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# GOOD NEWS

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I love the story of the Lord speaking to Samuel in 1 Samuel 3. As the story begins, “Now in those days messages from the Lord were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon.”

Young Samuel had been dedicated to the Lord from his birth and was living in the Temple assisting Eli. Suddenly the Lord called out, “Samuel.”

Samuel replies, “Yes? What is it? Here I am. Did you call me?”

Eli answers, “No, I didn’t. Go back to sleep.”

Twice more this happens. God calls, Samuel answers with question, “Here I am. Did you call?” and twice more Eli responds, “No”.

But that third time, Eli realizing what is happening, tells young Samuel, “Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

From this story I learn many important life principles: God’s faithfulness in seeking to communicate with us; the value of persistently, obediently listening; and the importance of continuing to ask the right questions.

As Mt Olivet seeks the power of God’s vision for our church life it is important that we realize all three life principles. God is faithful in communicating. In fact Jesus told his earlier disciples of the extra step God is taking to communicate with us in John 14:26, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” God is faithful in communicating with us.

As we seek the power of God’s vision for our church life the value of persistently, obediently listening cannot be overstated. We are human. As saintly as some are, we still, in the words of Paul, “For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.” So we must be persistently, obediently listening for God’s voice.

As we seek the power of God’s vision for our church

life we must continually be asking the right questions. Lovett Weems, Jr. in Changes Congregations are Facing Today shares many ideas about local congregations including two interesting questions that some congregations have found helpful to ask themselves:

What current strengths do we have that we could use to meet the opportunities and challenges we face?

What new skills or competencies do we need to develop to meet the opportunities and challenges we face?

A small group was talking about the challenges before us and the questions that we hope are the right questions to be asked for each challenge. Wanted to share them with you to begin a good conversation.

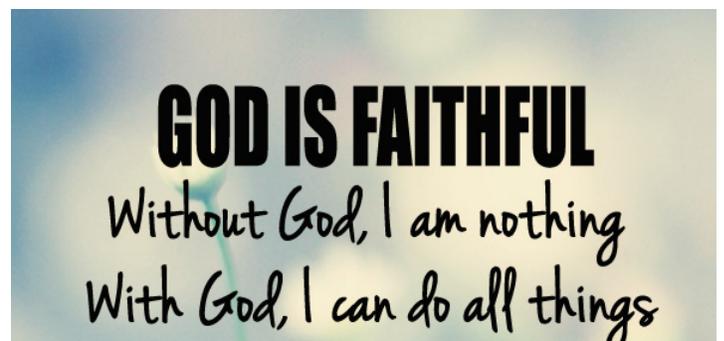
CHALLENGE: Manteo has a living history in the midst of constant change. Our town and church have changed remarkably since the mid- nineties. Our Question is, “How do we adapt to serve this changing community?”

CHALLENGE: Our congregation has grayed and has lost young families. Many times during our 130 years, we have attracted and supported young families. Some of these have departed. Our Question is, “What will be required to close the gap between where we are and where we believe God is calling us to go?”

CHALLENGE: We believe there is an increasing population who are skeptical about Christian faith. Our Question is “How will God lead us to live lives of integrity and authenticity before all people?”

It is good to know that God is faithful in communicating with those who are persistently, obediently listening and asking the right questions.

*Dr. John*



# Missions



Missions wishes to thank everyone who participated in PACK THE VAN with items for the Homeless Ministry in Va Beach called 99forthe1. Former Manteo residents, Rachael and Jeremiah Fjeld are the Missionaries in charge and we are honored to be able to join them in some small way in their ministry. We also want to thank Angela Noffsinger for making the replica bus for us to collect in and to Rhonda Bethea and Angela for sorting and delivering our donations. We were able to share the following items:

- 40 pairs of Adult shoes
- 30 Backpacks
- 20 large tote bags
- 1 large bag of personal hygiene items
- 1 Bag of men's shirts and boxers
- 1 Bag of women's clothes
- 1 Blanket



Please be in prayer for our Mission Team traveling to Costa Rica the first week of August. What a blessing it is to be able to support our own family as they partner with Strong Missions. We look forward to hearing them share their experiences with us when they return. A big thank you to Ed and Rhonda Bethea for leading this group consisting of themselves, Paul and Josiah Creef, Gib, Pam and Keeli Harrison, John and Patty Dutton and a few others joining in.

