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GOOD NEWS

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Words from Our Pastor

Over the years I have spent a lot of time and energy learning about what the church needs to do to reach young adults. As you know, this is no small task.

In fact, some of the pieces of this puzzle are difficult for those of us who are church members to grasp.

The Council of Bishops weighed in on this and reached some conclusions which include:

1. Contemporary worship
2. Meaningful small groups
3. Lay lead mission projects
4. A strong emphasis on Children and Youth
5. Vital Worship

My study and reading would certainly concur with their conclusions and I would like to unpack this a little.

Contemporary worship does not simply mean "Praise and Worship" music. This style of worship includes the creative use of our 5 senses. Using audio visuals is very important. Sermons that are topical and focused on human need is a crucial factor, as well. Young adults connect to story and personal narrative.

Meaningful small groups include classes that hit directly at specific cultural issues. Most young adults want and need straight forward conversations that address human needs. By the way, for the most part, new people will not join existing groups. This is especially true if that person has a limited exposure to the church.

Young adults want to participate in short term mission projects. Usually, this means recruiting for a narrow specific mission that they have helped identify. This

age group grew up working in groups and solving problems together.

Young adults want to know that their children are being well taken care of at church. This means that they know their children are safe and well supervised. It is especially true that safety is a primary issue. Most of us older adults were raised in a world that is vastly different than our world today. We never saw a child's picture on a milk carton or received a text message to be on the lookout for a missing child.

Vital worship means a number of "things" for most young adults. Vital Worship means services that are well planned and well executed. For most young adults any "waste" of time is a real turn off. Services should move along quickly with no "dead air" time. Most young adults do not connect with the same vocabulary of church that I often use. A young adult wants to hear entry way rather than Narthex or Vestibule. Theological vocabulary is even more confusing. Terms like "Grace" and "Mercy" need to be explained. Someone said the church seems to be speaking English and young adults are hearing Martian. I have to remind myself of this on a regular basis because I am probably the chief offender in this area.

According to my reading and understanding most young adults connect to the sermon in one of several ways. The first way is through the personal experiences of the speaker. Secondly, they connect through humor. Humor is a great tool to break down barriers. In today's world, the minister is not held in high regard like a generation ago. Humor is a tool to help achieve a connection. Lastly, they connect through pain. Most young adults need to see speaker as real and transparent. This generation can spot a phony a "mile" away.

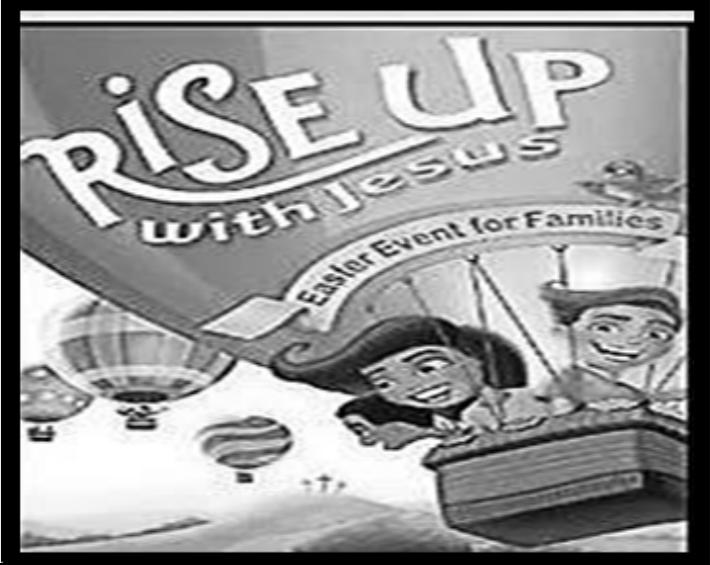
As we journey together, we will see fruit for our labor and build His Kingdom. Bringing some of these afore mentioned concepts into the very DNA of our church (many are already here) will insure that we have the very best opportunity to reach the below forty "somethings" in our community.

*Grace and Truth,
John*

Children's Ministry

The season of Lent is a time for remembering. This season is considered the season of somberness and grief. With young children, Lent should be taught and experienced with an eye toward Easter. Following Jesus is joyful; and we can experience joy while remembering the love, teachings, life, and even death of Jesus, because as Christians we know that Lent leads to Easter. However, we don't want to skip the opportunities that Lent brings: to strive to eliminate some of our harmful behaviors; to add or strengthen actions that share God's love with others; and to increase our spiritual practices like Bible study, worship, prayer, fasting, and devotional meditation. We can experience a meaningful Lenten season full of spiritual growth, while at the same time knowing the happy ending: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ that brings a promise of eternal life for us all. "So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you." – John 16:22. Our prayer is that you will find joy in your observation of Lent this year, and that you feel the embrace of God's love and grace surround you and your family. Below are a few activities that your family may find helpful and meaningful this year.

- Give your children sticky notepads. Ask them to write (or draw) things they've done wrong and stick the notes on themselves. Then quickly come by, take their papers, and stick them on you. Discuss how Jesus removed our sins by taking them on himself.
- Attending the Lenten soup and sandwich dinners on Wednesday nights will offer a time of fellowship and reflection as we hear Lenten devotions with Pastor John Check.



