

## MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*We are a church Family revealing Christ to the world by affirming and reflecting God's love in our adoration, attitude and actions.*

By Bro. Lacy Giddings



## Church's Anniversary/Homecoming 2017

### *"A Synopsis"*

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Wicomico Church, Virginia, where Rev. Dr. Tyron Williams and Rev. Beatrice Williams serve as pastor and associate pastor respectively, was the place where fellowship was prevalent in abundance on September 23&24, 2017. The historical event was the celebration of the church's 144<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/64<sup>th</sup> Homecoming.

The theme: "Remembering the Past, Embracing the Present, Visualizing the Future" (Acts 2:44-47) was manifested in the displays both inside and outside of the church.

Among the large crowd that traveled from near and far to be a part of the two-day celebration were a former pastor, former interim pastors, family members of some of the deceased pastors, the church's Helping Hand Ministries of Baltimore, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia, and many members and friends.

Pastor Williams graciously moved throughout the crowd extending greetings with smiles and warm handshakes.

Saturday, September 23, 2017 was labeled as "Down Home Day." Artifacts displayed from the past included replicas of the first shelter for worship (The Brush Arbor) and the sanctuary of the old church equipped for a Sunday Morning Worship Service. Also on display were "The Farmers' Market", old photos, Bibles, clothing of the pastor when baptizing, tools for work, household utensils, and other artifacts. Some people wore attire typical of the era. The culminating activity for Saturday was an outdoor banquet. The preacher for the banquet was Rev. Angelo Chatmon, a former interim pastor of Mt. Olive and the present pastor of Pilgrim Journey Baptist Church, Henrico, Virginia.

Among those in attendance at the banquet who spoke and received memorial plaques in memory of deceased pastors were the family of: Rev. Nelson Lee (first pastor), Rev. J. J. Nickens (sixth pastor), and Rev. B. L. Robinson (seventh pastor).

Sunday's activities began with a "march" from the old church site to the present site. Sunday School, held under the Brush Arbor, was taught by Rev. Beatrice Williams. Rev. Ronald Turner, a former pastor of Mt. Olive delivered the "preached word" at Sunday's worship service. Rev. Turner is presently a national and international church consultant, while serving as pastor of Grace of God Christian Ministries in Michigan.

Rev. Williams, the Homecoming Committee, along with the entire Mt. Olive Church family, extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to everyone who contributed to making our anniversary/homecoming a most memorable event in the legacy of Mt. Olive.

To God be all glory, honor, and praise for his continued grace and mercy.



*Rev. Dr. Tyron D. Williams*

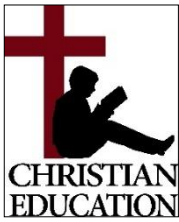
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As believers, we say that God is the author and finisher of our faith. However, oftentimes the words of scripture we quote are not consistent with the actions we take. Every day of our lives God orchestrates situations and opportunities for us to openly display to the world the extent to which we believe in the power and majesty of God, and sometimes we fall short. But then, a new day dawns and we are again given an opportunity to display our love for God, and the extent to which our faith is manifested. In other words, what are we doing with our faith?

James 2:26 says “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” This short verse provides a challenge to all believers because it calls us to mobilize and get busy doing the work of ministry that God has equipped us to do. As people who profess to be grateful for God’s saving grace, we should be eager to give of ourselves in service to the one who saved us, and granted us the gift of eternal life in heaven with God, His Son, Jesus Christ, and all of the saints who have gone on before us. It is important that each of us take on the responsibility to use the gifts, talents, and knowledge that God has given us in service to others, especially those who are poor, unsaved, and unchurched.

The fact that God dwells in us through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we should have a heart to willingly give of ourselves to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our actions and our deeds. God continues to be faithful to us each day by sustaining our lives and our livelihood. Because of it, we should at least be willing to use the resources God has blessed us to have to help those who are in need, so that they can also receive the blessings of God through our service, love, and appreciation for all that God has done for all of us.

To God Be the Glory,  
*Reverend Dr. Tyron D. Williams, Pastor*



## TEACHING AND REACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION

### Mount Olive Baptist Church – Ministry of Christian Education

*It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me. Colossians 1:28-29*

*“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost,  
but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.”*

– John Newton.

With the gravity of politics, power and position, we can forget how sweet and influential the grace of God is. Grace sustains us on our journey through the inevitable hard places and difficult seasons.

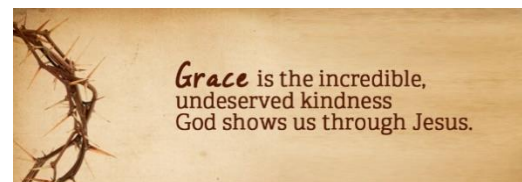
In *Transforming Grace* by Jerry Bridges, he reveals that we can never rightly understand God's grace until we understand our place as those who need His grace.

“We were dead in our transgressions, but God intervened. We were in bondage to sin, but God intervened. We were objects of wrath, but God intervened. God Who is rich in mercy intervened. Because of His great love for us, God intervened and made us alive with Christ, even when we were dead in our transgressions and sins. All this is summed up in one succinct statement: ‘it is by grace you have been saved.’ Our condition was hopeless, but God intervened in grace.”

