

History

Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church

Established 1866

...and upon this Rock I will build my Church...

Matthew 16:18



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The Mount Olivet Missionary Baptist Church was established in 1866; one year after the Civil War. The first meetings were held as bush meeting with traveling ministers. The original church foundation was located on the Old Yorkville-Villa Rica Road along with the first established church cemetery.

After the church was burned; land was purchased from Mr. Beryl and Mrs. Dinah Williams, to establish a new church on the present site. This deed was recorded on January 31, 1891. The church was relocated to this site in 1920, a few feet from the present church with its front facing the cemetery. The old church built in 1920 was torn down and the current church was built in 1981.

According to records, three warranty deeds exist:

- One dated January 25, 1897, contains the signature of the trustees, Deacons W.W. Williams, Mike Vanzant, and E. Hightower.
- The cemetery deed given by Mr. Beryl and Mrs. Dinah Williams was recorded on January 10, 1897.
- The third deed, dated November 8, 1912, was given by Mr. William B. Partain.

The church records indicate Mt. Olivet has had sixteen (16) pastors. Some of the early recorded pastors are Rev. Rucker, Rev. Dunn, Rev. Tom Hammock and Rev. J. A. Moreland. Rev. Moreland resigned and was re-elected in 1919 and served until his death in 1926. After his death, the church was pastured by Re. William Avery; Rev. Timothy Sims, Rev. W.A. Moreland and the Rev. J.L. Dorsey. The Reverend J.H. Hunter was the longest serving pastor, serving faithfully for twenty-six (26) years. After Rev. Hunter's tenure, nine leaders have been responsible for Mt. Olivet's spiritual guidance:

Rev. Ron Sailor

Rev. Warren Thaxton

Rev. Otis Byrd

Rev. Samuel Obie

Rev. Edward Anderson

Rev. Klenneth Montgomery

Rev. Dr. Susan M. Jones Interim Pastor

Rev. Cord J. Franklin, Sr.

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Our current pastor is the Rev. Cord Jerome Franklin Sr., elected in October 2012 and installed in April 2013. Our ministerial stall consists of Rev. Willie Renfroe, Minister Willie A. Rachel III, Rev. Tiant McCrary, and Rev. Jan Poole.

Mt. Olivet has ordained five (5) ministers:

1. Alvin Posey
2. Hubert Dozier
3. Marvin Burr
4. Joe Strickland
5. Stanley Ayers

The Deacon Board has been an integral part of the church since its origin. Some of the early Deacons:

- Amberry Reynolds
- Mike Vanzant
- Bill Williams
- John Burr
- Jim Towns
- E.M. Hightower
- Elbert Williams
- Walker Burr
- Newt Strickland
- James Jones
- Joe Willie Johnson
- Stanley Ayers,
- Johnny Burr
- Jimmy Ward
- Terry McClure

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- Robert Stubbs
- Ricky Backers
- Hollice F. McGarity Jr.
- LaDarius Pritchett
- Bandy Smiley
- Alonzo Johnson
- LaVar White
- Frank McCain
- Moses King
- L.J. Heard Sr.
- Willie A. Rachel Sr.
- Charles Jones
- James Mingo

Our current Deacon Board is comprised of Gene Reynolds, Willie A. Rachel Jr., Rudolph Silas, James Mingo, Stacy McAfee, Rogers Rachel, Willie Joe Johnson and current Chairman James E. Johnson and Assistant Chairman Troy E. Burr.

The Mother's Board was an active auxiliary in the church for many years. Under the leadership of Rev. Warren Thaxton, the Mother Board was reorganized and became the Deaconess Board, the responsibilities of the Mother Board transitioned to the new ministry. The Deaconess Ministry under Pastor Edward C. Anderson established a Women's Ministry headed by Sister Lucille Perkins and Sister Betty Ayers. The current Deaconess President is Sister Betty Mingo and vice president Sister Sandra MacAfee.

The Women's Ministry was re-established under the leadership Pastor Franklin with Sister Patsy Weddington as President and Sister Phyllis Heard as Vice President.

