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GOOD NEWS

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Communication is such a powerful piece of human existence and so easily misunderstood.

As Patty and I ride to our house in Pamlico County,

we pass a church attempting to touch the hearts and lives of their community with messages of hope. Two weeks ago the sign read, "Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help." Yes, the cynical comic in me had to ask Patty, "How many worriers do you think will volunteer to be killed by the church?"

Last week the sign had been changed to say, "Got problems we serve an awesome God." Patty, ever the school teacher, commented about the difference a missing question mark makes in that sign. "Got problems? We serve an awesome God."

Sometimes we wonder if people in Jesus' day thought that serving this awesome God was their problem. The long list of items to follow if one was going to serve this awesome God seemed impossible to fulfill. There is no way a person can possibly live up to the standards set before them. Failure seemed the only certain outcome.

Jesus comes into this scene sharing a message that following this awesome God is about the relationship between God and us. It is a message from God who loves us and wants to spend time with us. It is the message that God is willing to go to any lengths to be in our lives. God is offering us an opportunity to move beyond the problems and mistakes of our lives. God provides the opportunity of our re-creation, bringing hope and healing to all of God's world.

We live in a world where the normal result of communication is confusion and misunderstanding. Yet we have the opportunity to share grace and peace with family, neighbors, friends, coworkers, and others God places in our paths. We get to share the good news of God's love and hope. We can share how God is at work in each of our lives. We are allowed to be messengers of God's reconciliation, a message of new life for all.

As we share our stories, will we be misunderstood?

As we share our lives, will some be confused? Probably! Jesus was misunderstood and people were confused. But God will use our stories and our lives to touch the hearts and lives of many in our spheres of influence. The rewards in others lives are worth all that may happen.

May the awesome God who loves us, allow us the opportunities to share the stories of Jesus and his love. Well, that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Dr. John



THANK YOU TO OUR MT OLIVET FAMILY:
I feel so special to have received the first prayer blanket from Mt. Olivet and to know each of you blessed it with a laying of hands on it with prayer just means more than I can say. Your prayers, calls, cards and other expressions of love are making this journey of my life just a little easier and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God bless each of you. Gene Snead (and Peggy too!)



Many Hands Make Light work.... We had over 60 people show up to prepare the Sanctuary for the remodel!





As students have started back to school, we are jumping back into Fall scheduling at the Cove. Before we do, I want to take a minute and praise God for the many ways that He has blessed our students this summer. Many of them experienced a deeper relationship with Him as they served alongside each other in Wheelwright, Kentucky on our mission trip. Others invited new students to join our student ministry and learned about various topics as the Cove hosted fun summer events such as a dolphin cruise, pool party, and 9-square tournament. Each of these Sunday night events gave students the opportunity to learn from Scripture and grow in fellowship with each other. Students also studied Scripture together through weekly Bible studies. God has made all of these things possible, and they are all for His glory. Below you will find information about our Fall schedule at the Cove, I am excited about all that God will continue to do in the lives of our students as they begin another school year.



FALL RETREAT INFORMATION:

Our trip to Camp Willow Run for Fall Retreat is almost here! There are just under 40 people signed up to attend this trip, which will take place over Labor Day Weekend, from September 2nd-4th. 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. I am so excited about all that God is going to do in the lives of our students through this experience. Please be in prayer for our group as we grow closer to God and to one another as we learn more about our topic for the weekend: "Run." This theme is based out of Hebrews 12:1-2, which reminds us that Jesus gives us the strength to "run our race", that is to live our lives for His glory. Please note that our 2016 Fall Cove Schedule will begin the week after we return from our Fall Retreat. Please let me know if you have any questions about this schedule, or anything that we are doing at the Cove.

Drew Peyton

2016 Fall Schedule

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

Wednesday- High School Bible Study, 7:30-9:00 pm at Drew's House. This Bible study is open to all 9th-12th grade students. We will discuss topics that are of interest to our students, study the Scriptures and pray together.

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 Manteo Middle School and Manteo High School after breakfast. The first Youth Breakfast of this year will begin Thursday, September 22nd in the middle Room "B" .

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. (9:30-10:30)



Music Ministry



“My Lighthouse”

“In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won’t walk out
You’re great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won’t let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse

My lighthouse

Shining in the darkness I will follow You

My lighthouse

My lighthouse

I will trust the promise

You will carry me safe to shore

Safe to shore”

This song is a reminder that God’s love is constantly shining through our dark times to light a way for us. Sometimes we go through patches of fog, dense rain, or waves that obscure our vision. It may be hard to see the light, but if we focus our attention and look past the worries of each day we can find it. We can follow it safely to shore and get back on track.

Keep your eyes on the light of Christ and He will guide you through the tough times.

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

Our children’s musical and Christmas Cantata rehearsals will begin soon. Keep an eye out for more information in the bulletin.

