

# SERMON NOTES

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MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Love God | Love People | Prove It

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## *Our Vision:*

*Our vision is to be a place where people can freely worship God, connect with an authentic community of believers, spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, impact our community, and fervently study the Word of God.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 21-DAY PRAYER & FASTING

Join us for 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, January 5–25, as we consecrate ourselves and prepare for what God has in store for 2026. Each morning, we'll gather for a 15-minute devotional at 6:00 a.m. via Zoom and conference call. The Zoom Meeting ID: 837 4387 9921 | Passcode: 355135 | Dial-In: 312-626-6799

Be sure to grab your copy of the Prayer & Fasting Guide in the lobby after service, or download it online at [mtolivejoliet.org/fast](http://mtolivejoliet.org/fast).

## MLK LEGACY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

We're excited to bring back our annual Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Worship Celebration! Join us on Sunday, January 18 at 6:00 PM as Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church hosts a powerful evening honoring the life, legacy, and lasting impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We are honored to welcome special guests including Lauren Underwood, the Generation Dance Company, and our featured guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Charlie Dates, who will deliver a powerful and timely message.

This evening is proudly sponsored by the Joliet NAACP, Lebanon Joliet, the African American Business Association of Will County, the National Hook-Up of Black Women Joliet Chapter, the Alliance for Civic Engagement, and the Rainbow Push Coalition Joliet Chapter. Come and celebrate a legacy that still calls us to justice, unity, and faith in action. We look forward to worshiping with you.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We're excited to invite you to our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Friday, January 30 at 7:00 PM! If you've served in any capacity during 2025, this night is for you. We can't wait to take time to thank you, celebrate your commitment, and honor the impact you've made. Please be sure to RSVP no later than January 23 by scanning the QR code or visiting our website, so we can prepare to welcome you.

## KEEP YOUR INFORMATION UPDATED

Help us stay connected with you! Please take a moment to ensure your contact and household information is current in the Church Center system. Keeping your profile updated allows the church to communicate important updates, events, and ministry information.

### ***How to Update Your Information***

You can update your information using the Church Center App or online: <https://mtolivejoliet.churchcenter.com/me/profile-and-household>

## 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Church family, your 2025 contribution statements have been sent directly to your email. Please check your inbox and follow the instructions to download your statement. If you don't see it, be sure to check your spam or junk folder.

We encourage everyone to download their statement electronically as we continue to be efficient and environmentally responsible. If you prefer a printed copy, please note that statements will not be printed until after January 23. Any statements not downloaded by January 23 will be mailed. If you need assistance, please contact the church office.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Sunday, January 18, 2026

COUNTDOWN  
Worship Screens

**VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Worship Screens

**WELCOME VIDEO**  
Worship Screens

## WORSHIP IN SONG | VOICES OF PRAISE

“Come Thou Almighty King” as ministered by Rev. Timothy Wright

**CALL TO WORSHIP, SCRIPTURE, AND PRAYER**  
Minister

**Congregational Hymn**  
Blessed Assurance

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS & DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS**  
Minister

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

**WORSHIP IN SONG**  
“Precious Jesus” as ministered by Thomas Whitfield

**PREACHED WORD**  
Rev. Wendell Martin, Senior Pastor

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**  
Minister

## CLOSING REMARKS & BENEDICTION

\*\*\*Ministers, Deacons, and Deaconess are available at the altar after each worship gathering for those in need of special prayer.\*\*\*

NEW HERE?  
WELCOME!

We'd love to get to know you! Please fill out a Connect Card from the back of the pews and drop it in the offering basket during our offertory period. We can't wait to connect with you!

