

The Mount Olive Voice

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Vision for the Kingdom of God



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.

Devotion: Meet Them Where They Are

Peter heard the call of Jesus in the middle of a storm and "got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus" (Matthew 14:29).

Peter knew the voice of his Lord and knew that if He called, He would also provide a way to follow. But Peter soon "saw the wind...and,

beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'" (Matthew 14:30).

Matthew 14:31-33

"Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' He said, 'why did you doubt?' And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those

who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, 'Truly You are the Son of God.'

Jesus' words to Peter might seem a little harsh. After all, Peter had stepped onto the water while the other disciples remained in the boat.

But Peter needed to be



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Special points of interest:

- October 4th
Pastor Janie Sterling
Installation Service
- October 17th, 18th
Pastor's Installation
Services
- October 25th
Women's Day
- WOW
Every Wednesday
Word On Wednesday
12 Noon and 7:00 pm

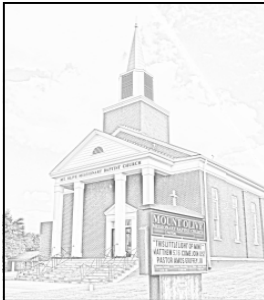
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Appreciation
Month**



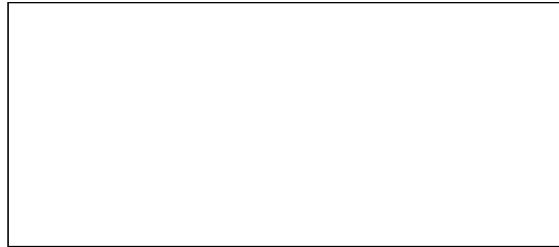
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Bishop Dr. A.T. Griffey, III's Installation Service

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Sunday Morning
Bishop Michael Patton
Power House Worship Center, Nassau, Bahamas

Sunday Afternoon
Dr. Richard W. Sibert
Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, TN



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Devotion Continued

encouraged in what true faith could accomplish.

He needed to clearly see that "with God all things are possible"

(Matthew 19:26), but only if he kept his eyes focused on Jesus. God had great plans for Peter - plans which would require great faith - so Jesus ministered to Peter's doubts and fears by meeting him on the water.

Jesus then climbed in the boat with the other disciples. Rather than chastising them for their lack of faith, and telling them how they should have climbed out of the boat Jesus simply allowed them to worship.

These disciples had failed to understand who He was, and now they needed to just spend time loving and worshipping their Lord.

Jesus ministered to the needs of these disciples by meeting them in the boat.

The apostle Paul had a clear understanding of ministry opportunities:

"To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22). Paul never sinned in order to save the sinner, but he understood where a person was in their Spiritual journey and began his ministry right at that point.

Every day God places people in our life who need encouragement and desperately need to be directed onto a path which will lead them closer

to God. None of us know all the answers, and we certainly don't need to force everything we know into a single conversation, but we each are given an opportunity to minister - an opportunity which may only last a moment and may never truly return.

Let's look for the specific needs of those who cross our path and be prepared to encourage with the truth of God's Word. But as we speak the truth, whether on the water, in the boat or even back on the shore, let's minister as we meet them where they are.