



Mount Olive United Methodist Church
Celebrates
134 Years



Theme: "Standing On A Firm Foundation"

Sunday, November 25, 2007

403 East Elizabethtown Road

Lumberton, North Carolina 28358

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Rev. Vermet H. Taylor

Pastor

In Memoriam



For service to God and man
For the love of unity, strength, courage, boldness, brotherhood
For support of the ministries and work in the community

at

Mount Olive United Methodist Church
We humbly dedicate this Souvenir Booklet

to

The Late James Windsor Smith, II
(June)

Alpha May 8, 1948 - *Omega* August 25, 2007

Rev. Vermel H. Taylor, *Pastor*





The United Methodist Church

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November 16, 2007

The Congregation of Mount Olive UMC
c/o The Reverend Vermel Taylor
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Dear Friends,

Congratulations on 134 years of faithful service as an outpost for the Kingdom of God. This is surely a significant milestone in the life of Mount Olive United Methodist Church! Your family of 235,000 United Methodists here in North Carolina and I extend our best wishes as you gather on November 25, 2007.

I'm certain that you are making a difference in your community by being open to inviting all who wish to come in and making them feel a part of your Christian fellowship. Radical hospitality is one of the vital factors that makes a church healthy. I hope that you are passionate in your worship, that you are practicing intentional spiritual formation for all ages - from the cradle to the grave, and that you are pursuing risk-taking mission and ministry to the world.

May God bless you as you continue in ministry. You can truly make a difference as you seek to be all that you can be for Christ!

Grace and Peace,

Alfred Wesley Gwinn, Jr.

AG/sms

PAUL L. LEELAND
ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

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SANDRA M. SMITH
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



THE ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEONARD E. FAIRLEY, District Superintendent
1304 W. Church Street
Laurinburg, North Carolina



November 18, 2007

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which
God has call me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14)

Dear Rev. Taylor and Mount Olive Church Family,

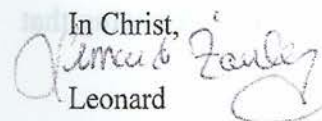
My wife Priscilla and I count it an honor and privilege to have been invited to share in the celebration of Mount Olive United Methodist Church's 134th anniversary, what a great milestone!

Anniversaries and Homecomings, especially spiritual anniversaries are times to drink deeply from the wells of our collective memories, and stand in awe at God's presence with us. God has certainly been with you through 134 years of joys, sorrows, ups and downs. However, we are reminded by the apostle Paul that ours is a journey that is forever calling us forward into the future God has promised. God has indeed called Mount Olive toward a bright future, and invites those of us who gather for this celebration to do all we can to live into that future.

When I think of occasions like these where we celebrate our past I am reminded that the Christian race is not for sprinters; it is a marathon, requiring endurance over the long haul to the very end. It is my prayer that as you celebrate your past you will allow it to encourage you to "press onward toward the goal," the goal for the Christian race of ministry and mission. It is "the prize" for which God has called you.

We give thanks for the people called United Methodist at Mount Olive and share our heartfelt congratulations to you on your 134th Church Anniversary and Homecoming.

May God's blessings continually be with you as you press on toward the future God has promised.

In Christ,

Leonard



Mount Olive United Methodist Church
403 East Elizabethtown Road
Lumberton, NC 28358
Rev. Vermel H. Taylor, Pastor



November 16, 2007

“Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
‘tis grace hath that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.”
(From Amazing Grace by John Newton)

Greetings My Friends and Co-Laborers in Christ!

What an awesome time to be in the service of the Lord! A time first of all to give thanks to our heavenly Father for the work he has done and continues to do through, to, and in us for the advancement of the kingdom. It is an honor and privilege to serve God and you here at Mount Olive United Methodist Church.

Today, as we celebrate 134 years of service, I can't help but think of the many things that this church has endured up to this point. It is evident that the blessings of the Lord has been with you as you served him in this community, as you ministered to the loss. I realize that things have not been easy, but then he did not promise us that it would be. But you have stood the test of time, storms, and turbulence in this life and have remained steadfast to the cause. I believe the word of God would call that “faithfulness” and we know that God honors and rewards faithfulness. Today is one of those days that you can look back and celebrate the work that God has allowed you and your family members to do in the life of Mount Olive and give Him thanks.

Please accept my deepest and warmest wishes of congratulations as we serve God together here at Mount Olive, knowing that he has already brought us through many toils and snares. He has kept us, provided for us, made ways for us, and loved us, even when we did not love ourselves. How can we not serve a God like that? How can we not praise a God like that? Because of this grace, this amazing grace, that brought us, this grace will lead us home.

Thank you for allowing me to serve God and you as pastor of this church, knowing that together, we will continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Vermel H. Taylor



City of Lumberton
Office of the Mayor



November 16, 2007

Mount Olive United Methodist Church
Rev. Vermel H. Taylor, Pastor
403 East Elizabethtown Road
Lumberton, NC 28358

Greetings!

As Mayor of the City of Lumberton and on behalf of the Lumberton City Council, it is with great pleasure that I extend congratulations and best wishes to the Pastor and Congregation of Mount Olive United Methodist Church as you celebrate your Homecoming and 134th Church Anniversary.

The milestone has been attained only through your dedication and whole-hearted efforts. May today be only the continuation of many joyous years and occasions at Mount Olive United Methodist Church.

Sincerely,

Raymond B. Pennington
Mayor



Dr. Robert L. Jones
975 Spruce Street
Lumberton, North Carolina 28358



November 19, 2007

Greetings:

To Pastor Vermel H. Taylor and each member of the Mount Olive United Methodist Church family, I feel honored to share with you in this great historical celebration concerning the goodness of the Master. When I think about the divine spirit that existed in this church for 134 years, and the religious convictions it has created and impacted upon other men, women, boys and girls, truly we can feel His presence as we lift up holy hands to give praises, honor and thanksgiving to His holy and righteous name.

