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# GOOD NEWS

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*"Do not remove the ancient landmark..." Proverbs 23:10 (a)*

Recently I was at a fast food restaurant that had a really neat playground equipment on the inside. This portable gym included a couple of slides, different platforms for climbing to the top of a two story slide and a couple of interactive stations with different shapes that could be handled and turned.

One of the things I realized about children's ideal compact playground is that it is a babysitters dream, especially for an aging grandparent. I sat with a cup of coffee and watched our first grandson play to his heart's content with other kids. Sometimes he was able to entertain himself.

The scripture in Proverbs reminds me and us that boundaries are important. Yet, within those parameters there is a freedom that produces contentment, security and fun let alone rest for the not-so-energized. Grandparent. The people of God recognized how important it was to establish marked property to keep things civil.

Jesus established spiritual boundaries for us to "live and have our being." The commandments of the Old and New Testaments give direction, guidance and security that can be found in Christ.

When we play in God's playground we will truly find freedom, joy and peace.

*Grace & peace,  
Jerry*



## Mark your Calendars!

Combined worship service on Sunday, June 15, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., followed by a covered dish luncheon at the Church at 12:00 noon

Friends in Christ,

As you are aware our Pastor Jerry Cribb will be retiring after 30 years in ministry with 10 of those 30 years here at Mount Olivet. Jerry, Michelle and their family have been wonderful Christian members of our Church and community, and we will certainly miss their faithful witness and their friendship.

Before we welcome our new Pastor, John Check and his wife, Sheryl, it is important that we celebrate Jerry's ministry and share our love and good wishes with him and his family. Therefore, we are planning to have a combined worship service on Sunday, June 15, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., followed by a covered dish luncheon at the Church at 12:00 noon. We will use this time to fellowship with one another and to recognize Jerry and his family for God having sent Jerry to us to be our shepherd, confidant, Pastor and good friend for the last ten years. We hope that everyone will be able to attend to share in this time of celebration.

We are also going to have a love offering for Jerry and his family, for which many people have already indicated a desire to contribute to present to Jerry at the luncheon. Anyone that would desire to make a contribution, please deliver you contributions to the Church or contact Jean Basnight.

I am sure everyone joins me in praising God for his many blessings and thanking Jerry and his family for their wonderful Christian service and leadership at Mount Olivet and wishing them God's blessings on his retirement.

*Yours in Christ,  
Chris Seawell, Chairman  
SPPR Committee*

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John 14:2 (NIV) 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

## Missions

Missions wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to Jerry and Michele Cribb for the years they have joyfully served on the Missions Committee. In our communion liturgy we have a line about not hearing the cry of the needy but that cannot be said about the Cribb's especially. They not only hear, but answer call after call.

They have been a blessing to us and our church with their hearts for Missions and their compassion for those in need. Michele's compassion and attention to Mission needs that the rest of the committee may not always be aware of will be missed and Jerry's willingness to let us grow while keeping us on track was something only he could do.

Under Jerry's direction the Missions Committee has grown the reach and the impact of the Food Pantry on our community, welcomed Missionaries to our congregation, packaged 20,000 meals for hungry children, helped spearhead the AfterProm Party, and the JOY Store that was once the District Mission of the Year.

THANK YOU doesn't seem adequate but we can say with certainty.... WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

*Missions Committee*

## Thanks!!!

Dear Rev. Cribb,

What a blessing the electric elevator chair has been to Wallace. Going up and down the steps has been quite a challenge for him. Now the thought of taking a walk has become a pleasure!

I cannot thank the church family or the men who gave their time so generously enough for the gift. It is certainly a gift from God and your church family.

*In deep appreciation,  
Margaret Harvey*

YOU ARE THE CHURCH  
WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED

You have been such a blessing to S.C. and me this past six weeks for the many gifts and services you have provided during my eye surgery and recovery period. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, volunteer time in the office, visits and gifts of food, flowers, gift cards and so much more have overwhelmed us with your love and support at our home and in the Church Office. THANK YOU for everything.

*In His Love,  
Jean & S.C.*

## Children's Ministry



Summer is right around the corner and we all are busy making plans for what we want to be the best summer ever. Even here at church, we have summer programs for children that are being planned for, prayed over and advertised.

