



# MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

**February 2025**



In Matthew 16 Jesus asks his disciples who people say that He is. After giving a couple answers we read an important interaction. Matthew 16:15–18, He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

This teaches us a couple of things. First, the rock on which the church is to be built is the confession that Jesus is the Christ. Second, we are told that it is Christ who will build His church. This speaks to His possession of the church. Before Mt. Olive Baptist Church is your church, or my church, it is Christ’s! He is the one who has authority over His church. We are called to do what He says. Also, we see that it is He (Christ) who will build the church. Not gimmicks, not programs, not a man or group of people, it is Christ who builds His church.

We can trust that He knows what is best, and therefore strive to walk in obedience to what He commands us to do. Let us be a church that trusts the Lord to do what He says here. That takes a lot of pressure off of us to grow or sustain a church. Instead, we focus on increasingly being faithful, trying to be the church that God calls us to be, and be about what He calls us to be about. In light of that there are a couple of things you can do; 1) Read and study 1 Timothy as we go through it together on Sunday morning. Do some personal studies and dive into the rich depths of this great Pastoral Epistle, 2) Pray for the Deacons of the church to have wisdom in the execution of the role of deacon, and 3) Pray for me to keep the focus where it should be...on Christ, 4) Pray for one another to grow in dependance on Christ and our view of Him. Trust Him to build His church and be faithful in the things He has called you to do.



**FROM THE  
Pastor**

## *Youth and Family Discipleship*

The youth have been continuing to study the Gospel of Luke together on Sunday mornings. We have especially loved to discuss the fact that Jesus came to save sinners who know they are in need of God's grace. The Pharisees hated this. They believed that they themselves were already righteous and better than the "sinners" that Jesus associated with. They believed they didn't need his grace. But whether our sins are outward and obvious or inward and hidden, we are all in need of God's grace and forgiveness.

On Wednesday nights, we are continuing to study the spiritual disciplines (habits of grace): the Word, prayer, and fellowship. We have finally made it to the last topic, fellowship (corporate worship, baptism, the Lord's Supper, etc.), which I think goes along really well with what Pastor Travis is teaching on Wednesday nights and preaching on Sunday mornings in recent weeks.

Please know that your youth-aged sons and daughters are ALWAYS welcome to join us when they can, even if it's not every week. And for those that regularly come, please also know that your friends from outside the church are always welcome to come with you as well.

There are a few events that we are starting to talk about and plan that we are very excited about:

- 1) Saturday, February 15, we are taking the youth to Pittsboro Baptist Church for a winter conference. It is FREE (suggested donation for lunch and dinner if you wish). It begins at 10:00 AM and goes until 7:30 PM. There will be worship in song, teaching, games, fellowship, meals, fun, etc.
- 2) We are starting to plan for VBS in the next few days. We are excited for this opportunity for our children and the children of our community.
- 3) We also have begun discussing summer camp for both youth AND children. We will update you with details as soon as we can so you can begin planning your summer.

Finally, I would love to have a list of all parents of youth and children and their contact information. I have some, but not all. I want to be able to connect with all of you better and to have a better grasp on who our members and regular attenders with kids are. So could you please respond to my email at [family@mtolivebaptist.com](mailto:family@mtolivebaptist.com) with any email addresses or phone numbers that you would be willing to share with me?

Grace and peace,

Jason Lewis  
Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Discipleship



# 2025 Family Night

## Meal Teams

### Group 1

Craig & Denise Dixon  
Mike & Tammie Marley  
Steve & Christina Wilkins  
Ben & Ashley Yarnoff

### Group 2

Sydney Ashley  
John & Cindy Marshall  
Chris & Gwen Norwood  
Phillip Thomas  
Jimmy & Lisa White

### Group 3

Travis & Kim Bodine  
Ricky & Teresa Garner  
Mike & Pam Jackson  
Rick & Beverly Morris  
Rex & Kristina Zachary