I truly thank God for all of the ministers and members who have and are attending this great church. There has always been a sweet, sweet, spirit in Mount Olive Church, and it certainly reveals the spirit of the Lord.

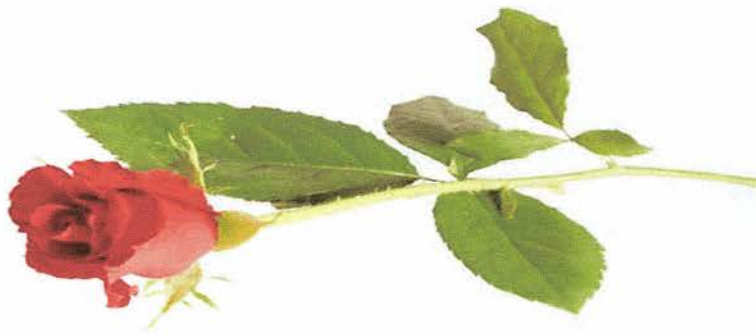
My wife Joyce and I truly enjoy worshiping the Almighty in this Church, and we plan to spend more time periodically in worship with you in the very near future.

May I thank God for being in your presence and each of you for all your support in my campaign for re-electing me as your city councilman. I am really grateful. I stand ready to assist you in whatever concern(s) you may have. Remember, your problem is an opportunity to assist you and provide service to the MASTER!

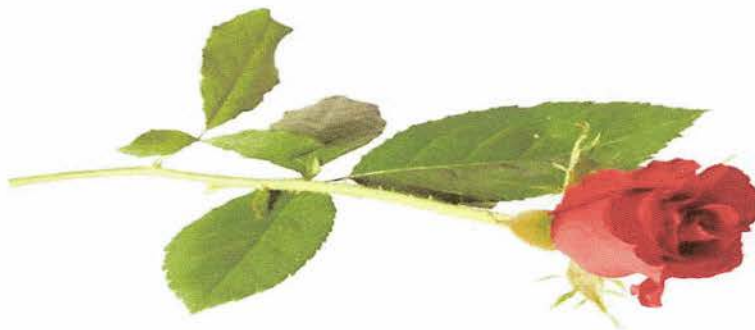
Again, Happy Homecoming and Happy Anniversary!

Sincerely,


Robert L. Jones,
Councilman



*Former
Pastors
Sends
Letters of Congratulations*





**Rev. Dr. James W. Ferree, Sr.
168 Brooks Landing Dr.
Winston-Salem, NC 27106**



November 16, 2007

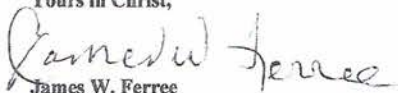
Greetings and Congratulations!

It is a privilege and honor for me, a former pastor of Mt. Olive United Methodist Church (1957-1963), to greet and congratulate the pastor, members and friends of Mt. Olive as you celebrate 134 years of witness and service to God. For 134 years, your church has provided ministry for boys and girls, men and women. Under the spiritual guidance of this church, Christian fellowship has been shared. Many persons have found faith and courage, and sinners have come to receive Christ and the forgiveness of sins.

I am borrowing the wonderful words of the greeting that Paul the Apostle wrote to his beloved Christians in the churches, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ," and I will continue to quote the message, "We always thank God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ when we pray for you because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus..." Do you remember also the admonition given by Paul to Timothy that he recall the faith that dwelt in his grandmother and his mother?

You too have a glorious heritage in your church history of generations of dedicated men and women. Can we be persuaded that such a faith as the founding members of Mt. Olive Church had in the pioneering days abides in this generation also? Personally, I am convinced that it does in spite of the terrifying possibilities of this exciting age. It is possible for everyone to discover that through God's grace you need not have the spirit of fear, but of power and love and self-control.

May the blessing of God continue to be with you as a congregation and as individual members of this great church. As you give thanks for your fine accomplishments, may you seek to be faithful to God in the present and look forward to a promising future.

Yours in Christ,

James W. Ferree



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November 16, 2007

My Dear Sisters and Brother of Mount Olive, Greetings:

May you enjoy continued grace and peace from our living and loving Lord who is the Head of the Church, I always give thanks to our gracious Father when I think of you. Regularly, I mention you in my prayers, thanking God for your continued commitment to God's work in the place where God had planted you, and asking God for your steadfastness in faith and courage to do and to be all that God has called you to do and be as a local church.

I feel so indebted to you for the nurture and support you have given me after more than four decades. Most of all, I am grateful for the partnership that we shared in team ministry when we served together as a pastor-laity team. Together we let God lead us, and we were able to accomplish so much in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ the Lord. I urge you to continue that good work which God has begun in you. Make full and bold effort to please the Father who will reward you faithfully with the victory of "well done good and faithful servants."

I employ you, by the mercies of God, to love one another; to grow up in God so that you may be able to embrace human differences; to support your church with conviction; and to be obedient, liberal, loyal and cooperative servants to and with whomever God, through the process of the Church structure, appoints a your spiritual, servant leader. God's Word demands of each of us faithfulness.

You were faithful in that charge when I was your pastor, and for your faithfulness I am most grateful. I am sure you will never fall from that significant grace. In your continuances you will grow into the kind of congregation that your community and every church need in these difficult times.

May the Lord our God who gives us peace guard your spirits, you souls, you minds and your body until Christ's coming. Please remember me in your prayers and be confident in the love with which I hold you dearly.

