



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 2020 Church News

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Renovations to the education building began in October and are moving forward as scheduled. During renovations, the restrooms in the fellowship building will be open for use during worship services.



Shoeboxes and labels for Operation Christmas Child can be picked up in the fellowship building. Please return all shoebox gifts to the designated table in fellowship hall by Sunday, November 8.



We will continue to deliver food to SAFE Food Pantry for distribution to area children through the end of December. Food and school supply donations can be deposited in the designated box in the church Welcome Center.

School supplies needed: pencils, large pink block erasers, Fiskar scissors, crayons, pencil boxes & pouches, plastic folders, and headphone (earbuds).



Mt. Olive,

We are entering the “Holiday” season of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our presidential and local elections occur at the beginning of the month. November is filled with uncertainty for our nation and our personal lives. During this time of continued uncertainty we may ask ourselves “What should I be THANKFUL for?”

2020 has provided us all with heartaches and adversities. BUT we have persevered. Despite all the difficulties in our town, our country, and even our own families we are persevering; that is praiseworthy. James 1:2-3 captures this concept for us writing: “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. And let perseverance have its full effect, that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.” Therefore, Christian living teaches us not to live a perfect, sinless life, but to persevere. Never give up on God or his work in your life; he’s never finished.

This year more than any other in my life I am thankful that God has given us the strength to persevere. Our church, our community, and our families have persevered during an incredibly difficult time. We will one day look back on this time in history amazed that God carried us through it. Allow God to work in your life, transforming your difficulties into future testimonies, future and present thankfulness.

Dr. Josh Peeler



Mt. Olive,

As we are coming to Thanksgiving 2020, we know that things are different this year than they have been in previous years. During the Covid pandemic, people find it hard to be thankful. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, “¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” These three short verses were penned by Paul after he was persecuted severely and had been imprisoned several times. He went through those things and was still able to tell the church at Thessalonica to give thanks always. We may be feeling overwhelmed and think that we are unable to be thankful this year, but we have so much for which we can be thankful. Just as it says in verse 18, “Give thanks in all circumstances.” We learned at camp last year that all means all. No matter the circumstance that we find ourselves in we need to be thankful. I want to challenge you with everything that is going on to take the time to find something to be thankful for in your life. When we rejoice always, and pray without ceasing, then we can give thanks regardless of the difficult circumstances in our lives.

As we look to November, the youth will be having an activity on November 14th. We will be participating in the Adopt-A-Highway along Mt. Olive Church Road. We will be meeting at 10am at the church. After we finish picking up the trash on the road, we will have lunch at the church. If you have any questions, or need anything, feel free to reach to me.

Rev. Josh Connor

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Mornings @ 10 am

Heroes of the Faith series continues in November
(audio recordings available on website)
(video recordings available on YouTube)

Wednesday Evenings @ 7 pm

Adults continue study of Proverbs
(audio recording available on website)
Youth continue study of "The Thread"
Children Nov 4, 18

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 8 OCC Shoebox Dedication Sunday
Nov 14 Youth: Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup
Nov 25 Thanksgiving Service
Nov 29 5th Sunday & Communion

We will not be doing Sunshine Baskets this year

COMMUNITY EVENT

Living Free Ministries – November 14; 4-6 pm

Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner & Raffle

\$10/plate: chicken, green beans, baked potato & roll

at The Lamb's Chapel Airport Campus

3539 Alamance Road, Burlington, NC

Call 336-376-5066 for tickets