The question today is what is the purpose behind your plan? Busyness can get in the way of us being, well, busy. - But don't act like them. If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others. Mark10:43 (CEV)

My prayer is that we all choose wisely while filling in our calendars. A question I frequently ask as I am pondering the week's events is: How does this activity impact my family or those involved for Christ? Are any of these activities others focused? Meaning, does it provide a means to bring happiness or joy to someone other than me and just my immediate family? Love each other as brothers and sisters and honor others more than you do yourself. Romans 12:10 (CEV)

With this being said, there are places for you to serve this summer with Olivet Kids. There are opportunities to get involved in children's church, Sunday school, the nursery, SURGE at the beach, and three wonderful outreach camps. My heart overflows for the children in Dare County to be able to get to know our Lord and savior, and know we can reach so many more if you are willing to join me on this adventure! Call today, 473-2089 ext. 29 and let's find the place that is just for you!

Lord, please help us all be what you have intended for us to be, allowing everyone to see you in all we do!

*Tina Hodgson,  
Director of Children's Ministry*



SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU (S)

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for my Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs Memorial Scholarship. This will really help me pursue my college Education.

*Sincerely, Will Hicks*

Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs Scholarship Committee,

I want to thank you for the interview and choosing me to receive your scholarship. I will do my very best to represent you well. Thank you again for your gift.

*Sincerely, Brittany Copeland*

Dear Mount Olivet Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for this opportunity to continue my education. I am very excited because I love the Methodist community and I know they will help me achieve my goal of becoming an elementary school teacher.

Again, thank you so much for the Betty Ruth Flowers Gibbs Memorial Scholarship.

*Kaitlin O'Dell*

Mount Olivet Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for contributing to my college expenses. It means so much to me that you choose me to be a recipient of the Louise "Bubbles" Daniels Scholarship. Thank you again.

*Madison Maher*

Many Thanks to you, Kathy Seawell and the Mount Olivet Scholarship Committee for awarding me the Carolee O'Neal Bell Memorial Scholarship. I am honored to receive this award, established in memory of Mrs. Bell. I will do my very best at Elon University to be worthy of your faith in me.

*Thank you again,  
Andrew J. Scott*

## Scholarships

The Mount Olivet Scholarship Committees met on Sunday, April 27 and awarded \$50,000 to 49 deserving high school seniors and college students from Dare County.

The awards will be presented at the Senior Awards Ceremonies at each of the 3 local high schools. On Sunday, June 8th at the 8:30 Worship Service, the Mount Olivet recipients will again be recognized. Hope you will be able to come out and congratulate these outstanding young people.

Special thanks to the following Scholarship Committee members who serve diligently each year: Stuart Bell, George Henderson, Nancy Murray, Barbara Holton, Ray White, Chris Seawell, Punk Daniels, Elmer Reuben Midgett, Jane Allen, Roxie Pritchard, Charlotte and Brian White, Mike Trevino and Jean Payne.

*Kathy Seawell  
Scholarship Chm.*



## Nursery Volunteers

June 2014

Date	8:30 Service	9:45 Sunday School	11:00 Service
June 1	Erica Burkhart 423-0989		Lisa Fry 475-1717
June 8	Deloris Harrell 473-5739	Judith Fearing 441-5487	Brenda Davis 305-8393
June 15	Melinda Creef 473-2345	Ginger Midgett 473-3654	Lynn Tugwell 473-1338
June 22	Liz Brown 473-9892	Jan Culpepper 757-373-4155	Melva Garrison 473-3399
June 29	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

“Summertime”

Anyone remember George Gershwin’s song, Summertime?

*Summertime, and the livin’ is easy;*

*Fish are jumpin’ and the cotton is high.*

*Oh, Your daddy’s rich, and your mamma’s good lookin’;*

*So hush little baby, don’t you cry.*

*One of these mornings you’re going to rise up singing,*

*Then you’ll spread your wings and you’ll take to the sky.*

*But until that morning there’s a’nothing can harm you*

*With your daddy and mommy standing by.*

Well, ‘summertime’ is fast approaching, and that means there’s a lot of opportunities that you will be able to be a part of in Mount Olivet’s music ministry. Of course, the Chancel Choir will continue to meet through the summer and prepare to lead our 11:00 a.m. Worship. This would be a great time to join if you ever thought about singing in the choir as we will be singing a lot of old familiar hymns during these months.

Also, our praise bands, Resounding Praise and Change (Youth) will continue their dedicated service in leading our 8:30 a.m. Worship in song.

