



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 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

- Wednesday, Nov. 1: Packing of the Appalachian Backpacks, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 4: Church Barbecue, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 6: WMU - Group 1 Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 8: Family Night Meal, 6:30 p.m.
RAs/GAs, Youth, and Adult Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 12: Sunday School Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
Choir Practice, 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 17: Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study, 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 18: Game Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 19: Praise Team Practice, 5:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Service, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 20: Senior Adult Outing, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 26: Deacon's Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

Baptist Children's Home Annual Offering: Sunday, Nov. 5th - Sunday, Nov. 19th
BEJ Snack Pack Focus: Jelly (squeeze bottles)

*Please send submissions for the December Newsletter to christina@mtolivebaptist.com by November 27th.



Senior Adult Fall Outing

When: Monday, November 20, 2023

Where: Southern Supreme & Best Food Cafeteria. Transportation will be provided.

Details: We will be taking the church bus for a scheduled tour of Southern Supreme. The tour begins at 10:30 am. Afterwards, we will head to Best Food Cafeteria for lunch.

Costs:

Southern Supreme: The tour is free; however, you may want to purchase items on your own from the store after the tour.

Please let Renee Godfrey or Rhonda Nunn know if you are interested and want to sign up.



For What Thanksgiving Can We Give Unto God?

1 Thessalonians 3:6-10

November

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
Michael Thompson	1	
John B. Marshall		
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Kevin Jones	3	
Wyatt Wells	4	
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Leta Ellington	11	
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Marie Zachary	16	
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Brenda Zachary	19	
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Tommie Love	23	
Joan Snyder		
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Carol Ann Glosson	27	
Ellen McBane	28	
Ben Marshall		
Rex Zachary	29	
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STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION

Faith--- Thankful for Everything?

One of the definitions of thankfulness is the feeling of being happy or grateful because of something. Sometimes it can be difficult to feel thankful for the little things in life, especially when we are overwhelmed with everything we deal with daily. 1 Chronicles 16:8 states, "Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name' make known his deeds among the peoples!" As we enter the holiday seasons of both Thanksgiving and Christmas, let's do our best to give thanks for the big things and the small things. Let's make known God's grace and show others what God has done for us.

The theme of being thankful is prominent in the Bible. Faithful people are called to give thanks to God for everything. I read that "once we begin counting our blessings, we often discover that we have a gracious plenty after all. It's simply the change in perspective from dwelling on what we lack to focusing on what we have." There are examples of people in the Bible who were grateful with what God had given them, even if it seemed insignificant to others. I think of David, who had his ups and downs. However, he never lost the ability to be thankful. I think of Paul, who had an infirmity but remained thankful for God's holiness. I especially think of Jesus, who broke bread and drink the wine on the night before his arrest. He gave thanks because he knew what the future was, even when it included his death on the cross.

During this Thanksgiving season, think of things you can do to show your thankfulness. Get outside your personal space and do something different. Renee and I have the opportunity to go to Mountaire Farms on Saturday, November 18th to pack Thanksgiving boxes for up to 10,000 families. We wanted to do something different this year. I have asked for 5 boxes to share with those in our community and can't wait to surprise families with everything they need for a full Thanksgiving meal. There are many other opportunities to help in our communities. Food banks are requesting supplies. Kitchens need volunteers to help serve. Where can you serve? Anywhere.

Paul wrote to the Philippians in 4:12-13, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." This is one of my favorite passages in the Bible. Imagine what our community, nation, and world would be like if we all believed and lived by these words. It is easy to be thankful when things are going well. When challenges come our way, most of us fall into a negative attitude where there is no space for thankfulness. When we struggle with thankfulness, turn to scripture. Remind ourselves that everything happens according to God's will, and he will give us strength to make it through our struggles. We can learn to be thankful for everything he does in our life, just like David, Paul and Jesus did before us. Give thanks for all HE has done!

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving,

Joe Godfrey

Thanks to everyone who made our October Trunk-or-Treat a success!

