

**NEWS AND VIEWS**  
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***Do not enter the path of the wicked and do not proceed in the way of evil men. (Proverbs 4:14)***

The path is where temptation is more likely to be encountered. Traps are set on the path that the prey travels upon. Any hunter worth his salt scouts the landscape and sets up a blind from which to shoot ducks or places a tree stand along the path of the deer's daily journey. The path is where danger lies in waiting. The threat of death or capture lurks in the shadows of the path of the wicked. So the wise counsel is resist temptation by staying off the wicked path and remaining on the path of the righteous. When we move off the righteous path and walk in the way of evil men, we should expect to encounter the snares of the enemy. We are his prey when we are in his domain. We have a trapper who has been at this a long time, studying the habits of the creatures called humans. But consider that when we walk in the righteous way, we are the hunters. The hunted has become the hunter. As we pursue righteousness, traveling the path of the righteous, any evil thing that is encountered, within or without, is to be vanquished. Righteous living begins with righteous thinking. Keeping our mind fixed upon the Person of Christ enables us to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. When our minds dwell on that which does not honor Christ, we are traveling the path of the wicked. The first place we are trapped is in the mind. It is always about what we think about God and about man that puts us at risk. The safest place for the godly person to be is wherever we are when our minds are encountering the ways or the paths of godliness. Think about it!

Blessings to you,  
Pastor Sam

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Check church website [www.mobic.org](http://www.mobic.org) or bulletins for date of next  
**“Worship Wide Open”** service

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A note to Pastor Sam and Sharon Gore,

***In honoring your fifth anniversary, November 4, 2012, serving at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, we just want to say thank you and how grateful we are that the Lord answered our prayers with just the right match for us. We appreciate your walk of faith and dependence on the Lord and His Word. Thank you both for the excellence we see in everything you do. Thanks and praise to God for what He is doing in our lives!***