RISE UP
with Jesus
Easter Event for Families

Mount Olivet UMC
Manteo, NC
For children ages 1-10 & their families

Do not forget your basket!
Questions call 252-473-2089

- Add a family prayer time to your day. If you don't already pray at dinner or bedtime, start there. If you do already pray at meals or bedtime, pray before going to work and school. Pray for your co-workers, school friends, teachers, etc.
- Attend Worship and Sunday school every Sunday through Lent and Easter Sunday. If you aren't a two-hour family, try it! Attend worship together as well as a Sunday school class. Talk about the sermon and your lessons over lunch. What 3 things did you learn today?
- Attend the Rise up with Jesus Easter event on March 28, 2015 at 2:00PM at Mt Olivet. Celebrate together as a family! The children will create crafts as they hear the story of Easter and enjoy, of course, an egg hunt!

Children's Ministry Team Appreciation Sunday

You're **Invited.**

We are so very thankful for you, and your servant's heart. The way you share the love of Christ with the children so faithfully is a reason to celebrate!

For all volunteers who serve with children ages birth-5th grade

Host: Mount Olivet UMC / Olivet Kids
When: Sunday, March 8 at 9:30AM
Where: Room C

Missions

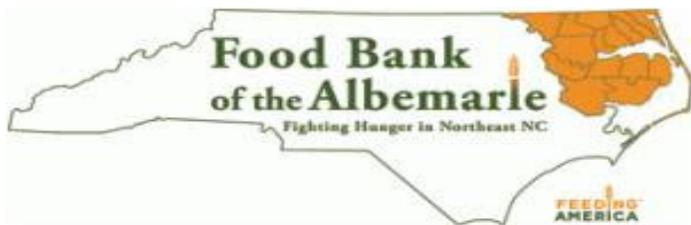
It is almost time for the LENT season in the life of a Christian. A time where we make sacrifices leading up to Easter. Some people fast a meal or an event. Some of us take the money we might have spent on a movie, a dinner, a new download, etc and put the money aside and give to a ministry. This year Mt Olivet Missions has three mission opportunities for you to “adopt” and partner with financially. We hope you will cover these ministries in prayer and support one or more with your financial gifts this Lenten season.



THE VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

Mission Statement “Serving the persecuted church through practical and spiritual assistance while leading Christians in the free world into fellowship with them.” The ministry is based on Hebrews 13:3.... “remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

With the rising persecution of Christians around the world becoming a more widespread epidemic, we feel it is paramount to partner with others to save lives in the name of Jesus.



FOOD BANK OF NC

The Food bank was established in 1980 and is a nonprofit organization that has provided food for people at risk of hunger in 34 counties of NV for now over 30 years. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 800 partner agencies such as soup kitchens, shelters, food pantries, and programs for children and adults through distributions much like Food Bank of the Albemarle who serve our Food Pantry so well.



ROOM IN THE INN

The Room in the Inn Homeless Assistance Program on the Outer Banks is in its 7th year of operation. It is funded by a grant from the Outer Banks Community Foundation and local churches. This year 17 churches are participating by being Host churches for a week at a time and several others churches are proving funds and/or food. This year the program began on Nov 16 and runs through April 19; that's 22 weeks. Approximated 39 have been enrolled. Mount Olivet is proud to have been a sponsor of such a worthy partnership for two different weeks this season.

Missions Committee

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.

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

“Jesus Saves” and “Spend Awhile on the Nile”

On Palm Sunday, March 29 at the 8:30am and 11:00am services the Chancel Choir will present its Easter Cantata entitled *Jesus Saves*. If you would like to join us in singing this Easter, feel free to join us on Wednesday evenings. Contact me at nschierer@mountolivetumc.org for more information. A section of our cantata states the following:

“There has never been a scene in history like Calvary. Artists have attempted to paint it, sculptors have tried to give it form, songwriters have memorialized it over and over, and preachers have delivered its message. Yet the love demonstrated there defies description. The mercy cannot be captured, and the grace is too great to be absorbed. It’s more than we can take in, and yet we never stop trying, because the cross and what Jesus did for us there, means everything.”

My hope is that you will take a few moments to reflect on the meaning of the cross and the immensity of the sacrifice that was made there.

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 are also excited to announce our spring musical *Spend Awhile on the Nile*. “Three children are traveling along the Nile River in Egypt on an entertainment cruise, directed by Mr. Cruise, his daughter Liza, and his performing troupe which retells Bible stories from long ago. One slight problem: Mr. Cruise gets all the stories wrong. So the children straighten him out and help Mr. Cruise learn about God’s enduring love and faithfulness to His people.”



Rehearsals will begin on February 22 with a performance scheduled in late May. If your children are interested please contact me and I will give you some more information.