Shalom!


Jimmy F. Cummings, DLitt, Ed. D.



Rev. James Edward Malloy, Jr.
818 Tim Currin Road
Lillington, NC 27546-1512
Sanford Circuit Charge
(McQueens Chapel, Mt. olive, Union Grove)



November 19, 2007

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

As one of the former pastors, it is with great pleasure I congratulate Mount Olive United Methodist Church on their 134th Church Anniversary. I am truly thankful of your love and care of me as your pastor for seven years. During those years, we shared some joys, celebrations, and challenges. As a people of faith, we were truly grateful to our God that was there in His Holy Spirit and His omnipresence guiding and strengthening our lives.

My prayer for you is the prayer from the penmanship of the German Scholar Walter Raushenbush that Dr. Martin Luther King admired in his work on the "Social Gospel" that religion must deal with the total person, or it is a dead religion." Raushenbush's prayer is as follows:

"O God of all time and places, we pray for your church, which is set today amid the perplexities of a changing order, and face to face with new tasks. Baptize her afresh in the lie-giving Spirit of Jesus. Bestow upon her a great responsiveness to duty, a swifter compassion with suffering, and an utter loyalty to your will. Help her to proclaim boldly the coming of your kingdom. Put upon her lips the ancient gospel of her Lord. Fill her with the prophets' scorn of tyranny and with a Christlike tenderness for the heavy laden and downtrodden. Bid her cease from seeking her own life, lest she lose it. Make her valiant to give up her life to humanity, that like her crucified Lord, she may mount by the path of the cross to a higher glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

To God be the Glory!

Rev. James Edward Malloy, Jr.



**New Zion United Methodist Church
4937 US HWY 74 West
Lumberton, NC 28360
Rev. W. E. Cummings, Pastor**



November 16, 2007

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus The Christ in whom I live, move and have my being, and from God the Father, and the blessed Holy Spirit. May the eternal love and peace of God be forever with you.

It is indeed an honor to wish you congratulations on this your 134th Church Anniversary and Homecoming from one of the former pastors of Mount Olive, as well as a brother in Christ. God is and has been good to each of us, but for you to have held on to the promises of God for 134 years is a milestone that I am blessed to share with you.

In your willingness to make the necessary changes over the years for vibrant ministry, the results have been fruitful as well as a blessing in the life of Mount Olive. I am elated with the fact that your continued faith in God that is demonstrated through your tithe, talents and prayers of service have awarded you the opportunity to make a difference on Elizabethtown Road and the surrounding area.

Edna and I join you in celebrating 134 years of faithful and dedicated service to God and to the community. Keep up the good work and "may the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

Congratulations and God bless!

In Christ,

Rev. W. E. Cummings, MDiv



**Rev. Leroy Worth, Sr.
1408 Swallow Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina 27606-2417**



November 16, 2007

Hello Rev. Taylor

I wish Mount Olive well on her 134th Homecoming Celebration. Mount Olive has led many a wayward traveler to the saving grace of God. It is noteworthy that Mount Olive would take her place among mighty warriors for the salvation of Jesus and spreading the agape love of God in the world.

The rich history of Mount Olive and her work for the cause of Jesus Christ make her a vigilant soldier for the cause of Jesus Christ in the world. May her light never grow dim. May her mission and vision for the lost, downtrodden, and many times, left-outs, be a mission of inclusiveness and bold witness for the cause of Jesus Christ in the Lumberton Community and world.

As you celebrate this your 134th Homecoming, I wish you well, and I know you will not fail those you serve and the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in the world. You will triumphantly meet the challenge of the 21st century, and with God's grace, march with faith and bold witness into the 22nd century and many more to come. God is with you!

May God keep your gate.

Leroy Worth, Sr.

Former Pastor

Members of The Early Church

Front Row From Left to Right

Essie Henry, Mary C. Cooper, visitor, Edna McLaurin, Rev. L. A. Wooten, Rev. Panky, Edna Wilson

Back Row: Annie L. Houston, Rebecca Pankey, Clara B. Rogers, Nellie Blount,

Phoebe Graves, Henry Wilson, James Graves

(The Lad, Rickey Graves)



The History of Mount Olive United Methodist Church

That piece or plot of land lying and being in the County of Robeson in the State of North Carolina, beginning at a stake in the edge of Elizabethtown Road and runs thence as the road North 30 degrees East 225 links to a stake, thence South 89 degrees West 340 links to a stake; thence, direct to the beginning, containing 1/4 acre, more or less.

Registered 27 December 1879.

The first building occupied by the Mount Olive membership was built in 1881, where the families of the late Archibald Faulk, Mary and John Stevens; the grandfather of William Peppers, Archie Faulk; the father of Laura Faulk Richardson, Lenwood Coventon, Moses Love, Stephen Powell and Joseph Massisey worshiped.

Previously, the colored people attended the white Methodist Church. The colored people sat on one side and the white on the other side. Later on they began to hold services in various people homes. Finally, they were inspired to build a church for worship. Archie Faulk donated the land. Some white people gave contributions. Thus, the first colored Methodist Church was built in Lumberton. Under Rev. Baylock's leadership, the parsonage was built around 1890.

Dr. David Jones, President of Bennett College was the first colored bishop of the Methodist Church. Jack Stephens, Moses Love, and Archie Faulk were the first trustees. In 1929 under the leadership of Rev. W. E. Hairston and the faithful members, a new church of brick was built to replace the old frame structure.

After the structure was razed in a fire that broke out after a Sunday service, the present church was build in 1934. The debt of the church was retired and the building dedicated in 1945, during which time the late Dr. R. D. Sharpe was pastor.