### Group 4

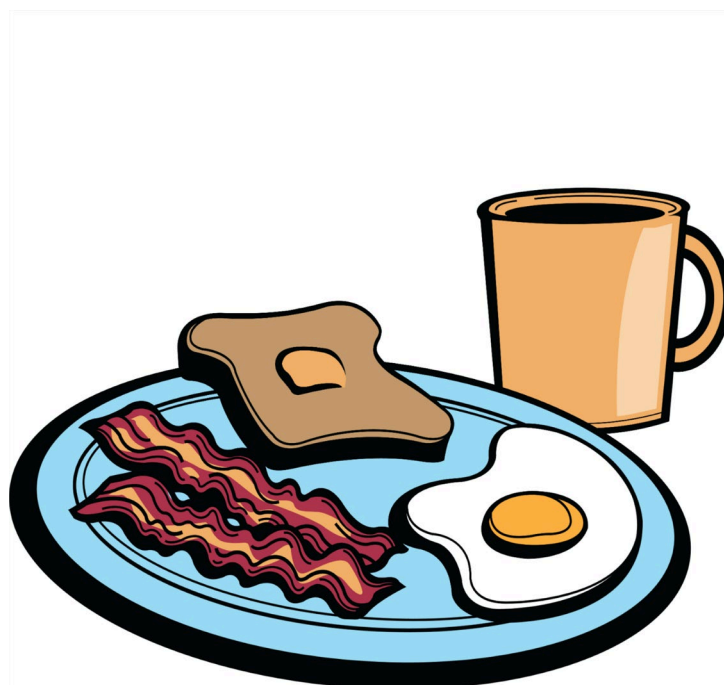
Chip & Brenda Coble  
Joe & Renee Godfrey  
Steve & Suzanne Jones  
Oscar & Jane Majors

## Schedule

February: Group 1  
March: Group 2  
April: Group 3  
May: Group 4  
June: Group 1  
July: No Family Night Meal  
August: Group 2  
September: Group 3  
October: Group 4  
November: Group 1  
December: Group 2

# Ham and Egg Supper

Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.



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Followed by Game Night!



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JANUARY 27, 2025 - FEBRUARY 1, 2025



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Offering:*

*Ongoing through February 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Heck-Jones Offering:*

*February 9<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>*

You make known to me the path of life;  
In Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
— Psalm 16:11



2025  
HECK-JONES  
Offering for WMU NC  
WEEK OF PRAYER  
GOAL: \$325,000  
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**Lord,**

**I am your  
servant.**

**PSALM 116:16**

## *Serving This Month:*

### Deacon of the Week

2-02 Glenn Williams  
2-09 Rex Zachary  
2-16 John Green  
2-23 Oscar Majors

### Nursery

Oscar & Jane Majors  
Lisa & Jimmy White  
Kim & Madison Bodine  
Suzanne & Elizabeth Jones

### BEJ Snack Pack

The Norwood Family  
Kristina Zachary & Family  
The Shorette Family  
The Ashley Family

### Children's Church

2-02: Cindy Marshall

2-09: Kristina Zachary

2-16: Tammie Marley

2-23: Jane Majors

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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                                                                              |
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| 26                                                                           | 27                                                                                                                                        | 28                                                                             | 29                                                                                                   | 30                           | 31                               | 1                                                                                     |
| 2<br>Anniversary:<br>Layden & Toni Brazington                                | 3<br>Marshall Home<br>Fellowship<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>Birthday:<br>Craig Dixon                                                             | 4<br>Yarnoff Home<br>Fellowship<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>Birthday:<br>Joseph Thomas | 5<br>Family Night<br>Meal<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>RAs/GAs, Youth,<br>& Adult Bible<br>Study<br>7:30 p.m. | 6<br>Birthday:<br>Abby Jones | 7                                | 8<br>Ham & Egg<br>Supper/Game<br>Night<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>Birthday:<br>Linda Pickard |
| 9<br>Choir Practice<br>5:00 p.m.                                             | 10<br>WMU Group 1<br>Meeting<br>2:00 p.m.<br><br>Marshall Home<br>Fellowship<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>Anniversary:<br>Bill & Brenda<br>Zachary | 11<br>Yarnoff Home<br>Fellowship<br>6:30 p.m.                                  | 12<br>Youth & Adult<br>Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m.                                                      | 13                           | 14                               | 15<br>Winter Youth<br>Conference<br>10:00 a.m.<br><br>Birthday:<br>LaVern Judd        |
| 16<br>Praise Team Practice<br>5:00 p.m.<br><br>Birthday:<br>Carol Pickard    | 17<br>Marshall Home<br>Fellowship<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>Birthday:<br>Tom Judd                                                               | 18<br>Yarnoff Home<br>Fellowship<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>Birthday:<br>Evan Moore   | 19<br>RAs/GAs, Youth,<br>& Adult Bible<br>Study<br>7:00 p.m.<br><br>Birthday:<br>Lisa White          | 20                           | 21<br>Newsletter<br>Deadline     | 22                                                                                    |
| 23<br>Deacons' Meeting<br>4:30 p.m.<br><br>Praise Team Practice<br>5:00 p.m. | 24<br>Marshall Home<br>Fellowship<br>6:30 p.m.                                                                                            | 25<br>Yarnoff Home<br>Fellowship<br>6:30 p.m.                                  | 26<br>Youth & Adult<br>Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m.                                                      | 27                           | 28<br>Birthday:<br>Rhonda Thomas | 1                                                                                     |

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