*Blessings,
Nathan Schierer*



1 Kenneth Meekins, Ellen Parker

2 Angie Daniels, Kathleen Snyder, Annabel Walker

3 Dawn Davenport, Debbie Parker, Ruth Stetson

4 Allen Berry, Brad Gainey

5 Jane Brinkley, Scott Buckalew, Hannon Fry

6 Marlowe Crews, Charles Edwards, David White,
Jane Wright

7 Fields Scarborough

8 Linda Boyd, Michael Campbell, Elisha Creef, Alison
Henry

9 Shaun Adams, Logan Bonner, Waylon Burkhart, Kate
Harrell, Valerie Wright

11 Renee Austin, Lynette Crews, Elizabeth Gamiel,
Nancy Opdyke, Caroline Pearce

12 Lauren Horne, Davis Pritchard, Daniel Reed,
Van Smith, Alex Zillifro

13 Kaleb Goudy, Anita Twyne

14 Ian Culpepper, Amy Dowdy, Tim Shearin

15 Joyce Edwards, Keeli Harrison, Matt Lewis,
Emma Meekins, Brianna Payne, Bailey Petty,
Arturo Romero, Dawn Tillett, Zachary Zottoli

16 Douglas Evans, Jordan LaRose

17 Brandon Gregory, Ryan Murphy, Mark Vrablic,

18 Saint Basnight, Kathy Burrus, Tanner Payne

19 Julie Owens, Janice Tillett

20 Jason Brown, Reha Otte', Ray Jones

22 John Collins, Dianne Gaskill, Joe Holmes,
Lovie McCann, Emma Rogers, Gloria Seward

24 William Creef, Stephen Cribb, Katherine Kennedy

25 Sam Wright

26 Jerry Austin, Amanda Daniels, Colton Snead

27 Dustin Burk, Ryan Evans, Todd Hart, Wynne Hopkins,
Belinda Keller Sukeena

28 Olivia Martin, Gail Midgett, Ryan Parker

29 Kory Erpelding, Hannah Hunt, Ray Midgett

30 Tristan Gomez, Brenda Zaytoun

31 Robert Anderson, Melinda Creef, Michele Kemp,
Ross Shaffer



We have several exciting trips coming up for our students. These trips each cost \$50, and sign ups are in the church office. Please continue to check www.thecoveobx.org for more scheduling information for these trips and other things going on at the Cove. Below you will find more information for the next two trips on the calendar.

Drew Peyton

Upcoming Trips:

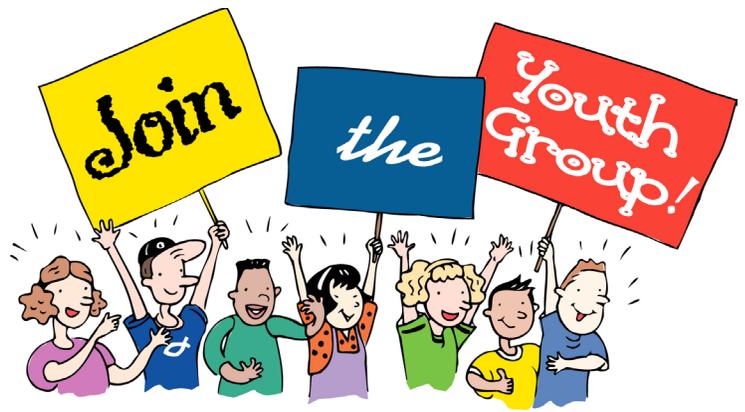


ATF: March 20th-22nd, Greensboro. This year we will be taking our church vehicles and will be staying two nights in the hotel, which will allow us to return on Sunday afternoon. The students will get out of class early so that we can leave Friday afternoon. This will be our last year attending ATF, and there are only 32 spots available, so sign up soon! This trip is open to 6th-12th grade students.

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 will continue to meet as previously scheduled. (9:45-10:45)



- March 3 Joe & Patsy Zoll - 33 yrs.
- March 4 Jerry & Metta Austin - 37 yrs.
- March 4 Kenneth & Donna Wells - 37 yrs.
- March 10 Bert & Lara Snyder - 3 yrs
- March 14 Michael & Brenda Brent - 23 yrs.
- March 18 George & Myra Speake - 38 yrs.
- March 30 Keith & Karen Zillifro - 43 yrs.



2015 MOUNT OLIVET UMC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2015 Scholarship Applications will be available online and in the church office beginning March 1, 2015. The applications must be turned in to the church or to the guidance office at the schools by March 27, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted. Scholarship interviews will take place Sunday afternoon, April 19, 2015 at the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Seawell (k_seawell@yahoo.com) or 252-473-2056.

Kathy Seawell, Chair



Worship

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers/Greeters

8:30 Jim & Ann Davis 473-5687

11:00 Terry & Valerie Wheeler 473-5595

11:00 Peggy Snead (Greeter) 473-2390

Communion Stewards –

Jim Boyd, Mike Trevino, Denise Trevino, Johnny Farrow, Sarah Farrow, Malcolm Fearing, and others to be announced

March Events

Lenten Soup and Sandwich Dinners every Wednesday in March at 5:45PM

Palm Sunday Services – March 29

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities!

Sarah Wise, Chair

*Nannie Midgett Circle
Monday, March 16
7:30 PM-
Church Library*