In 1939 the word "Episcopal" was dropped from the name of the church, and Mount Olive Church became known as Mount Olive Methodist Church. In 1968, the church added the word "United" to its name as a result of merger, and Mount Olive Church became known as Mount Olive United Methodist Church.

Several choirs were organized in the life of Mount Olive. The Senior Choir, J. F. Cummings and S. T. Brooks Youth Choir, United Uplifters, and the Combined Choir. At present, there are three active choirs: the Gospel Choir, the Sanctuary Choir, and the Male Chorus.

The mission of this church is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ." The vision of the church is: "for the congregation to be cared for, for the members to be in ministry, and for the community to be served." Our membership vow: "When we become members of The United Methodist Church, we take membership vows. Vows in which we pledge before God that we will be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts (tithes and offerings), and our service (time and talents).

A Historical Listing of Pastoral Appointments Mount Olive Church (Methodist Episcopal)

1872 - Cape Fear District

1872 - 1874 Pastor "To Be Supplied"

1874 - Raleigh District

1874 The Reverend A. Moore
 1875 The Reverend W. C. Gibson
 1877 The Reverend E. Moten

1878 -Central District

1879 The Reverend J. E. Champlain
 1881 The Reverend Abner Hill
 1882 The Reverend E. Moten
 1883 The Reverend R. Smith
 1886 The Reverend C. W. Blaylock

1887 - Wilmington District

1887 The Reverend O. Letterlough
 1889 The Reverend W. P. Hayes
 1893 The Reverend A. H. Newsome
 1896 The Reverend J. F. Franklin
 1898 The Reverend J. Evans
 1899 The Reverend Henry Evans
 1900 The Reverend G. W. Byers
 1901 The Reverend John D. Murphy
 1902 The Reverend N. D. Shamburger
 1904 The Reverend W. W. Pope
 1907 The Reverend Samuel McDonald
 1908 The Reverend W. P. Hayes
 1912 The Reverend S. A. McNeill
 1914 The Reverend J. W. Simpson
 1917 The Reverend R. D. Bethea
 1922 The Reverend N. M. Black
 1925 The Reverend A. G. Jenlins
 1926 The Reverend D. L. Thomas
 1929 The Reverend W. E. Hariston

A Historical Listing of Pastoral Appointments

Mount Olive Church (Methodist Episcopal)

1930 - Laurinburg District

- 1936 The Reverend Walter J. Cameron
 (1939 - the word "EPISCOPAL" was dropped from the
 name of the Church, and Mount Olive Church
 became known as Mount Olive Methodist Church).
- 1941 The Reverend L. A. Watson
- 1943 The Reverend R. D. Sharpe
- 1949 The Reverend Thomas H. Wooten
- 1951 The Reverend Oscar W. Burwick
- 1953 The Reverend Daniel H. McLean
- 1957 The Reverend James W. Ferree
- 1963 The Reverend William r. Royster

1965 - Eastern District

- 1965 The Reverend Henry Joyner, Jr.
- 1967 The Reverend Thomas Curry
 (1968 - the Church added the word "UNITED"
 to its name as a result of a merger, and
 Mount Olive Church became known as
 Mount Olive United Methodist Church).
- 1968 The Reverend Wyatt P. Cole
- 1969 The Reverend William F. Elliott

1970 - Rockingham District

- 1973 The Reverend Jimmy F. Cummings
- 1985 The Reverend James Malloy
- 1994 The Reverend William E. Cummings
- 2002 The Reverend Leroy Worth, Sr.
- 2006 The Reverend Vermel H. Taylor

Order of Worship

Sunday, November 25, 2007

10:45 a.m.

Mrs. Mary Jane Baldwin, *Liturgist*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Mrs. Baldwin

Praise be to God, whose beauty unfolds around us each morning, whose holiness guides us through the heat of the day, and whose love, enfolds us in the evening hours. Come, let us worship together as we sing our praises to the Almighty.

***OPENING HYMN** "The Church Is One Foundation" UMH#545

***MORNING PRAYER** Mrs. Baldwin, Leader

Leader: Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place.

For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation.

Congregation: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities:

Congregation: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom guided our congregation.

Congregation: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For all who have preached and taught here; for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord; for all who today lead in worship, witness, and service.

Congregation: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company, and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Order of Worship

PRAYER RESPONSE “Your Grace and Mercy”

ACTS OF PRAISE

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS Mrs. Marjorie Ingram, Chair, Witness

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Mrs. Pam McMillan

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP (*signs of love and peace*)

Brothers and sisters, I thank God for your presence. As the Body of Christ we need each other. Will you tell your neighbors how glad you are they are here, as you reach out to them in Christian love.

SELECTION “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH#577

LIGHTING OF THE MEMORIAL CANDLE Mr. David Roberts, President, UMM
Mrs. Foddie Roberts, President, UMW

LITANY FOR THE CHURCH

(Taken from 125th Church Anniversary Booklet)

LEADER Mrs. Clementine Thompson-McCormick

Leader: We thank thee, O God, for the Church, the Body of thy Son, the community of those who believe in him and commit themselves to him, so that he may complete the work begun in his incarnate life:

Congregation: We praise thee, O God.

Leader: We pray thee that the Church may be as a city set on a hill and that her light may shine forth in all the dark places of the world:

Congregation: We pray thee, O God

Leader: That the Church may be one with the unity which Christ wills, brought about in the way which he himself shall choose:

Congregation: We pray thee, O God.

Order of Worship

Leader: That all her members may be deepened in penitence for the sin of disunity, which hinders her mission and delays men from seeing their Lord and Savior:

Congregation: We pray thee, O God.

