



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

April 2024

“Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:3-4

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Nights: Youth and Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
(RAs and GAs meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month)

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, April 3: Family Night Meal, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 11: Memorial Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 14: Choir Practice, 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 19: Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study, 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 20: Game Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 21: Praise Team Practice, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 22: Sandy Creek Spring Gathering, 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 28: Deacons' Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 5: Ladies Chorus Practice, 5:00 p.m.

BEJ Snack Pack Focus: Jelly (squeeze bottles)

*Please send submissions for the May Newsletter to christina@mtolivebaptist.com by April 26.



Mt. Olive -

With this being my first newsletter as the Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church I would like to take the opportunity to thank you. It is a great joy for me to receive this call from the Lord and have it confirmed by all of you. As I step into this call, I am reminded of Paul's prayer for the Colossian church. We read it in Colossians 1:9-14, ***"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."***

This is a powerful prayer, offered up in love to the Father for this church that Paul was writing to. First, there is the prayer for growth and endurance. Paul asks that they would increase in knowledge and practice. This is their sanctification. I pray for all of us in this as well. That we would be a people who love our Lord and grow in our knowledge of His Word. Not only to build up knowledge, but that we may glorify God in practice. Of course this is true individually, but it is equally true as a church.

But, there is a second component to this prayer...gratitude. We see it in the latter half of this passage. "Giving thanks to the Father." We cannot neglect to be thankful for the great salvation that God has worked in us, and continues to work out. It is in Him that we are qualified to share in the inheritance. He has delivered us. What joy this should give to us! Let us grow in that joy as we celebrate evidences of God's grace in ourselves and one another. He has saved you, He has saved us, and He will continue to save.

So, let's be a people of prayer, using this model that Paul has given us. Pray the Scripture for one another! As part of my regular prayer practice, I like to go through the directory and pray for the members of Mt. Olive. If you have any prayer requests that you would like me to keep for you, please reach out. In the meantime, I will be praying as Paul does here. May God give us grace, and do a mighty work among us!

In Christ -

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April

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
Camden Wilkins	1	
Winder Zachary	2	
John Green	3	
Luke Marshall		
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Dianne Norwood	6	
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	8	Joseph & Gail Thomas
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Peter Jones	11	Doug and Shirley Christopher
Shelli Morris	12	
Katherine Hadley		
Eric Snyder	13	
	14	Johnnie & Jessica Moore
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	19	Winder & Marie Zachary Mike & Pam Jackson
Toni Brazington	20	
Darith Andrews	21	
Emeline Jones	22	
	23	
Shirley Christopher	24	
	25	
Charles Nunn	26	
	27	
Evelyn Prete	28	
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Bible Readings for April

(Read through the Bible in a Year Plan)

Monday	April 1st	1 Samuel 18-20
Tuesday	April 2nd	1 Samuel 21-24
Wednesday	April 3rd	1 Samuel 25-27
Thursday	April 4th	1 Samuel 28-31
Friday	April 5th	2 Samuel 1-3
Saturday	April 6th	2 Samuel 4-7
Sunday	April 7th	2 Samuel 8-12
Monday	April 8th	2 Samuel 13-15
Tuesday	April 9th	2 Samuel 16-18
Wednesday	April 10th	2 Samuel 19-21
Thursday	April 11th	2 Samuel 22-24
Friday	April 12th	1 Kings 1-2
Saturday	April 13th	1 Kings 3-5
Sunday	April 14th	1 Kings 6-7
Monday	April 15th	1 Kings 8-9
Tuesday	April 16th	1 Kings 10-11
Wednesday	April 17th	1 Kings 12-14
Thursday	April 18th	1 Kings 15-17
Friday	April 19th	1 Kings 18-20
Saturday	April 20th	1 Kings 21-22
Sunday	April 21st	2 Kings 1-3
Monday	April 22nd	2 Kings 4-5
Tuesday	April 23rd	2 Kings 6-8
Wednesday	April 24th	2 Kings 9-11
Thursday	April 25th	2 Kings 12-14
Friday	April 26th	2 Kings 15-17
Saturday	April 27th	2 Kings 18-19
Sunday	April 28th	2 Kings 20-22
Monday	April 29th	2 Kings 23-25
Tuesday	April 30th	1 Chronicles 1-2

Jesus is Dead; NOT! April Fools Devil. Jesus is risen and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and Believe in the gospel. As God brings the gospel to Piedmont NC through the hands and feet of his saints, we can celebrate the new life of Christ that we have as we see nature coming back to life as well. It says in Matthew 28:6, "He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." Women were the first to see the empty tomb, ironically. In the time of classical antiquity the testimony of a woman was not counted as valid or reliable. The New Testament records that women saw the visions of Christ and also the empty tomb not because they were trying to make a propaganda to deceive others but because they were accurately recording what really happened.

Jesus' resurrection was seen by many witnesses and to this day nobody has been able to disprove it or provide evidence to the contrary of its fact. How can we share this resurrection truth with others this month?



(Image: Irma Martin - The three women on the tomb of Christ)

Coming Up:

- Every Wednesday: YOUTH GROUP
- Pizza at Youth: Every OTHER Wednesday
- Friday April 19th: SECRET CHURCH starting @7pm in the Sanctuary
- Saturday April 20th: WORKDAY on "The Farm" Property.
- Friday April 26th-27th: SPRING FARM RETREAT
- More Events Coming Soon!

Full Calendar:





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