

The Mount Olive Voice

Mount Olive Baptist Church of Nashville, TN

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Vision for the Kingdom



Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Vision for the Kingdom of God. Matthew 28: 19-20

Mission Statement

The Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church exists to reach out to people of all ages with the love of Jesus Christ and help them come to know God more fully, love God more completely and serve God

more joyfully; and, in so doing, help God expand His Kingdom of love in the world. In short:

"To Love, To Know, To Serve and To Grow God's Kingdom!"

Vision Statement

The Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church's vision is to be a living movement of faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who create a Christ-centered, biblically-grounded, spiritually-open, caring and nurturing Community of Faith that effectively reaches out to people and brings them the gift of hope and love they need. We will do this by being a Spiritual Center which welcomes all people, especially the un-churched, de-churched and under-churched persons of all backgrounds and denominations, and helps them grow more fully in those areas of life the Holy Spirit is calling them into. We further intend to be a Church that is always striving to be real and authentic; that is comfortable and casual in atmosphere, and that seeks to assist Christ in becoming a vitally important part of people's daily lives.

Miss Black Tennessee 2010



Ms. Black Tennessee 2010, Ms. LaDonna Boyd and parents, Dr. and Mrs. T.B. Boyd

Members of the Mt. Olive

Baptist Church had the privilege of seeing one of our faithful members become Miss Black Tennessee for 2010, Ms. LaDonna Boyd.

Ms. Boyd's talent on the flute was exceptional, she also modeled sports wear and evening wear. Ms. Boyd addressed issues of young people and how she would foster those special needs.

Ms. La Donna Boyd was crowned at the Hotel Preston in Nashville on October 25, 2009, She is pictured with her parents Dr. and Mrs. T.B. Boyd.

Congratulations Ms. LaDonna Boyd may your reign be productive and successful, and our God be glorified.



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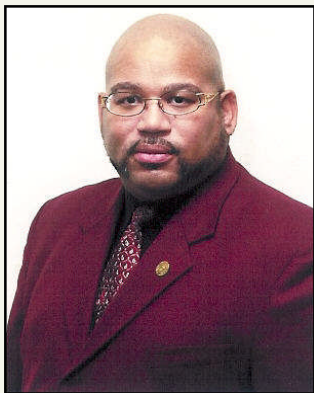
- November 1st – 6th
Mount Olive Church of the Week on 94 fm "The Fish" and "Solid Gospel" 105 fm.
A Live Interview on November 6th.
- November 26th
Thanksgiving Day
- WOW
Every Wednesday
Word On Wednesday
12 Noon and 7:00 pm



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From the Desk of the Pastor

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Too Much of Us

Gideon lived during a time when Israel was ruled by judges. This was the period after the death of Joshua and before Saul was anointed king - a period lasting approximately 325 years.

During this time, the people continually wandered away from God and were oppressed by various groups. But God always rose up a leader (a judge) who would deliver the people and lead them back to Himself - at least for a short while.

The oppression by the Midianites was so severe that many people of Israel lived in caves and had to harvest their crops in secret. When the people cried out to God for help, He chose to use Gideon; "But Lord," Gideon asked, 'how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in

Manasseh, and I am the least in my family'" (Judges 6:15).

God wanted His Children to know that true deliverance is only through His strength and by His grace. By using Gideon to save the people, God was able to teach a lesson of trust.

Judges 7:2-3

"The Lord said to Gideon, 'You have too many men for Me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against Me that her own strength has saved her, announce now to the people,

"Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained."

God wanted His message to be absolutely clear. His grace and power would not be obvious if the army had any hope of victory by their own strength: "But the Lord said to Gideon, 'There are still too many men'"

(Judges 7:4). Gideon's army started with 32,000 but he was not sent into battle until the army was shrunk to only three hundred. These were impossible odds! But God always reigns supreme in the impossible: the battle was completely victorious!!

This is a hard lesson, but God is never interested in the "wonderful"

things we can do for Him. He is pleased only by our obedience and our trust. In fact, God allows many of our great endeavors to fail simply because they are being pursued without giving Him absolute control. We are never to rest in our own strength and ability; rather, we are to continually step out and rely on God. Several hundred years after Gideon, the prophet Isaiah gave this same message: "Woe to those who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 31:1).

