



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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From the Pastor:

Church Family,

Exciting things are happening at Mount Olive. After church this Sunday, five of us will be on our way to Texas to assist the N.C. Baptist Men with disaster relief. I thank God for Mount Olive's heart for missions. In the past five years we've gone on six mission trips (five in North America & one international), and partnered in numerous local projects from building wheelchair ramps to stocking food banks and feeding needy children at a local school. In addition, over the past several years our giving to missions has increased by 30%. While we are a country church, we have a global mission, and we are making an eternal difference as we answer the call of Christ.

Secondly, this church year, we are focusing our efforts on evangelism with renewed vigor. While we reside in a rural context, we want to reach both the world and our neighbors for Christ. Take the opportunity to share Christ with someone in your life. Then, invite a friend or neighbor to church. Tell them how you have been blessed by the Lord through Mount Olive.

Finally, I am thrilled to tell you that we are closer to having a proposal ready for our renovation project. Over the past decade, Mt. Olive has realized a need to update educational facilities, making them more user-friendly as well as more welcoming to guests. About a year ago, we appointed a Building Committee to outline a facility renovation project. After many months of working with an architect and contractors, we should receive an estimate by mid-October. At that point, the Building Committee will bring the proposal (estimated cost and plans) to the church for a vote. I believe that this project provides us with greater potential to reach young families for Christ and to minister to our members. Please pray with me as the Lord continues to lead us on an exciting journey of faith.

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.

Children's Mission Group Meetings: Wed, Oct 4th from 7:30-8:30 pm & Wed. Oct 18th 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 Update

September marked the beginning of our new church year, and the GA's have already started earning badges. We're working on the "I Learn the Bible" badge by reading the Bible, and memorizing scripture verses. We read about Noah and how he did just as God commanded him. We're earning the "GA Chef" badge by preparing foods that missionaries might eat. In September, we learned about Salt Lake City, Utah and the church planters God has placed there, so we ate Frog Eye Salad, a popular snack in Utah.

In October, we'll continue reading Genesis and learn about Abram. We'll hear about missionaries who use sign language to share Jesus' love with deaf people around the world. We'll continue working on the "I Pray" badge as we add to our Prayer Journals and GA's will have an opportunity to earn an "Operation Christmas Child" badge by helping pack shoeboxes on Saturday, October 21st.

The GA's theme for this year is "Hit the Road" and we'll be exploring different ways that we can be disciples for Christ in our community. Our first opportunity to "Hit the Road" as a group will be November 5th. We'll be participating in the Chatham Hunger Walk. More details will be coming soon.

Any girl in 1st-5th grade is welcome to join the GA's for any meeting. We love having lots of friends at our meetings when we play games, make crafts, eat snacks, and learn about Jesus! Contact Tina Vaughn if you need more info.

Student Ministry:

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

All youth are encouraged to participate with the church in the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on October 21st and Truck-or-Treat / Party on October 31st.

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU):

There will be a general WMU meeting for ALL women, including existing WMU #1, BYW members and anyone interested in joining a group on Family Night, October 4th, at 7:30 pm in the library.

WMU #1: Monday, October 9th at 2:00 pm
Baptist Young Women (BYW): October meeting cancelled

Women's Prison RED BOX Ministry

WMU of NC has been delivering shoeboxes filled with toiletries to incarcerated women for over 40 years. 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. Look for the red collection box in the east entrance.

Global Hunger Relief

October is the month we focus on Global Hunger. On October 8, 2017, churches around the country will honor Global Hunger Sunday. Woman's Missionary Union has partnered with six other Southern Baptist organizations-Baptist Global Response, the Executive Committee, the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, the International Mission Board, LifeWay, and the North American Missions Board to see lives and communities changed forever through Global Hunger Relief. To learn more about this fund and how you can donate, go to globalhungerrelief.com

Almost 800 million people around the world live with constant hunger, and 1 in 6 in North America are undernourished. How will you help those who are hungry? Donate to Global Hunger Relief, or to your local food bank. Join the GA's in the Chatham Hunger Walk on November 5th, or support their team by making a donation.