### The Transforming Power of Grace

(Rom. 6:14)

- We are transformed by changing how we think. Transformation in our life begins by knowing who we are in Christ or seeing ourselves in the way God sees us in Christ. As our mind is renewed, our emotions are transformed, and thus our behavior changes. Our emotions are not transformed by trying harder, but by seeing more clearly as we feed on God's Word. **“...be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”** (Rom. 12:2)
- By seeing our life through the lens of grace, we are equipped to reign in life or to walk in all that Jesus accomplished for us. We desire to fully experience what He freely provided on the cross. Wherever sin abounds, God's grace can abound **“much more”** as it is accessed through Jesus. We will never have more grace available to us than what is ours on the day we were born again. **“...those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through... Jesus...where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.”** (Rom. 5:17-21)
- Paul declared that all who desire Jesus to be Lord of their life are **“under grace.”** Living by grace means that we relate to God on the basis of what Jesus accomplished for us on the cross. **“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!”** (Rom. 6:14-15)
- We are under grace (6:14): To be under grace includes being enjoyed by God, empowered by the indwelling Spirit, and being under Jesus' generous and merciful leadership.



**Allow God's Spirit to Transform You!**

Rev. Beatrice Williams  
Associate Pastor of Education



**Mt. Olive's Missionary Ministry**

By Sis. Geraldine Galloway

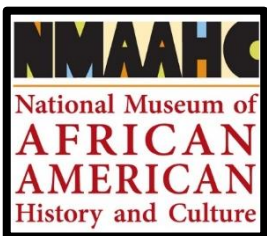


**Front row, left to right:** Mary Dawson, Barbara Jones, Carolyn Taylor, Paris Chinn (junior missionary), Amya Ball (junior missionary) **Back row, left to right:** Emma Jones, Geraldine Galloway, Elizabeth Savoy, Shirley Johnson. **Not pictured:** Joan Walters, Phyllis Nickens, Lenora Oliver, Christine Ball, John Jones, Vashti Jones, Eternity Yerby (junior missionary), Emani Davis (junior missionary), Christian Davis (junior missionary)

The Missionary Ministry sponsored a birthday party at the Lancashire Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center on August 25, 2017. The party was great fun for all of the residents. Individuals who had birthdays in the month of August received birthday cards and special gifts. Everyone that attended the celebration was served birthday cake.

Mt. Olive's Missionaries also held a worship service on Sunday, October 15, 2017. The program worship leader was Sister Joan Walters. The sermon was delivered by Reverend Beatrice Williams and music was rendered by Sam Oliver and some of Mt. Olive's Youth Choir.

The Missionary Ministry helped coordinate donations from Mt. Olive's members for the Northumberland Red Cross. The donations were transported the first week in October to Texas for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.



By Sis. Sylvia Carter

On September 13, 2017, Sylvia Carter boarded the tour bus at Mt. Olive Baptist Church at 6:30AM with family, friends, and associates. I was excited about going to the National Museum of African American History in Washington, D.C.

It was amazing to see things you knew about, heard about and some you knew nothing about, such as: The Slaves' Cabin and how they

lived and survived; Harriet Tubman's laced shawl that Queen Victoria had given her. I was saddened to learn how many soldiers lost their lives in wars protecting their country. So quickly I was filled with joy to see Michael Jackson's hat, "Fedora"; Chuck Berry's 1973 Cadillac; the black cape of James Brown; Michele Obama's beautiful gown that she wore to the inaugural ball and the bling-bling she wore with it; Gabby Douglas and her Olympic items and Michael Jordan with his 1996 basketball jersey. Finally, I got to see a familiar face. That was Rev. Dr. T. Wright Morris, a former pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Burgess, Virginia, having baptism at Taylor's Beach in Reedville, Virginia.

I could go on and on about the museum. If you have not been to the museum, put it at the top of your priority list. There is so much to see; that in one trip, you will not absorb all of it. I am truly ready to go on trip #2 to the African American History Museum.

**To benefit the Haven:**

**12 Days of Christmas Market**

Saturday, December 9 | 10AM-4PM

Rappahannock Church of Christ  
4324 Richmond Rd  
Warsaw, VA 22572

- Local Artisans & Shopping
- Hot Food & Drinks
- Christmas Fun for Families
- Crystal Bowl Raffle
- Santa Claus & More

**Admission Free**

Proceeds from the event to support the work and mission of

the haven

Become a Merchant!

Early Bird Registration Deadline (\$50):  
November 3

Registration Deadline (\$75):  
December 1



The Youth Ministry of Mt. Olive sponsored a back to school rally on

August 19, 2017. God blessed us with a beautiful day to distribute free school supplies to the children of our community. The children burned off excess energy by playing relay games, jumping in the inflatable jumper, and going down the slide. Parents were able to chat with the youth sponsors to learn of the different activities of the church that are available to their families. Of course, we also had a delicious cookout.