There are also some special events happening this summer. Our Vacation Bible School begins on July 7 with Weird Animals ! This week will be full of fun and exciting music for our children, and I know our adult and youth helpers will enjoy the

great music that will begin and end each day’s session with Weird Animals !

In August, starting on the 4th and running through the week will be our Worship Arts Camp. This will be a time for our elementary kids to learn the many different ways that art, song, dance, etc. can be used as worship. There will be opportunities for participating in art (painting, crafts, etc.), music (singing, playing instruments, handbells), dance and drama. Stay tuned for details in the newsletter, bulletin and you can register or volunteer for VBS and Worship Arts Camp online at our children’s ministry website!

Let’s have a great, exciting summer at Mt Olivet!

*Peace, love and Alleluia! Jim Lowder*

# Worship

June 2014

Altar Guild

Chair – Gail Midgett - 473-3782

Lynn Tugwell, Renee Davenport, Donna Presgrave

Ushers/Greeters

8:30 – Bob and Flossie Tugwell 473-5993

11:00 - TBA

Greeter – Lynda Midgett 473-7023

Communion Stewards will be announced in Bulletin

Thank you to all who help with Worship Committee activities. Everyone is invited to help make Chrismon ornaments for our sanctuary tree at our Chrismon workshop in late summer. The date and more details will be announced ahead of time. Please join us for this fun event.

*Tri-chairs: Lynda Midgett, Kathy Seawell, Sarah Wise*



Email [olivetskids@mountolivetumc.org](mailto:olivetskids@mountolivetumc.org). You may register online and find forms at [www.mountolivetumc.org/children](http://www.mountolivetumc.org/children)

**Vacation Bible School**

July 7 - 11  
9 am - 12 pm  
4 yrs old - rising 6th grade

July 21 - 25  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Completed 1st - 5th grade  
Cost: \$60/child  
Camp limited to 13 students.

Kids Serving Others

**worship arts camp**

August 4 - 8  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Completed 1st - 5th grade  
Cost: \$60/child

Your child will choose 5 classes to participate in each day from:  
Visual Arts, Culinary Arts, Drama, Handbells, Choir, Jewelry Making, Arts & Crafts, Dance, and Percussion



be a time of unique distractions and temptations for our students. It is my prayer that as schedules and priorities change, we all remember that true fulfillment only comes through a close relationship with our loving and merciful God, and that we continually abide in Christ this summer.

*Drew Peyton*

The month of June marks a time of transition for the Cove, because as students finish up the school year and move into summer break, our current weekly events will come to a close, and we will begin our summer programs. Below you will find the last dates for each of our weekly events in our spring schedule. It is also important to note that we will have an informational meeting for parents and students on Sunday, June 1st from 5:30-7:00. Dinner will be provided, and rising 6th grade students (current 5th grade students) are invited to attend, as are their parents. This meeting will cover the Cove's summer schedule and upcoming events.

#### **LAST DATES FOR SPRING PROGRAMMING:**

Youth Breakfast: Thursday, May 29th

Tuesday/Thursday Afterschool: Tuesday, June 10th

Youth Group: Sunday, June 8th

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS IN JUNE:**

Parent/Student Informational Meeting: Sunday, June 1st 5:30-7:00

Launch (Event with Churches in Manteo):  
Wednesday, June 11th 7:00-9:00

Summer Scheduling Begins: Wednesday, June 25th

Service Day at the Parsonage: Saturday, June 28th  
9:00am-12:00pm

VBS Student Volunteer Training Meeting: Sunday, June 29th 11:00-12:15

With summer approaching quickly, we have been going through John 15:1-11 in youth group for the past two weeks. In this passage, Jesus is talking to His disciples. This conversation is one of the last interactions that He has with His disciples before giving Himself up to die on the cross. In these verses, Jesus revealed some important truths to His disciples. As His followers, we can learn a lot from those same words today. Jesus explains that as the "true vine", He is the source of life for His followers. Without Him we cannot do anything. With Him, we experience love, joy, peace, and fulfillment that we cannot find anywhere else.