God will lead us into victory, but we must give Him our total trust. In His victory, we will have the joy of witnessing His mighty hand and find true fulfillment in bringing Him glory and honor. His victory is never by our strength, savvy, cunning, or intelligence. It is only as we trust Him to work in and through the empty vessel of our life. True victory will only be won as we go into battle with ALL of Him and without too much of us.



Pastor is asking each member to bring Canned Items and Non Perishable foods to the Church. We would like to feed at Least 10 families for Thanksgiving. We will also need Ten Hens or Turkeys. Thanksgiving is a time to give Thanks and a Time of Giving!

Thank You for this Kingdom Effort!

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"The Youth Corner" - Submitted By: Brother Leonard Johnson

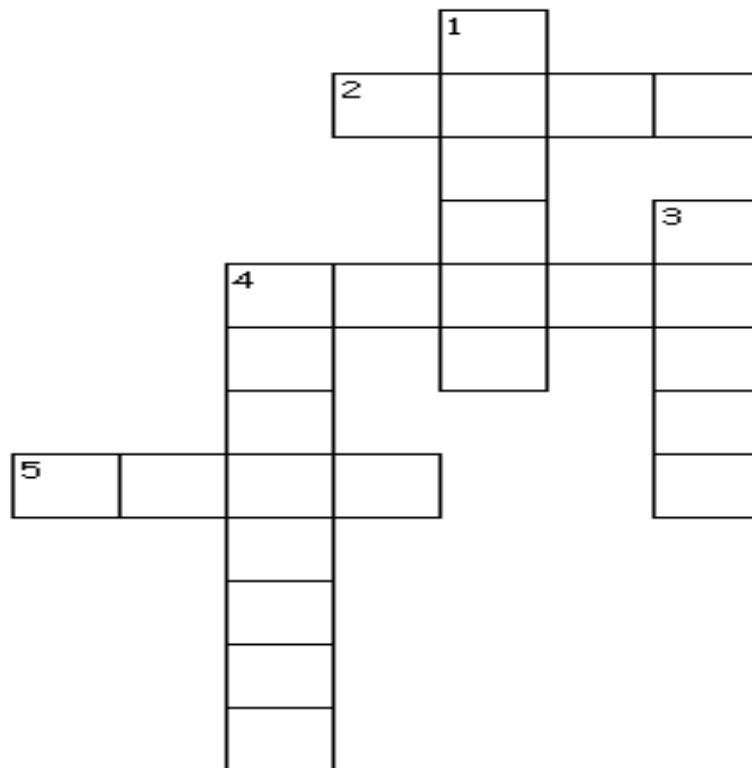
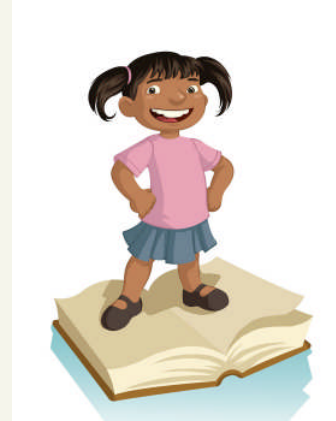
PSALM 100

Across

2. God is ____ (opposite of bad)
4. Opposite of Lie
5. Sing a _____ of praise

Down

1. Full of Joy
3. Woolly creatures that need a shepherd
4. Full of Thanks



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THE MOUNT OLIVE VOICE
A Monthly Newsletter

*We need your help to feed 10 families during Thanksgiving and Christmas.
Please bring can and non perishables to the Church this Month.*



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Scriptures of the Month

Psalm 1

¹Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers: ²But his delight is in the law of Jehovah; And on his law doth he meditate day and night. ³And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water, That bringeth forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also doth not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the

judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶For Jehovah knoweth the way of the righteous; But the way of the wicked shall perish.

Psalm 8

¹O Jehovah, our Lord, How excellent is thy name in all the earth, Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens! ²Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou established strength, Because of thine adversaries, That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

³When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, The moon and

the stars, which thou hast ordained; ⁴What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁵For thou hast made him but little lower than God, And crownest him with glory and honor. ⁶Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet: ⁷All sheep and oxen, Yea, and the beasts of the field, ⁸The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. ⁹O Jehovah, our Lord, How excellent is thy name in all the earth! All Scriptures are ASV.