



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 2021 Church News



**Please note our new
service times starting
August 15:**

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



August 18:
Wednesday Night
Services Resume

September 12:
Building Dedication
Covered Dish
Luncheon

September 12: Fill the Tank Day

September 18: Family Fun/Community Outreach Day



Mt. Olive,

Sometimes in life we are blessed with an opportunity to practice patience. When it comes to our church activities, and our building renovation project God

sure gave us an opportunity to practice patience. Our church renovation is nearly complete and regular church activities will resume shortly! Here are 5 steps to take as church starts back up.

1) Pray. 1 Thessalonians 5:15 says to pray without ceasing and we need it. Please pray for our Sunday School teachers, our cooks, and our furniture movers.

2) Be Ready-one of the best ways to be prepared is to come hungry to serve, learn, and eat.

3) Invite Others-With our construction project and COVID-19 concerns some have stayed away longer than they intended. Please lovingly remind your friends and family that church opens up August 15th.

4) Pray again-With all the activities and fellowship we have planned pray for God to draw in new visitors, new baptisms, and new members!

5) Be Thankful-after waiting so long to get back in the education building we have so much to be thankful for. God has blessed with a wonderful new building and we have plenty of people to thank. From Ronnie Vaughn to Philip Thomas and many more we say thank you! We have so much to be thankful for and we will continue to have even more as the year progresses. Thank God!

Dr. Josh Peeler



Mt. Olive,

August is the time when our youth and children go back to school. They may be going to college, high school, middle, or elementary. Having the right friends is important for them. Psalm 1:1 says, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scoffers." The youth and children of our church may be around others who will be a negative influence on them this school year. They will be around those who will try to tempt them to sin. Sexual temptations, drugs, alcohol, and many other vices will be faced in the classroom. Some of these are even found in our elementary schools. Let's pray for our children as they go back to school this year. Pray that they would make good friends who will point them to Christ and not lead them into temptation. And that they will share their faith with their classmates and that because they do, some of those children may come to know Christ this school year.

In August we look forward to starting back Wednesday night activities. We will be continuing our study in the book Joshua. The lessons are posted to the Mt. Olive Baptist YouTube page each week if you would like to follow along. The Sandy Creek Baptist Association is having a Youth Fellowship at Fellowship Baptist Church in Siler City on Sunday, August 29th from 6pm-8pm. We will meet at the church at 5:15pm. We should be back by 8:30pm. If you have any questions, let me know.

Rev. Josh Connor

Mount Olive Baptist Church Eighty-fourth Memorial Day Service

A special thank you to everyone who made the 2021 Mount Olive Baptist Church Memorial Day celebration a reality on July 18, 2021! Our common link during our service was our connection to Christ. His legacy is the key that ties us in fellowship. Whether it was a family member or a friend that committed their love of Christ it always feels good to honor their memories.

It is that legacy of their belief - at some point in their life - that we celebrated their life on this earth. We miss their presence here as Suzanne Jones mentioned in her comments, but please continue to share their stories. Dr. Josh Peeler's comments about "Stones of Remembrance" urged us to think about the foundation and stones that we hold dear in our lives.

In memoriam:

Richard "Ricky" Edward McBane	2/5/1956 – 5/15/2019
Kendall "Ken" Dorset Johnson	4/28/1944 – 8/14/2019
Mary Thompson Norwood	8/29/1940 – 10/24/2019
Velinda "Gail" McBane Brantley	8/30/1945 – 1/13/2020
Katherine A. Glosson	5/3/1926 – 1/18/2020
L. Wayne Lindley	4/5/1923 – 1/25/2020
Julie Williams Sharpe	11/1/1968 – 5/8/2020
Harold "Dean" Glosson	2/21/1967 – 9/10/2020
Sandra Perry Love	11/7/1943 – 11/25/2020
Billie Jean Roberson Andrews	11/11/1934 – 12/19/2020
Thomas "Tommy" Wilson Glosson	5/9/1934 – 1/5/2021
Thomas "Tommy" J. Hadley	1/22/1947 – 4/25/2021
Donna Ruth Green	2/3/1940 – 5/6/2021

We look forward to our June 6, 2022 Mount Olive Baptist Church Memorial Service and we hope and pray we will also enjoy a Mount Olive Baptist Church Homecoming celebration at that time

Mount Olive Memorial Association Officers

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



August

BIRTHDAYS

Mike Jackson	2
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Caitlin Knepp Brown	9
Lynn McPherson	10
Ruth Ann Malpass	11
Eli Zachary	12
	15
Mason Braxton	16
Greg Thomas	17
Evangeline Andrews	22
Jane Majors	23
Dawn Lloyd	24
Denise Dixon	25
Emily Morris	26
Will Thomas	29
Keith Andrews	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Craig & Denise Dixon
Shane & Melissa Gray
Diz & Karen Lloyd
Darith & Donna Andrews

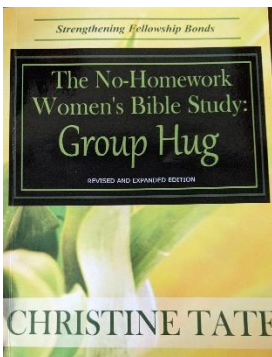
If you have any corrections/additions to this listing, please email
suzanne@mtolivebaptist.com.



