



**MT. OLIVE**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**January 2025**



Happy New Year! What a year it has been. The Lord has blessed us in a number of ways, and we should praise Him while we give Him all the glory for the way that He is working among us. Let us continue to pray for one another, our church, and our witness in the community that we live in.

As we begin the New Year, one thing that I would like us to focus on is the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. This is a call for all of us. So, I challenge you to be praying for the lost that you know, to seek out opportunities to share the gospel, and that you would have the boldness to bear witness to them.

There are also a couple of opportunities that I would like you to pray about. First, Sunday School. If you are involved in one, continue that involvement. If you have not been in one, I would ask that you consider getting involved in one. Second, Home Fellowships. These groups have been going great! We disciple one another, pray for and with one another, and enjoy times of fellowship. If you are available to come to one, I again ask for you to prayerfully consider your involvement.

Lastly, we are starting a Leadership Development Cohort. This is for male members of Mt. Olive, and we will meet the first and third weeks of every month. In this group, we will be doing a lot of reading, and discussing things such as; what a healthy church is, what biblical leadership looks like, and how to shepherd people well. We will get into sound doctrine that will enable us to lead the church and our families well. I ask that you seriously consider the opportunity, and seek the Lord's will. If you feel led to be involved, we do ask for a serious commitment to the group, the reading, and the discussions. There is no guarantee of leadership as a result, but it will be a blessing to you, and the church, as we get equipped together. If you would like to be involved in this, or have questions, please reach out.

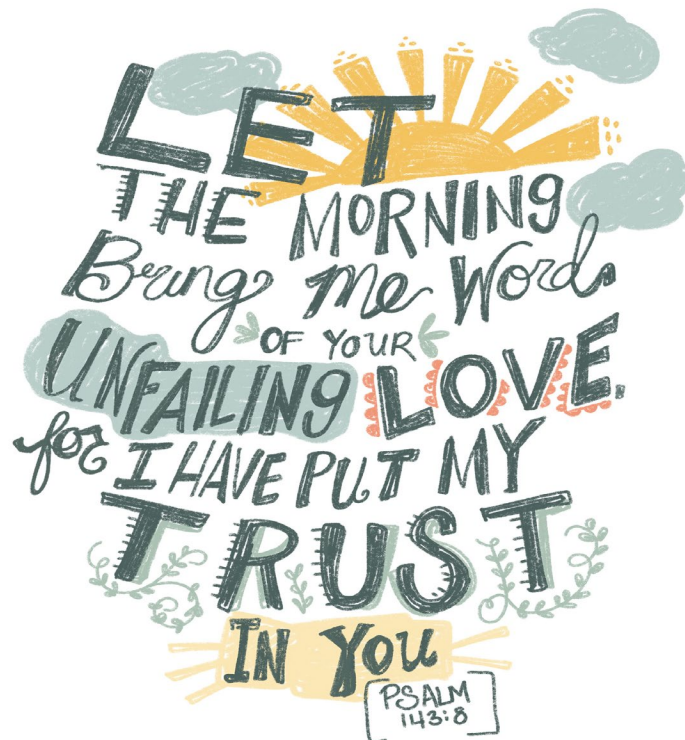
*New Year's Message*  
FROM THE PASTOR

# *Youth and Family Discipleship*

Happy New Year! Rather than making resolutions every year that I'm likely to break by February, I like to think in terms of forming new habits. Speaking of habits, that's what we have been studying on Wednesday nights with the youth: forming habits of grace. So far we have been through two of those habits over the past few months, the Word and prayer. This month, we will be studying the next and final habit, fellowship. So, it will include discussions about church attendance, the Lord's Supper, and baptism among other things.

On Sunday mornings, we have continued to study the book of Luke. It has been so neat, as we have been studying the beginning of Jesus' ministry, to see how he has 1) authority over sickness, 2) authority over demons, 3) authority over nature, and 4) authority to forgive sins. This all serves to prove that Jesus is the Son of God, as Luke assures us he is. He is the one to put our trust in!

Jason Lewis





## *Christmas at Mt. Olive...*

On Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, several of our church members spread Christmas Cheer through caroling.



Our 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Class learned about the birth of our Savior and why God sent His only son.  
It was a time of joy, excitement, and crafts!





Our Christmas Music Service was held on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, and was followed by food, fellowship, and fun!







*Congratulations!*

Our newest deacon, Jimmy White, his wife, Lisa, and Pastor Travis, pose for a picture after Jimmy's ordination ceremony!

## Sunday School Breakfast



Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 8:45 a.m.

## Ham and Egg Supper



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



## *Serving This Month:*

### Deacon of the Week

1-05 Steve Jones  
1-12 Mike Marley  
1-19 Craig Dixon  
1-26 Charles Nunn

### Nursery

Lisa & Jimmy White  
Pam Jackson & Joan Snyder  
Maria Wilske  
Tammie Marley & Kristina Zachary

### BEJ Snack Pack

Suzanne Jones & Family  
Joe & Renee Godfrey  
Denise Dixon & Ellen McBane  
The Discovery Class

### Children's Church Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays: Cindy Marshall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays: Kristina Zachary  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays: Tammie Marley  
4<sup>th</sup> Sundays: Jane Majors  
5<sup>th</sup> Sundays: Beverly Morris

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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
29	30	31	1 No Wednesday Night Activities	2	3 Birthday: Oscar Majors	4
5	6 WMU Group 1 Meeting 2:00 p.m.  Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Birthday: Payton Wilkins	7 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	8 Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11 Birthday: Jackson Batchelor
12 Sunday School Breakfast 8:45 a.m.  Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.	13 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Birthday: Jimmy White	14 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Birthday: Debbie Henry	15 RAs/GAs, Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	16 Birthday: Joyce Tarrant	17 Brown Bag Lunch & Bible Study 12:00 p.m.  Birthday: John C. Marshall  Anniversary: Jeff & Joan Snyder	18 Game Night 6:30 p.m.
19 Birthday: Layton Curl  Praise Team Practice 5:00 p.m.	20 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Birthday: Sarah Lindley  Anniversary: Willie & Rhonda Thomas	21 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Birthday: Christina Wilkins	22 Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  Birthday: Hannah Jones Black	23 Birthday: Elizabeth Jones	24 Birthdays: Alice Cheek Ashley Walker  Newsletter Deadline	25 Birthday: Hayden Morris
26 Deacons' Meeting 4:30 p.m.  Birthday: Cassie Moore	27 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Birthday: Chip Coble	28 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	29 Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  Birthdays: Preston Andrews Madison Bodine  Anniversary: Preston & Kim Andrews	30	31 Anniversary: Chip & Brenda Coble	1