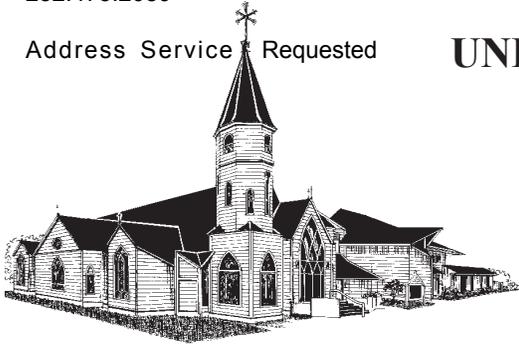


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I do not often write in theological terms in newsletters; this month will be an exception. My question for this article is about the measure of faith. What does it mean to have a little faith or much faith?

Over the last 30 years I have heard any number of people quote a part of a verse in Matthew 17 about nothing being impossible with God. Theologically that is only partially true since we believe that it is impossible for God to lie or for God to act in any fashion inconsistent with His character.

Most often the Scriptures do not speak of the size of one's faith rather they speak to the object of one's faith.

Matthew wasn't speaking about the amount of faith that a person has, he was speaking about the genuineness of their faith. In other words, was their faith in God or in themselves? When Jesus spoke of having "little faith" He was always speaking to His disciples and He was saying to them, and to us, trust me.

What was Jesus saying when He said that a little faith could move mountains? Was Jesus saying the disciples could actually move mountains? The answer is emphatically NO unless you understand that moving mountains is a Jewish idiom for dealing with your struggles in this life. After all, Jesus promised that we would have trouble in this life (John 16:33) and Matthew tells us to trust Him.

Matthew 17 address this and I have included some of the Expositor's Bible Commentary for your consideration.

Matthew 17: 19-20 [21] The disciples, presumably the nine who had tried and failed (v. 16), ask Jesus,

in private (cf. also Mark 9:28), why "we" (emphatic) could not drive out the demon (Mt 17:19). The reason, Jesus says, is because of their oligopistia ("little faith," v. 20; cf. Notes). Despite the etymology of the word, it probably does not refer so much to the littleness of their faith as to its poverty (Bonnard). Little faith, like a little mustard seed, can be effectual; poor faith, like that of the disciples' here, is ineffectual. The noun occurs only here in Matthew, but the cognate adjective occurs at 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8, and always refers to disciples. Removal of mountains was proverbial for overcoming great difficulties (cf. Isa 40:4; 49:11; 54:10; Matt 21:21-22; Mark 11:23; Luke 17:6; 1Cor 13:2). Nothing would be impossible for them—a promise that, like its analogue in Philippians 4:13, is limited by context, not by unbelief. Here it refers to the accomplishment of the works of the kingdom for which they had been given authority.

Jesus' answer in Matthew is not the same as the one in Mark 9:29 ("This kind can come out only by prayer"); but if the comment on oligopistia ("poverty of faith") is correct, then at least the two answers are complementary, each shedding light on the other. At a superficial level the disciples did have faith: they expected to be able to exorcise the demon. They had long been successful in this work, and now they are surprised by their failure. But their faith is poor and shoddy. They are treating the authority given them (Mt 10:1, 8) like a gift of magic, a bestowed power that works *ex opere operato*. In Mark, Jesus tells them that this case requires prayer—not a form or an approved rite, but an entire life bathed in prayer and its concomitant faith. In Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples that what they need is not giant faith (tiny faith will do) but true faith—faith that, out of a deep, personal trust, expects God to work.

Expositor's Bible Commentary, The - The Expositor's Bible Commentary – Volume 8: Matthew, Mark, Luke.

The great promise of this passage is that no matter what struggles (Mountains) we face, faith (even only a "little" like a mustard seed) in God and not in self will empower us to be overcomers because nothing is impossible with God.

*Grace and Truth,
John*

Missions

As you know, Mount Olivet has been supporting the AfterProm Party since 2003. After several years of spearheading it; we passed on the the privilege to Coastal Family Church.

This year Mount Olivet contributed \$1700 to the event in addition to individual and business church members making contributions as well. Sometimes we ask is it money well spent? Is it a worthwhile mission? We can say with confidence that we have had no casualties or major accidents of our teenagers on Prom night and we choose to credit that to the majority of the Prom goers attending the Party. This is a good "stick to measure by" when evaluating the effectiveness of a mission but lets go one step further....