Leader: That the Church may be holy in all her members, in all her branches and in ever congregation:

Congregation: We pray thee, O God.

Leader: That the Church may be truly catholic, for all men, of every race, in every generation, and catholic in the fullness of truth.

Congregation: We pray thee, O God.

Leader: That the Church maybe apostolic, knowing that mission is the very essence of her nature, living in the spirit of the first apostles and in their faith.

Congregation: We pray thee, O God.,

Leader: That the Church may have the wisdom of the Spirit to present the Gospel so that men may understand, and see in it good news in their own situation.

Congregation: We pray thee, O God.

Leader: That the encounter with men of other faiths the Church may present her Lord as the fulfiller of all that is true and the corrector of all that is false.

Congregation: We pray thee, O God.

Leader: That the Church may gladly recognize truth, goodness, and love wherever they are found, and praise thee for the work of the Eternal Word:

Congregation: We pray thee, O God.

Leader: That the Church may have such a compassion and love for men, that they may be drawn to thee the Author of love and mercy:

Congregation: We pray thee, O God.

Order of Worship

Leader: That each local church may be a centre of true worship, a source of grace, a community of love, a fellowship of witness, loving concern and service:

Congregation: We pray thee, O God.

Leader: That the Church may be so faithful to her Lord, that her life maybe the pattern for the life of the world:

Congregation: We pray thee, O God.

ALL: Almighty God whose Son Jesus Christ came to cast fire upon the earth: grant that by the prayers of thy faithful people a fire of burning zeal may be kindled and pass from heart to heart, that the light of thy Church may shine forth bright and clean to all mankind; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IN DANCE Ms. Ayesha Claytor, *Choreographer*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Ushers

OFFERTORY PRAYER Congregation
Teach us Lord, that we are responsible for all that we do, for all that we are, and for all that we have. May we accept these responsibilities with a sense of genuine commitment to you and your cause. Amen.

OFFERTORY SONG "You Can't Beat God's Giving"

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow" UMH#95

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Congregation
Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hears, that we may receive and entertain thee with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 18: 1-9 Mrs. Hazel Ford-McCall

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matt 7:21-29 Mrs. Bertha Belo

Order of Worship

- *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH#881 Mrs. Belo, Leader
- * THE GLORIA PATRI UMH#71
- PASTORAL PRAYER Mrs. Elizabeth Smith
- SPECIAL SELECTION **The Solid Rock**
- SERMON Pastor Taylor
- INVITATIONAL SONG **I Surrender All** UMH#354
- INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Pastor Taylor

***SENDING FORTH**

- *CLOSING HYMN **"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"** UMH#557
- *BENEDICTION Pastor Taylor

IN APPRECIATION

To the worship participants, to the musician for the day, to the members of Mount Olive, thank you for all of your support in helping this to be blessed time in the Lord as we give God thanks for 134 years. Thanks to all of the family and friends of Mount Olive for your gifts and graces. Please join us for our fellowship meal at the "McMillan Health Care Building, 120 Edens Street, here in the city and for our afternoon service with Rev. James E. Malloy, Jr. and congregation.

Order of Worship

Sunday Afternoon - November 25, 2007

4:00 p.m.

Prelude

Congregational Song **"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"** UMH#133

Scripture Psalm 150 Mrs. Lillie Hursey

Prayer Pastor Taylor

Selection Combined Choir

Praise God in Dance Liturgical Dance Group

Offering/Offertory Prayer Pastor Taylor

Selection Combined Choir

Praise God in Mime Mime Team

Presentation of The Messenger Pastor Taylor

Selection Combined Choir

The Messenger Rev. James Edward Malloy, Jr.

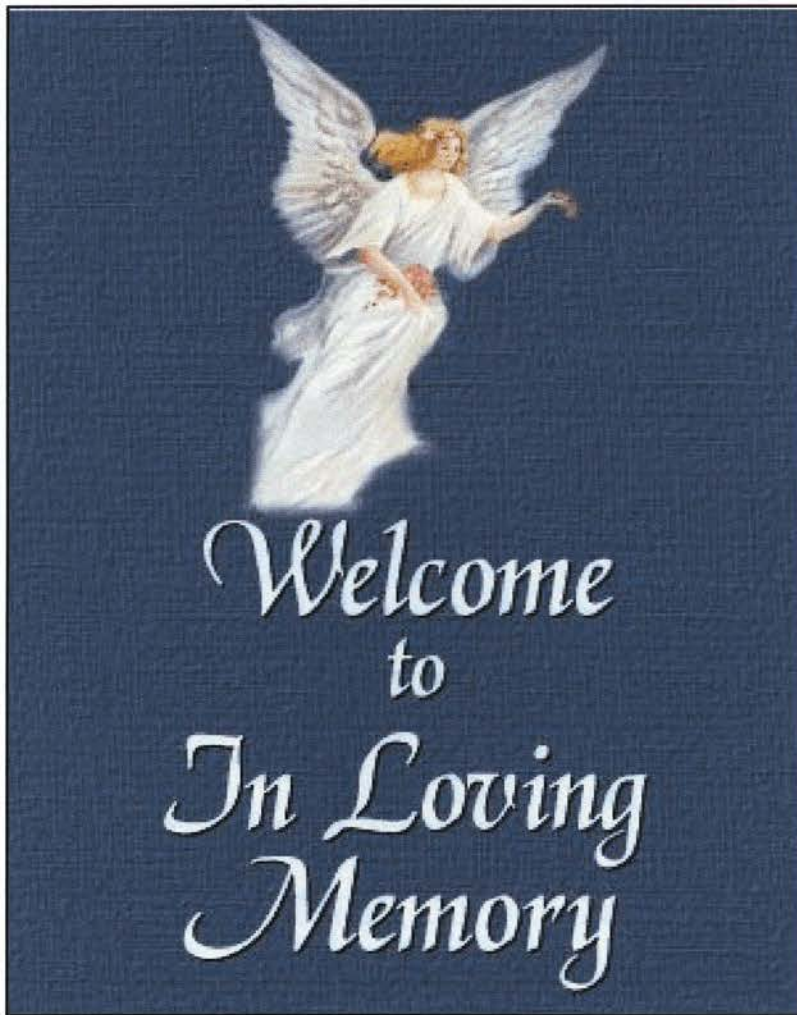
Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Invitational Song Combined Choir