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The church has been blessed with a number of dedicated clerks. The longest serving has been Sister Annie Lee Johnson, who served from 1953 until her health failed as well as other distinguished clerks. The current clerk is Tammy Reynolds-Jones.

Several auxiliaries have been organized; in 1946 the Mission was organized with Sister Annie Johnson as president. In the same year, the Usher Board was organized with Sister Ludie Williams as president. The Junior Usher Board was established under Rev. J. H. Hunter. Today, the Usher's Ministry includes the Junior Ushers, the Nursing Guild, and Courtesy Guild as Sister Gloria Burr serves as President and Linda Burr Vice President and Youth Advisor, Sister Michelle Zachery and Sister Linda Burr.

The Red Circle was established under Rev. Hunter with Sister Annie Johnson serving as president and re-organized under Rev. Samuel Obie. The Pastor's Aide was established under Rev. Samuel Obie as well with Sister Mozelle Holiday as president. From 2008-2013, Sisters Debra Strozier, Juanita Chester, Brother Levi Johnson and Deacon Rudolph Silas served as the pastor's aides. In 2015, the Pastors Aide Ministry is now part of the Deaconess Ministry.

One of the first organizers of the choir was Brother Sam Reynolds along with one of the first musicians Deacon Roy Heard. Under Pastor Anderson there were four (4) active choirs: the Senior Choir, Male Chorus, the Mass Choir and Youth Choir. Under Rev. Montgomery, the comprehensive Music Ministry was formulated to focus on music, expression through dance, and excellence in praise with Sister Pearl Dobbs as Minister of the Music Ministry, Sister Janice Cooley as lead musician, Director, and Director of the Praise team and lead drummer Brother Johnny Heard with 3 choirs, the Senior Choir, Male Chorus and Youth Choir.

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The Sunday school, the steady and firm foundation of the church service from the inception of Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church still carries the banner of learning and enhancement to the worship service. The Sunday school holds a firm history in Mt. Olivet and has seen many superintendents: Mother Rosa Lee Jones, Sister Lucille Perkins, and Sister Ludie McClure, Deaconess Judy Klein and Sister Patsy Weddington are among the recorded Sunday school superintendents and teachers. Today Deacon Rogers Rachel serves as the current superintendent.

Under the leadership of many dedicated Christians, the church has progressed steadily. In 1980, after much planning and fundraising, Pastor Samuel Obie, Deacons L.J. Heard, Willie A. Rachel Sr., Troy Burr, Johnny Burr, James W. Jones, Joe Willie Johnson, James Ward, Terry McClure, Gene Reynolds, Robert Stubbs, and Stanley Ayers oversaw and completed current church in 1981. The paving of the parking lot was completed in 1981 as well. Rev. Ralph Weddington presided at the ribbon cutting that was performed by the oldest members: Brother Archie McClarity, Deacon Jimmy Ward, Deacon Johnny Burr, Sister Annie L. White, Sister Maggie Strickland and Sister Ora V. Jones. The cornerstone was set Sept, 19, 1982, Mother Annie L. Johnson – Clerk, Sister Teresa Reynolds-Secretary/Treasurer, and Trustees: Deacons Willie A. Rachel Sr., L.J. Heard Sr., Troy Burr, and Joe Willie Johnson- Chairman.

Recognizing the increased role in the members life, under Rev. Edward Anderson the following were established:

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- The church library to enrich the learning abilities and tutor opportunities
- The Hospitality Committee was merged with the Courtesy Guild
- The computer lab to connect our seniors with the world of technology and enhance the church library. The nursery to prepare our infants and adolescences for a live of service through understanding our Father's expectation at educational level specific designed for early development

Mt. Olivet several empowered committees and teams: The Library Committee, Education Committee, Kitchen Committee, Dance Teams, and Media Committee.

With the guidance of Rev. Montgomery and Deacons of Mt. Olivet a mission to connect to the community has been established. Mt. Olivet will be a recovery center aimed at building God's Kingdom; educate and empower God's people so that we can cope with everyday life. Establishment of empowerment sessions designed to enrich our bible studies, include counseling, tutoring, financial management, marriage structure and drug awareness programs.