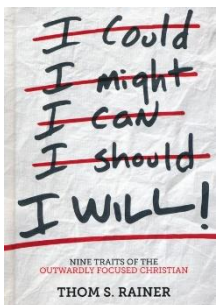
On August 26, 2017, the youth of Mt. Olive attended the Back to School rallies held in Northumberland County and Lancaster County. We started out early on Saturday morning to attend the festivities that were held at Northumberland High School. We then enjoyed lunch at Pizza Hut and followed with a quick outing at the new park in Kilmarnock, before attending the second rally of the day at the Dream Field on Irvington Road. By the end of the day, we were exhausted. But it was a very worthwhile exhaustion.

The Youth Ministry, with the help of parents and other members of the congregation, held a Bake Sale at Tri-Star in Kilmarnock on October 28<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for future ministry events.



The Women's Ministry sponsored a trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. on September 13, 2017. Viewing the exhibits resulted in a moving experience that deeply touched all who attended.

The Women's Ministry is studying *I Will!* (*Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian*) by Thom S. Rainer. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, from 6:00-7:00 PM. **Please note the time has changed. All are welcome to participate.**



**at MOUNT OLIVE**

November 19, 2017 at 3:00PM

Mount Olive Youth's Annual Day, Theme: *Celebration of Praise, "Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord."*

November 20, 2017 at 12:00noon

Seniors Ministry's pre-Thanksgiving Community Dinner.

December 16, 2017.

Ministry of Christian Education and Youth Ministry will join together to sponsor a tree-trimming event with a variety of fun activities. Details will be forthcoming.



**in the COMMUNITY**

November 4-5, 2017 8am until, at Richmond County Elementary School, Warsaw, VA.

FREE HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by RAM (Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps)  
Free DENTAL (Cleanings, fillings, tooth removal).

Free MEDICAL CARE & EDUCATION

Free VISION CARE SERVICES

Services are for everyone living in Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula.

*Services are not based on income.*

*Everyone is welcome.*

Be on the lookout for future information regarding **Fuel Assistance** programs at your local DSS.

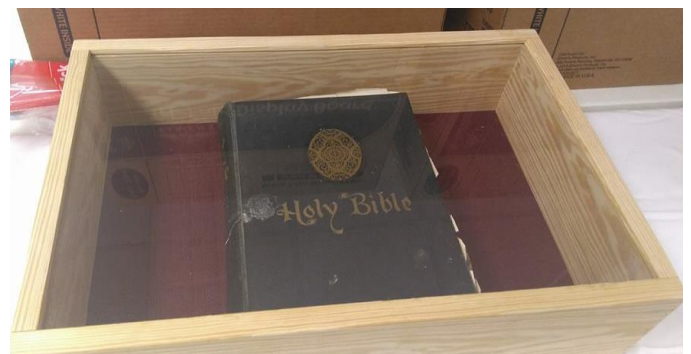
On Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 8:30am to 12noon

Free Breakfast with Santa, for children of all ages, at the NCCCO, 679 Brown Store Road: photo with Santa, Children's Gift Shop, Christmas crafts and fun cookie decorating event.

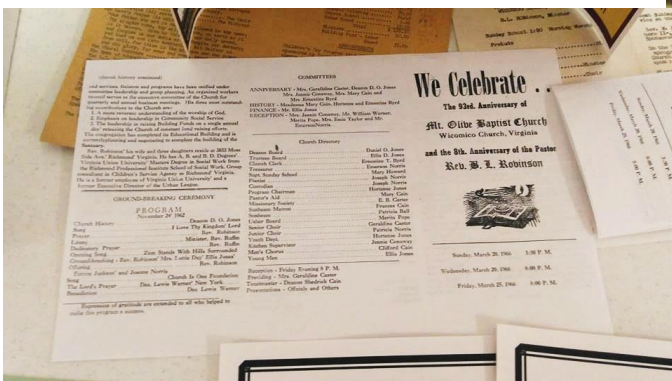








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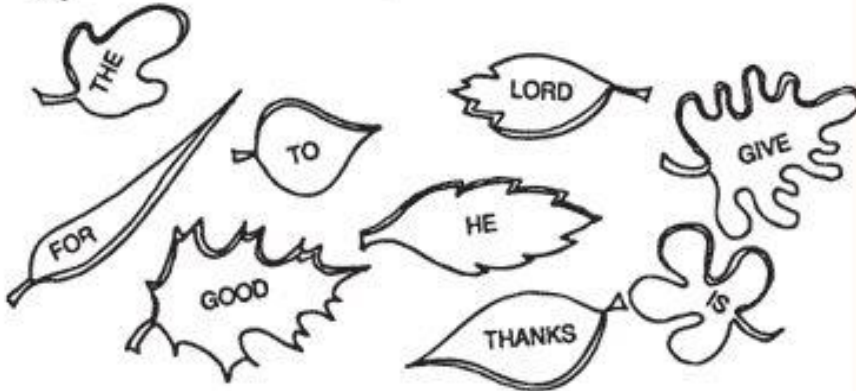


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**Thank You God for everything -  
for family, friends and fun.  
But most of all for Jesus,  
my Savior and Your Son.**