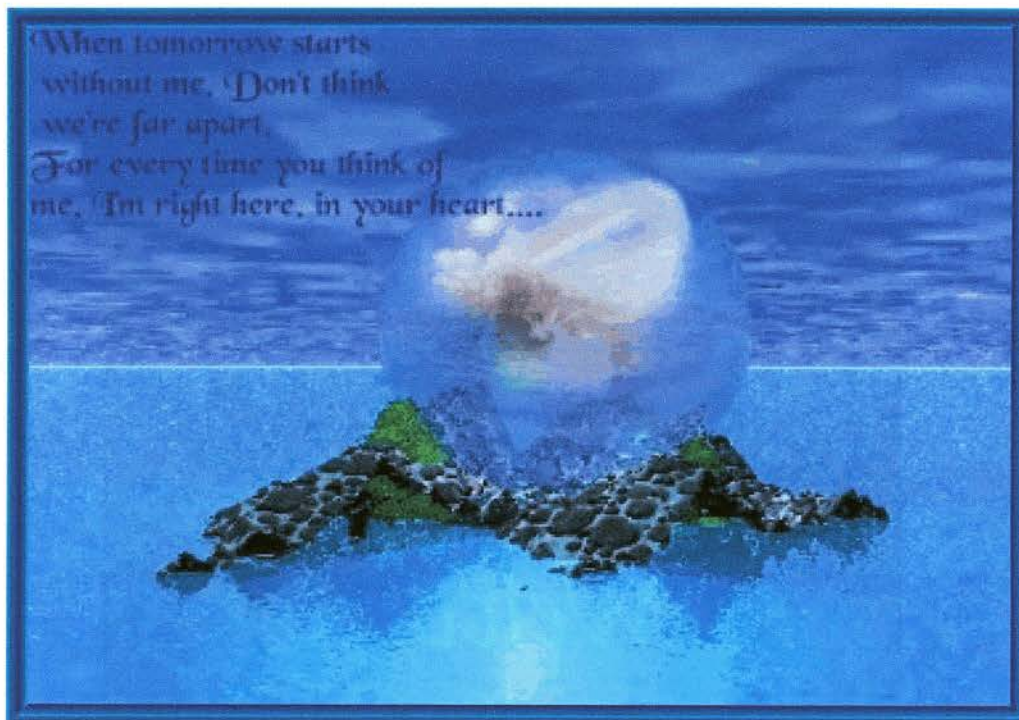
Remarks Pastor Taylor

Remarks and Benediction Rev. Malloy

Thank each and everyone for taking time
from your schedule to help
us celebrate 134 years
of service to
God!



In Sweet Memory



Of
Alex Hursey & Amanda Hursey

by
Preston Hursey & Lillie M. Hursey

*In Loving Memory
of
Our Parents*



William Rogers, Sr.



Clara B. Rogers

Longstanding, Dedicated and Faithful Members
of Mount Olive United Methodist Church

From Children:

*William Rogers, Jr., Marjorie Ingram, Janice R. Ratliff
Glaceria R. Donnell*

Wising You
God's Richest Blessings On Your 134th Church Anniversary
and
Homecoming Celebration!

In Loving Memory



The dawn will bring another day
And with it the chance to trust
A light in the life of others
As you were a light to us

In faith with hope and trust in God
We too will try to be
A source of strength for others
In your loving memory

From
The Children of
Philemon Johnson

In Loving Memory of



Mrs. Annie L. Houston

A Loving Mother and Grandmother

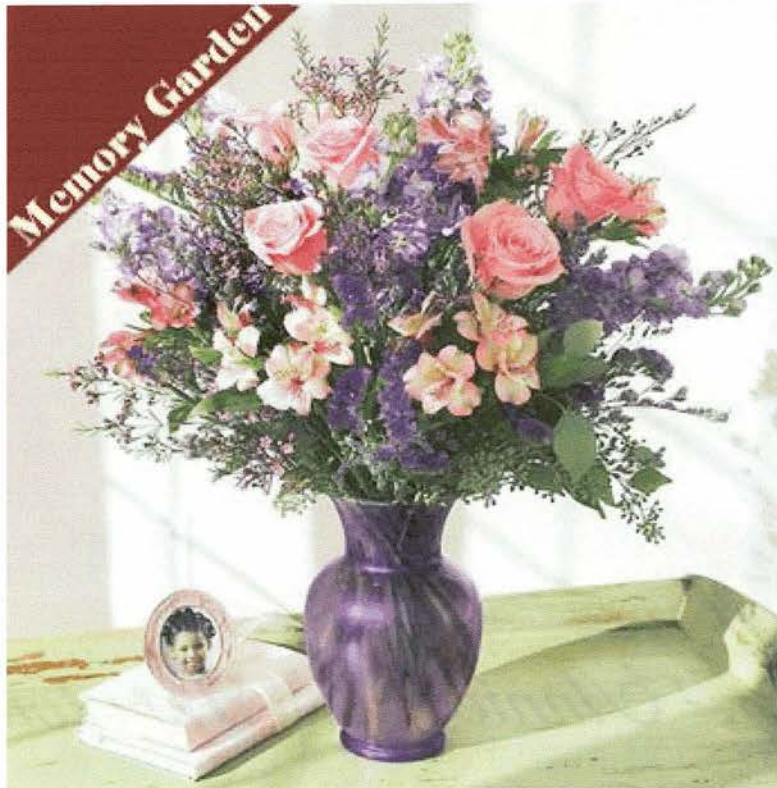
*Always In our hearts and memories
forever missing her.*

