



# MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

October 2022  
Church News



## Upcoming Events

- 10/5: Family Night Meal, 6:45
- 10/12: Youth Council Meeting, 6:00
- 10/16: Alamance Pregnancy Services Shower, 2:00-3:00  
Praise Team Practice, 5:00-6:00
- 10/17: Sandy Creek Fall Associational Gathering  
at Emmaus Baptist Church, Pittsboro, 7:00
- 10/24: Ladies Bible Study, 7:00
- 10/29: Senior Adult Activity, 10:30-1:00  
(Fall leaves craft with a light lunch provided)
- 10/30: Deacons Meeting, 4:30  
Choir Practice, 5:00-5:30
- 10/31: Trunk or Treat, 6:30-7:30  
(Fellowship with light refreshments afterwards)



Mt. Olive,

Fall has arrived, the season when time grows shorter and shorter. Days begin to wane with fewer daylight hours, but as the days grow shorter, our busyness grows ever more intense. How can we stay centered in Christ when the world around us is pushing us to go, go, go?

This may seem simple, but lately more and more, God has reminded me of how powerfully important our daily devotional time is. We live lives of endless complexity where we have more things to do, more things to worry about, and we fixate on more problems than we could ever address in our lifetimes. Yet, when I sit and read the Bible, when I look at my morning devotional, I am reminded, this world is not all life has to offer. In the midst of uncertainty, we can find peace and wisdom in the pages of Scripture: *"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork."*

Psalm 19:1

It's important for us to be reminded that God exists apart from our fears and worries, outside of our conceptions of reality; for he is everywhere and nowhere, all at once. In Him we are powerfully reminded God cares about our daily struggles. As we sit down to pray, as we set aside time for the Almighty to direct our paths, we oftentimes end up in a better place emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually. I can't tell you how long I read my devotional today, probably less than 20 minutes, but my choices afterwards on several decisions were clearer, my attitude was improved, and I had more hope. If devotional time was a pill, we would all take it, every day without fail, yet we have to make the effort to read, pray, and think on the Lord and don't always make the effort.

Prayer is another powerful aspect of committing to daily devotional time... praying for those in our church who struggle with health concerns, those who struggle with relationships, and those who struggle with spiritual health. Concerns may tragically go without being lifted up to God when we neglect to commit to devotional time and prayer. As we study the Word, we are convicted to pray more for others and to pray more often for others. God will lead us in the process of prayer.

What I'm trying to say is that God endures forever, and his ability to encourage and sustain us through seeking Him daily is boundless! All we have to do is open his word and read. All we have to do is pray, and incredibly our faith will become more vibrant.

As Southern Baptists, our connection to God is not cultivated by reading aloud from a prayer book; it's not cultivated by simply saying or doing whatever "Christians" are supposed to do. No, our faith becomes sight when we read his word, when we step out to accomplish his word, and when we pray unselfishly.

If you don't have a daily time to read or pray, I encourage you to make time to do so. Stay in the habit and grow deeper in his word, because as days draw nearer, and as our time grows shorter, it is so easy for our daily time with the Lord to be squeezed out. Do not allow your flesh, the devil, or your own temptations to convince you that daily pray has no benefit. When we see him face-to-face, we will be astounded by the power and influence God allows our prayers. Don't give up! Continue to persevere!

Dr. Josh Peeler

# October

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>
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<b>Donna Andrews</b>	2	
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<b>Deanne Vaughn</b>	4	
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<b>Lindsay Morris</b>	8	
<b>Corinne Norwood</b>		
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<b>Emma Evans</b>	12	
<b>Laura Thomas</b>	13	
<b>Bill Zachary</b>	14	
	15	<b>John &amp; Doris Marshall</b>
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<b>Ruth Ann Jones</b>	17	
<b>Layden Brazington</b>	18	
<b>JoAnn McPherson</b>		
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<b>Ann Andrews</b>	22	<b>Jimmy &amp; Lisa White</b>
<b>Abegale Lawson</b>		
<b>Mary Catherine Myers</b>		
<b>Tony Glosson</b>	23	
<b>Dan Cheek</b>	24	
<b>Vickie Gaudette</b>		
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<b>Joyce Vaughn</b>	29	<b>Ned &amp; Vickie Gaudette</b>
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If you have any corrections/additions to this listing, please email [christina@mt.olivebaptist.com](mailto:christina@mt.olivebaptist.com)

# **Backpack Ministries**

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



## **Appalachian Backpack**

### **Christmas Ministry**

October Collection:

- Shoes
- Shirts
- Blankets
- Warmth 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 bottles are easiest for the kids)

## “Walking by Faith and Not by Sight”

I hope everyone has had a great beginning to the Fall season. Fall is such a beautiful time of the year, with the sights and smells permeating the world around us. I love the crisp mornings, colorful leaves, barbecue smoke in the air, crop harvests, pumpkin carvings, and other things which make this the favorite time of the year for many. We may define Fall by its sights and smells, but we should never lose faith in our creator. This month, I want to share a story about what can happen when we trust in our own abilities instead of focusing on the most important thing.

One of John F. and Jacqueline Kennedy’s four children was John F. Kennedy Jr. He was expected to follow in his father’s footsteps and pursue politics when he aged. However, John Jr. was interested in helping other people, working for a non-profit group called Reaching Up. He passed the bar exam on his third try and became a prosecutor. John Jr. also became a journalist and got married in 1996 to Carolyn Bessette. John Jr. received his pilot’s license in 1998 but was not approved for instrument flight. Being a pilot was a lifelong dream, and John Jr. felt competent in his abilities.

In 1999, John Jr. planned to fly his plane from New York City to Massachusetts to attend a family wedding. His wife Carolyn and her sister were aboard. Their takeoff was delayed until after dark, and Kennedy should have waited to fly until daylight. John Jr. took off, but they never reached their destination. All three passengers were killed in a crash that occurred over the Atlantic Ocean. Investigators determined that John Jr. probably became disoriented by flying over open water at night without any landmarks or visible horizon. His lack of experience may have led him to trust what he thought he was seeing more than what his instrument panel was telling him.

All of us face the temptation to walk according to sight instead of faith. Faith in God will keep us from crashing. Human reason will fail us at times, but God never fails. His Word keeps us on the right path if we will only adhere to its teachings. 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” In this verse, Paul, even though he was suffering, continued to live with courage because he had faith. Let’s all rely on our faith in God to live in this world and continue to uplift others.

In Christ’s Love,

Joe Godfrey