We are still in need of volunteers to work in the nursery during Worship Service. If you are interested, please email suzanne@mtolivebaptist.com

To volunteer with Children's Church, please email Rev. Josh Connor at josh@mtolivebaptist.com

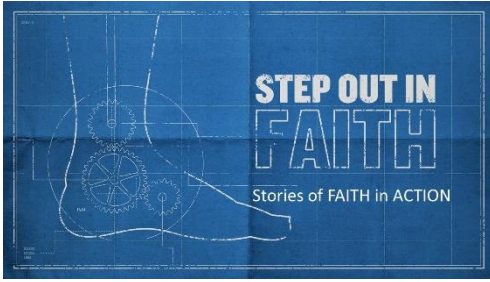
There are still some positions open in other areas of the church for the 2021/2022 church year. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, email Dr. Peeler at pastorjmp@gmail.com



Ladies Bible Study

We are working our way through the book The No Homework Women's Bible Study Group Hug. All ladies are welcome. The next meeting is Monday August 2 at 7:00.

Stories of Faith



During our lifetime, there are people we meet who inspire us by their words and actions. This month, we get to read a story of faith from someone that our entire congregation respects and

admires. For the entirety of this story starting in the next paragraph, I will allow this person's words to tell their own story and describe their faith journey. It is inspiring to say the least...and I'm hoping each of us can take something from this story to strengthen our faith in God and inspire others.

"I grew up in a home with parents who were very devout and faithful followers of Christ. At around the age of 7, I believed that Jesus was the Son of God and that he died and rose again to save me from my sins. I was baptized at the age of 8. Around age 11, I began to understand more about what it meant to be a Christian. I began to be convicted by the Holy Spirit that I needed to change some of my attitudes, language, and actions because I was not being a good example of a follower of Christ. Christ began a good work in me, and he will complete it in his time. I often think of the children's song, "He's still working on me" because I, like all believers, am a work in progress.

As a teenager, I had doubts about my faith. Was I really saved? Why do I still sin? Does God hear my prayers? Does he really love me, even when I do wrong? I think we all have these questions and similar doubts at one time or another. I thank God that he put Godly parents, family, and men and women of the church in my life to help me see that salvation is completely a gift, and one that God does not take away once we accept it. My works do not contribute to my salvation. It is simply faith in Jesus, that his death paid the price of my sins, and that his resurrection gives me life everlasting.

In my younger days, I would read the Bible occasionally, but it sometimes felt like drudgery to do it. As I've gotten older, and my

relationship with Christ has gotten stronger, I can hardly wait to sit down and read his word every morning.

Jesus said that the two greatest commandments are 1) Love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength and 2) to love your neighbor as yourself. These both have to do with relationships...our relationship with God, and our relationship with each other. This is how our faith should be lived out...by treating others like we want to be treated. People will notice how we treat them, and this can open the door to a conversation about Christ. I have been able to talk to people about Christ because of the fruits of the spirit that they see in me.

It seems to me that people find it hard to believe in God because they have heard lies about who God is. That Jesus is just another religious leader like all the others. Or that they would have to give up the so-called "good life" to follow God. It is up to us, as followers of Christ, to be a good representative of who he is...to show the world how joyous and wonderful being a child of God is. We need to be ready to tell people what Christ has done for us, and live a life of integrity, strength, and joy as he has enabled us to do.

I have to say...God has taught me so much through my spouse and children. The dynamic of the parent child relationship should reflect the relationship between God and us. The relationship between husband and wife should reflect Christ and the church. I need the help of the Holy Spirit to fulfill my calling of a spouse and parent, because I couldn't do it on my own."

It was exciting to share this person's story, and I will certainly reveal who they are next month. Let's continue to have faith that God is in control of ALL situations as we get back to a more "normal" church schedule and routine. Let's get excited that we have the opportunity to share our faith with others. There are many people who aren't afraid to share their life story with every detail on social media, and they would rather show faith in secular things. Our world needs Christians who aren't afraid to show THEIR sincere simple faith. Let's do that by sharing the good news of who Jesus is and what he has done for us. Let's do that by putting our faith into action.

Joe Godfrey