



# MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

## *February 2021 Church News*

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Sundays at 10 am:  
Sermon series, Encounters, continues. Each week hear a different account of how meeting Jesus transformed people's lives and learn how your life can be transformed.



Wednesdays at 7pm:  
Study of Proverbs continues this month in Chapter 9. Each week hear about God's wisdom for living and the applications for your life.



Share God's love this month!  
Consider these ideas:

- Send a card to a shut-in
- Phone a friend
- Donate to the food bank
- Thank a family member
- Pray for the sick



February is known the world over as the love month. But what is the difference between biblical love and love that the world glorifies? The rest of the world teaches that romantic love should

be free, uninhibited, and without commitment. As Christians, we see several components of love from the most famous chapter on love in Scripture 1 Corin. 13.

First, we learned that love should be based on mutual respect. The Greek word for love used throughout 1 Corin. 13 is agape, is based on a deep appreciation or high regard; non-sexual love, esteem, or affection.

Second, we learned that knowing all wisdom, knowledge, and mystery without love is meaningless. Even becoming a martyr to the faith without loving others gains nothing. Each of these virtues are positive, yet without the underlying strength, purpose, and devotion of love they are inconsequential.

Third, we learn that love should be patient, kind, and gentle. Striving to embody humility, truth and hope should be the hallmarks of our human interaction.

Although originally applied generally, these verse are often read at weddings, but they are virtues to strive after-I often tell Anna that in life we are simply living up to the marriage vows me made all those years earlier. This month search for love towards your spouse, your family, and friends, asking yourself whether you have applied the virtues of love described above; strive to better yourself through the power of the Holy Spirit. May God bless you and your loved ones this February.

Dr. Josh Peeler



LOVE. As we come to the month of February, we can't help but think about love. For the next couple of weeks, we will see ads on TV, retailers, and social media trying to get us to spend money. There are always ads for candy, flowers, jewelry, and even teddy bears that are bigger than people. We take so much time telling those that are close to us that we love them. But what about those that we may consider our enemies? Those that we disagree with? Those that we may not like? Matthew 5:43-44 says, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.". We live in a time where if two people have a different view about a subject than they can't work together. It is in our nature to hate those who try to do us harm and Christians have fallen into this trap. When we have disagreements, we can't be civil, we want to be mean and hateful toward that person. But that is not what Jesus is telling us to do. Not only does He tell us to love our enemies, He tells us to pray for those who treat us differently because of what we believe. As we go into this month of love, let's determine to have a biblical attitude toward our enemies, those that we may disagree with and want to do us harm.

We are close to wrapping up our Thread study in youth, we'll be finished by the beginning of April. Our next youth activity will be a Mario Kart tournament on February 6<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm. We will have a time of food, fellowship, and fun. If you have any questions, let me know.

Rev. Josh Connor



Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services are transmitted live each week on FM station 88.3, which can be heard from the church parking lot.



Watch Sunday morning services on our YouTube channel. Links can be found on our website. [mtolivebaptist.com](http://mtolivebaptist.com)



All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join the fun on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 5 pm.

There will be fellowship, food, fun & Mario Kart!



Renovations to the education building continue on schedule. Please use the restrooms in the fellowship building during church services.