



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 2022
Church News



Upcoming Events

- 11/2: Family Night Meal, 6:45
- 11/7: WMU Group #1, 2:00
(at the home of Evangeline Andrews)
- 11/11: Hot Dog Supper and Games, 6:00
- 11/12: Church Barbecue, 5:00
- 11/14: Ladies Bible Study, 7:00
- 11/18: Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study, Noon
- 11/23: Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00
- 11/27: Deacons Meeting, 4:30



Mt. Olive,

November is known as a month of gratitude. Across the United States and around the world where Americans live, people are preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving. For good or bad, I spent my fair share of Thanksgivings away from my family. One positive aspect of this experience was seeing how people from different backgrounds celebrate Thanksgiving. Here are three lessons I've learned from friends and family about how to celebrate Thanksgiving.

1) **Eat Something New:** Now for some of you this is going to be pretty difficult because you make all the Thanksgiving food in your house, but if you get a chance to invite someone new to your house or get invited somewhere new for Thanksgiving, then take a chance on a new food item. Staying positive and being open to new experiences can give you a much better Thanksgiving. In 2008 for example, I was invited to a Filipino friend's house for Thanksgiving. I can't even tell you the name of everything new and great I ate that year, but I can tell you they gave me something new to be thankful for, new experiences with friends and family. Look for opportunities to invite single friends, distant family members, or new folks who have moved to the area over for your celebration.

2) **Decide Your Emphasis:** I know this may sound cheesy, but it's also true; you can either practice being thankful or develop an overly critical attitude. The opposite of being thankful is being unappreciative, ungrateful, unthankful, or critical. In general, we are either cultivating thankfulness or being ungrateful. The personality characteristic we chose to invest in will often develop into our overarching perspective.

3) **Develop Habits for Thanksgiving:** There are so many ways to develop an attitude of gracious humility during the Thanksgiving season. One November, I decided to create a list of 10 unique things to be thankful for. Every day I would create a unique list specific to that day that could not be repeated in the month. You would be surprised how helpful this list was for developing and nurturing gratitude. Another year I planned out exactly what I was going to be thankful for ahead of time. This helped me to not feel put on the spot Thanksgiving Day when my friends and family shared their gratitude around the dinner table. For the last two years, I have loved celebrating Thanksgiving at Mount Olive; I love that we have a service dedicated to it. Every year since moving here I have heard different stories and testimonies of thankfulness from our church. It is such a blessing to me personally and such an encouragement to me spiritually to hear all the ways God has blessed people in our community. But whether you make a list daily, save your gratitude for Thanksgiving Day, or celebrate by sharing your gratefulness during our Wednesday church service, decide to make a habit of thankfulness.

I pray that during this holiday season God reminds you of everything you have to be thankful for! May the God of all peace richly bless you, empowering you to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Dr. Josh Peeler

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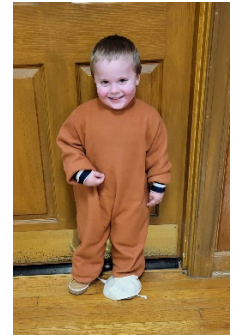
BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
Michael Thompson	1	
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Kevin Jones	3	
Wyatt Wells	4	
Zeke Pope	5	
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Shauna Garner	9	
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Leta Ellington	11	
Stephen Williams	12	
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Marie Zachary	16	
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Tommie Love	23	
Joan Snyder		
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Jennifer White Black	25	
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Carol Ann Glosson	27	
Ellen McBane	28	
Rex Zachary	29	
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MINISTRY IN ACTION

“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” (Romans 12:13)

Mt. Olive ushered in fall with fun and fellowship for all ages. On October 16th, our Rise Up Ladies Group hosted a shower for Alamance Pregnancy Services. Gifts of diapers, wipes, formula, and more abounded. On October 24th, Suzanne Jones hosted our Ladies Bible Study on Satan-The Defeated Foe. On October 29th, Dawn Lloyd hosted a senior fall craft event and luncheon. We ended October with a covered dish lunch to celebrate pastor appreciation month, and of course, our annual Halloween Trunk or Treat Celebration! Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our awesome October activities!



Outreach Opportunities for November:

Donations for the McBane Family (through 11-6)

Church Barbecue on 11-12 (donations of tea and desserts are needed)

Baptist Children’s Home Offering (through 11-13)

Sunshine baskets (let Lisa White know of anyone who may like to receive a basket)

BEJ Snack Pack Program (full list of needed items is posted on the office bulletin board)



STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION

"For we live by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

"Faith---Where is Our Next Noah?"

This month, I wanted to write something that was a little unconventional. Many of you know that I enjoy listening to southern gospel music. Recently, I have tried to listen a little more to the lyrics of songs. I was intrigued when I heard a new song by The Collingsworth Family. The title of the song is "We Need Another Noah." The song made me think of what it must have been like many thousands of years ago when Noah and his family lived in the desert. I wonder what Noah thought about when God told him to build the ark. What do we think or say today when we look at the world around us and see the wickedness and sin?

Over the last several years we have seen an increase in crime. We hear about the mass murders at schools, stores, and businesses. We see that property crime has risen significantly. Drug related crimes have increased sharply. Aggravated assaults and robberies increased from 2021 to 2022. Do we ever think about the reasons why this is happening? Do we just determine that if it doesn't affect us, everything is ok? There is a probability that Noah was affected by crime or some type of sin. I wonder what Noah thought as he saw the perverse and wicked world around him.

Noah's faith was beyond reason. Imagine building such a large structure in the middle of the desert. Noah's neighbors would have mocked him and laughed at him. Noah also had to gather food for the animals, which would have taken a lot of time. Noah didn't break from building the ark until it was finished. Noah was told to prepare for the wrath that was to come. Noah knew that God was going to protect him...this is the same way that God will protect us. Jesus is our ark. He came to protect us from the world, even when things seem bad. God has promised to rain down judgement on this world in which we live, just as he promised judgement in Genesis.

The lyrics of the song have some lines worth writing. "We need another Noah. In this world that is lost in sin. To build an ark of safety. Then compel them to come in. You know God is gonna rain down judgement. On this wickedness he sees. We need another Noah. Will it be you? Will it be me?" I wonder...do we know any Noah's? One who listens when God speaks. Remember that God has called us through faith to live a life which shows who he is. Are we living that life? Can we make a difference in the world around us?

In Christ's Love,

Joe Godfrey

