



March 2025



Why does Mt. Olive Baptist Church exist? I am not talking about the historic background of our church, nor am I talking about the material possessions that make up a church. I am talking about purpose. What is the purpose for Mt. Olive's existence? Why are we here? I would submit that the answer to that question is to make disciples. We see it in the "Great Commission" found in Matthew 28:18–20. "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." We also see it in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Of course these two passages were given to specific people. However, I believe that the church finds its purpose here by extension. This is why Mt. Olive exists. We exist to make disciples at home and abroad. Notice that it is not just converts we are called to make. It is disciples. We are to raise up others to be more like Jesus. We do this first, by sharing the gospel with others through personal evangelism. Tell others about Jesus. The first thing that I would like for all of Mt. Olive to do in the process of disciple-making is to pray. Pray intentionally for someone that you know to come to saving faith. Then don't stop at prayer. Yes, prayer is essential. But, we also need to seek opportunities to share the gospel with people, invite them to church, and encourage them to come to Jesus. Who will you be praying for to come to faith throughout the next year?

But, we don't want to stop there. We want them to be discipled! Once the Lord saves the one that you are praying for, disciple them. A great place to start is the book of Mark. Study the book of Mark with someone, and expose them to Jesus quickly and often. Help them grow to be more like the Savior that they read about through "teaching them to observe all that I [Jesus] have commanded you." We are to help one another grow in our knowledge of the Savior and to put that knowledge into action.

Brothers and sisters, Mt. Olive exists to glorify God through making disciples. Let us be about what our Father would have us be about!

Pastor Travis

Youth and Family Discipleship



Spring is almost here! I am excited about that. Just a few dates to remind everyone of:

Saturday, February 15, several of the youth attended a winter conference at Pittsboro Baptist Church. I thought the preaching was excellent, the kids also got to hear from some missionaries about how they can spread the gospel all around the world and the US, we got to sing a lot, and had food and fun and games.

Thursday, March 6, some of us are going to St. Marks Church in Burlington to see Rend Collective in concert. For those who are going, I need to collect \$34.71 per individual as soon as possible. It should be a fun night of worship music.

Saturday, April 19 will be our annual Easter egg hunt, and I will be looking for some volunteers to help with some details for that. More details to come soon. It will be a fun way to celebrate our Savior's resurrection from the dead!

VBS is scheduled as well to be the week of June 22. I will soon be setting up a meeting of the VBS committee so that we can begin planning the details. Again, more details to come soon.

Finally, we have several youth going to summer camp (Ambassador Camp at Lake Waccamaw, NC) June 29-July 4. We are very excited to take them to the camp that Joy grew up going to and eventually becoming a counselor at. She and I have also worked in the kitchen several times and we will be doing it again this year while the kids are there. There MIGHT be an opportunity for some parents to come with us and stay and serve as well. I will find out more information on this and let you know ASAP. My youngest son Elijah (19) was saved there as well at the age of 9. So we have a high level of trust for this particular camp. It has been very meaningful for our family over the years.

Grace and Peace,
Jason Lewis
Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Discipleship



Our annual Ham and Egg Supper was on Saturday, February 8th. Attendees enjoyed almost every kind of breakfast food imaginable, and game night followed. It was a great evening, and we are already looking forward to next year's supper!



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Serving This Month

Deacon of the Week

3-02 John B. Marshall
3-09 Jimmy White
3-16 Joe Godfrey
3-23 Mike Jackson
3-30 Steve Jones

Nursery

Joe & Renee Godfrey
Tammie Marley & Maria Wilske
Pam Jackson & Joan Snyder
Cindy Marshall
Tammie Marley & Teresa Garner

Children's Church

Cindy Marshall
Kristina Zachary
Tammie Marley
Jane Majors
Beverly Morris

BEJ Snack Pack

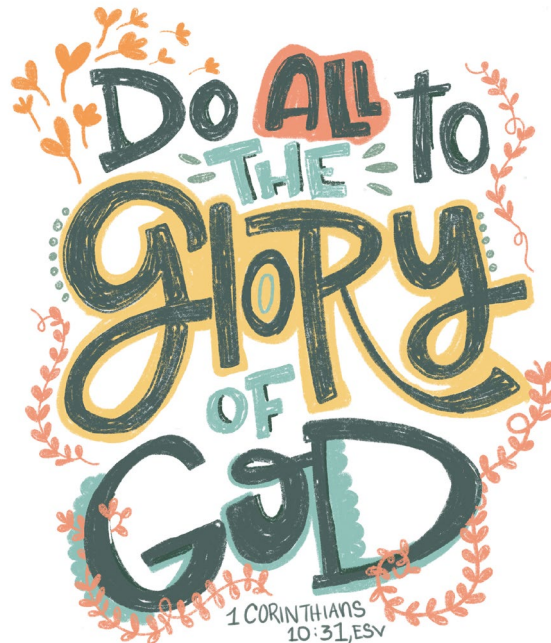
Week of 3-02: already packed

Week of 3-09: Denise Dixon & Ellen McBane (PB&J Week)

Week of 3-16: Joe & Renee Godfrey

Week of 3-23: The Discovery Class

Week of 3-30: The Norwood Family



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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
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2 Church Conference 6:30 p.m.	3 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	4 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	5 Family Night Meal 6:30 p.m. RAs/GAs, Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	6 Sandy Creek Senior Adult Luncheon 11:00 a.m. Birthday: Fred Maness	7 Birthday: Steve Jones	8
9 Choir Practice 5:00 p.m. Birthday: Jack Marshall	10 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	11 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Birthday: Dina Lloyd	12 Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Birthday: Brandon Jackson	13 Birthdays: Laurie Jones Suzanne Jones	14	15 Game Night 6:30 p.m.
16 Praise Team Practice 5:00 p.m. Birthday: Will Hadley	17 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	18 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Birthdays: Ray Fuller Gail Thomas	19 RAs/GAs, Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	20 Birthdays: Kim Andrews Phillip Thomas	21 Birthdays: Adam Godfrey Rick Morris	22
23 Deacons' Meeting 4:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 5:00 p.m.	24 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Newsletter Deadline	25 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	26 Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Birthday: Samantha Norwood	27 Birthday: Joe Godfrey	28	29
30	31 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Birthdays: Alex Bodine Brenda Coble Anniversary: Mike & Tammie Marley	1	2	3	4	5

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