*Missions Committee*

# Thank You!

A heartfelt thanks to all of you who expressed support to me and my family in the loss of my brother. The cards, food, visits were all much appreciated. It makes me realize even though my natural family is not here anymore, my church family is alive and well.

*Sandra Sawyer*

Many thanks for our selection to receive the handmade cross from old Church nails.

Also, thanks to the dedicated members who saved the 1907 nails, thought of such a reverent use, and created such a nice gift.

*June and Quentin Bell*

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS THANK YOU'S

Dear Mount Olivet and all those involved with the Scholarship Committee,

Thank you all so much for considering and awarding me with the Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs and Helen Van Cleef Petty Scholarships! These scholarships have helped me before and will continue to do so as they enable me to further my education. This year will be my second year at UNC Asheville

As I continue to pursue a degree in Theatre Education. All of y'all's love and support means so much to me and though one "thank you" note is not enough, it's certainly a start. So, thank you, thank you, thank you!

*Love to all, Rebecca Boyce.*

Dear Mount Olivet Church,

I cannot thank you enough for what you have done for me. These scholarships (Richard Coles Evans, Helen Van Cleef Petty, and Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs) will certainly be put to good use. I will definitely be keeping all of you update on any new information in my very exciting future. Thank you again!

*Love,  
Samantha Suprenant*

Dear Mount Olivet Methodist Church,

I would like to once again thank you for supporting me this coming school year with the two scholarships

(Evans, Gibbs). I had a very successful year at Meredith College and am pursuing fashion merchandising as my major. I plan to study abroad in Paris the summer of 2018. I look forward to seeing church members on my breaks.

*Sincerely,  
Jillian Fearing*



#### August Schedule:

Wednesday: High School Bible Study, 7:30-9:00 PM

This Bible study is open to all rising 9th-12th grade students, as well as 2017 high school graduates.

We will meet at the Cove, as we discuss topics that are of interest to our students, study the Scriptures and pray together. Jan Culpepper will lead the Bible study

The Cove: Sunday Nights in the Summer

Sunday: Off-campus Trips

We will go on a weekly trip with the students where we go off campus to do something fun. For each event meet at the Cove and we will travel together. We will have a quick devotion at each event so this would be a good event for our students to invite their friends to.

August 6th - Karaoke Night @ The Sextons, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

August 13th - Alpine Tower, 4:00 – 8:00 PM (Sign-up required by August 6th)

August 20th - Laser Tag, 6:00-8:30 PM (Sign-up required by August 13th)

Cost for this event will be \$10 and money is due when you register, space is limited to 26 students - register early!

August 27th - Dolphin Cruise, 6:00-8:15 PM (Sign-up required by August 20th)

FALL RETREAT: We will be going to Camp Willow Run from September 1st (Right after school gets out for early dismissal) to September 3rd.

Register before August 20th by paying the \$50 trip fee and filling out the medical statement provided by the camp, as well as the “Mount Olivet Cove Youth Ministry Contact Information & Trip Permission” Form.



RETREAT INFORMATION: We will meet at the Cove at 1:30pm on September 1st and return around 2:00pm on Sunday, September 3rd. 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 48 spots available, and the trip will be \$50 per student, as well as money for one meal (lunch on the way back). 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](http://campwillowrun.org/formdownloads/cwr_medical_statement.pdf). If there is a conflict with a school event on Friday night or if your student needs a scholarship please send an email or stop by the church office.



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## Worship



August Altar Guild: will be announced in the Bulletin.

Ushers will be announced in Bulletin. We need volunteers to usher at both services. Please see the sign-up sheet in the education building for details.

We also need volunteers in the sanctuary immediately following 8:30 service and 11:00 service to pick up bulletins, papers, etc. Please see Lynda to volunteer.

Thank you for your service!

*Sarah Wise & Kathy Seawell, Worship Committee*

# Music Ministry



## Chancel Choir

**Ephesians 5:19** Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

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 Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Contact me for more information or stop by a rehearsal to join.



## Resounding Praise

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.