Church Missions and Projects:

MOWI BEADS

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Mowi Beads event September 17th. Around 40 people attended, and it was a great afternoon spent beading and learning about this mission in Haiti. If you missed it, you can still get involved by donating glue sticks, toothpicks, gallon size Ziploc bags and/or pieces of brightly colored scrapbook paper. We gave the Hattens two big garbage size bags of cereal boxes. At this time, we do not need more cereal boxes. Thank you for all of the donations that were brought thus far. \$300.00 was collected during the event which will be sent back to continue the work of Mowi Beads in the fishing village of Montrouis, Haiti.

Dawn Lloyd is going to work with Carolyn Hatten in setting up a date in October/November to learn more about the process and items needed to make the different pieces of jewelry. All of this work will help support the mission of Mowi Beads and provide income to a family in need. We would love for anyone to come and join us. Please reach out to Leslie Hatten if you would like more information. We will communicate more details as they are finalized. If you are interested in visiting Haiti this summer, it is never too early to start planning. Please reach out to Will or David if you are interested in having a hands on experience with the people in Haiti.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Join us October 21st; from 10 am-Noon. We're having a Packing Party! Bring your packed shoebox, bring an empty shoebox, bring items to donate for the shoeboxes, or just bring yourself to the party! We'll have empty shoeboxes, lots of items to pack, and light refreshments. You'll be able to learn about this ministry and how it helps deliver joy to children around the world. You'll also be able to see what happens after the shoebox is delivered. Our church goal is to pack 100 shoeboxes this year, so make plans to join the party on October 21st to get started.

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS

Mt. Olive collected boxes of needed supplies to help hurricane victims in Texas. The supplies were combined with other donations collected throughout the community and Darrell Andrews Trucking of Siler City delivered them to Houston.

In addition to collecting supplies, \$3,550.00 was collected for NC Baptist Men. These funds will go directly to relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey victims, and a five-member team from Mt. Olive will be traveling to Texas this month to aid the NC Baptist Men in these relief efforts.

NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING (NCMO)

\$ 555.00 was collected during September for the annual NCMO. This special offering supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects.

SNACK PACK MINISTRY

Please continue to bring individual sized food items to the donation boxes at each sanctuary side entrance. The Snack Pack ministry is an ongoing project that will continue throughout the school year.

CHATHAM HUNGER WALK

October is the month we focus on Global Hunger. To help stop hunger in our community, our GA's are forming a team to participate in the Chatham Hunger Walk on Sunday, November 5th. The walk begins at 2:30 pm at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro. Participants can choose a 1 mile or 5K route which includes the CCCC campus trail, and both routes end at the Chili Cook Off event at the Pittsboro Senior Center. Proceeds from the walk will benefit CORA Food Pantry. Help the GA's efforts by walking with their team or making a contribution. Details about how to make donations and/or how to become part of the team will be available by mid-October.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

Family Night

Wednesday, October 4

6:45-7:30 pm Family Meal provided by WMU #1

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 will meet in dining area of fellowship hall (Mike Copeland will lead the program)

Women will meet in library (Suzanne Jones will lead the program)

Sandy Creek Baptist Association Fall Gathering

Sunday, October 22; 5:00 pm at Tyson's Creek Baptist Church (939 Tyson's Creek Church Road, Bear Creek 27207)

The order of service for the Fall Gathering is listed in *The Link Newsletter* and can be found at sandycreekba.com.

Christmas Play

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 17th at 6 pm. The Children and Youth will present the play, "Just a Little Christmas." Anyone interested in participating in the program should plan to attend the first practice in the sanctuary on Wednesday, October 18th at 7 pm. We will need actors/actresses for speaking and non-speaking roles, singers, and crew. Any adults interested in helping with the production should also attend.

Women's Bible Study

A women's video based Bible study will be beginning on Monday, Oct. 9 for four weeks.

We will be using a video series with different speakers each week. Join us for all four weeks or as many as you can! Speakers include: Beth Moore, Jennifer Rothschild, Kay Arthur and Priscilla Shirer.

