



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

October 2021 Church News



October 17: Pastor Appreciation Covered Dish Luncheon

October 22: Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 12:00

October 24: Associational Prayer Meeting, Mount Olive 6:00

October 30: Trunk or Treat, 6:30, See Phillip Thomas if you are interested in having a trunk



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



Mt. Olive,

Each one of us has personal struggles & trials, yet what do we do when God feels far away? Today we'll examine how to respond when God seems distant.

When God seems distant, it is important to reach out to other believers. Our family & friends can be a source of great encouragement. In times of great distress come to the people you trust the most, those who faith you truly look up to & ask them the hard questions. Their answers sustain our faith & encourage us.

If you feel distant from God, come talk to the pastor. I know that might be common sense to some & strange to others, but I guarantee you that I will not judge your doubt. As Solomon wrote "there is nothing new under the sun." Whatever doubts you are having, you are not the first nor the last person to feel that way. You are not alone. Each one of us experiences the dark night of the soul, struggling & questioning God on his purpose, plan, & attitude towards us.

Search the Scriptures for comfort. I cannot tell you how often I turned to Palms & Proverbs to comfort me over the years. The Gospel of John also spoke clearly to me, reminding me of who I am in Christ.

Remember that no matter how you feel or what your doubt is God remains ready to hear you. God is not afraid of our doubts but welcomes them. He made us curious to encourage us to wrestle with our faith, working it out with fear & trembling. May God bless you in your struggle.

Dr. Joshua Peeler



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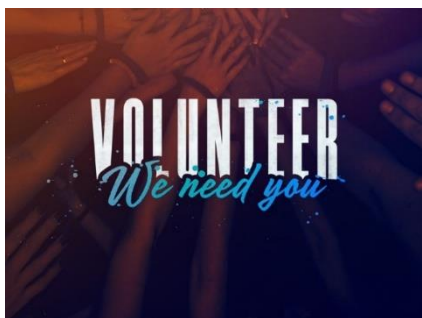
On Sunday September 26, we said goodbye to Reverend Joshua Connor who has been faithfully leading our youth and children for the past 2 ½ years. Josh has done a great job teaching Sunday School, leading Wednesday night services and planning fun and meaningful activities for the young people here at Mount Olive. While we are sad to see him go, we are excited about the opportunities God is giving him.

The youth will continue to meet on Wednesday nights in the youth room with Joe Godfrey leading. They will begin a study on the prayers of Jesus. On Sunday mornings the youth will meet in Room 10 (upstairs) with Dr. Peeler.

Youth also have the meal for October's family night on Wednesday October 6. Contact Kristina Zachary if you would like to take part and haven't had a chance to sign up yet.

An associational youth rally is planned for Saturday October 9 at Fellowship Baptist Church in Siler City. More details will follow.

Please do keep the youth, children, and youth council in your prayers as we eagerly anticipate the Youth Pastor God has for us.



Please contact Suzanne Jones or Dr. Peeler if you are interested in helping with Children's Church. We need three volunteers.

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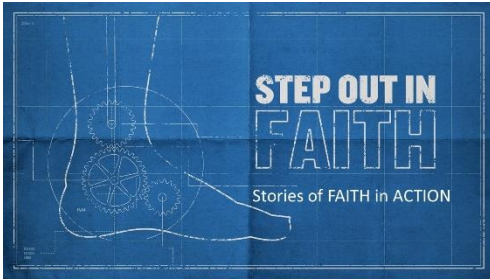
BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Donna Andrews	2	
Deanne Vaughn	4	
Lindsay Morris	8	
Corinne Norwood		
Emma Evans	12	
Laura Thomas	13	
Bill Zachary	14	
	15	John & Doris Marshall
Ruth Ann Jones	17	
Layden Brazington	18	
JoAnn McPherson		
Ann Andrews	22	Jimmy & Lisa White
Abegale Lawson		
Mary Catherine Myers		
Tony Glosson	23	
Dan Cheek	24	
Vickie Gaudette		
Joyce Vaughn	29	Ned & Vickie Gaudette

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

Stories of Faith



October is the “unofficial” beginning of Fall for me. That means planting mums, mowing one last time, turning under the garden, cooler weather, and good

food (especially Brunswick stew and barbecue). I love waking up and walking outside when the dew is still on the grass and the temperature is cool. It refreshes my mind and body. I also love to look around at God’s creation and wonder if people see some of the same things I do...the intricacy of his creation and how it all works together for good. No matter how good it seems to us at times, that is not always the case. Frequently, we are bombarded with troubles and trials. Family, age, illness, death, stress, jobs...everyone has some type of trial that occupies our minds and occupies our time. I want to assure you that God is in control and we can have faith that he will make all things good.

For those of you who know me, I get a lot of my motivation from Southern Gospel music. I listen to a lot of different groups and individual’s music. Some of my favorite groups are Gaither Vocal Band, The Erwins, Greater Vision, Triumphant Quartet, The Browders, Karen Peck and New River, High Road, and The Isaacs. I also love the solo music of Joseph Habedank, Ivan Parker, and Emily Ann Roberts. When I need a little encouragement, I pop in a CD and sing along while listening to the words. I would like to use some of the words from one of my favorite songs to encourage you this month as we think about our faith and how we can build each other up when life gets us down. Below are some of the words from “Sometimes It Takes a Mountain” by the Gaither Vocal Band.

I faced a mountain
That I never faced before
That’s why I’m calling on You Lord
I know it’s been a while
But Lord please hear my prayer
I need You like I never have before

Sometimes it takes a mountain
Sometimes a troubled sea
Sometimes it takes a desert
To get a hold of me
Your love is so much stronger
Than whatever troubles me
Sometimes it takes a mountain
To trust You and believe

Forgive me Jesus
I thought I could control
Whatever life would throw my way
But this I will admit
Has brought me to my knees
I need You Lord and I'm not ashamed to say

Sometimes it takes a mountain
Sometimes a troubled sea
Sometimes it takes a desert
To get a hold of me
Your love is so much stronger
Than whatever troubles me
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To trust You and believe

As you can see from these words, we can't always control what life throws our way. Human nature tells us that we can handle it. Our world tells us that we can handle it with therapy and a few drugs. However, God wants all of us to know that he is our Rock and Foundation. God was present with Moses when the Israeli people could hear and see Egypt's chariots approaching them at the Red Sea crossing in Exodus 14. God was present when Abraham and Isaac went to the top of a mountain to give a sacrifice to God in Genesis 22. God was present with Joshua and the Israelis when they encountered the walls of Jericho in Joshua 6. God was present with Mary when an angel announced to her that she would have a son who would change the world forever in Matthew 1 and Luke 1. When you read these stories, you realize that these were situations that human beings couldn't handle on their own. God had to intervene.

When life gets us down, remember that the Heroes of Faith listed in the Bible faced circumstances far beyond anything we can imagine. Whether it was literally a troubled sea, a mountain, or a

desert, God provided the answer. He can do the same for you and me. Look around us during this wonderful time of the year and see God's creation. Know that God exists just as much as he existed many years ago, and he can still do miraculous things if we have faith and trust in him.

In God's Love,

Joe Godfrey