## change

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 is taking a break for the summer and will start up again in late August. We would love to have you commit to share your talents with the Youth Praise team and your church.



We had a wonderful Vacation Bible School here at Mount Olivet last month. Thank you to all who helped decorate, led crews around, taught lessons, and showed love to all the children that attended. We are a blessed congregation to have so many who are willing to give of their time. Thank you for all of your hard work and love.

While I was at a camp this past month, I was reminded of a song called Sanctuary. We closed the service each night at the camp by singing the song. These words remind me of how we are all a sanctuary for the Lord. A place where He resides. We should carry out spirit of worship around with us at all times, praising the Lord in everything we say and do, wherever we go. The lyrics go like this:

“Lord prepare me

To be a sanctuary

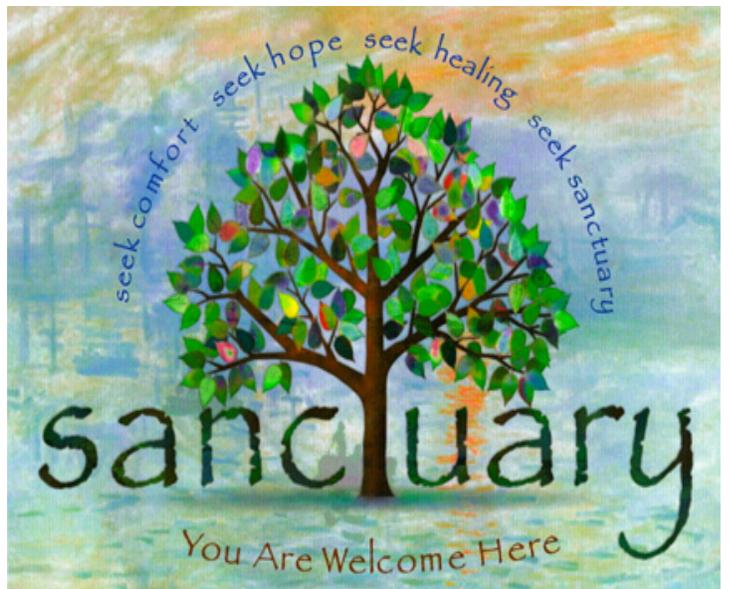
Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving

I'll be a living

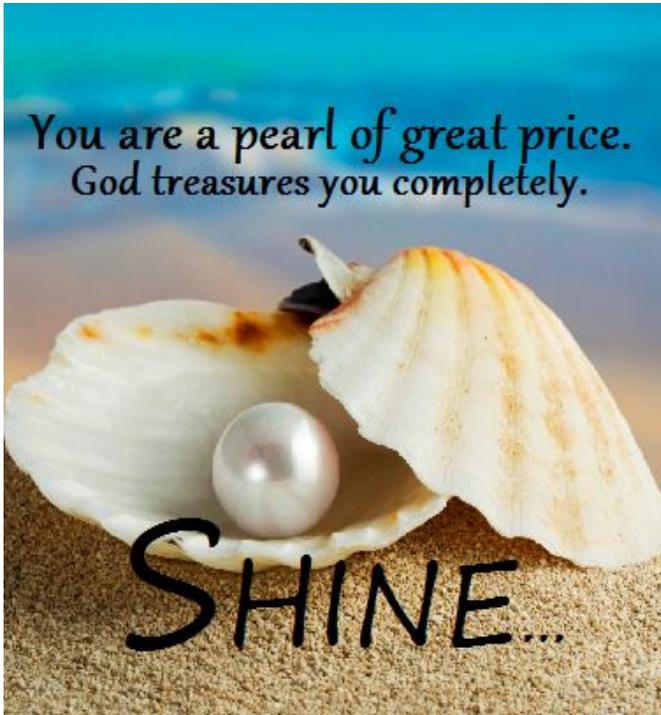
Sanctuary for you.”

*Nathan Schierer  
Director of Music*



Lord  
Prepare Me....

# Children's Ministry



Thank you so much for your Vacation Bible School support. VBS was a successful community event because of volunteers and leaders like you and we couldn't have done it without you.

