



MT. OLIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

September 2017

Reach – Nurture – Serve – Pray

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From the Pastor:

Throughout the centuries, Christians have followed a liturgical calendar highlighting important religious events— Epiphany, Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, All Saints Day, and the cycle of Advent, just to name a few. Baptists, however, generally do not celebrate the liturgical calendar. Yes, we recognize Christmas and Easter but by and large we ignore most of the feasts, fasts, and holy days. When the English Baptist movement began in England in 1609 the early Baptists rejected all the traditions of the official state church. This included a rejection of the Church of England’s creeds and calendars. Somewhere along the way we created a calendar of our own and said that it would start in September (and by the way we dedicate days and months to dead saints too— Annie Armstrong & Lottie Moon!). That calendar then found its way into every single Southern Baptist church’s constitution and by-laws. While I personally have no preference whether we have a church year that runs from September 1st to August 31st or just use the regular calendar that runs January 1st to December 31st, I do think it is beneficial for us to consider what each year means for us as a church.

Most people set personal “resolutions” each New Year, so I want to offer a challenge for us as we experience this new church year. Here is the challenge: let’s do evangelism this year. It’s that simple. Let’s *prioritize* lost people as a church and *pray* for lost people as a church. Identify three people that you know who do not know Jesus Christ. Now, fill in the blanks with their names. 1. _____. 2. _____. 3. _____. You have a year ahead of you—pray for them this year and tell them about Jesus Christ this year. After praying, find out where they stand spiritually and share with them the news that has transformed your life and secured your future.

In Christ,
David

Children's Ministry:

Children’s Church: Children age 3-3rd grade / Every Sunday during the 11 am Worship Service

Children will be directed to leave the sanctuary during the service and go to the children’s room where they’ll hear a Bible story, play games and make crafts. Parents/caregivers should pick up their children in the children’s room after the service.

Children remaining in the sanctuary are invited to borrow a clipboard from the basket at the rear of the sanctuary. Each clipboard contains children’s bulletins and colored pencils.

Children’s Choir: Children age 3-5th grade / Every 3rd Sunday during the 11 am Worship Service

All children are invited to participate in the Children’s Choir which meets every 3rd Sunday during Children’s Church. The Children’s Choir will sing during the 11 am Worship Service once per quarter or on special occasions.

Children’s Mission Group Meetings: Wed, Sept. 6th from 7:30-8:30 pm & Wed. Sept. 20th from 7-8 pm

Mission Friends: age 3-Kindergarten

Girls in Action (GA): 1st-5th grade girls

Royal Ambassadors (RA): 1st-5th grade boys

GA Journey – Noon-4:00 pm / September 24th

All girls in 1st-5th grade are invited to join the fun! Our first GA Journey meeting of the year will be Sunday, September 24th, immediately following the morning worship service. We'll have pizza for lunch, play games, learn about the Bible and explore what it means to be a Girl in Action. Our theme for this year is "Hit the Road" so we'll be planning some activities that will take us outside to spread the love of Jesus.

Student Ministry:

Regular Meeting Times: Sunday Mornings at 10 am; Wednesday Evenings at 7 pm (1st Wednesdays at 7:30 pm)

Sunday Mornings

If you're not already attending Sunday morning meetings, make plans to start in September! The group will split into middle school students (meet in the Youth Room with Will Hatten and Adam Godfrey) and high school / college students (meet in the corner classroom upstairs in the education building with Suzanne Jones and Tina Vaughn). The high school/college group will begin the Bible study "Uninvited" by Lysa TerKeurst.

Breakfast for Supper- September 6

The youth will be providing the Family Night meal on Wednesday, September 6th.

Pizza and Laser X-September 24

After the morning service, the youth group will travel to Burlington for lunch at CiCi's Pizza and fun at Laser X.

Snack Pack Ministry

The youth group will be preparing the packs for the Snack Pack Ministry the week of September 24th.

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU):

WMU #1: Monday, September 11th at 2:00 pm
Baptist Young Women (BYW): Monday, September 18th at 7:30 pm; in Fellowship Hall

Women's Prison RED BOX Ministry

WMU of NC has been delivering shoeboxes filled with toiletries to incarcerated women for over 40 years. This may not seem like much, but for many of these women, it will be the only Christmas gift they receive. Each box contains items like shampoo, lotion and deodorant, as well as scripture and the Christmas story along with a greeting from WMU letting them know that women and churches across the state have prepared these boxes for them.