The following is shared by permission of Le Hook from a facebook post he made on April 26...

"This was Prom weekend and Jimmy is a Senior. He had absolutely no interest in going to the Prom, but the AfterProm Party is the height of his social calendar! For those of not fortunate enough to be here on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, they do know how to throw an AfterProm Party! It starts at the YMCA and they have 3 or 4 other venues that they have a shuttle that transports the kids too! Once they have checked in at 11 pm they are there under adult supervision until 5:30 am the next morning.

Anyway, Jimmy has been looking forward to this for weeks and this week he started saying he was going to win the Drone, which was one of the big prizes that they draw tickets for. He was certain he was going to win and I spent the week trying to convince him that he very likely would not win because there were so many who would have tickets.

So I dropped him off at 11 and the last thing I did was remind him to not be disappointed if he didn't win the drone! Now I know we hear a lot of bad stories about teenagers, how they only think of themselves, if they even think, but I have another tale to tell! When I went to pick Jimmy up at 5:30, I ran into a fellow coming out who evidently knew me because he said, "Jimmy won the Drone!" That's amazing I said because he thought he would!

"Oh yeah", he replied, "we all decided we were going to make that happen, so whatever name was drawn, we were going to say it was Jimmy's!" And they did!

I just want to thank publically all those students who gave up their chance to win a pretty nice prize to make one young fellow very happy! He is not always able to show it his gratitude but he was walking on cloud 9. Thank you from the bottom of this ol' Dad's heart!"

What a great God Story! Thank you Mount Olivet family for sewing into this mission opportunity year after year.

Missions Committee

Thank You!

Thanks to each of you for the many calls, cards, visits and prayers to and for us during Gene's surgery and recovery period. For the most part it has gone well, but continues to be a long recovery with a few ups and downs, along with getting used to a new way of life. God has certainly been at work through all of you during this time and we are so thankful. In times like these, it is the love and support shown from family and friends that makes things easier to accept. We have experienced this love and support many times since joining Mount Olivet UMC back in 1963 and we have been so blessed. Thanks so much.

With love and appreciation to each of you,

Peggy and Gene Snead

An Invitation

On June the 13th Roy Phillips and I will have been married for 50 years!

Our children are making plans to have a party for us at Mount Olivet on Friday, June 12th from 7 to 9 PM.

We wish to invite our church family, since so many have been so good to us over the years!

God has blessed us and because of that we ask that there will be no gifts. In lieu of gifts we ask for donations to the Roanoke Island Food Pantry, a donation box will be available at the church during the party.

Roy and Karen Phillips

Happy Birthday!



- 1 Drew Presgrave, Stephen Thompson
- 2 Johnny Garrison, Jr., Suzanne Godley
- 3 Buddy Boyce, Sarah Szilvagyai Campbell, Jillian Fearing
- 4 Earl Brinkley, Jamie Lynn Davenport, Terry Gore, Kristen Krauss,
- 5 Brett Heroux, Tom O'Neal, Valerie Wheeler
- 6 Nehemiah Horne, Phil Scarborough, Tom White, Jr.
- 8 Ava Nichole Allen, John Calvin Dixon, Bonnie Strawser
- 9 Robbie Atkinson, Le Hook, Danielle Hortelano, Christine Walker
- 11 Bea Basnight, Wanda Daniels, Ann Ownley, Wyatt Quentin Smith, Jana D. Peedin
- 12 Katherine Gomez, Isaac Moore, Emily Wilson
- 13 Graham Barnes, George Cheeseman, Eli Nissley
- 14 Ian Culpepper, Tim Shearin
- 15 Anne Davis, Stephanie Phillips, Dick Twiford
- 16 Caroline LaRose, Logan LaRose, Hunter Meekins
- 17 Beckie Boles, Natalie Lafferty, Reagan James Martin, Elmer Reuben Midgett
- 18 Joyce Etheridge, Malin Keschull
- 19 Andy Holton
- 20 Kevin Comb
- 21 Kathleen Miller, Deanie Ward
- 22 Mac Basnight, Paula Donaghy
- 23 Beth Twyne
- 24 Amy Lane, Maddie Phillips, Kelsea Sexton,
- 25 Kristy Kretschmar
- 26 Jackson Gregory, Abby Spence O'Neal
- 27 Carrie Vrablic
- 28 Cody Davis, Bill Godley, Rac Midgett
- 29 Edna Black, Nancy Hirsh Brown, Kelly Ann Krauss, P. J. Miller
- 30 Renee Davenport, Cheryl Midgett, Barron Sluder



June Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	9:45 Sunday School	11:00 Service
June 7	Deloris Harrell 473-5739	Judith Fearing 441-5487	Brenda Davis 305-8393
June 14	Melinda Creef 473-2345		Lynn Tugwell 473-1338
June 21	Liz Brown 473-9892	Jan Culpepper 757-373-4155	Melva Garrison 473-3399
June 28	Charlotte White 475-1864		Valerie Wheeler 473-5595

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

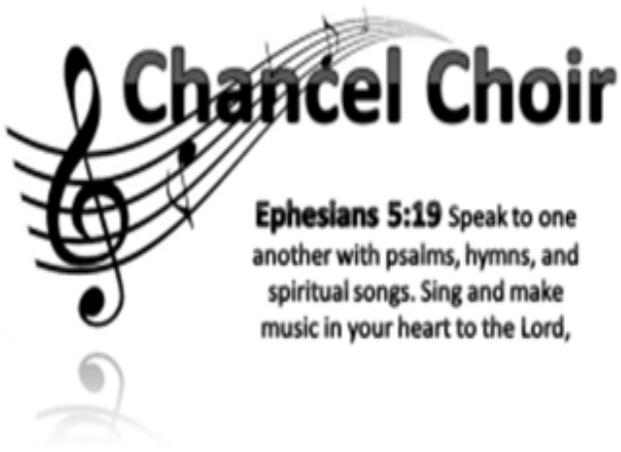
Ministry



“Summer is here!”

Summer is just around the corner and with it comes a number of exciting activities at Mount Olivet! VBS this year is just around the corner, starting July 6. Join us this year as we take an expedition to Everest where we will learn about conquering challenges with God’s mighty power! Later in the summer we will have a Worship Arts camp from August 3 – 7. Come have fun learning about various forms and ways to worship.

If your children are interested in music we have some exciting opportunities to worship. 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. 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 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.

*Blessings,
Nathan Schierer*



Worship

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers/Greeter

8:30 Don and Diane Jones 473-6562

11:00 Troy Sluder and Lynda Midgett 473-7023

11:00 Greeter will be announced in Bulletin

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

Sarah Wise, Chair



I would like to take a moment to congratulate the students who are scheduled to graduate this month. To the seniors, I am excited for you, although we will miss you greatly at the Cove. I am prayerful that you will continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ as you prepare to move into the next chapter of your lives. Continue to study Scripture, look for context as you do, and remember that Jesus is the hero! Celebrate the perfect grace, justice, and love that is found only in the Gospel and invite others to do the same through your witness and love of God and others. I love you all. Congratulations on your completion of high school!

I also want to extend a warm welcome to our rising 6th grade students, who are able to attend Cove events this summer. I am excited to meet you, and I look forward to getting to know you better in the coming months. Please note that we will have an informational meeting from 5:30-7:00pm on the night of June 28th that will include a detailed look at the Cove summer schedule, information about our fall retreat to Camp Willow Run, and the opportunity to meet with the leaders of the Cove and ask questions. This meeting is open to rising 6th-12th grade students and their parents, along with students who graduated this spring, and will include dinner. I hope to see you there!

Summer Missions Trip Fundraising Update

In May, we had several fundraisers to offset costs for our upcoming July missions trip to Huntington, West Virginia. I am excited to announce that at the time that this article was written, we have been able to raise close to \$3,000 towards our trip! Thank you so much to those of you who supported our students by buying tickets to the Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser or coming by our carwash. We have 14 students and 4 adult leaders going on this trip, Due to your prayers and support, they are now closer to their goals of going on this trip and making a difference in the lives of the people in Huntington. Please continue to pray for our group as we prepare to go next month!