The study will be held Mondays at 7pm-8:30pm, for 4 weeks, beginning October 9. Come at 6:45pm for a time of fellowship. Childcare will be available, but you must register ahead of time. There is no workbook for this series.

You can register online, at church, or speak with any of the leaders - Laura Crowther, Donna Green and Laurie Jones.

Trunk-or-Treat and Party

Children to adults are invited to fellowship at church on October 31st. Wear your favorite costume and walk the drive around the cemetery as folks open their trunks to hand out candy and goodies to the children. Then head over to the fellowship building for refreshments and games. Trunk-or treat begins at 6:45 pm.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

OCTOBER 14: LIVING FREE MINISTRIES-LIVE AUCTION AND FAMILY FUN DAY

This event is Living Free Ministries' only fundraising event for the year. This year's goal is \$50,000. The funds will be used to continue supporting the growth and development of helping men and families in the regeneration program.

Family Fun Day will be held in the gym at The Lamb's Chapel-Airport Campus, 3539 Alamance Road, Burlington.

Activities are scheduled from 9 am 7 pm and include a silent auction, Cruise-In and Touch the Truck for the Kids, Bake Sale, and a live auction.

ELI WHITNEY FIRE DEPT. COUNTRY BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 21; 6:30 -10 am Cost \$7 adults/ \$3 Kids 10 & Under

Bake Sale proceeds will support a family in need this Christmas in the Eli Whitney community.

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Volunteer Schedule

Family Night Meal—October 4; WMU #1

October 1

Deacon of the Week: Bryan Foushee
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Phillip Thomas, Jimmy White
Nursery: NEED VOLUNTEER
Nursery Mother: Pam Jackson
Children's Church: Will & Leslie Hatten
Reach Ministry: Joe & Renee Godfrey, Laura Crowther
Snack Pack Ministry: Bill & Brenda Zachary; Ronnie & Glenette Vaughn (delivery 10/5)

October 8

Deacon of the Week: Larry Norwood
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Phillip Thomas, Oscar Majors
Nursery: Andy & Casey Allred
Nursery Mother: Pam Jackson
Children's Church: Amber Vaughn, Abby Jones, Lizzie Foushee, Brenda Zachary
Reach Ministry: Ruth Ann Jones, Sarah & Wayne Lindley
Snack Pack Ministry: Tina, Amber, Victoria Vaughn (delivery 10/12)

October 15

Deacon of the Week: Brian Vaughn
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Phillip Thomas, Jane Majors
Nursery: Evangeline Andrews, Teresa Garner
Nursery Mother: Pam Jackson
Children's Church: (Children's Choir Practice) Evelyn Prete, Emily Morris, Gwen Norwood
Reach Ministry: John & Doris Marshall
Snack Pack Ministry: Lisa, Taylor, Alexander Scott (delivery 10/19)

October 22

Deacon of the Week: Ronnie Vaughn
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Phillip Thomas, Kristina Zachary
Nursery: Linda Braxton, Laura Crowther
Nursery Mother: Pam Jackson
Children's Church: Robbie & Christy Morris
Reach Ministry: David Crowther, Bryan Foushee, Marie Andrews, Kristina Zachary
Snack Pack Ministry: Russell & Diane Foushee. (delivery 10/26)

October 29

Deacon of the Week: Johnny Glosson
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Phillip Thomas, Larry Norwood
Nursery: Dawn Lloyd, Leigh Evans
Nursery Mother: Pam Jackson
Children's Church: Will & Leslie Hatten
Reach Ministry: No Visitation Scheduled
Snack Pack Ministry: Ellen McBane, Kristina Zachary, Maria Wilske. (delivery 11/2)

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Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Mission Team departs for Texas (10/1-7)	2 MissionTeam: Texas (10/1-7)	3 MissionTeam: Texas (10/1-7)	4 6:45 pm Family Night Meal (provided by WMU #1) 7:30 pm Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Student Ministry; Baptist Men, WMU MissionTeam: Texas (10/1-7)	5 MissionTeam: Texas (10/1-7)	6 MissionTeam: Texas (10/1-7)	7 MissionTeam: Texas (10/1-7)
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