## 5 WAYS TO GIVE

**By Mail:**  
1710 Carey St. |  
Joliet, IL 60433

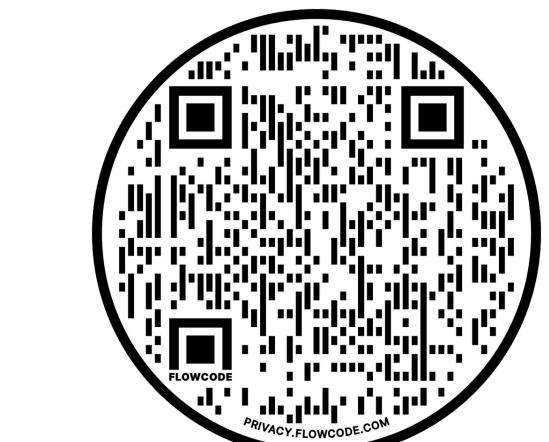
**Text to Give:**  
Text Any Dollar  
Amount to  
(833) 800-5897

**Online at**  
[www.MtOLiveJoliet.org](http://www.MtOLiveJoliet.org)

**Dropbox:** Place  
your offering in  
the secure  
dropbox next to  
the main entrance

**Download the**  
"Church Center"  
App in the Apple  
App Store or in  
Google Play

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW THE BULLETIN, FILL  
OUT A CONNECT CARD, GIVE ONLINE, CHECK IN  
FOR M.O. TOWN, FIND SMALL GROUPS, AND  
MUCH MORE!**



## Giving Affirmation

"LORD IT IS WITH A  
CHEERFUL HEART THAT I  
JOIN YOU WHERE YOU ARE  
WORKING AND SOW THIS  
SEED TODAY. I GIVE IT AS  
AN ACT OF WORSHIP WHILE  
MEETING THE NEED'S OF  
THIS LOCAL CHURCH FOR  
THE EXPANSION OF YOUR  
KINGDOM BECAUSE I KNOW  
YOU WILL RESPOND. I  
DECREE THAT THE NEEDS  
OF MY FAMILY ARE MET  
SPIRITUALLY, PHYSICALLY.  
AND FINANCIALLY.  
IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN."

## Welcome our newest members

Wilma Crisp  
Shamekia Gwin  
Cedric Garner  
Roosevelt Curry  
Scherri Wilson  
Connie Martin  
Brianna Baker  
Keyana Brooks  
Patricia Newsome

## ANNIVERSARIES

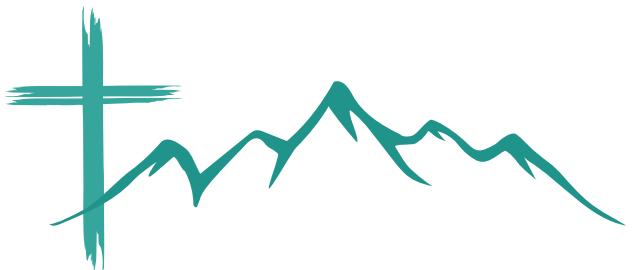
## BIRTHDAYS

1/2 Trinity Morgan  
1/4 Diane Harris  
1/4 Regina Martin  
1/4 Princess Johnson  
1/4 Cheyenne McGinnis  
1/5 Shanita Tidwell  
1/6 Tashia Martin  
1/6 Demetruis Brown  
1/6 Demetris Anderson  
1/6 Jayceon Plummer  
1/6 Alanzo Hill  
1/7 Kareeana Carter  
1/11 Irma Moulton  
1/11 Connie Martin  
1/11 Brayden Blue  
1/13 Velencia Sutton  
1/13 Nate Martin  
1/14 Ivina Latham  
1/16 Zian Greene  
1/17 Mya Gatson  
1/17 Melissa Parker  
1/19 Shawn Matthews  
1/22 Tangia Peten  
1/25 Rashid Bell  
1/25 Timothy Susdorf  
1/26 Rose Heath  
1/26 Victor Bailey  
1/28 Nannette Woods  
1/29 Kera Page



## LET'S CELEBRATE

Is Your Birthday or Anniversary Missing?  
Let us celebrate with you! If your special  
day hasn't been listed in the bulletin, please  
email the church office at  
[mtolivejoliet@gmail.com](mailto:mtolivejoliet@gmail.com)  
to be added.



