



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

October 2023



Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Nights: RAs/GAs, Youth, and Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

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| Sunday, October 1: | Church Conference, 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, October 4: | Family Night Meal, 6:30 p.m.
RAs/GAs, Youth, and Adult Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, October 8: | Last day to donate shampoo for The Red Box Ministry
Choir Practice, 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, October 15: | Praise Team Practice, 5:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, October 21: | Game Night, 6:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, October 22: | Deacons' Meeting, 4:30 p.m. |
| Monday, October 23: | Sandy Creek Fall Gathering, 6:00 p.m. |
| Friday, October 27: | Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study, 12:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, October 31: | Trunk-or-Treat, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
(fellowship with light snacks afterwards) |

Appalachian Backpack Focus: Pop-top Canned Food and Candy (no chocolate)
BEJ Snack Pack Focus: Small Jars of Creamy Peanut Butter

*Please send submissions for the November Newsletter to christina@mtolivebaptist.com by October 25th.

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BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
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Donna Andrews	2	
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Deanne Vaughn	4	
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Corinne Norwood	8	
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Emma Evans	12	
Laura Thomas	13	
Bill Zachary	14	
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Ruth Ann Jones	17	
Layden Brazington	18	
JoAnn McPherson		
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Ann Andrews	22	Jimmy & Lisa White
Abegale Lawson		
Mary Catherine Myers		
Tony Glosson	23	
Dan Cheek	24	
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October Happenings with Mt. Olive Youth

A wind blows over your shoulder. The crisp fall air knocks some leaves off of a tree. It's almost time. It's almost time for the greatest holiday in October. It's almost time for: Reformation Day. on October 31st in the year 1517 on the last day of October a young churchman and monk named Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses to a church door in Wittenberg Germany. this small action would go on to begin to transform medieval society into the modern world through the Protestant Reformation. it would result in many things such as the formation of America eventually but more importantly it allowed for a revival of the Gospel as the center of the church, and Jesus as the head.

In 1 Corinthians chapter 1 Paul exhorts the saints to all agree and come together. there's a lot of petty divisions he is noticing. What is the one thing that truly unites us all together? At the end of the day it is Jesus and his gospel. We look at the world today and we see a lot of division, even in the church. how can we come together with others to accomplish greater things than we can accomplish by ourselves.

I have been really encouraged by the development of the Sanford Youth Network. A lot of Youth groups are collaborating together within the association. I hope that we can participate in some group worship soon.



Photo: The Church door in Wittenberg Germany where Martin Luther posted his paper.

Upcoming Events:

October 7th: worship night in Sanford with Sanford Youth Network

Trip to Carowinds! Date STILL TBD but still planning to go.

Fall Bonfire: toward the end of the month we will get together at the church for a fall bonfire!



How to Consume God's word---

📖 October Bible Reading Plan: 4 options/levels

i. Basic (2 chapters): Read a Psalm which corresponds to the day of the month, and a chapter of the book of Acts which corresponds to the day of the month.

ii. Intermediate (4 chapters): Read a Psalm at each meal (e.g. morning, midday, and afternoon) corresponding to the day of the month (morning: 1-30; midday: 30-60; afternoon 60-90) and read one chapter of the book of Acts which corresponds to the day of the month.

iii. Advanced (8 chapters): Read a Psalm at each meal and night (i.e. morning, midday, afternoon, evening, and night) corresponding to the day of the month (morning: 1-30; midday: 30-60; afternoon 60-90; evening 90-120; night 120-150) and read one chapter of the book of Acts which corresponds to the day of the month. Additionally read one more chapter in the New Testament in an epistle/letter. More developed readers may want to add an additional chapter of the Old Testament from a book of their choice too.

iv. High Load/High Yield (12 Chapters): Read the five Psalms corresponding to the day of the month as previously described, and if desired Job A (1-31) and Ecc/Songs/Job B by day of the month and one more place in the OT. Additionally, read for this month a place in the prophets by day of the month, Corinthians (1 & 2) by day of the month, Rev/Thess by day of the month, Gal/Eph/Phil/Col by day of the month and work to break the remaining letters into 30 pieces for totality. The readings where books are grouped into units are sequential not simultaneous. To go EVEN quicker up the amounts where it says "a place."

Additional Note 1: "The LM Proverb of the Day"

Take the month from the calendar date, and add ten such that 1=11, 2=12, 3=13 etc. to get the chapter number for the book of Proverbs. Then, take the day of the month to get the verse. e.g.