From

Maggie Richardson

Edward Richardson

*In Sweet Loving Memory
of
Our Parents*



Calvin Ingram, Sr. & Alice Ingram

From:

James Ingram
Mildred Ingram
Mary Frances Ingram

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Lillie Bethea

In Loving Memory



Plassie M. Lewis

*A loving, and caring wife, mother, grandmother
and friend.*

*From
William H. Lewis*



In Memory of Our Love One

“Lead, Kindly Light”

Lead, kindly Light! Amid th'en-circling gloom, Lead Thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on;
Keep Thou my feet: I do not ask to see . . .
The distant scene; one step enough for me.
J. H. Newman, 1833



Mattie Sinclair (*mother*) & Ms. Geneva Sinclair (*Sister*)

From
Roberta Scipio and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas McMillian and Family

In Memory Of

Mrs. Mary Beebe Jones
Born: Jan. 8, 1954
Died: Aug 15, 1990

Mr. Ronald Beebe
Born: June 13, 1951
Died: June 8, 1988



I Shall Not Pass This Way Again

Through this toilsome world, Alas! Once and only once I pass; If a kindness I may show, If a good deed I may do to a suffering fellow man, Let me do it while I can. No delay, for it is plain, I shall not pass this way again.

By Nelga Ford

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"Now may our Lord Christ himself, and God our Father,
who loved us, and gave us eternal comfort and good hope
through grace, comfort your hearts and established them
in every work and word.
2 Thessalonians 16-17

Children:
Mary, Bertha, Dovie, Sally, Helen
James, Lawrence and Lee
&
Grandchildren

In Memory of Our Beloved
~ Mr. James Baldwin ~



Alpha: September 15, 1936

Omega: November 8, 2007

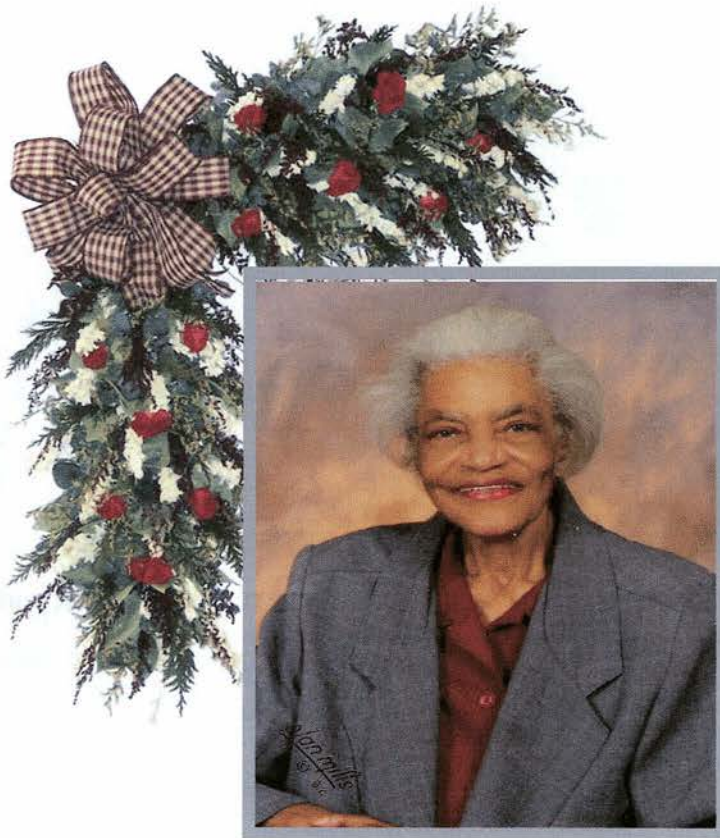
*“Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God
and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;
they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.
And there will be no more night; they need no light of
lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light,
and they will reign forever and ever.”*
Revelation 22:3-5

Spouse: Mrs. Mary J. Baldwin
Children: Warren, Landis and Rodney Baldwin
Grandchildren: Keith, Ratraze, Mary Ann

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Mount Olive United Methodist Church

In Loving Memory of Our Mother

Mable B. Mitchell Floyd



July 31, 1921 - May 4, 2007

"One thing have I desires of the Lord, that I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the lord, and to inquire in his temple."

Psalm 27:4

With Our Love,
Adam & Marva Moore

In Loving Memory of Our Mother

Mrs. Helen Graham McMillan

The Sun Rose
July 14, 1931



The Sun Set
December 20, 2006



You've always believed in us. We have so many reasons to thank you,
mother for taking good care of us when we were young
To letting us know time and again that we could
turn to you for support. But most of all for
always believing in us. You told us that
we were special people with character
and abilities to help succeed.

You made us fee good
about ourselves,
and inspired us
to keep on
trying.

Thank you Ma.

With Love,

Esther, Hazel, Abraham and Sandy

Mount Olive dedicates this page to the family for all of their support.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CHARLIE WRIGHT
AND LEANA MCQUEEN WRIGHT



"CROSSING THE BAR"

"Sunset and evening star and one clear call for me! And may there be no mourning of the bar when I put out to sea. But such a tide as moving seems asleep, too full for sound and foam, when that which drew from the boundless deep turns again home. Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell when I embark; For though from out our bourne of time and place the flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face when I have crossed the bar."