## THE CHRISTIAN LIVING CORNER

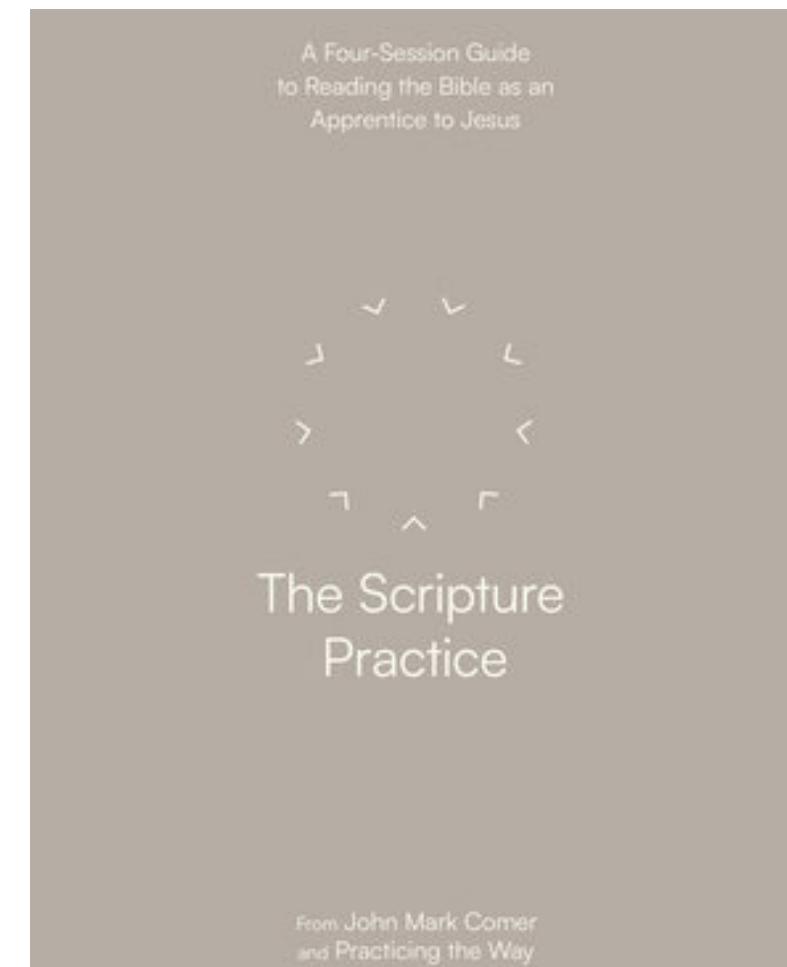


### Album of the Week: Fresh Start Worship – Fresh Start Worship

Fresh Start Worship is a Spirit-filled project that centers on renewal, hope, and the transforming presence of God. With heartfelt lyrics and congregational worship moments, this album creates space for listeners to reflect, surrender, and begin again in God's grace. Each song points toward restoration—reminding us that no matter our past, God offers mercy, renewal, and a fresh start.

Blending contemporary worship sounds with sincere expressions of faith, Fresh Start Worship is ideal for personal devotion or corporate worship. It invites believers to lift their hearts in praise and embrace the new work God desires to do in and through them.

ALBUM OF THE WEEK



### RightNow Media Study of the Week: The Service Practice Teacher: Tyler Staton

Service is not just something Christians do—it's a way of life shaped by Jesus Himself. In The Service Practice, pastor and author Tyler Staton explores what it truly means to follow Christ by loving and serving others with humility, faithfulness, and compassion.

This study invites believers to see service not as obligation or burnout, but as a spiritual practice that forms us to become more like Jesus. Through biblical teaching and practical insight, Staton helps us understand how everyday acts of service—both seen and unseen—become a powerful way to partner with God in His work in the world. The Service Practice challenges us to lay down self-interest, embrace sacrificial love, and rediscover the joy of serving as an expression of our devotion to Christ.

STUDY OF THE WEEK



### Prayer List

#### Sick & Shut in

David Hampton  
Faye Devers  
Christina Moran  
Sis. Doris Bruton

#### In Bereavement

Sis. Mary Patterson & Family  
The Family of Alice Bell  
Sis. Arthetta Reeder & Family  
Sis. Cathy Smith-Harris

#### Hospitalized



### UPDATES TEXT MESSAGE

Stay in the know about all things happening at Mt. Olive by receiving text message updates. Simply text the word "Join" to 877.217.5602

#### Text to Give

Take advantage of our text-to-give option. Simply text any dollar amount (example: \$5 text 5 or \$100 text 100) to (833) 800-5897 and follow the prompts.\*\*\*



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