

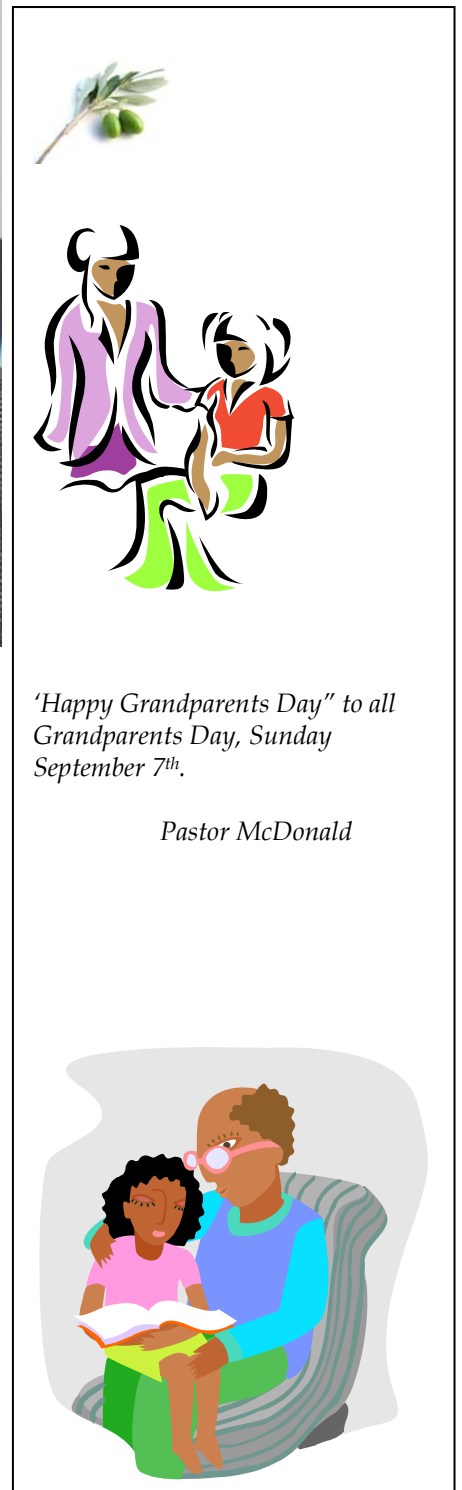
THE OLIVE BRANCH

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"...write the vision, and make it plain on tablets, that he may run that reads it." Habakkuk 2:2 NKJV



Pastor Celebrates 6th Anniversary!

Pastor Kelvoin E. McDonald, Sr. , celebrated six years of being Pastor at Olive Branch in July. The entire month was set aside as a tribute to Pastor McDonald for his devotion and untiring love for his congregation. On the first Sunday, younger brother Seth McDonald told the "OB" family about life in the McDonald home as Pastor McDonald was growing up. The congregation learned many things about the Pastor's home life and how he became the man that he is. On July 12th, The Pastor's Aide Ministry sponsored a "Surprise Anniversary Luncheon" for the Pastor at the Drydock Club on the Portsmouth Naval Base in Portsmouth, Va. More than one hundred people were in attendance. The food and entertainment were enjoyed by all. On the second Sunday, speakers spoke on Pastor McDonald's involvement in the community. Bro. Bobby Vaughn and the Administrator of Guardian Care Nursing were our guest. Sis. McDonald's birthday was also included in the celebration. On the third Sunday, Bro. Maurice Griffin spoke on behalf of the youth. The youth of the church showered Pastor and First Lady McDonald with gifts as well as a "sizeable check". On the fourth Sunday, the seniors of "OB" saluted the Pastor with a Litany and a basket of his favorite "snacks." The afternoon service was held with the Pastor and congregation of Lee's Chapel AME Church of Chesapeake, Va. After a wonderful service, dinner was served in the annex. Pastor McDonald was presented with a scrap book from the anniversary committee and members of the church.

"Congratulations to a deserving servant to God's people."

'Happy Grandparents Day' to all Grandparents Day, Sunday September 7th.

Pastor McDonald

*Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary to all
those at Olive Branch celebrating a birthday
or anniversary in August & September
– GOD BLESS & MANY MORE!!*



Be blessed in the Lord!!!!



Be blessed in the Lord for the things He has done. He has given to us another year of life and another year of unity. Give unto Him and He will continue to pour out blessings beyond our many dreams and imagination.

The best is yet to come!!!!

