

***OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:** Mt. Olivet is collecting boxes for boys & girls ages 2 – 14 from Sunday, October 12 through Sunday, November 16th. The boxes will be packed on Wednesday, November 19th at 6:00 PM.

Here is a link for gift suggestions for various ages: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

Items NOT allowed include candy, gum, toothpaste, chocolate, food, drink mixes or juices of any type, vitamins, medicines, lotions, war related toys, breakables, or aerosol cans.

A donation of \$10 is critical to be included with every box to cover shipping & other project costs. Give online through *Follow Your Box* & discover the destination of your shoebox. Here's the link with instructions to print a special label to put on your box that would enable tracking:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>

If you can't shop but would like to donate for this outreach, please make your check payable to Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. If you would like to donate some of the suggested items but not pack a box, there are receptacles available. If you have questions or need a shoebox, call the church office (919)787-1910 or see information in sanctuary.

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***The Sunday Akinsola Foundation for Widows & Orphans ministry in Nigeria –**

The teaching at Ogbomosho's monthly meeting was from Isaiah 32:18 *"Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, and in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places."* From past experiences, September through December seem the most challenging time of the year when people are more prone to accidents & sicknesses. The widows were encouraged to focus on God because His promises are true and to obey His word rather than fear of sickness or death. The ladies were given yams & casava (grounded up) that came from the ministry's garden. The caretaker of the garden doesn't want payment for his services, but instead for the money to go back into the ministry. Sometimes he's given travel expenses. The ladies were given \$1.50 each for bus fare.

Kajola ministry didn't meet in September since several leaders were out-of-town.

An update with prayer need for the young man Solomon that people have been helping support through the widows' ministry since he was 12 & now is 21. His widowed mother couldn't properly care for him since he was blind since birth. Some from Mt. Olivet may remember getting a cane & device to aid in his schoolwork. He now wants to go to a special university where he would be trained in mass communication. It's a 4-year program & costs \$500 per year for the tuition & living arrangements. The prayer request is for God's purpose to be fulfilled in his life & the finances provided.

The next phase of construction is purchasing doors & additional plastering when funds are received. The estimated cost for finishing the new worship center is \$26,000. Once completed, the plan is to rent the large meeting room for weddings & events to provide a source of revenue for building upkeep & ministry. Please pray for a miracle to complete the building.

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***Fall Inductive Bible Studies – James (A Faith That's Real)** Precept upon Precept Bible study – What is true faith? How should you live the Christian life? Each verse of this practical study is alive with instructions, admonition, and encouragement. Learn God's principles for dealing with trials, temptations, the tongue, and the pull of the world.

Who: Anyone who has a desire to experience the Bible's life-changing power and to personally engage with the Word through the inductive study method. (Coed)

When: Monday...7 pm – 9:15 pm EDT, September 8th through November 17th

Where: In-person at Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edwards Mill Road, Raleigh, NC 27612

Registration/Order Workbook:

Monday evening – <https://www.precept.org/group/?id=G-007294>

OR

When: Tuesday...10 am – 12:15 pm EDT, September 9th through November 18th

Where: Meeting Online (Zoom details will be provided when you sign up)

Registration/Order Workbook:

Tuesday morning - <https://www.precept.org/group/?id=G-007295>

If you have questions, please contact the church office, 919-787-1910 or email grtraleigh_precept@nc.rr.com

Save the Dates (January – March 2026) - Ephesians (The Church: Rooted in Love, Walking in Power) Precept upon Precept Bible study – Chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, targeted by grace, sons of God united in a single family, inheritors, holy, redeemed, forgiven, raised from the dead and seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenlies! How can you not study Ephesians!?

Check <https://www.mobc.org/preceptbiblestudy.html> for future updates/details on upcoming Precept Bible studies in 2026.