TENNYSON.

FROM:

Shirley Wright Henrdon, Betty Wright Fry, Juanita Wright Jackson,
Arleatha Wright McDougal, and Charlie Wright, Jr.

Mount Olive dedicates this page to the family of Charlie Wight for all of their support.



In Loving Memory
of
My Parents



Rosco and Esther Ford



*From Daughter,
Angela K. Ford*

“Lord, thou has been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. (Ps. 90:1-2)

***Mount Olive dedicates this page to the family of Angela K. Ford
We are grateful to God for all of her support to the life of Mount Olive.***

**In Memory of Our Father
William (Bill) McRae**

Alpha April 1, 1914 - Omega June 21, 1995



**Honoring Our Mother
Annie Mae McRae**

From: Billie Ann McRae & James Robert McRae

*In Loving Memory of
our Dad
Thomas Adam Ingram*



“We Are Still Missing You!”

*From Your Daughters
Kourtney and Kourtez*

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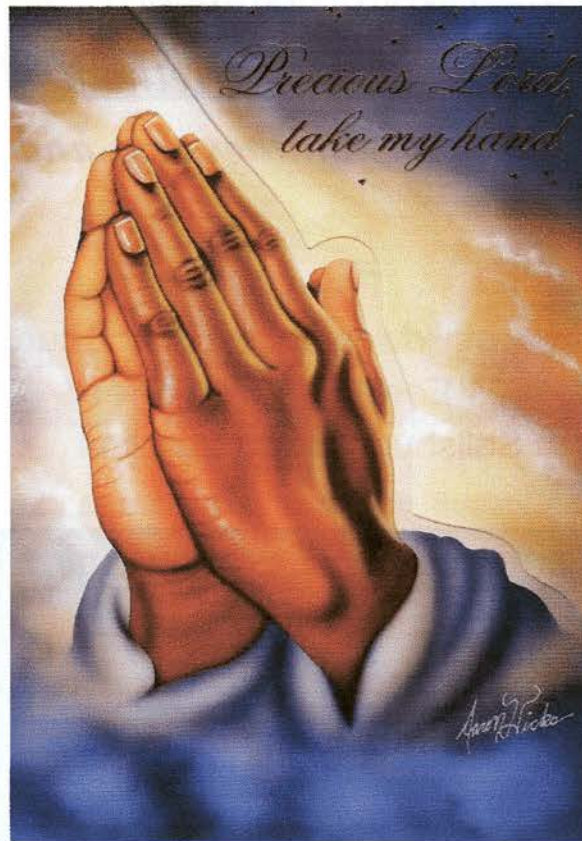
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Congratulations
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I pray your Church Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration
will be a blessing!

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on their
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Rev. Jackie Morrison, Pastor
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Congratulations My Friend
Pastor Vermel H. Taylor
and
The Congregation of Mount Olive



May the peace of Christ
be with you always!

From Antionette Rochell
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"Toni"

Congratulating Pastor Vermel H. Taylor and Mount Olive United Methodist
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on your 134th Church Anniversary and Homecoming, November 25, 2007

From the Members of:



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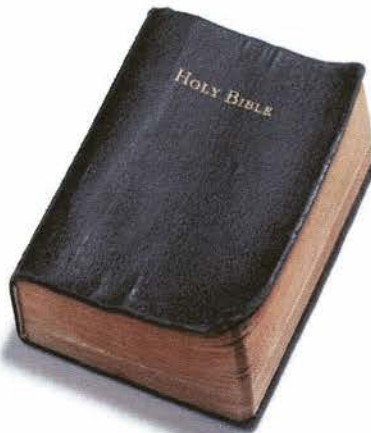
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**A Glorious 134th Church Anniversary
and
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...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty
2 Corinthians 3:17

May God continue to bless you as you serve him in ministry.

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Rev. Vermel H. Taylor and the members of

Mount Olive United Methodist Church

Many Blessings on their
134th Church Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration

Pastor Vermel Taylor
and
Mount Olive United Methodist Church Family



We Celebrate With You
and
Congratulate You
on
134 Years of Ministry



"To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:21 NIV



Pastor Veronica Patterson & the
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*Congratulations Grandma
and
Mount Olive United Methodist Church
on
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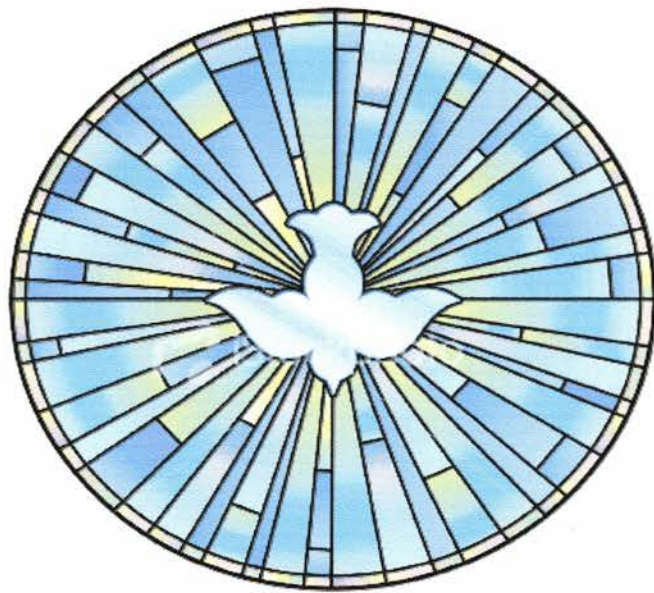
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