



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

April 2018

Reach – Nurture – Serve – Pray

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From the Pastor:

In my study of Thessalonians, 1 Thess 2:18 has captured my interest and curiosity; this verse states, “*For we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, more than once—and yet Satan hindered us.*” I cannot help but wonder what was it that kept Paul and his companions from returning to Thessalonica. Was it persecution, road closure, problems in another church, weather, or illness? Also, how did Paul know that it was Satan that caused the problem? How much power does Satan have to hinder us if God is in control? Can Satan control the weather? Can Satan make you sick? Can Satan use other individuals to hinder you? I believe he can, although he is limited by God. For example, in Job, Satan used weather to kill Job’s children (Job 1:18) and illness to tempt Job to abandon faith in God (Job 2:7). Nonetheless, God was ultimately in control and determined the limits of Satan’s power (Job 1:12; 2:6). This is probably one of the most difficult things of the Scriptures and I must tell you that I cannot fully understand it. However, I believe there are some lessons to remember.

First, we can know that Satan’s goal is to hinder the spread of the Gospel. Therefore, not everything bad in your life is a result of Satan hindering you. However, when you are rightly serving God and you encounter opposition, this is the work of Satan. For example, Paul’s biggest obstacle in his ministry came from unbelievers who tried to discredit and destroy his ministry (1 Thess 2:16). Paul recognized that they were acting as agents of Satan.

Second, Satan is real and has power. About 40% of Americans do not believe in Satan. As Baptists, we admit that he’s real but we largely ignore the topic of spiritual warfare. Because we don’t realize that there is a power working against us, we are not watching and praying. We are not vigilant and persistent in our purpose or our prayers. Just remember though, that “greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4). Therefore, we should be persistent in our prayers because while Satan can hinder us, he has no power over God. God has ordained to work through the prayers of His people and although Satan hindered Paul’s once from returning to Thessalonica, he could not prevent Paul from eventually returning (Acts 20:1–3).

Through this verse God has taught me to pray harder and be more aware of spiritual warfare. I hope He will apply the same thing to you in your life.

In Christ,
David

Children's Ministry:

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

Children's Mission Group Meetings:

Mission Friends: age 3-Kindergarten Girls in Action (GA): 1st-5th grade girls Royal Ambassadors (RA): 1st-5th grade boys

Wednesday, April 4th; 7:30-8:30 pm AND Wednesday, April 18th; 7-8 pm

GA Journey

The GA’s will spend the night at the NC Zoo on Friday, April 20th. We’ll learn about a few of God’s creatures that live in the zoo and how the zookeepers take care of them.

Student Ministry:

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

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU):

WMU #1: Monday, April 9th at 2:00 pm

Baptist Young Women (BYW): Monday, April 16th at 7:30 pm

Missions Extravaganza & 127th Annual Meeting of WMU of NC

April 27-28 / Ardmore Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Registration fee \$65; includes program fees, breakout sessions, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch

Program speakers include Taylor & Susan Field, Graffiti Church, New York City

Music and Worship Leader Dr. James Davidson

For more info or to register visit www.wmunc.org/events or call 919-882-2344

2018 NC Baptist Women's Retreat

October 26-27 / Caraway Conference Center & Camp; Sophia, NC

Plan ahead for this fall retreat – Registration begins June 1

Early bird rates begin at \$140; Includes 3 meals, lodging and all program materials. Program includes Worship Speaker Lori McDaniel, International Mission Board and Worship Leader Kimberly Merida, Imago Dei Church, Raleigh NC.

For more info visit www.embracenc.org



Want to get involved in missions?



You are invited to participate in MissionsCAROLINA, a mission trip offering missions opportunities for men, women and youth (grades 5 & up)!

Red Springs Missions Camp / July 9-14, 2018

Info and registration available online at www.wmunc.org

Free Military Wives Retreat / August 18-19, 2018 / Camp Mundo Vista

Do you know a military wife who would benefit from fellowship and fun with other military spouses? Invite them to attend this retreat –for more info visit www.wmunc.org/militarymissions

Church Missions and Projects:

SNACK PACK MINISTRY

We will continue to provide 20 snack packs EACH WEEK through the end of the school year. Please continue to donate individual serving sized food items for this ministry. Collection boxes are located at both side entrances.

