



# 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*

## "HAPPY FATHER'S DAY"



Pastor McDonald and Taj



Pastor McDonald and Sons, Keith, Keyon and Kelvin, Jr.

### Tribute to Father

**"Honor our father and mother."**  
This is the first of the Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: If you honor your father and mother, "you will live a long life, full of blessing." And now a word to you fathers. Don't make our children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord. Ephesians Chapter 6 verses 2-4.

Fathers are the biggest source of strength for a child. The innocent eyes of a child perceive father as the all-powerful, most knowledgeable, truly affectionate and the most important person in the family. For daughters, fathers are the first men they adore and fall in love with. While for sons their fathers are the strongest person they know and someone they aspire to emulate. Even for the grownups fathers are someone whom they look up to for the most experienced and honest advice that is always in the best of our interest. For this great figure in our life that we know as father - it becomes our utmost duty to pay our humblest tribute on the occasion of Father's Day.

### A Special Prayer for Fathers

God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen

Pastor McDonald

***Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary to all those at Olive Branch celebrating a birthday or anniversary in June and July  
GOD BLESS & MANY MORE!!***



**Happy Birthday Taj Newsome June 18th  
Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Fentress Mann June 21<sup>st</sup>  
Happy Birthday First Lady McDonald July 13<sup>th</sup>  
Happy Birthday Kelvin, Jr. and Keyon McDonald July 14th**



***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!!!!***



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*Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are taken from the King James Version*

***"A New Beginning"***

***"A New Commitment"***



# AROUND AND ABOUT "OB"

By His Stripes We are Healed!!! Continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut-in members. Special prayer is needed for Deacon Nelson Burgess, Sis. Kay Griffin and Bro. Wayne Thompson and Bro. William Jernigan and Sis. Rose Hill's sister. Christian sympathy is extended the Whidbee family in the loss of Sis. Kim Whidbee and Sis. Tameka Hughes' father who was funeralized recently.

The Olive Branch Family is happy to know that Bro. Seth McDonald, Sr., Pastor McDonald's father is home recovering from his recent hospital stay.

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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 7:30pm.

Attention all members with e-mail addresses: Please submit your e-mail addresses to the editor so you will be able to see copies of the newsletter in color.

## "A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR"



"It's Vacation Time"

The Editor and Newsletter will be on vacation during the summer months. It's has been a real joy to publish the newsletter, but "I need a break". This will be the last newsletter until the middle of September of the first of October. I want to take this time to thank you the readers, and especially my staff, Sisters Julia Polly and Joi Whidbee who have helped me tremendously with "Inspirational Living and Kids of the Kingdom". Have a safe and blessed summer. We look forward to publishing in a couple of months. Editor Ann



# Tea-Licious Gathering



Saturday, April 24, 2008



For additional pictures or copies, please contact the Editor

# 'MEMBER OF THE MONTH' SIS. EDITH SHARPE



Sis. Edith Sharpe is a native of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Her parents were the late Rev. and Mrs. Butler Sharpe. Edith joined the Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church in 1973 under the leadership of Rev. Dwight Steele. Edith is a member of the Pastor's Aide Ministry, attends Sunday School and Bible Study. Edith enjoys fishing, loves the Lord and is quick to let you know she "loves her Pastor". Her favorite scriptures are Proverbs 3:56 and Philippians 4:13.

Edith received a plaque from Pastor McDonald for retiring from Elizabeth City State University with over 21 years of service.

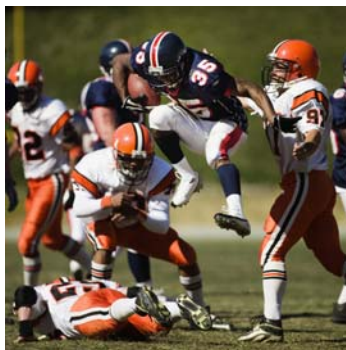


## **‘A CELEBRITY IN THE MIDST’**



**Deacon Bruce Boyd and Coach Herman Boone.**

**Coach Herman Boone was played by Denzel Washington in the movie “Remember the Titans”. The movie was based on a true story that took place in Alexandria, VA in 1971 when Coach Boone was hired as the football coach.**





# "KIDS OF THE KINGDOM NEWS" "KIDS OF THE KINGDOM NEWS"

Congratulations to all of the "Kids of the Kingdom" for a blessed and prosperous school year. Special congratulations to the following graduates:

Brittany and Brianna Ferebee, Northeastern High School.