Summer Sunday School children will explore several Dr. Seuss favorites to learn a lesson about following the way of Jesus Christ in our one-room classroom with ages preschool-5th grade at 9:45 each Sunday. We are having a wonderful time with all of the children as we go on adventures together. If you are interested in teaching a Children's Sunday School class beginning this Fall, please contact Children's Ministry or Paula Oliver.

S.U.R.G.E. students (3rd-5th grade) will have our last event August 20th from 5-7pm. We will be accomplishing "Scripture Shells" and play games at the beach. In September, we will begin FAITH Friends (K-5th grade) on Sunday evenings from 5-7. The format will remain the same as SURGE was, but the age levels will be divided into groups for more appropriate age level games and lessons. If you are interested in FAITH Friends for your child or to volunteer please let Children's Ministry know.

Family Worship and Communion Sunday will be the first Sunday of each month during 8:30 and 11:00 services. Families are invited to worship together and take communion as a family. Children's Church will not be offered on Communion Sunday. Worship Bags will be available during the service. Nursery will be available for children Birth-Preschool ages.

Worship Bags are available for kids to use during church services on Sunday morning. They have small books, coloring pages, word searches, pencils, crayons etc. in each bag as well as a Prayer Bear. The Prayer Bear is there so your child can share a prayer request with our children's ministry team on the paper



provided and put the bear back in the bag/basket. Please return the bags at the end of the service. See an usher if you need assistance.

Drama/Art Summer Camp for 3rd-5th grade students will be August 16-18. The campers will participate in musical and art activities. Contact Children's Ministry at 473-2089 x 29 or [olivetkids@mountolivetumc.org](mailto:olivetkids@mountolivetumc.org) for more information.

Blessings of the Backpack will be 27 August during the church service. Please bring your child's backpack in and we will ensure they are a part of the prayer blessing and receive their Backpack Blessing tag. If you are in need of a backpack for the upcoming school year please let Children's Ministry know.

Opportunities to serve in Children's Ministry are available. Mount Olivet has many ways for you to share your love of Christ with kids including Children's Moments, Children's Church, SURGE, Sunday School, and VBS (Vacation Bible School). You will get so much joy and love working with these kids. If you would like to know more about how you can help please email Children's Ministry at [olivetkids@mountolivetumc.org](mailto:olivetkids@mountolivetumc.org) or call 252-473-2089.

*Kim Head,  
Director of Children's Ministries*





- 1 Clarence Lewis
- 2 Charlotte Dixon, Erick Henry, Janice Lucero, Chip Phillips
- 3 Courtney Hathaway, Babs Meekins
- 4 Lee Martin
- 5 Clint Hepler, Lawson Lee, Susan Tury Brent Williams
- 6 Ben Gallop, Toni Perrone, Joanne Williams
- 7 Cathryn Daniels, Sarah Marshall Gallop, Elizabeth Hopkins
- 8 Sissy Campbell, Larry Franklin
- 9 Ana Nicole Brent, Parker Gregory, Reda Midgett
- 10 Todd Kretschmar, Beverly Lafferty, Shaaron "Sam" Mallam, Bill Ruffin, Jackie Shannon
- 11 Colby Fry, Mary Jo Matthews, Angie Midgett, Edison Midgett, Angell Wescott
- 12 Parker Midgett
- 13 June Bell, Lance Culpepper, Jack Dunn
- 14 Randy MacDonald,
- 15 Della Basnight, Jeffrey Garrison, Edward Mann, Jeffrey McLemore
- 16 Amy Dixon, Carol Haywood, Maizie Stewart
- 17 Kevin Duprey, Kathryn Stewart
- 18 Virginia Dare
- 19 Trenton Rogers, Brennan Wescott
- 20 Kim Grissom, Susan Holton, Lee Tugwell
- 21 Dolores Isenhour
- 22 Tina Phronjia Bradley, Scott Finicum, Glen Hopkins, Reuben Payne, David White
- 23 Joey Belton, Joe Lafferty, Sarah Meekins, Cam Sellers, Thomas Tillett, Angela Twiford
- 24 James Daniels, Pam Jones, Samantha Keith, Mackenzie Ulmer-Meekins
- 25 Kevin Brinkley, Butch Harrison, Adrian Pitts, Gabe Walker