Each year approximately 2000 red boxes are packed and delivered to the NC Correctional Institution for Women in Raleigh. Sandy Creek Baptist Association (SCBA WMU) is committed to 300 bottles of shampoo for this ministry this year. All shampoo donations must be in 10-15 oz. plastic bottles. Please bring your donations to Mt. Olive by October 22nd so they can be delivered to the central packing location. The collection box will be in the east entrance.

WorldCrafts

The new Fall/Winter catalogs are here. Pick up your free copy at either sanctuary side entrance, or shop online at WorldCrafts.org. All WorldCrafts products are individually handcrafted and packaged. By supporting WorldCrafts, you are helping meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the artisans. WorldCrafts is a division of WMU.

FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday, September 6

6:45-7:30 pm Family Meal provided by Youth

7:30-8:30 pm Children's Ministry Meetings-Mission Friends (1st floor), GA's & RA's (2nd floor) in education building;
Youth (basement) in fellowship building

Men & Women in fellowship building - Guest Speaker; Joey Baybak, NC Choose Life Ministries

Church Missions and Projects:

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Thanks to everyone who donated school supplies during the month of August!

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

Mt. Olive Girls in Action (GA's) want to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas in August project! We gathered a lot of supplies and many gift cards that will help missionaries right here in NC!

MOWI BEADS

Join us Sunday, September 17th following the morning worship service to learn more about this ministry. We'll have a light lunch and hear about how Mowi Beads are helping men and women in Haiti. Everyone is invited. There is a way for all ages to help in this ministry from sorting beads, to making jewelry, or even just telling your friends what it's all about.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Mark your calendars for October 21st; from 10 am-Noon. We're having a Packing Party!

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS

In recent days we have all seen the terrible devastation that is taking place in Houston and elsewhere along the Gulf Coast. There are two ways you can help:

1. We will be collecting money to send to the hurricane victims through the NC Baptist Men. Please make your check out to Mount Olive and write "Harvey Relief" on the memo line. If you are giving cash, please put it in an envelope and write "Harvey Relief" on the envelope.
2. We will collect supplies in the west entryway to the church (cemetery side). The needed supplies include diapers, baby wipes, bottled water, nonperishable food, tarps, trash bags, packaged underwear, socks, feminine products, cleaning supplies, toiletries, blankets, towels, and cat/dog food. We will be collecting these supplies until September 12th.

NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING (NCMO)

NCMO is a special offering received during the month of September that supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to impact lostness as God accomplishes many wonderful things through these various ministries.

You will find yellow contribution envelopes in the pew holders and sanctuary entrances, or you can write "NC Missions Offering" on the memo line of your check (make check payable to Mt. Olive Baptist Church) and drop it in the offering plate through the end of September.

Visit ncmissionsoffering.org for more information about this special offering and how you can help.

SNACK PACK MINISTRY

We are once again helping the children at B. Everett Jordan Elementary School by sending snack packs every week. These packs will go home with children who may not have enough food to eat over the weekend when they're away from school.

Here are some ways you can help with this effort:

1. Bring food donations to church and deposit in the collections boxes at each sanctuary side entrance
2. Join a packing team
3. Volunteer to deliver the packs to the school on the specified delivery date
4. PRAY for the children who will receive the snack packs each week!

The first delivery date is September 15th and the plan (at this time) is to pack 16 packs. Remember that *each pack* contains at least 15 food items! (4 meat items, 2 starch/veggie items, 2 fruit items, 2 breakfast items, 2-3 snack items, and 2 juice boxes/pouches) Jars of peanut butter and jelly are added to the packs once per month. This year, toothbrushes and toothpaste will be added to the packs in September and then again in January and June.

LUNCH BUDDIES @ B. EVERETT JORDAN

If you are retired, or have free time at lunch, consider becoming a lunch buddy. Having someone come to eat lunch with you is a big deal for these elementary age students. They get some special privileges when that happens. There are many kids who NEVER have someone come to eat with them so, if you have time at 11:00 any day school is in session, go by the school and say you'd like to be someone's Lunch Buddy. They will pair you up with a child.