MOWI BEADS

Plan to attend the Mowi Beads workshop on Thursday, **April 12th at 7 pm** in the fellowship building. You can help make jewelry, sort beads, or just enjoy the fellowship.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are collecting items throughout the year to have stocked for our shoebox packing party in late October. You may donate any item that is suitable for the shoeboxes at any time during the year, but here are some suggestions for this month's collection:

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collections for April:

Bar Soap and Washcloths

Small Toys/Games/Deck of Playing Cards

Sunglasses/ Baseball Caps

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR NC BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Week of Prayer – May 6-13, 2018

For more info visit www.mothersdayoffering.org – Since 1924 North Carolina Baptists have given to the Mother's Day Offering to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, especially to the needy. These gifts and the wonderful care of Wake Forest Baptist Health have a tremendous impact on the road to healing for patients and their families.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

Family Night – Wednesday, April 4th

6:45-7:30 pm Family Meal (provided by Baptist Men)

7:30-8:30 pm Children's Mission Meetings; Student Ministry Meeting
Bible Study

Sandy Creek Baptist Association "Spring Gathering" – Sunday, April 22nd

3-5 pm at Sanford First Baptist Church

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Founders Day at Cameron Boys Camp – Monday, April 30, 2018

Cameron Boys Camp / P.O. Box 277 / Cameron, NC 28326-0277 / 910-245-4034

Visit www.cameronboyscamp.org for more info about the camp...

"Cameron Boys Camp is a ministry of Baptist Children's Homes of NC. Located near Southern Pines, this residential wilderness camp provides a year round program helping boys and their families overcome personal and family struggles. Camp's approach involves the entire family in order to build successful relationships between the camp staff, the family and the camper. Through these relationships and Camp's Christ-centered focus, deep hurts are healed and lives are changed."

RSVP for the Founders Day Event by April 2nd at 1-800-476-3669 ext. 1209 or dedwards@bchfamily.org

10 am-Noon – Tour the camp, share lunch with the boys and hear how they live outdoors 24/7 and how their lives have changed at Camp. Event held rain or shine; casual attire.

April 2018

Volunteer Schedule

April 4

Family Night Meal provided by Baptist Men

April 1

Deacon of the Week: Brian Vaughn
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Phillip Thomas, Donna Green
Nursery: Brian & Tina Vaughn
Nursery Mother: Pam Jackson
Children's Church: Will & Leslie Hatten

April 8

Deacon of the Week: Ronnie Vaughn
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Craig Dixon, Phillip Thomas
Nursery: Linda Pickard, Joan Snyder
Nursery Mother: Pam Jackson
Children's Church: Amber Vaughn, Abby Jones, Lizzie Foushee, Brenda Zachary
Reach Ministry: Guest Team C- Chris & Gwen Norwood
Prep Team- Maria Wilske
Snack Pack Ministry: Russell & Diane Foushee (delivery 4/12)

April 15

Deacon of the Week: Johnny Glosson
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Phillip Thomas, Jane Majors
Nursery: Linda Braxton, Teresa Garner
Nursery Mother: Pam Jackson
Children's Church: Children's Choir – Emily Morris, Gwen Norwood
Reach Ministry: Nursing Home Team A-Ronnie & Glenette Vaughn, Sharon Thomas
Snack Pack Ministry: Ellen McBane, Kristina Zachary, Maria Wilske (delivery 4/19)

April 22

Deacon of the Week: Oscar Majors
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Craig Dixon, Kristina Zachary
Nursery: Chris & Gwen Norwood
Nursery Mother: Pam Jackson
Children's Church: Robbie & Christy Morris
Reach Ministry: Shut-In Team A- Larry & Mary Norwood
Snack Pack Ministry: Gwen & Chris Norwood **PB&J Week** (delivery 4/26)

April 29

Deacon of the Week: Chris Norwood
Greeters: Keith Andrews, Phillip Thomas, Dawn Lloyd
Nursery: Jimmy & Lisa White
Nursery Mother: Pam Jackson
Children's Church: Will & Leslie Hatten
Snack Pack Ministry: Jill & Ray Morris (delivery 5/3)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter 7:30 am Sunrise Service @ Chatham Friends NO Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	2	3	4 6:45 pm Family Night Meal (provided by Baptist Men) 7:30 pm Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Student Ministry; Bible Study	5	6	7
8 9:45 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	9 2:00 pm WMU #1 Meeting	10	11 7:00 pm Student Ministry 7:00 pm Bible Study	12 7:00 pm Mowi Beads Workshop	13	14
15 9:45 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	16 7:30 pm BYW Meeting	17	18 7:00 pm Mission Friends, GA's, RA's 7:00 pm Student Ministry 7:00 pm Bible Study	19	20 April 20-21: GA's Zoo Snooze (meet at NC Zoo at 5:30 pm)	21 April 20-21: GA's Zoo Snooze
22 Earth Day 9:45 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 3-5 pm SCBA Spring Gathering @ First Baptist Sanford	23	24	25 7:00 pm Student Ministry 7:00 pm Bible Study	26	27	28
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