*Blessings,
Nathan Schierer*



Our chancel choir leads worship each Sunday morning for the 11:00 AM service. If you are interested in singing with the choir, we meet on Thursday 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 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 and prepare to lead, then come and join us. Youth Praise meets on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM. We will be leading worship this month on September 18. We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

Missions

A timely quote from a recent edition of the STEWARDSHIP REPORT that pertains to goals with Missions,

“ Because God has done this, I respond gladly and freely by doing that. Because God

has given himself freely for me, I respond by giving myself to him in every way that I can.

It is not that I owe God anything, or that he needs in a particular way anything that I have.

It is simply that I, in sheer gratitude for his many gifts, want to return these gifts, in some small way, by giving of myself.”

With this in mind; we are grateful for the return of our Costa Rica Mission Team and appreciate them sharing some of their experiences with us during worship services on Aug 14. We know God impacted the lives of those they came in contact with while there and we look forward to seeing how God will use Mount Olivet in the Mission work through Strong Missions in the months ahead.

There is already talk and excitement of a return trip so keep your eyes and ears open for your opportunity to be part of this God-driven partnership.

Missions Committee

THANK YOU

Dear Mount Olivet UMC Scholarship Committee,

I want to personally thank you for selecting me as The recipient of the Helen Van Cleef Petty Memorial Scholarship. Your generous gift will go a long way to Help pay for my degree at North Carolina State University. I worked hard to maintain good grades in high school and enjoyed my time spent serving the Outer Banks Community.

I am looking forward to starting the next chapter of my life in Raleigh and getting involved with the community there while also keeping up with my studies in the school of engineering.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous award, I am humbled by your gift and will give 110% at school.

*Sincerely,
Cole Breit*

Dear Mount Olivet United Methodist Men,

Thank you all so much for awarding me the \$500 scholarship! I am so honored that you chose me, and I cannot thank you enough for all the support you've given to me throughout the years. Thank you!

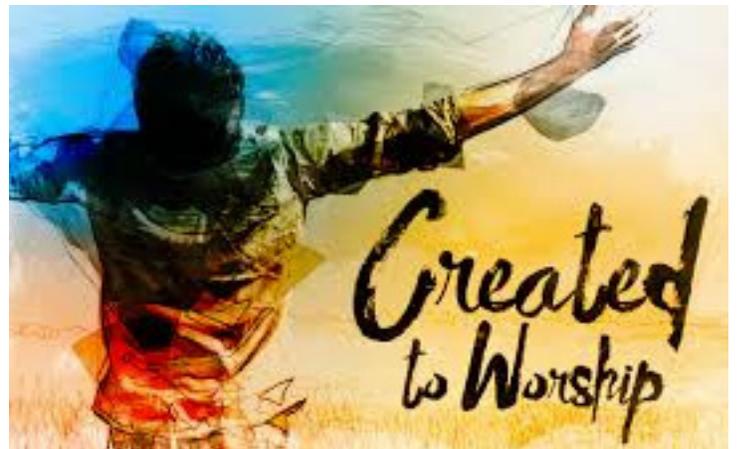
Rebecca Boyce

Nannie Midgett Circle

Nannie Midgett Circle will meet on Monday, Sept. 19, at 1 PM, at the home of Janice Tillett.

*Thank you,
Toni*

Join us! You're
ALWAYS welcome!



Worship



September 2016

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers -

8:30 Hughes & Janice Tillett 473-3644

11:00 Clint Hepler 305-8194

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

Sarah Wise, Worship

September Birthdays

- 1 Amy Hinnant, Amelia Pitts Rozmus
- 2 Roger Meekins, Karen Zillifro
- 3 Emily Brown, John Check, Eugene Grissom
- 4 Kimrey Elizabeth Keith, Flossie Tugwell
- 5 Leigh-Anne Farquharson, Luciano Zottoli
- 6 Jerri Hopkins, Mike Wilson
- 7 Frank Adams, Mari Beth LaRose
- 8 Mary Burrus Basnight, Brittanie Boone
- 9 Olin Davis, Alden Roberts, Daryl Watts
- 10 Stuart Bell, Rose Skinner, Donna Wells
- 11 Dana Gainey, Becca Meekins, Dylan Rock
- 12 Korie Sawyer, Bree Tillett
- 14 Erica Nicole Sawyer
- 15 Caroline Davis Britton
- 16 Christine Basnight, Vickie Holmes, Kayla Martin, Dallas Pendry, Alfie Wheeler, Lee Wise
- 17 Will Atkinson, Grayson Bell, Drew Brown, Emilio Gomez, Rebekahann Handran, Brodyn Lee Petty, Kim Snead, Taylor Wells
- 18 Mark Saxon Skinner
- 19 Alexa Bennewitz, Kari Haywood, Annie Lauren Hernley, Sandra Holobaugh, Kelly Zaytoun
- 20 Ken Daniels, Sarah Presgrave
- 21 Mike Cox, Billy Gard, Cindy Hathaway, Vickie White, Melissa Pekrun Woodard
- 22 Grace Louise Gallop
- 23 Maureen Thompson
- 24 Mark Brinkley, Dotsy Davis, Jim Gmitter, Peggy Snead, Whitney Tine, Betsy Via
- 25 Ola Austin, Liz Creef, Jamie Hopkins, Cassidy Sadler
- 26 Elissa Gray Phillips
- 27 Jake Brown, Pat Burke, Lauren K. Daniels
- 28 Rev. George Speake, Kyle Enochs
- 29 Sarah Lynn Phillips, Sandra Sawyer
- 30 Peggy Parker, Nathan Schierer, Michele Cribb, Coye Thomas Ennis, Mary Bartow Houston

