



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

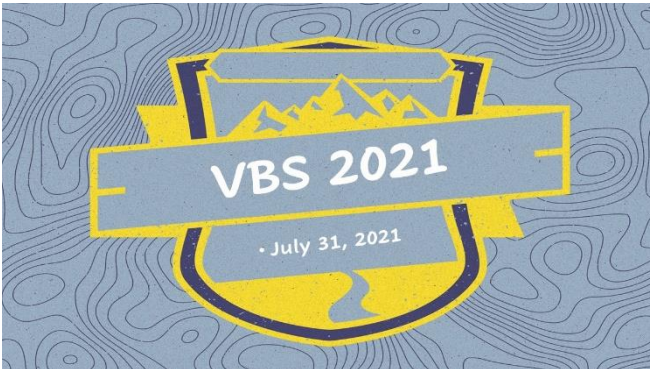
July 2021 Church News



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 service
in July.



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



Mt. Olive,

July is one of my favorite months of the year. It has the 4th of July, my brother's birthday, my wife's birthday, and it is the one-year anniversary of moving to Pittsboro. When anniversaries roll around, we cannot help but be contemplative. Today I'd like to share my prayers and hopes for the next year of ministry at Mtn Olive.

1) Salvations and Baptisms-Seeing people saved and baptized is the lifeblood of the Christian church. We have had a difficult year of meeting together, COVID related delays, and a building renovation. But in spite of everything we have continued to worship Christ, sing songs, and preach sermons. Recently, God has placed praying for salvations and new Christians on my heart. Will join me in this prayer?

2) A return to normalcy-I am so excited and ready for our renovation project to be completed, for Sunday School, Wednesday night fellowship, and prayer meeting to start back. Also, few people know how badly a nurse is needed than Anna and me. As we begin having more functions, we will all enjoy meeting together, praying together, and fellowshiping together.

3) Find Missions to Support-My friend Brian is a church planter in Chicago. The deacons are currently considering how we might partner or get involved in helping his ministry. Churches thrive with involvement in missions and ours is no different. Please join me in praying for guidance as I enter my second year of ministry here at Mtn Olive.

Dr. Josh Peeler



Mt. Olive,

When I say the word “Dwell” what comes to mind? For me I think of my house and the comfort, safety, and security that it brings. During our Thursday summer fun days, we are studying Colossians 3:16-17: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father through him.” For the word of Christ to dwell in us, Jesus has to dwell in us. He wants to live in us and guide us in our lives. The problem is that many times, we do not want to give Him the keys and let Him into our life, we want to have control. We want to give Him limited access, instead of full access. When we let Jesus dwell in our lives, He guide us to do everything that verses 16-17 say. We can do great things through Jesus. We just have to allow Him full access to dwell in us and allow Him to guide us. Let’s be Christians who allow Jesus to dwell in us and not Christians who seek to block Jesus from making our lives His home.

July is another busy month. We have three summer fun days remaining for the youth: July 1 – trampoline park, July 15 – mini golf and July 22 – laser tag.

VBS is also quickly approaching. July 31st will be here before we know it. Please be praying now for those that will be attending.

Rev. Josh Connor

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!



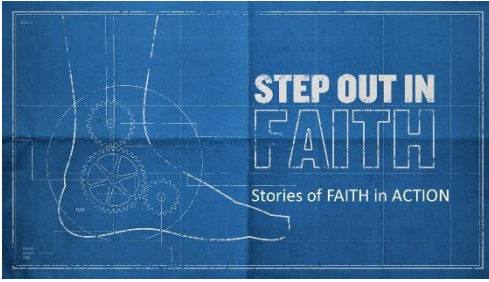
The banner features the Mt. Olive Baptist Church Youth logo on the left, which includes a cross icon and the text "MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH". To the right is a stylized orange sun with rays. Below the sun, the words "Summer" and "FUN DAYS" are written in a blue, cursive font. The entire graphic is set against a white background with a blue border. Below the graphic, on a solid blue background, are the dates and times: "June 24th", "July 1st", "July 15th", "July 22nd", and "10am-3pm each day". To the right of this text, it says "Please see Josh Connor For details".

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



On July 4th, 2021, our country will celebrate its 245th year of independence from England. I want to take the time this month to examine the faith of one of our forefathers, Patrick

Henry. Lovett Weems writes this, “We are called to thank God for the faithful men and women of every generation who understand that a nation’s strength rests more in faithful inward purpose than in outward power and possessions.” As we reflect this month, let us give thanks for those men and women who showed their faith through their actions many years ago.

Many of us know Patrick Henry for his famous speech at the Second Virginia Convention. Part of his speech still resonates today. “Is life so dear or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death.” What many people don’t know is that Patrick Henry was a Christian believer. He was a fervent orator who was able to encourage a nation to persevere and helped the cause of liberty. Where did he get his confidence and ability? I believe it came from God. Henry was raised by an Anglican father and a Presbyterian mother. He was influenced by the preaching of the Presbyterian minister Samuel Davies, and this led him to speak boldly. Davies played a critical role in the early years of the Great Awakening. Henry advocated for religious liberty his entire life. Even when Henry became Governor, he wrote to a group of Baptists, “My earnest wish is, that Christian charity, forbearance, and love may unite all different persuasions as brethren.”

Patrick Henry led by example, which all Christians should do. Even when he was old and close to death, Henry left examples of faith for his family. “I have disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more I wish I could give to them, and that is the Christian religion. If they had that and I had not given them one cent, they would

be rich. If they had not that, and I had given them the world, they would be poor.” Henry also said this, “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians: not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ! For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.” Patrick Henry read the Bible fervently. He said this, “The Bible is worth all the other books which have ever been printed.” Henry stirred people to action because he shared the faith in “an ever-watchful God who led, guided, and protected his people”. When Henry was informed that he had only a few moments of life left in his body, he turned to his family doctor, an old and personal friend who was not a believer. His last words were, “observe how great a reality and benefit religion is to a man who is about to die.”

This month, as we celebrate our Independence Day and feel patriotic, let’s all remember that it is up to us to go and teach all nations and pray that God will change the world, in much the same way some of our forefathers did. Problems of our nation are not solved by Democrats or Republicans. Our nation needs the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ more today than ever. It is the message of hope for every generation. Jesus is the solution for every ill and vice that our country and our world is facing. Let us put our faith into action and speak boldly for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Joe Godfrey