We have one final fundraiser on the calendar, which will consist of dinner and a show at Mount Olivet. Come join us at 6:00 on June 19 as we share a meal together while the students from the Cove perform in a talent show. Tickets are available in the church office, where there are

more details available concerning the meal. Bring the whole family for an evening of fun and fellowship!

Scheduling Announcements

- The Cove afterschool and youth breakfast programs are now finished for the school year. Good luck on exams!
- Youth Group will continue to meet on Sunday nights through June 14th, which is our last Youth Group meeting for the school year.
- Summer events will be announced at the informational meeting on June 28th at 5:30. I am looking forward to a great summer of fun and Spiritual growth!

Drew Peyton

Thanks Again...

Dear Scholarship Committee,
I am writing to thank you for your generous Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs Memorial Scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn I was selected.

I am a psychology major. I plan to pursue my masters after I receive my undergraduate degree This money will help me lower my college debt.

By awarding me this scholarship you have lightened my financial burden. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals. Thank you.

*Sincerely,
Katelyn Monday*

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, flowers, food and all other acts of kindnesses during Mama's illness and passing. Thank you very much for the love and support you have given us.

Crystal & Michael Cox

Dear Friends,

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the acts of kindness and prayers since the loss of our son-in-law, Jeff Grant. Our family has certainly felt the love.

*God Bless
Pat & Paul Lester*



Vacation Bible School

July 6 - 10, 2015

We are so very excited about VBS at Mount Olivet UMC this year. You all are so very faithful in supporting this great weeklong outreach event, and for that, we offer our most sincere thanks! There is still time to be involved – listed below, you will find donation requests and volunteer opportunities. And please all of us continue to PRAY! Pray for the children who are coming, their families, the volunteers, those who are donating food, décor, and their TIME. May God be glorified in all we do and say as we prepare and present Everest VBS <http://www.group.com/media/4043966/klymer-everest-vbs-2015-bible-memory-buddy.png> 2015!

SNACKS - Due: Sunday, June 28th.

Coordinator, Denise Trevino, call 252-475-8210 or email mdtrevino4@aol.com

- Dried banana chips
- Dried pineapple chunks
- Shredded coconut 1 of 5 bags needed
- Mini chocolate chips 1 of 10 bags needed
- Sunflower seed kernels 1 15oz pkg of 8 needed
- Large Container of Strawberry Yogurt 1 of 20
- Granola
- Thomas' Original English Muffins 1 of 14 pkgs
- Whipped cream cheese 1 of 12 tubs needed
- Angel Food Cake 1 of 16 cakes needed
- Heavy Whipping Cream - 1 of 10 Qts needed
- Pita Bread 1 of 27 pkgs needed
- Pizza Sauce 1 of 40 jars or cans needed
- Shredded Mozzarella Cheese

Decorations – Donation Bin in lobby

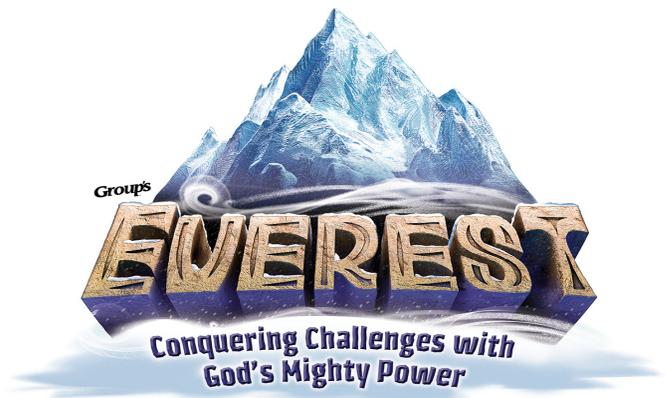
Coordinator, Nathan Schierer, call 252-473-2089 ext 24 or email nschierer@mountolivetumc.org

- Glow Sticks
- Egg cartons

- Gallon Jugs
- Camping Supplies to be returned
- White paint
- Blue paint
- White sheets
- LED tea lights
- Christmas Trees

Team Members:

- Recreation Team Leader :
Looking for that special leader who is an outdoors enthusiast and who loves GAMES! The different VBS hiking teams will be on a rotating schedule to come to your camp for organized outside games. There is a leader's guide that offers a daily outside adventure that ties into our Bible Point for reinforcement! Call Children's Director, Tina Hodgson, at 252-473-2089 ext 29 for more details.