- 1 Lee & Tiffany Martin, 3 yrs.
- 1 Reuben & Jean Payne, 22 yrs.
- 3 Rodney & Sarah Benson, 28 yrs.
- 5 Cam & Angie Sellers, 35 yrs.
- 11 Clint & Nita Hepler, 51 yrs.
- 13 Hannon & Lisa Fry, 19 yrs.
- 14 Bob & Alice Turney, 47 yrs.
- 15 Charles & Joyce Edwards, 32 yrs.
- 15 Mike & Jen Meekins, 9 yrs.
- 15 Doug & Julie Tillett, 26 yrs.
- 16 Chris & Christine Basnight, 37 yrs.
- 20 Malcolm & Susan Fearing, 36 yrs.
- 23 Will & Sandy Atkinson, 32 yrs.
- 24 Johnnie & Sara Farrow, 22 yrs.
- 25 Pat & Misty Burke, 17 yrs.
- 30 Roger & Celia Meekins, 16 yrs.



September Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	Sunday School	11:00 Service
September 4	Jackie Hart 473-6879		Lynnette Crews 473-3265
September 11	Liz Brown 473-9992	Millicent Duprey 473-6079	Valerie Wheeler 473-5595
September 18	Lee Swain Petty 216-6310 Charlotte White 475-1864	Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484	Allison Martin 473-8596 Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484
September 25	Rita Shaffer 473-6830 Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484	Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484	Melva Garrison 473-3399 Wynne Hopkins 475-1006

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
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Evangelism

I would like to share with you an article I received from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, as it is something for us to think about, pray about and put into action.

It's Pandemic: "Today, 4.5 billion people are living without the hope that comes from knowing Jesus Christ. But when we think of these people as one large number, as a faceless crowd, it's easy to overlook that each one is an individual. Each one is an individual with hurts and longings. Each one is a soul-precious to God-for whom Christ died. We need to reach each one with the Good News.

"According to His abundant mercy [He] has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." – 1PETER 1:3, NKJV

Searching: "Each year, millions of people look to the internet for answers to their deepest hurts and longings. Google alone sees more than four million queries in search of hope."

"You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." – JEREMIAH 29:13, NKJV

Feeling of Worthlessness: "More than 22 million Americans ages 12 and older abuse or are addicted to drugs and alcohol."

"I have called you by name, you are mine,... You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you." – ISAIAH 43:1, 4, ESV

Feeling of Hopelessness: "Around 21 million Americans (7 percent of the nation's population) struggle with depression, and 39,000 commit suicide each year."

"By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth." PSALM 65:5, ESV

Fearfulness: "An estimated 40 million people in the U.S. feel trapped or crippled by fear. They live as prisoners to their own anxiety.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you." ISAIAH 41:10, NKJV

I AM ALIVE: Last year, more than 1.6 million people found new life in Jesus Christ."

"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" ROMANS 10:14, NKJV

LET'S BRING HOPE!! "An average of 150,000 people slip into eternity each day. The vast majority of them aren't prepared to stand before God. They

don't know His Son, Jesus Christ, who died to rescue them from their sin. Without Jesus, the Bible says they are lost, "having no hope and without God" (Ephesians 2:12, NKJV)."

It is our duty, our calling, to reach out to those within our world, our nation, our community, and our own homes, to give the hope of God to those searching for something better, to those feeling worthless, hopeless and living in fear. Are you willing to pick up that mantle and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ?

You are probably saying, "We do this through missions by going on mission trips, giving to Samaritan's Purse & Every Nation Campus Ministries, or sharing through VBS. These are all good ways of sharing the Word of Jesus Christ, but we can do more. How? Come and join the Evangelism Committee by bringing someone lost – maybe someone in your own family that is in need of encouragement, to the October Revival to hear Tim Reeves. Partner with us at Marathon Sunday by praying with the runners & visitors, or entertaining them with Christian music and song and handing out merchandise inviting them to our church. How about helping us hand out Brunswick Stew downtown during 1st Friday's Christmas Tree Lighting or joining us as we visit the sick and shut-in's while we sing Christmas Carols.

Pray for open doors, that the sleepy Christians would wake up, those that feel insignificant would come to know Christ, and the non-Christians would be changed forever with the great love of our God, our Father, His Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit!

Dates to remember:

Oct 23 -26 – Fall Revival – Tim Reeves as speaker

Nov 6 – Marathon Sunday – join us downtown next to Poor Richard's

Dec 2 – Christmas Tree Lighting and handing out Brunswick Stew

Dec 18 – Christmas Caroling to the sick and shut-in's

*Rea Otte
Evangelism Committee*