Special Birthday Wish to my father, Bro. Roy Mallory who will be celebrating his 77th birthday on September 16th. "Happy Birthday Daddy".

The Editor

"Celebrate a new beginning, leave the past behind. God is preparing better things for you!!!!"

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A New Beginning

A New Commitment







*Happy
Grandparents Day*



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| Grandpa | Papa |
| Grandparents | Special |



Grandparents are Special!

The best thing about my grandparents is _____

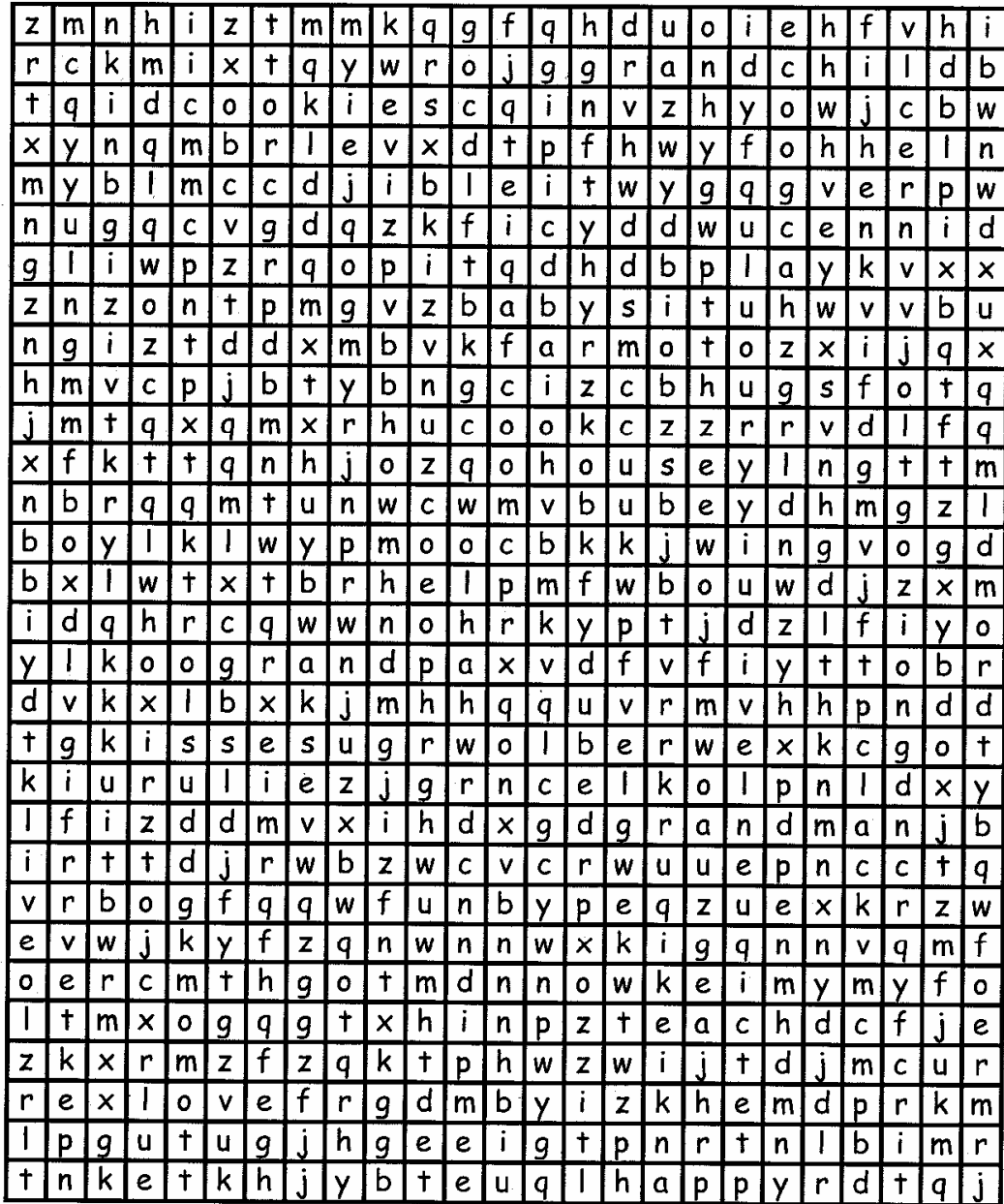
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My grandparents make me happy when _____

My grandparents love to _____

But the best thing about my grandparents is _____

Word Search: Grandparents Are Great!



grandchild grandma house cook play babysit grandpa happy
 farm love fun cookies kisses teach hugs help

"NEWS AROUND AND ABOUT OB"

By His Stripes We are Healed!!! Continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut-in members. We were happy to see Deacon Nelson Burgess and Deaconess Kay Griffin with in service recently. May God continue to bless and keep them.

