



# MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH November 2024



Thomas Watson writes in his book *The Art of Divine Contentment*, “For my part, I do not know of any ornament in religion that more bespangles a Christian, or glitters in the eye of God and man more, than this of contentment.” Contentment is not something that comes to us naturally. Paul tells us in Philippians 4:11, “...for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.” It is something that Paul had to learn. It did not come automatically the moment he became a Christian, and it is not something that just came with time. Contentment is a learned trait.

So, what is the biblical understanding of contentment? Easton’s Bible Dictionary describes it as, “a state of mind in which one’s desires are confined to his lot whatever it may be (1 Tim. 6:6; 2 Cor. 9:8). It is opposed to envy (James 3:16), avarice (Heb. 13:5), ambition (Prov. 13:10), anxiety (Matt. 6:25, 34), and repining (1 Cor. 10:10). It arises from the inward disposition, and is the offspring of humility, and of an intelligent consideration of the rectitude and benignity of divine providence (Ps. 96:1, 2; 145), the greatness of the divine promises (2 Pet. 1:4), and our own unworthiness (Gen. 32:10); as well as from the view the gospel opens up to us of rest and peace hereafter (Rom. 5:2).”

As we approach Thanksgiving this month, may we be reminded of the goodness of God towards us, and find in Him enough reason to be content. God has been good to all of us in different ways. Let’s go through this season killing these fleshly desires of love for money, love for this world, desire for possessions and prestige, let us be content with what the Lord has given us. Then, let this contentment show itself forward in thankfulness to our God. He has saved us, He is sanctifying us, and He will come back for His people. Let us be content with what we have. As Paul told Timothy in 1 Tim. 6:8, “but if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.”

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Fri. 11/1: Luke 19-20

Sat. 11/2: Luke 21-22

Sun. 11/3: Luke 23-24

Mon. 11/4: John 1-2

Tues. 11/5: John 3-4

Wed. 11/6: John 5-6

Thurs. 11/7: John 7-8

Fri. 11/8: John 9-10

Sat. 11/9: John 11-12

Sun. 11/10: John 13-15

Mon. 11/11: John 16-18

Tues. 11/12: John 19-21

Wed. 11/13: Acts 1-3

Thurs. 11/14: Acts 4-6

Fri. 11/15: Acts 7-8

Sat. 11/16: Acts 9-10

Sun. 11/17: Acts 11-13

Mon. 11/18: Acts 14-15

Tues. 11/19: Acts 16-17

Wed. 11/20: Acts 18-20

Thurs. 11/21: Acts 21-23

Fri. 11/22: Acts 24-26

Sat. 11/23: Acts 27-28

Sun. 11/24: Romans 1-3

Mon. 11/25: Romans 4-7

Tues. 11/26: Romans 8-10

Wed. 11/27: Romans 11-13

Thurs. 11/28: Romans 14-16

Fri. 11/29: 1 Corinthians 1-4

Sat. 11/30: 1 Corinthians 5-8

*"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seats of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night."*

*Psalm 1:1-2*



## *Youth and Family Discipleship*

As I have been preparing for preaching the past few weeks, I have mostly been struck by the idea that the Gospel is a very simple message. Twice in 1 Corinthians 1 and 2, Paul refers to “Christ crucified.” That is the message. The cross is at the center of human history. It, along with the resurrection, is the most significant event to have ever occurred.

The cross is the only hope we have. It is the place where God’s justice and love meet each other. The penalty that we deserved for our sin was laid upon Christ, and his perfect righteousness was given to us in return. I say “us” meaning those of us who have put our faith in Christ. It is at the cross that we are reconciled to a holy and loving God. Here are some lyrics of a beautiful song about the cross...

### “The Power of the Cross”

Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Every bitter thought,  
Every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees,  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
‘Finished!’ the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.





You will be enriched  
in every way to be  
*generous in every way.*  
which through us will  
*produce thanksgiving*  
to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

# Packing of the Appalachian Backpacks

On Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Olive packed 38 backpacks to send to western NC. The backpacks included toiletries, toys, food, warmth items, a Bible, and a copy of The Christmas Story. Many thanks to everyone who donated items throughout the year to make this ministry possible!





COMMUNITY  
★ **BBQ** ★

**Saturday, November 2, 2024**

**5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
5043 Mt. Olive Church Rd.  
Pittsboro, NC 27312**

**BBQ Pork and Chicken with all the Fixins!**

**\*Dinner is free**



**SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES**

**Baptist Children's Homes**  
*of* **NORTH CAROLINA**

**Annual Offering: November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**



# *Senior Adult Fall Gathering*

*Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, in the fellowship hall*

*11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

*Fellowship, food, and fun!*

*Please contact Renee Godfrey or Rhonda Nunn if you would like to attend.*



## *Bible Conference* *"The Sufficiency of Scripture"*

*November 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.*



Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m





## BEJ Snack Pack Focus:

Small Jars of Creamy Peanut Butter  
&  
Squeeze Bottles of Jelly



# *Serving This Month:*

### Deacon of the Week

11-03: Charles Nunn  
11-10: Glenn Williams  
11-17: Rex Zachary  
11-24: John Green

### Nursery

Maria Wilske  
Teresa Garner & Cindy Marshall  
Ellen Crayton & Joan Snyder  
Oscar & Jane Majors

### BEJ Snack Pack

Denise Dixon & Ellen McBane  
The Discovery Class  
The Norwood Family  
Thanksgiving Break

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# Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Birthdays: John B. Marshall Michael Thompson	2 Community Barbecue 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
3  Daylight Savings Time Ends  Birthday: Kevin Jones  Praise Team Practice 5:00 p.m.	4  Birthday: Wyatt Wells  Marshall Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	5  Yarnoff Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	6  Family Night Meal, RAs/GAs, Youth, & Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	7	8  Senior Adult Fall Gathering 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	9
10  Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.	11  Veteran's Day  Birthday: Leta Ellington  WMU Group 1 Meeting 2:00 p.m.  Marshall Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	12  Yarnoff Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	13  Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	14	15  Brown Bag Lunch & Bible Study 12:00 p.m.  Bible Conference 6:30 p.m.	16  Birthday: Marie Zachary  Bible Conference 6:30 p.m.
17  Praise Team Practice 5:00 p.m.	18  Marshall Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	19  Birthday: Brenda Zachary  Yarnoff Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	20  RAs/GAs, Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23  Birthdays: Tommie Love Joan Snyder
24  Deacons' Meeting 4:30 p.m.  Thanksgiving Service 6:30 p.m.	25  Marshall Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	26  Yarnoff Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	27  Birthday: Carol Ann Glosson  No Wed. Night Activities	28  Thanksgiving  Birthdays: Ben Marshall Ellen McBane	29  Birthday: Rex Zachary	30