Summer in the Outer Banks is a lot of fun. It is a great time to enjoy the beach, time with family and friends, and community events. It can also



#### *John 15:1-11*

*15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*





## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Robert & Joanne Braine - 49 yrs.
- 1 Stephen & Karen King – 51 yrs.
- 4 Tom & Janice O'Neal – 54 yrs.
- 5 Joe & Beverly Lafferty – 43 yrs.
- 10 Stuart & Stacy Bell – 19 yrs.
- 10 Philip & Brandy Foreman – 14 yrs.
- 11 Algie & Marilyn Campbell – 48 yrs.
- 12 Chris & Amy Adams – 15 yrs.
- 12 Rodney & Monika Berry –
- 13 Roy & Karen Phillips – 49 yrs.
- 14 S. C. & Jean Basnight – 56 yrs.
- 14 Kevin & Aletia Goudy – 18 yrs.
- 15 Paul & Melinda Creef – 29 yrs.
- 17 Todd & Jacquin Hart – 19 yrs.
- 19 Stephen & Maureen Thompson - 48 yrs.
- 20 Mark & Carrie Vrablic - 34 yrs.
- 20 Kelly & Brenda Zaytoun – 44 yrs.
- 21 Ken & Angie Brady Daniels – 27 yrs.
- 21 Michael & Renee Glover – 28 yrs.
- 21 Richard & Sandra Murphy -23 yrs.
- 22 Robbie & Sissy Campbell – 17 yrs.
- 23 Randy & Mary Ann Hodges – 35 yrs.
- 23 Steward & Sandy Moore – 24 yrs.
- 23 Ross & Rita Shaffer – 41 yrs.
- 24 Steve, III & Ashley Basnight – 19 yrs.
- 24 Bill & Linda Kraus – 42 yrs.
- 25 Clarence & Rose Skinner – 63 yrs.
- 26 Tim & Barbara Dare Hartwig – 20 yrs.
- 27 Lance & Jan Culpepper – 16 yrs.



## Special Thank You

Dear Jerry and Members of Mount Olivet,

I want to say a very special thank you for all the love and concern you showed me during my sister's illness (Mary Hook). Each time I went to the hospital Jerry was there. We talked, we prayed, and he gave me his card with his cell number if I needed to talk.

I also met several of the church members while visiting at the hospital and nursing home. I asked one if she had her wings because the timing of the visit was a Godsend. She took pictures of Mary wearing her "ruby red slippers" and sent it to me.

I understand that the choir came to sing to Mary the night before she died. What a sendoff! It touched me deeply knowing that you were singing her into heaven.

The funeral service was so special, and I know Mary would have approved of each part. I also want to thank all of the people that brought food to the reception. It was a banquet fit for a King. I have told many people about the fantastic "spread" you put on for the reception. There were a few people at the funeral that I would not have known were there had it not been for the reception. One of Mary's childhood friends from grammar school was there.

Your church is such a wonderful and caring congregation. They made us all feel so very welcome I will always be grateful.

I am enclosing a gift to say "thank you friends." Please use it however you think best.

*In Christian Love,  
Becky Wright*



From  
John  
Check-



Thank you for reaching out to us. I can only imagine what it is like to say goodbye to a pastor. Jerry is such a wonderful man.

We are excited about moving to Mount Olivet. We love the OBX. We were at Kitty Hawk UMC 6 yrs ago.

My wife and I have 1 daughter, Nicole. We have been married for 36 years

Nicole is a pediatrician at Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital in Orlando and has 1 more year in residency. Nicole was born in Dallas, Texas. We lived there for 7.5 years, and we are Cowboy fans much to the chagrin of my Redskins and Panther friends.

I have a MA in Biblical Studies from Dallas Seminary, a M Div from Southeastern Seminary (Wake Forest), and a Doctor of Ministry also from Southeastern.

We have served churches in Wilson, Rocky Mount, Beaufort, Kitty Hawk, New Bern, and Henderson.

Sheryl is an awesome pianist and has a Bachelors degree in Christian Education. Sheryl has directed 2 preschools and has managed 2 UPS stores.

I have 3 brothers and 2 sisters. My wife has 1 brother and 1 sister. Her parents live in Reidsville, and mine are deceased.

Sheryl loves to read and volunteer wherever she is needed. She loves walking on the beach.

I enjoy bike riding and golf. I enjoy teaching Bible studies and sharing my faith.

We love contemporary and traditional worship.

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Editor's Note: The above was in response to an email of welcome, asking for a "introduction information." I had planned to write an article, but this was so personable, I decided to print it "as is."