



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

June 2021 Church News

Please note
new service
times...



After the renovation is completed, we plan to resume Sunday School. Please note the new times and see your teacher to find out when your class resumes.

Sunday School: 9:15
Worship Service: 10:30

There will be no Wednesday night services
in June or July.

Don't miss
it!!!

VBS Saturday July 31

Come for Bible lessons, crafts,
snacks and games. Invite a
friend!



VBS will be
held Saturday
July 31.
Contact Joe
Godfrey or Josh
Connor to
volunteer.



Mt. Olive,

As the summer approaches, people will inevitably ask me what our summer prioritizes should be; here are 3.

1) Prioritize and create lasting memories; if you are married deepen your relationships. Take time out with your children, friends, or spouse to create long lasting memories. Take a summer vacation, have fun together, fight on your trip and yes in time even our fights somehow become part of our lasting memories.

2) Prioritize God; I know it sounds simple, but make time to prioritize prayer/reading your Bible; don't take a vacation from God. When you reach for that summer reading book make sure to include the Bible or a devotional. Devotionals can be great resources for studying, understanding, and facilitating your connection to God. It is not cheating to read His Upmost for His Highest, or Streams in the Desert.

3) Prioritize church; I'm not just saying this because I'm your pastor, but try to attend church. How often you lay out of church can last effects on not only your relationship with God, but how your sons, daughters, and grandchildren view Sunday worship. Developing a legacy of faithfulness continues through the summer months. Taking a break from Wednesday night services should give you opportunities to rest. But, as Hebrews 10:25 says, don't forsake the larger gatherings as some have the habit of doing. My prayer for you is that you develop long lasting memories and go deeper spiritually. God bless and happy travels.

Dr. Josh Peeler



Mt. Olive,

Summer is here!!! Most of us are excited about the next couple of months. It is a time when we get to go on vacation and visit new places or those that we go to every year. I know that we are excited about our family vacation in July. We get excited and look forward to these events. We think in depth about what we will do and plan out these times to take full advantage of the time that we are there. We get ready to take a break and relax. While it is good for us to rest, we need to remember that we should always be looking for opportunities to witness wherever we go. I think of the disciples in Luke 9:6, "And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere." Everywhere they went, they told others about Christ. They took the time to tell others because they were excited about what Christ had do. How excited do we get about the things of Christ? Do we take time off from our what we should do as a Christian during our time away? I want to encourage you to no matter where you are, be looking for opportunities to share Christ with others.

June is a busy month even with us not having Wednesday night services. We will be having our first summer fun day at the church on June 24th. We are planning to go ziplining that day. The next day will be July 1st with us going to the trampoline park. We will plan to meet at 10am and be done with our Bible lesson at 3pm. We will meet at this time most days. More info to come on our July 8th and 15th dates. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Rev. Josh Connor



MT. OLIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH
Youth

Summer
FUN DAYS

June 24th
July 1st
July 15th
July 22nd
10am-3pm each day

Please see
Josh Connor
For details

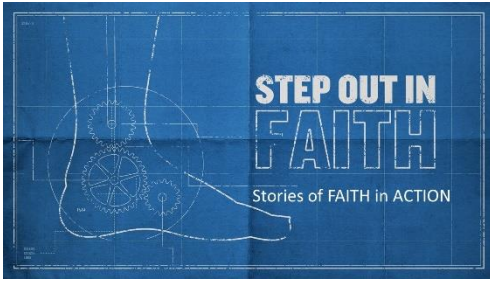
All youth are invited to attend the Summer Fun Days. Each day will consist of a trip, lunch and a Bible lesson. Invite a friend!

Find video of Sunday services and audio of Wednesday Proverbs study on mtolivebaptist.com

Live broadcast of Sun. & Wed. services can be heard on 88.3 FM from your vehicle in church parking areas.



Stories of Faith



Last month, I wrote about someone in our congregation who has had tremendous faith throughout her life. She was very candid about her upbringing, faith sharing,

questions, and health scares. I want to thank Anna Peeler for sharing her story. Some of you may have guessed who it was, but I'm hoping all of you received a blessing from reading about her faith journey.

This month, I am shifting gears a little to reflect upon the faith showed by some of our heroes. I have always been interested in reading and studying history, especially military history. There are many stories of faith that could be shared, but it seems appropriate to share one from a service member and one from a former President. My hope is that we honor our military heroes during this month's newsletter, as we are celebrating Memorial Day and the memory of D-Day.

On June 6, 1944, 156,000 mainly American, British, and Canadian troops hit the beaches at Normandy in the greatest assaults the world had ever seen. There were many heroes that day, but some of the lesser-known heroes are the chaplains that came ashore with the soldiers who would fight. One of the chaplains was Joseph Lacy, a 40-year-old American Catholic with the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion, who landed on Omaha Beach. He was the last soldier off his landing craft right before an artillery shell hit the fantail. In an interview, Lacy said, "I told the soldiers that I better not see them praying on the beach or I would boot them in the tail. I told them to leave the praying up to me and they do the fighting." Lacy was awarded the Distinguished Service

Cross for his heroics on D-Day. He, along with the other chaplains, pulled the dying and wounded from the water's edge and moved them into a place of protection. He comforted and prayed for the soldiers and performed last rites for those who were beyond human assistance. Joseph Lacy was truly an American hero who showed great faith during D-Day and onward in the march to Germany.

On the evening of June 6th, President Franklin Roosevelt addressed the nation and asked the nation to pray for the troops who were on the beaches at that very hour. Because the prayer is so long, I won't quote all of it. Here are some of the lines from his prayer. "Lead them straight and true, give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, and steadfastness in their faith. And for us at home -fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas-whose thoughts and prayers are with them-help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice. And O Lord, give us Faith; Give us Faith in Thee, Faith in our Sons, Faith in each other, Faith in our united crusade." President Roosevelt wanted all Americans to show faith during the troubled time of war.

There were many other examples of faith within the military community during D-Day. Even when things seemed bleak, God was there for soldiers and families alike. He is faithful and just. Just as those young men portrayed their faith on the beaches of Normandy, He provides for us in our times of need. As Christians, we all face battles in our lives. Sin permeates our lives and Satan tries to bring us down. However, God is on our side. When the final battle is fought, God will prevail. There are many verses about faith and belief that speak to me...Mark 9:23, Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 17:20. They can also provide inspiration as you face your battles in life.

One final thought. Honor those who have sacrificed for our freedom. Our military personnel, both past and present, deserve our respect. Let's remember them in our prayers this month.

Sincerely,

Joe Godfrey