Ryan Griffin, Pasquotank High School. Ryan plans to attend North Carolina A&T University.

Danielle Holley, Pasquotank High School. Danielle plans to attend Elizabeth City State University.

Kedrick Whidbee,, Northeastern High School. Kedrick plans to enter the Armed Forces.

Kiah McBride

Thursday, May 22nd, 2008

Ocean Center

101 N. Atlantic Ave.

Daytona Beach, Fl. 32118

5:00 pm

Class of 2008 @

Atlantic High School

MG  
portraits



Kiah will be attending Howard University in the fall. She plans to major in journalism and management. She is the granddaughter of Bro. Cornell McBride and Sis. Freda McBride.



# "Happy Father's Day"

As the Editor of the "OB" Newsletter, I am happy to salute the newest grandfather in the "OB Family", Mr. Elonza Joyner. Bro. Joyner's first granddaughter, Sydney Lauren Joyner was born May 5, 2008 weighing in at 6 lbs and 9 ounces. Also welcoming the new baby is proud grandmother, Sis Wilhelmina.

## **Congratulations to Bro. Joyner!!!**





## History of Father's Day

History of Father's Day Festival as seen today is not even a hundred years old. Thanks to the hard work and struggle of Ms. Sonora Louise Smart Dodd of Washington that just as we have set aside Mother's Day to honor mothers we have acknowledge the important role played by the father. However, some scholars opine that Father's Day history is much older than we actually believe it to be. They say that the custom honoring dad's on a special day is over 4,000 years old. There are a few more claims about the Father's Day origin .

Some believe that the first Fathers Day church service was held in West Virginia in 1908. Others opine that the ceremony was first held in Vancouver, Washington.

The president of the Lions' Club, Chicago, Harry Meek is said to have celebrated the first Father's Day with his organization in 1915 to stress on the need to honor fathers. He selected third Sunday in June for celebration, the closest date to Meek's own birthday. In appreciation for Meek's work, the Lions Club of America presented him with a gold watch, with the inscription "Originator of Father's Day", on his birthday, June 20, 1920.

Some historians honor Mrs. Charles Clayton of West, Virginia, as the Founder of Father's Day.

In 1957, Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote Congress that, "Either we honor both parents, mother and father, or let us desist from honoring either one. But to single out just one of our two parents and omit the other is the most grievous insult imaginable."

In countries where Catholic Church holds greater influence Father's Day is celebrated on St. Joseph's Day (March 19).

President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in 1966. Then in 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. Sonora Smart Dodd was honored for her contribution at the World's Fair in Spokane in 1974. Mrs. Dodd died in 1978 at the age of 96.

<http://www.fathersdaycelebration.com/fathers-day-history.html>



A Father's Day Prayer  
Thank you, friend Jesus,  
For my father who loves me,  
For my grandfather who cares for me,  
And for God, your Father and mine,  
Who made me and is always with me.

How lucky I am!

Gaynell Bordes Cronin From Friend Jesus: Prayers for Children

## TAKE THE TIME TO FELLOWSHIP! WORSHIP! STUDY!

### Father's Day Prayer - 3

**God our Father,  
In your wisdom and love you made all things,  
Bless these men,  
That they may be strengthened as Christian  
Fathers.**

**Let the example of their faith and love shine  
forth.**

**Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honor them always  
with spirit of profound respect.**

**Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen**



### 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 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

#### MONDAY

6:00 PM	Praise Exercise
6:00 PM	Sunday School Ministry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday)

#### TUESDAY

6:30 PM	KEM Community Voices (Before 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday)
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#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### THURSDAY

2:00 – 6:00 PM	Pastor's Office Hours
NOON	Noon Day Prayer
5:30 PM	Missionary Ministry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)
6:00 PM	Senior Usher Ministry (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday)
7:00 PM	School of the Word Bible Study

#### SATURDAY

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