday: High School Bible Study, 7:30-9:00 pm

This Bible study is open to all rising 9th-12th grade students, as well as 2015 high school graduates. We will meet at my house, (202 Devon Street, Manteo), as we discuss topics that are of interest to our students, study the Scriptures and pray together.

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

We will leave around 1:45, arrive at the "Laughing Gull" public beach access around 2:15 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. *If there is inclement weather during any of our Tuesday beach days, we will return to the Cove, which will be open until 3:30.

Friday: Middle School Bible Study, 4:00-5:30 pm

This Bible study is open to all rising 6th-8th grade students. We will meet at the Cove for a time of fellowship and Spiritual growth through Biblical teaching on a middle school level. If your child needs a ride to or from the Cove for this event, please let Drew know!

Saturday: Various activities

We won't have anything consistent scheduled on Saturdays, but we may have an isolated event or two. TBA

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 July:

SUNDAY NIGHTS IN JULY:

July 5th- Shaving Cream Whiffle Ball 6:00-8:00pm. Meet at the Cove at 6, and wear closed-toe shoes and clothes you don't mind getting messy. Water will be provided.

July 12th- Pool Party at the Wescott's house. Meet at the Cove at 12:30 and we will ride over together for lunch and a pool party. Wear a bathing suit and bring a towel, we will return around 4:00 pm.

July 19th- TBA

July 26th- TBA

SCHEDULE CHANGES IN JULY:

We will not have beach day on Thursday, July 9th due to VBS.

Music

Ministry



“Summer Worship”

Worship is a time to join together as the body of Christ and lift our voices to praise his name and learn from his Word. As we enter the summer months the temptation may be to skip out on church and relax on the beach or enjoy time in the summer sun instead of participating in Sunday morning worship at church. I would encourage you to resist that temptation this summer and remember that the best “sun” to bask in is the Son of God. Let the worship time we have here at Mount Olivet each Sunday morning be the refresher that you need for the week.

Remember that our Vacation Bible School begins on July 6 with Everest: Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power! This week will be filled with fun and exciting music for our children, and I know that all of our helpers will enjoy the great music that will be a part of each day.

Also, in August, starting on the 3rd and running through the 7th will be our Worship Arts Camp. This will be a great time for our children in 1st through 5th grade to learn the many different ways that art, song, dance, etc. can be used as worship. Keep looking for details in the newsletter, bulletin and remember you can register or volunteer for VBS and Worship Arts Camp online mountolivetumc.org/childrens-ministry.

If your children are interested in music we have some exciting opportunities to worship each Sunday. Join us on Sunday morning from 9:30-10:00 AM before Sunday school. We are having a great time with Rhythm cups!!!



Our chancel 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. We could use a few more men!

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 or contact me for more information. We would love to see you there.



If you are in 6 – 12th grade and are looking for a great time to worship with your peers then come and join us.

REMINDER: For the summer we will be meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM! We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

*Blessings,
Nathan Schierer*



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Romans 15:7 says, “ Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.” I have never felt so welcomed, accepted and at home in a new place as I did my first week here. I know it can be difficult to accept a new face; even more to accept it as Christ accepted you, and still more to the glory of God. That is exactly what you have done for me. This is just one of many things that I have seen in the last two weeks that I hope to learn from you. I pray that this summer will be a time of fruitful ministry in which we can partner together to bring glory to God.

*May the peace of Christ be with you,
Rick Sullivan*

Worship

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers/Greeter

8:30 Jep Adams and Lynda Midgett 473-7023

11:00 Larry and Toni Franklin 473-6321

11:00 Greeter will be announced in Bulletin

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

Sarah Wise, Chair

Evangelism

The Evangelism Committee has been working hard to bring you a combination of Outreach, Discipleship, and Fellowship activities and events.

Take a look at what we have planned for this lazy, hazy and busy summer. Mark them on your calendar so you, your visitors and families can join us.

First on the agenda is a cool, refreshing and fun Ice Cream Social on Friday 7/24 at 6:00 pm. This event will close the week of the Children's Missions Camp with a short program by the children from 6:00 pm – 7:00pm and with a slide show of what they did during the week. This will be followed with an Ice Cream Social with toppings to enjoy.

If you are an Ice Cream connoisseur and are willing to show off your expertise, we are looking for willing makers of ice cream to share with everyone at this event. I know there are many of you in this church, as a few years back we had a wonderful selection of homemade ice cream made by many of you. If you can help make a gallon or so of homemade delight, please contact Lynda Midgett, Deloris Harrell or Reha Otte'.

We are looking for the men of the congregation to supply us with their favorite Ice Cream toppings. What is your favorites? Chocolate Syrup, caramel, strawberries, nuts, sprinkles, cherries, M&M's? Whatever it is, will add to the enjoyment of eating ice cream. Gentlemen, if you can bring a topping or two, just let one of the ladies listed above know what you will be bringing.

Next on our agenda is an Organ Concert on Sunday, August 2nd. We haven't completely firmed up this event yet, but mark the date on your calendar to keep it open for a fabulous afternoon of music.

The Mount Olivet Family Picnic will be held at the Old Swimming Hole pavilion on Sunday 9/20 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. Food, drinks, games and good fellowship is in store for everyone attending. We are planning on having baptisms at the Swimming Hole directly after church and before the picnic begins. More information will be provided in our next newsletter as we progress with the plans.

Our Fall Revival will be October 25 – October 28 with Chris Aylett of the Edenton UMC as speaker. As we get closer to this event, more information will be provided. Don't miss the date; mark your calendars.

We are planning for an early fall outreach program called Project Sunday. This is an outreach all church members can do for our community. Do you know someone that needs their flower beds cleaned, grass that needs cutting, or gutters cleaned? Or maybe

a fence needs painting or debris picked up. Let one of the committee members know and we will begin putting them on the list. We are working out details of teams going out to provide a service to each person on our list. More information will be forthcoming as we solidify our plans and we get closer to the date.

Elders in our church that are now shut-in's with little to no contact with our congregation members are often lonely and feel forgotten. We have started a program where Deloris Harrell has volunteered to send Birthday cards to these folks. We want to send words of encouragement, healing, and the love of Jesus Christ to each one of these wonderful brothers and sisters of Mt. Olivet. If you would like to also send cards of encouragement, love, and celebration, please contact Reha Otte' for the latest shut-in list.

During this busy time of the year, the Evangelism Committee encourages you to be safe in the heat and sun, but have a wonderful time with your families, visitors, and time on the beach. No matter what season we are in, Jesus is always the reason for the season.

*God's Blessings,
Reha Otte' – Evangelism Chair*

Happy
Anniversary

- 4 Charlie & Lee Petty - 2 yrs.
- 5 Staton & Marguerite Martin - 41 yrs
- 7 Bob & Argent Spake - 52 yrs.
- 9 Coy & Donna Tillett - 56 yrs.
- 10 Byron & Sandra Sawyer - 55 yrs.
- 14 Bryon & Stacie Wheeler Allen - 8 yrs
- 18 Bernie & Nancy Austin - 45 yrs.
- 20 Larry & Tony Franklin - 45 yrs.
- 22 Craig & Judith Harris - 20 yrs.
- 23 Bill & Margaret Daniels - 20 yrs.
- 26 Phil & Sally Scarborough - 60 yrs.
- 27 Bill & Suzanne Godley - 25 yrs.
- 27 Dock & Robin Sawyer - 30 yrs.
- 28 Lee & Lynn Tugwell - 36 yrs.