- Preschool Trail Blazers:
Looking for team members who love the 4 -5 year old age group to be on second floor to ensure our hikers stay on the path with their team leaders No teaching required, just smiles as you hang out with them and experience Mount Everest as we learn to conquer challenges with God's Mighty Power! Call Children's Director, Tina Hodgson, at 252-473-2089 ext 29 for more details.
- Elementary Trail Blazers
Looking for team members who love the elementary age group to be on first floor to ensure our hikers stay on the path with their team leaders No teaching required, just smiles as you hang out with them and experience Mount Everest as we learn to conquer challenges with God's Mighty Power! Call Children's Director, Tina Hodgson, at 252-473-2089 ext 29 for more details

Tina Hodgson

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Robert & Joanne Braine – 50 yrs.
- 1 Steve & Karen King – 53 yrs.
- 4 Tom & Janice O’Neal – 55 yrs.
- 5 Joe & Beverly Lafferty – 44 yrs.
- 10 Stuart & Stacy Bell - 20 yrs.
- 10 Philip & Brandy Foreman – 15 yrs.
- 11 Algie & Marilyn Campbell – 49 yrs.
- 12 Chris & Amy Adams – 16 yrs.
- 12 Rodney & Monika Berry –
- 13 Roy & Karen Philips – 50 yrs.
- 14 S. C. & Jean P. Basnight – 57 yrs.
- 15 Paul & Melinda Creef – 30 yrs.
- 15 Spencer & Doris Gregory – 2 yrs.
- 16 John & Sheryl Check – 37 yrs.
- 17 Todd & Jacquin Hart – 20 yrs.
- 19 Stephen & Maureen Thompson - 49 yrs.
- 20 Mark & Carrie Vrablic – 35 yrs.
- 20 Kelly & Brenda Zaytoun – 45 yrs.
- 21 Ken & Angie Daniels – 28 yrs.
- 21 Michael & Renee Glover – 29 yrs.
- 21 Richard & Sandra Murphy – 24 yrs.
- 22 Robbie & Sissy Campbell – 18 yrs.
- 23 Steward & Sandy Moore – 25 yrs.
- 23 Ross & Rita Shaffer - 42 yrs.
- 24 Steve & Ashley Basnight – 20 yrs.
- 24 Bill & Linda Kraus – 43 yrs.
- 25 Clarence & Rose Skinner – 64 yrs.
- 26 Tim & Barbara Dare Hartwig – 21 yrs.
- 27 Lance & Jan Culpepper – 17 yrs.
- 30 Blake & Mari Beth LaRose – 21 yrs.

Food For Thought

Food for Thought Summer Weekend Food Bags will begin June 17th ! Bags will be available for pick up at Roanoke Island Presbyterian church every week Wednesday 10 AM – 1 PM and Thursdays 3 PM – 6 PM. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please call Janice O’Neal, Coordinator at 252-473-1125.

More Thanks

Dear Mount Olivet U. M. Church,
I wanted to write this letter to thank you for awarding me with the very generous Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000. It has always been my dream to become an engineer and make a great life for myself, but I have also worried that I couldn’t afford to make it happen. After all of the hard work that I have put in, it comes down to the selfless and kind hearted people, like those of you at the church, to make it happen. Know that I am deeply appreciative of this award, and that I will never forget the investment that you have made in me! I also would like to make sure that no further action is required on my part for the reception of this scholarship. If so, please let me know and I will take care of whatever is needed.

Again, you all have helped me greatly and I thank you very much. I wish you all the best for your generosity!

*Sincerely,
Ryan Scarborough*

Dear Scholarship Committee,
I am honored to have been awarded the Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs Memorial Scholarship. I am eager to further my education and thank you for your generosity!

*Sincerely,
Myra Caldwell*

Dear Church Family,
I thank God constantly that you never gave up on me, and that you continued to love and support me and pray for me when I was in a place where many would have (and did) walked away.

I am so appreciative of the scholarship that will help me go back to college this fall and work toward my 4-year degree. But, mostly, I’m just thankful to be a part of this family.

*Sincerely,
Anna Strrawser*