June 4th = Proverbs 16:4

June 5th = Proverbs 16:5

June 18th = Proverbs 16:18

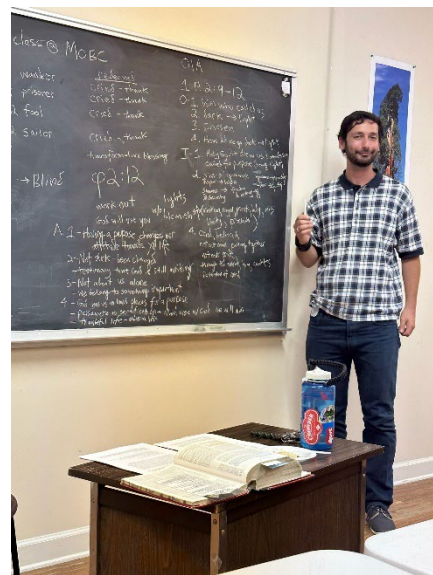
*For serious users, fill in missing slots from chapter 10 (in order; December 17 counts up from 10:17)

Additional Note 2: "Listening to the Bible vs. Reading"

Some individuals will find it is easier to listen to the Bible than to read it. I find the best way to take in God's word is to listen to it, but also to read it on a physical piece of paper. Electronic sources can be helpful, however I find it difficult to focus on the cell phone, though any source is better than none. Some parts of the Bible are much easier to listen to than others. For example I recommend reading the Epistles but listening to History. A great way to listen to the History (Joshua-Esther) is a rate of maximum 8 chapters a day, with some wiggle to start the different book divisions on a single day.



The first of several "Discipleship Meetings" was held Sunday evening, September 17th. A nice group attended as Noble Masi, our Minister of Youth and Children, led the study entitled "How to Spend Time Alone with God." The study was well organized and beneficial to all. Future studies, perhaps once per month, will be announced. Each is intended to enhance our ability to disciple others to know Jesus as our Savior and Lord. Plan to attend the next class!



STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:16)

Faith--- Sharing God’s Bounty with Others

Finding time to enjoy autumn is a must in October. With school started back, football on the tv, and activities and fairs everywhere, it is difficult to find enough time to sit on the porch with a blanket and relish the beauty of the season. However, God expects us and wants us to spend time enjoying his creation. If heaven is anything like the most beautiful autumn day I can imagine, I am looking forward to spending eternity there. As wonderful as Autumn is, we are certainly reminded during this season that there are families who need our help. I am excited to share some mission opportunities with you.

When school is in full swing, we received word of the opportunity we have to share snack packs with 24 children at B. Everett Jordan Elementary School. The task may seem difficult, but we are preparing to meet the task. It is exciting to know that we will be providing food for children who might not have the ability to get the proper nutrition without these snack packs. When the disciples were faced with overwhelming needs in the New Testament, they asked that the church set aside men of good reputation to help the widows who had nothing and could not support themselves. In the same way, families today are struggling to meet their basic needs. Food, gas, and clothing are more expensive than ever. Insurance (if one can afford it) has gone up. The 24 snack packs are desperately needed to help offset some of daily needs of families in our community.

Our church has another opportunity during November, as we will be finalizing the Appalachian backpack ministry mission target. This year we plan to pack 25 backpacks for children in the Appalachian region. Christina has been publishing a monthly list of items needed for these backpacks. If you have ever seen a video of the excited kids who receive these backpacks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, it makes you want to give even more. The Appalachian region is already a depressed region in America, and the economic downturn has hurt these people more than most. There is also a heavy drug presence in some of these small Appalachian towns, which in turn hurts families with kids. Schools in the region are willing to allow the Baptist churches of NC to come and hand out these backpacks during break times. These backpacks are the Christmas gift for many of these children, so please give if you can.

Mount Olive Baptist Church has had a large footprint in local missions for many years. As more and more people move into our area, there will be more opportunities to help. Jesus told us to go into the world and present the gospel to everyone we meet. As most of you know, meeting the needs of people is the first step in sharing the gospel with them. Next year, Mt. Olive will be partnering with other local churches to have a couple of “mission” days. We are starting to look for opportunities to help in our community and hope to work alongside people from all walks of life. With the economic forecast not improving, local churches should be looking for ways to help the less fortunate.

During these autumn months, take the time to look at the beauty. While looking at the beauty, make the time to look around you for opportunities of service. Our community is in desperate need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If we won’t take the gospel to our community, who will?

Have a great October,

Joe Godfrey