Attention Sunday School Leaders: A list of your fall literature order was placed in your classroom during the last week of August. Please review the order and make any changes quantities or curriculum needed for the winter (Dec., Jan, Feb) order and return to the box outside Tina's office. The winter order will be placed mid-September.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

7th Annual Ride for Recovery – Saturday, September 9th

\$15 per rider/ \$5 per passenger

Sponsored by Redemption Motorcycle Club-contact Mike Jackson for more info.

Fall Senior Adult Fellowship Revival – September 19 / 11:00 am

Sandy Creek Baptist Association sponsors the Fall Senior Adult Fellowship Revival at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Dr. David Crowther will be speaking and The Jubilee Choir will be singing. Lunch will be served after the service.

REVIVE NC Gospel Crusade – September 23 & 24 / 6:30 pm / Chatham Central HS Auditorium

Chance Walters Ministries will be hosting this event. NewSong will be performing on 23rd, and Sal Dibianca & The Teen Challenge Choir will be performing on the 24th. The purpose of this two-night event is to unify local churches to reach the lost in their community. Visit revivenorthcarolina.com for more info

Embrace, A Worship Celebration for Women – September 23 / 6:00 pm

This event is led by award-winning singer/songwriter and author Babbie Mason. It will be held at Crossroads Ministries, 107 Milton Ave., Broadway, NC 27505. Visit babbie.com for more info.

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Volunteer Schedule

Family Night Meal—September 6; Youth

September 3

Deacon of the Week: Joe Godfrey
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Phillip Thomas, Larry Norwood
Nursery: Glenette & Amber Vaughn
Nursery Mother: Suzanne Jones
Children's Church: Will & Leslie Hatten
Reach Ministry: No Visitation Scheduled

September 10

Deacon of the Week: Mike Jackson
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Phillip Thomas, Dawn Lloyd
Nursery: Brian & Tina Vaughn
Nursery Mother: Suzanne Jones
Children's Church: Amber Vaughn, Abby Jones, Lizzie Foushee, Brenda Zachary
Reach Ministry: Ronnie & Glenette Vaughn, Sharon Thomas
Snack Pack Ministry: Joan Snyder, Laura Crowther (delivery 9/14)

September 17

Deacon of the Week: Dan Jones
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Phillip Thomas, Kristina Zachary
Nursery: Rex & Kristina Zachary
Nursery Mother: Suzanne Jones
Children's Church: (Children's Choir Practice) Evelyn Prete, Emily Morris, Gwen Norwood
Reach Ministry: Larry & Mary Norwood
Snack Pack Ministry: Ladies' SS #2 (delivery 9/21)

September 24

Deacon of the Week: Robbie Morris
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Phillip Thomas, Donna Green
Nursery: Rick & Beverly Morris
Nursery Mother: Suzanne Jones
Children's Church: Robbie & Christy Morris
Reach Ministry: David Crowther, Johnny Glosson, Amy Foushee, Diane & Russell Foushee
Snack Pack Ministry: Mt. Olive Youth Dept. (delivery 9/28)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:45 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	4 Labor Day	5	6 6:45 pm Family Night Meal (provided by Youth) 7:30 pm Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Student Ministry; Guest Speaker: Joey Baybak, NC Choose Life Ministries	7	8	9
10 Grandparents Day 9:45 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Sandy Creek Meeting House Service	11 2:00 pm WMU #1 Meeting	12	13 7:00 pm Student Ministry 7:00 pm Bible Study	14	15	16
17 9:45 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 12:30-2:30 pm Mowi Beads Event	18 7:30 pm BYW Meeting	19 11:00 am SCBA Senior Adult Revival (at Mt. Olive)	20 7:00 pm Mission Friends, GA's, RA's 7:00 pm Student Ministry 7:00 pm Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9:45 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 12-4 pm GA Journey 12-4 pm Youth-CiCi's & Laser X 4:30 pm Deacons' Meeting	25 7:00 pm Mt. Olive Choir and Dr. David Crowther at Sandy Branch Revival	26	27 7:00 pm Student Ministry 7:00 pm Bible Study	28	29	30