- 26 John Burk, Addy Tedrick
- 27 Buddy Stell
- 28 Katherine Hopkins, Tyler Pendry, Kathryn Snead, Darnell Tillett
- 30 Jennifer Anderson, Sharon Collins, Morgan Davis, Nancy Murray
- 31 Jim Boyd



- 1 Pat & Carroll Harrell, 52 yrs.
- 2 John & Loretta Fertal, 48 yrs.
- 2 Jim & Nancy Gmitter, 48 yrs.
- 2 Stuart & Ramona Wescott, 47 yrs.
- 3 Jep & Carol Adams, 43 yrs.
- 3 Brandon & Stacey Gregory, 15 yrs.
- 3 Bill & Caroline Kebschull, 21 yrs.
- 3 Rufus & Roxie Prichard, 44 yrs.
- 3 Tucker & Christine Walker, 21 yrs.
- 4 Steve & Martha Howell, 38 yrs.
- 4 Alvah & Geneva Ward, 5 yrs.
- 6 Heath & Erica Burkhardt, 12 yrs.
- 7 Dan & Katherine Bottjen, 19 yrs.
- 7 Mike & Emily Wilson, 13 yrs.
- 8 Carl & Ann Payne, 30 yrs.
- 9 Chip & Jen Phillips, 20 yrs.
- 10 Edgar & Michele Barnes, 32 yrs.
- 10 Kevin & Stephanie Phillips, 21 yrs.
- 11 Dick & Peggy Parker, 44 yrs.
- 12 Russell & Susie Fleming, 44 yrs.
- 15 Bill & Caroline Pearce, 47 yrs.

# Nannie Midgett Circle

Nannie Midgett Circle will have their “Fish Fry” on Monday, August 21st 6:30 PM at Byron & Sandra Sawyer’s home. Please bring a salad or a dessert. Contact Janice O’Neal if you have a question.



SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thanking God for all of those precious children.

*Lynette Crews*

Thank you, for a wonderful week!

*In Jesus love,  
Lynn Tugwell*

Oh my goodness! What God can do through the hard work of people like you! Thanks to you all.

*Ed & Rhonda Bethea*



VBS looked like the best ever! Nathan is a true gift from God and we at MOUMC are blessed tremendously by his Talents.

*Thank you!  
Marcia B.*

What a beautiful expression of God’s love. Thank you for all you did!

*Suzanne & Bill Godley*

Thank you for all you did!

*Skip Lange*

Thank you for sharing your talents and energy to create a spectacular VBS! The children of our community have experienced God’s love!

*Deloris & Bobby Harrell*

(The above lovely expressions of appreciation were for each of the talents all the leaders and helpers of our wonderful Vacation Bible School. We had an attendance between 160 and 166 children each day.)

## August Volunteers

Date	8:30 Service	Sunday School	11:00 Service
<b>August 6</b>	Dianne Gaskill 473-3972	Dawn Young 404-955-4244	Lynette Crews 473-3295
	Jessica Twiford 252-312-9082		Tiffany Martin 473-2323
<b>August 13</b>	Elizabeth Gallop 423-0484		Joyce Edwards 473-3845
<b>August 20</b>	Valerie Wheeler 473-5595		Martha Howell 475-1117
<b>August 27</b>	Lee Swain Petty 216-6310		Melva Garrison 473-3399

Thank you all for your dedication and service in the nursery this year. This is such an important ministry to our young families.

You may have seen in the bulletin that Mount Olivet is looking for an assistant Nursery Attendant. This is a paid, hourly position for the services when Dana is not available. If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact the church office for more information.

*Elizabeth*

# Evangelism

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. I know you are having a hard time keeping cool, but that's what summer is all about, isn't it? Remember those days of sitting on the front porch with a good friend and ceiling fans whirling, rocking slowly and methodically with a tall glass of homemade lemonade? They were the days. I remember them as a kid, sitting with my grandmother and parents, swinging on the porch swing. Seems to me the heat wasn't so bad back then. Of course, there wasn't air conditioning so I guess our bodies acclimated to the heat. Our little swimming pool had about a foot of water in it so you couldn't swim, but it kept us cooled off. Down here on the Outer Banks, we have the best of both worlds. We have the Atlantic Ocean within miles of our homes where we can cool off in the surf and get a suntan on the beach. Or we can go to the Sound for a swim, kayak ride, kite surfing on just relaxing on a small beach, like the Old Swimming Hole. This brings me to an invitation I would like to extend to each of you. On Sunday, September 24th from 12 noon to 3:00 pm the Evangelism Committee team will be hosting our Annual Church Family Picnic at the Old Swimming Hole. We will be supplying hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, and iced cold drinks. We encourage you to bring a dish to share with everyone in attendance. Come and sit on the porch of the pavilion, with good friends and a cold drink, and if you have a rocking chair, bring that too. So, mark your calendars to attend this wonderful event.