Let's all pray for the success of our annual revival that starts the third Sunday in September. A musical is being planned for Monday night. Area preachers and their congregations will be our guest throughout the week.

The KEM Community Voices is looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact Sis. Deidre Mann, or any choir member. Choir rehearsal is the Tuesday before the 1st & 3rd Sunday at 6:30.

Serve the Lord with gladness. Greet OB friends and members with a smile!!! The Gatekeepers Ministry seeks new members. Please contact any member if you are interested. The Gatekeepers serve every second Sunday at the 8:00 and 11:00 am services.

There are several members who have not been in service in weeks. As our brother's keepers, let's reach out to those we haven't seen in service. Give them a call of encouragement, show that you care and let them know you hope to see them in the near future.

Praise is what I do!!!! The 8am Praise Team desires members who don't mind early morning praise and worship. O sing unto the Lord a new song. Come out and help magnify Him. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights before the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 7:30pm.



THE OLIVE BRANCH provides its readers with relevant and current information pertinent to the Christian walk and lifestyle. **THE OLIVE BRANCH** staff will make every effort to provide material which is educational, entertaining, encouraging and inspiring. All of this is done in an effort to assist **OLIVE BRANCH** readers in developing a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

Kids of the Kingdom News



I would like to thank Pastor McDonald and Olive Branch Church Teen Book Club for sponsoring me to attend the Young Author's Club during the week of July 28 – August 1. I enjoyed meeting other kids that had the same interest in writing just like me. I wrote a short story titled, "The Awesome Dream", a poem titled, "One Day ". I also co-wrote a song titled, "Keep Your Head Up." I would like to thank you again for all that you have done.

Euri K. Felton
River Road Middle School
Grade 6

'Happy Birthday'

August 3
August 5

Lavor Dorsey
Trevion James

September 20
September 26

Michaela Evans
Raymond Carver



TAKE TIME TO READ AND STUDY!!!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS
SEPTEMBER 2008**

September 7, 2008

Title: Community of Repentance

Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Background Scripture: Mark 1:1-8; Matthew 3:1-12

Printed Text: Mark 1:1-8; Matthew 3:1-3, 7-9

September 14, 2008

Title: Community of Humility

Devotional Reading: Hosea 11:1-4

Background Scripture: Matthew 1:18-2:23

Printed Text: Matthew 1:18-25; 2:12-15

September 21, 2008

Title: Community of Values

Devotional Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Background Scripture: Matthew 5:1-7:28

Printed Text: Matthew 5:1-16

September 28, 2008

Title: Community of Service

Devotional Reading: Phillippians 2:1-11

Background Scripture: Matthew 20:1-28; Mark 10-35-45

Printed Text: Matthew 20:17-28

Bible Study is a wonderful time to listen, learn and discuss our Lords teachings and direction for our lives. Please join us in our discussion and learn about our Christian faith!

If you have questions or need clarity on God's Word, we invite you to attend our **School of the Word Bible Study** every **Thursday** evening at **7:00 PM!** Come prepared. Bring your Bible, Bring your pen, bring your paper, and bring **YOUR FRIEND!**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Early Morning Worship
9:30 AM Sunday school
10:45 AM Praise & Worship
11:00 AM Morning Service
11:00 AM Children's Church
1:00 PM Guardian Care Visitation (3rd Sunday)

MONDAY

6:00 PM Sunday School Ministry (3rd Monday)

TUESDAY

6:30 PM KEM Community Voices

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Trustee (3rd Wednesday)
6:00 PM Youth Ministry (4th Wednesday)
7:30 PM Praise Team (before 1st & 3rd Sunday)
7:30 PM Mass Choir (before 2nd Sunday)
7:00 PM Mass Choir (before 4th Sunday)

THURSDAY

12 NOON NOON DAY PRAYER
2:00 – 6:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours
5:30 PM Missionary Ministry (3rd Thursday)
6:00 PM Senior Usher Ministry (4th Thursday)
7:00 PM School of the Word Bible Study

SATURDAY

10:00 AM Usher/Hostess Ministry (before 2nd Sunday)
11:30 AM Youth Ministry (before 3rd Sunday)
1:00 PM Deaconess (before 1st Sunday)
1:00 PM Women's Fellowship (3rd Saturday)