



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 2022

Church News



Upcoming Events

- September 7: Family Night Meal, 6:45
RAs/GAs, Youth, Adult Bible Study and
Presentation by Burlington Pregnancy
Crisis Center, 7:30
- September 11: Sunday School Breakfast, 9:00
Choir Practice, 5:00
Church Conference, 6:30
- September 23: Brown Bag Lunch & Bible Study, Noon

*From the
Pastor*



Mt. Olive,

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

When that first touch of cool fall air hits my face I am transported. I am moved to my favorite of all times of the year: fall. For me, it's more than just the leaves, it is a time to watch our children as they cutely don costumes, a time for thankfulness, great meals, and wonderful family. It is a time I look forward to every year, and this year it feels particularly important to note the hope I have as the next season begins.

In life there is a time and place for everything, a time for sharing, a time for laughter, and a time for hope. As one season of our church draws to a close, I look forward to the future with a great deal of hope. Now is the time in our life when we move forward as a community into that next great chapter of our spirituality. And the truth is, we have been through quite a lot over the past few years. A new pastor, COVID-19, and a building renovation. Each of these events is a lot for a congregation to handle, much less all at the same time and back to back. I am filled with hope as we move into this next

phase of ministry. We have a new set of church leadership on the deacon board, and like the changing of the weather with that cool fall wind, the expectation in the air points to a new beginning. As we move forward, we have the opportunity to heal together, grow together, and mature together. We have only to embrace our Lord, listening to the quiet whispers of his gentle spirit calling us to more.

My hope and prayer is that the next season of growth at Mount Olive is punctuated by grace, humility, and hope for the future. We hope not because we know what is waiting for us around the corner, or even the insight that looking back grants us; No. We hope because the God we worship promises to be with us, sustain us, and renew his mercies each morning. In God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we know everything we need to know about the future: He loves us, He is with us, He will sustain us, and He will continue to provide for us. In fact, He takes care of all of our needs according to the riches of the glory in Christ Jesus. May the God of all grace sustain us as we begin this next season of ministry. May God bless you, keep you, and cause his face to shine upon you.

Dr. Josh Peeler





Mt. Olive,

With this being my last newsletter submission here at Mt. Olive, I want to make sure it remains short, and I want to take this time to say two things:

The first is to say thank you. I want to say thank you to everyone who is a part of the Church for being so welcoming to me and for allowing me to be a part of this congregation. It has been a joy to do so, and it has been a joy to be able to interact with and lead the students.

I also want to take this time to say I will be praying for Mt. Olive, and I hope the Gospel remains the center of the ministry of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

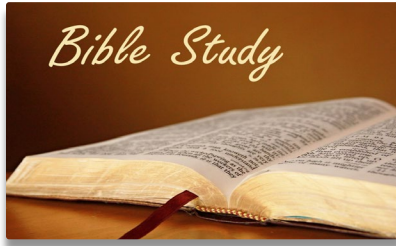
Paul says to the Church in Colossae *“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*

Colossians 3:17

I pray that his will remains the center of ministry at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, that Christ is the center of it all and the Gospel is the center of all things.

Soli Deo Gloria

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Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study

Join us on September 23rd at noon for the next Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study. Bring your lunch and Bible as we dive deeper into God's word.

2022-2023 Deacon Board Officers

Chairman: Chris Norwood

Vice Chairman: Steve Wilkins

Secretary: Rex Zachary

Assistant Secretary: Phillip Thomas

Benevolence Committee: John Green, Oscar Majors, Ashley Walker

September

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
Viola Miller	1
Rhonda Nunn	
Austin Palone	2
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Jacob Underwood	6
Katie Copeland	7
Russell Foushee	
Shannon White	
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Stacey Vaughn McGlothlin	
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Teresa Garner	18
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Pearl Hathcote	26
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Renee Godfrey	30
Melissa Gray	

If you have any corrections/additions to this listing, please email
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Backpack Ministries

(Collection bins are located at both the east and west entrances of the church)



Appalachian Backpack Christmas Ministry

September Collection:

Shampoo and hair care items

B. Everett Jordan Backpack Ministry

(No glass containers)

Meat items:

Tuna and chicken in easy open packages

Beef Stew or Chicken & Dumplings in individual serving sizes

Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli, Lasagna in individual serving sizes

The Men's SS class is providing Beanie Weenies and Vienna Sausages.

(THANK YOU, MEN!!)

Fruit: any kind of single serving size

Breakfast items such as:

Pop-Tarts

Individual serving sizes of cereal

Granola Bars/Cereal Bars

Oatmeal

Starch items:

Mac & Cheese (single serving size)

Ramen Noodles

Soup

Veggies (single serving size)

Snacks such as:

Fruit snacks

Crackers

Chips

Cookies

Pudding or Jell-O

Popcorn

Small jars of peanut butter and bottles of jelly or jam (squeeze bottle is easiest for the kids)

Faith---How Do We Handle Trouble in Our Lives and Our Country?

This month's faith illustration is a little different in that I am going to discuss how our country should respond to the literal political chaos right now. Having been able to attend some political speeches and rallies recently, I have heard some rather interesting views on America and where she stands. I hear some people rally around the abortion issue, some rally around the freedom issue, and some rally around law and justice. I often wonder to myself...are we as Christians willing to speak about our faith and ask people to rally around the truth of Jesus Christ when trouble comes knocking?

During my daily Bible study one day, I read John 14:1-6 about Jesus' address to his disciples describing how he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The part that really resounds with me is verse 1..."Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me." As many of you can attest, there seems to be plenty in our world which can trouble us. We see so many issues affecting daily lives. Crime rates have gone up, life expectancy has gone down, drug overdoses have risen, inflation is at record highs, tax burdens have risen across America, political rhetoric is out of control, trust in government has eroded, etc. It seems that everywhere we turn, there is uncertainty. However, one thing is certain...Jesus Christ is still the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He has not changed. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Jesus is always there for us when we are troubled in this life.

I read a humorous story about a little boy who was returning home from church with his parents. All the way home in the back seat of the car the boy was quiet. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "The Preacher said he wanted us all brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys." I wonder at times how God feels when he looks upon our country. What does he see? Does he see a country tearing itself apart because of sin? Are we raising our children in Christian homes or allowing demonic forces to dictate how we raise our children? Are we treating others as we would want to be treated? Are we helping those that are less fortunate?

As we consider how we deal with trouble, let us remember Jesus' words in John 14. God is always waiting for us to move back toward him; he does not move away from us. God is always the source of peace and never chaos. God is always the source of love in a hurting world. Talk to others about the peace and love that you receive through Christ. It can change a person's heart. Jesus is coming back to receive us and we will be with him throughout eternity.

In Christ's Love,

Joe Godfrey



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