To obtain our mission, a Capital Campaign Fundraiser committee has been established with great success with major fundraisers to include 50 State rally, Friends and Family Day, and the Black and White Ball.

Mt. Olivet is a member of the Yorkville Community Day Planning team along with all churches in the surrounding area established to connect Yorkville as one community through our faith and service by sharing opportunities, fellowship, and worship.

Mt. Olivet established the first Operation 411 program designed to connect the community with established organizations, services (legal, financial, family oriented and utility assistance) to provide assistance to all residents of Yorkville and Paulding County.

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Mt. Olivet is a member of the Friendship Association, formerly the Friendship and Mt. Hermon Association of Northwest Georgia and is active in the Seventh District of the General Missionary Baptist Association of Georgia.

During the tenure of Pastor Klenneth Montgomery, (2008-2011), Pastor Montgomery achieved:

- Installation of a new church roof
- Interior re-modeling
- Installation of new air-conditioning and heating units
- Church restructuring of ministries, departments and responsibilities
- New IRS compliant financial structure
- First Operation 411 seminar - designed to connect the community with established organizations, services (legal, financial, family oriented and utility assistance)
- Strengthen Mt. Olivet community bonds by coming a member of the Yorkville Community Day with other churches in the surrounding area with the objective of winning souls for Christ
- Mt. Olivet achieved its incorporation status
- Obtained 5013c certification

In January 2012, Rev. Dr. Susan Jones served as interim pastor. Under Rev. Jones guidance, Mt. Olivet established:

- Leader Conference: Qualities of effective leadership
- Monthly Ministry Head conferences
- Monthly Ministers' forums to instruct the pulpit staff on the "Works of a Minister" as well as the Sacerdotal of Ministry
- Wednesday night bible study now included sanctification and prayer services prior to teaching and learning God's word
- Renovation of the church sanctuary.

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In 2013, under the leadership of Pastor Franklin, Mt. Olivet continues to strive to ensure compliance with federal regulations as a nonprofit charitable institution. Pastor Franklin reiterated structure in planning and community involvement with:

- Effective communication with event planning process, leadership and officers meetings
- Building effective leaders with quarterly leadership meeting
- Congregation and Community Custodial Awareness with estate planning “Thy Will Be Done”
- Outreach ministries to include evangelistic outings
- Town Hall meetings to include elected officials, community leaders, and churches to bridge the gaps, understand cultures, planning.
- Sponsorship of several organizations to include High School Youth Athletic programs, and the Battered Women’s Shelters.
- The establishment of a Board of Directors
- Establishment of the first Children’s Church
- Praising Without Fear Dance Team
- Mobile Classrooms to increase educational studies and community involvement.
- Sanctuary improvements including flooring, pulpit and sound system enhancements.

On May 16, 2016, Mt. Olivet celebrated 150 years on continued service to the Lord and the community. Mt. Olivet received the following recognitions:

- “Oldest African American Baptist Church in Paulding County” from the Paulding County Historical Society.
- Recognition of outstanding achievement in service to Paulding County from Paulding Board of Commissions.

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- Recognition of outstanding achievement and continued service to community service and fulfilling the vision of the state of Georgia from Governor Nathan Deal.
- Recognition of long standing service and endurance in the religious service to the communities from President Barack H. Obama.
- Renaming a 10 mile stretch of Highway 101 N from the current location of Rose's Store to the Paulding County/Polk County line in honor of Mt. Olivet: "Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church Highway."



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Mt. Olivet continues to strive to serve the community through the Lord's will with real-estate and other structural planning to create an environment conducive of fellowship and worship.

As our history has shown, Mt. Olivet has been truly blessed with dedicated Christian leaders and members. While Mt. Olivet continues to grow spiritually and physically, let us not forget to keep God first in all we do, be prayerful and never forget the path that our forefathers laid for us to follow and prosper by 150 years ago. That path laid 150 years ago has not always been easy but it has led to the establishment of 2 great churches in Paulding County, Yorkville Church of God in Christ and Victory Tabernacle.

Christianity promises to make men free; it never promises to make them independent.

Let us not forget "how far we've come, and how far we have to go as we strive for that building not made by hand."

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

Psalms 127:1

150 Years of Service

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