Going into the coolness of the Fall season of October, we will be presenting a Fall Revival. We think this will be one of our best. We will be introducing each night a local Pastor and their very own musical team's. With all religions represented, each Pastor can make interfaith relations stronger than ever within our community. Whatever differences we have had before in our individual beliefs are now history; we believe in one God and His Son Jesus Christ. Join us on October 22nd – 26th for a Revival that will bring the experience of healing and wholeness through the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

To close out the year of 2017, we enter the Winter season, where the wind is blowing and the snow is falling on the ground to make a winter wonderland. Gone are the hot days of 95+ temperatures and we now battle the cold temperatures, sitting in front of a cozy fireplace bundled up in a warm blanket. We will leave our warm houses and venture out into the cold chill of the season to experience the thrill and beauty of Christmas in Manteo. A small Rockwell type town where there are performances in front of the Old Courthouse by our local neighbors, shoppers purchasing their last-minute gifts in the local shops, and Brunswick Stew being served from a huge cauldron that will warm our bellies. Meet us downtown on December 1st beginning at 6:00 pm to experience the wonder of Christmas. Fellowship with friends and neighbors in front of the Brunswick Stew

cauldron prepared by Doc Sawyer and his "elves" and taste the warmth of deliciousness. Ponder on the beauty of the Christmas Tree when lit, and experience the small child in each of us, as Santa arrives to hear our requests.

Continuing into the Christmas season we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord through song on December 17th at 5:30 pm. Come out and carol with us as we commemorate the birth of Jesus with our shut-in's and those that are ill. They so enjoy knowing they are thought of by their church members and reinforces our love for them.

Sit down with your calendars and write down these dates, and join us in events we feel will fortify your commitment with the church, will strengthen your friendships, and encourage spiritual growth.

*God Bless,  
Your Evangelism Committee*

## SAVE THE DATES

### QUICK REFERENCE OF DATES & EVENTS

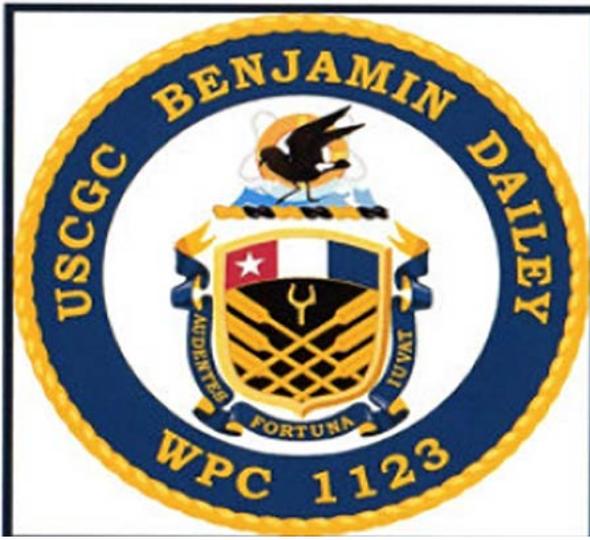
September 24th  
Annual Church Family Picnic  
Noon – 3:00 PM

October 22nd – 26th  
Fall Revival  
7:00 PM

December 1st  
Christmas Tree Lighting /  
Brunswick Stew 6:00 PM

December 17th  
Christmas Caroling  
5:30 PM



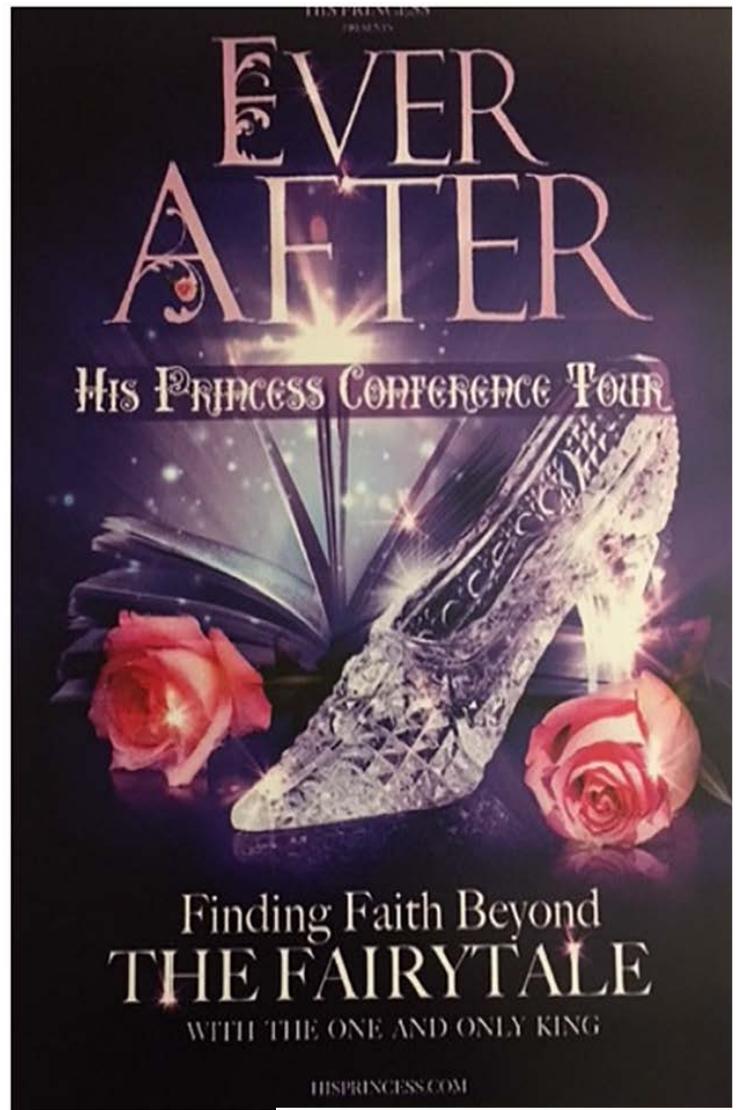


**COMMISSIONING OF THE  
USCGC BENJAMIN DAILEY  
WPC 1123**

The Commissioning Ceremony took place on July 4, 2017 for the newest Atlantic Area Eighth District USCG Fast Response Cutter. Namesake of the 154 foot USCGC Benjamin Dailey (WPC 1123) is a descendent of long time residents of the Outer Banks of North Carolina Benjamin Baxter Dailey always seemed destined for work saving lives at sea. On December 21, 1884, in response to the distressed vessel Ephraim Williams, keeper of the U. S. Life-Saving Service station at Cape Hatteras, Captain Dailey and his crew hitched their surfboat to a wagon pulled by 3 horses and moved it 10 miles up the beach then rowed for several miles against 70 miles an hour winds and high waves and rescued the nine man crew off the barkenline.

Captain Dailey and his entire crew received the award of the Gold Life-saving Metal for heroism after he told the reviewers, "they were in the boat too." The officer assigned to review the events wrote in part in his award recommendation "The names of Benjamin B. Dailey and his comrades in this magnificent feat should never be forgotten. As long as the Life-Saving Service has the good fortune to remember among its keepers and crews such men as these, no fear need ever be entertained for its good name or purpose."

When the watch is set on a new cutter, the presentation of a ceremonial long glass signifies the officer of the deck's authority as the commanding officer's direct representative. The honor was bestowed on the great-grandson and oldest living relative of Keeper Benjamin Bailey, Master Chief Boatswain's Mate (retired) Edison Midgett.



**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
500 N 1st St Creswell NC 27928  
**September 9, 2017 9am-12noon**  
Tickets \$25 can be purchased at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or by calling  
Laurel Patrick 252-809-9346 or Jeanie Biggs 252-339-1088

