Welcome Visitors

We hope you feel right at home in our church family. Please stay after worship, so we can get to know you!

CLASSES

Fellowship Hall Sunday-Carolyn Lee, Ladies Class/First Sisters: The Women in Acts Wednesday-Jase Campbell

Auditorium Sunday-Mike HIxson Wednesday-Mike Hixson/ 1 Chapter Books of the Bible

Old Fellowship Hall with D.O. White Sunday-Beginning of our Confidence (Basic Principles) Wednesday-Survey of the Old Testament

Rm 204 Upstairs - Sunday Brad Bryant/The Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ

GROUPS

Kid's Pew Packers Meets every 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 5:30 in the auditorium to sing kid's Bible songs

Focus Team Meets every 2nd Sunday after the evening worship service to discuss what we as a church can to do help our members and community. Please bring finger foods, chips, and drinks. Everyone is invited!

PRAYERS

Shut Ins: Fannie Taylor, Carline Polly,

Serving in the Military:

David Boren	Adam Cannon
Devin Lee	Kaitlyn Morton
Benjamin Smith	Justin Melton
David Alm	Dylan Cooper
Griffin Stanford	William Turpin
Joshua Vest	Russell Brummett
Seth Rhodes	

Keep in Your Prayers:

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Special Prayers:

Nancy Hixson needs our continued pravers as she deals with her battle against breast cancer. Judith Scott has been placed on hospice care. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Kerry Dye is now home and improving. Bud Clark is in rehab.

Justine Soro broke her hip and is recovering in rehab.

Donna Robertson, Mike Dixon's sister, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Anita Collins is in the Med with a bleeding ulcer.

S U P P O R T S

- Coldwater church of Christ (Far East Mission and Fishers of Men)
- Christian Courier
- Gloster St. church of Christ (Dayspring/ James Segars)
- Dunlap church of Christ (Good News Today)
- Eagleville church of Christ (Caleb Jacobs) ٠
- Gospel Broadcasting Network
- Hickory Grove church of Christ (Ronnie Gootam)
- Jasper County church of Christ (Fred Rhodes)
- Kansas Expressway church of Christ (Zambia, Ghana, 2 preaching students)
- Pine Vale Children's Home
- Ray Peters •

Last Week's Attendance

Bible Study 147 AM Worship 246 Budget \$11395 Contribution \$11765

NEWS

Outlines of Mike Hixson's sermons are available every Sunday on the table in the foyer.

Thank you so much to everyone who contrib-uted to the Pine Vale Children's Home fall contribution. We collected 445 items. In addi-tion, Post cereal company donated 304 boxes of cereal. Thank you to Van Davis for helping with the Post donation.

Coed softball team plays tonight, Monday 10/4 at 7:40 and Tuesday at 7:40. Both games are on field 12.

Saturday, October 9th we will be door knock-ing at 9:30 a.m. with House to House Heart to Heart Nationwide. Please meet at the building by 9:15.

There will be a baby shower honoring Harlie Barker on Sunday, October 17th at 4:00 p.m. She is registered at Aiden & Ollie, Amazon, Target, and babylist.com. She is having a girl.

There will be a bridal shower honoring Alana Johnson on Sunday, October 24th at 1:00 p.m. She is registered at Target, Amazon, and Bed. Bath. and Bevond.

Trunk or Treat/Fall festival will be Saturday, October 30th at 5:00 p.m. More details to come.

Sympathy is extended to Henry Sylvester and his family in the passing of his wife, Gene Sylvester. There are no funeral arrangements at this time.

Upcoming Showers

Mikayla Henson 11/14 - Bridal

Madison Dye 12/5- Baby

Harli Nowell 1/9 - Baby

Elders

Billy Sasser901-626-1479D.O. White901-489-3121

Deacons

Kerry Dye Mike Foster Jody Howell Herman Ray

Minister Mike Hixson Associate Minister Jared Rhodes Song Leader Billy Sasser Office Secretary Yvette Sanders

SERVING

Communion: Brad Bryant

Announcements Bill Howard AM Opening Prayer Tyler Boyd Scripture Reading Jordan Green Sermon Mike Hixson AM Closing Prayer Jerry Glaude

PM Opening Prayer Bill Miller PM Closing Prayer Jordan Sanders

From the elders: Please dress appropriately if you are scheduled to serve.

October 10, 2021

Olive Branch church of Christ



9100 East Sandidge Road Olive Branch, MS 38654

OFFICE HOURS M-W 8:30-2:30 TH-F 8:30-12:30

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 9 AM Bible Class 10 AM Worship 6 PM Worship

> **Tuesday** 10 AM Bible Class

Wednesday 7 PM Bible Class and Devotional

Spiritual Growth Mike Hixson

As Christians, we are encouraged to grow spiritually. The apostle Peter wrote, "but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen" (II Pet. 3:18). Spiritual growth does not occur by accident, but rather requires effort. In the first century, the Hebrew Christians were chided for their lack of growth in these words, "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:12-14).

Since spiritual growth is an imperative, how can we insure that we are progressing in the faith? Let me offer some helpful suggestions.

<u>Read and study the Bible every day</u>. Demonstrate the tenacity of the Psalmist who meditated on the law of the Lord "day and night" (Ps. 1:2). Study the covenants, the major and minor prophet's, the Gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the book of Acts, the Epistles of Paul, Bible characters, fundamental doctrines of the New Testament, etc. The main thing is study the Scriptures every day.

<u>Memorize Scripture</u> (Ps. 119:11). Try memorizing a verse a day or week and see how well equipped you are in running the Christian race.

<u>Pray regularly</u>. The apostle Paul counseled, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).

<u>Attend Bible class and worship regularly</u>(Heb. 10:25).

<u>Get involved in the work of the church</u>. Find your niche' in the body of Christ and get to work (Jo. 15:8). Remember, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop."

Sermon Notes

Lesson Title: