



**MT. OLIVE**  
BAPTIST CHURCH



*April 2025*

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Much of the suffering that we endure is unjust. People slander us, besmirching our good names without just cause. Others are jealous of us and thus act with hatred toward us. In this world, the righteous do not always win. Often, the wicked prosper (Ps. 73:3). If our suffering is to have any meaning and purpose, this cannot last forever. Without a Judge to perfectly dispense rewards for righteousness and punishments for evil, suffering for righteousness' sake is in vain. There is no transcendent good or evil. Everything is permissible because no one will ever be held finally to account.

In our postmodern context, many people might say that there is no such thing as absolute good or absolute evil, but precious few really believe that. People still cry out for justice to be done. Almost no one lives life without any restraint at all. Individuals from all kinds of backgrounds say that “everything happens for a reason.” Belief in right and wrong endures in practice if not in principle.

Yet, the persistence of such a belief is not evidence in itself that an afterlife exists and that God will judge wickedness and reward holiness. Moreover, belief merely that there is a deity does not answer the question as to which god is the true one. Thankfully, the Apostle Paul gives us evidence for both the afterlife and that God will judge the world in righteousness. First Corinthians 15:3–34 lays out an argument that shows how the resurrection of Jesus confirms that there will be a final resurrection of the dead and that the Lord will judge the world in perfect righteousness. Everything hangs on Jesus' being raised from the dead. It is not that there might be another viable contender for the one true God if Jesus has not been raised. No, if Jesus has not been resurrected, there is no divine Judge and no divine judgment. So, we might as well do whatever we please (v. 32). Yet, it is certain that Christ has been raised from the dead. The Old Testament points to Him and the witnesses to His rising from the dead testify to the veracity of His resurrection (vv. 3–8). Our faith that there is a God who gives meaning to all our suffering because He will sit in judgment is no mere fancy. It is supported by solid evidences.

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*Pastor Travis*

# Youth and Family Discipleship

The youth had a GREAT time at the Rend Collective Concert March 6. They are an Irish Christian folk rock worship band. We worshipped with them and hundreds of other Christians, singing songs like this, which I think is a very appropriate song to reflect on, especially since Easter is coming up this month!

*Pastor Jason*

"Nailed to the Cross"

When I stand accused by my regrets  
And the devil roars his empty threats  
I will preach the gospel to myself  
That I am not a man condemned  
For Jesus Christ is my defense  
My sin is nailed to the cross  
My soul is healed by the scars  
The weight of guilt I bear no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
When my doubt and shame hang over me  
Like the arrows of the enemy  
I will run again to Calvary  
That rugged hill of hell's defeat  
My fortress and my victory  
My sin is nailed to the cross  
My soul is healed by the scars  
The weight of guilt I bear no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
My sin is nailed to the cross  
My soul is healed by the scars  
Now I'm alive forevermore  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
It is finished, sin is vanquished  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord  
All the glory, all the honor  
To my Savior, Christ the Lord  
It is finished, sin is vanquished  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord  
All the glory, all the honor  
To my Savior, Christ the Lord  
When I stand before the throne at last  
His blood will plead my innocence  
I will worship Him with holy hands  
And raise the song that never ends  
Of Jesus Christ, my righteousness  
My sin is nailed to the cross  
My soul is healed by the scars  
The weight of guilt I bear no more  
Praise the Lord, oh praise the Lord  
My sin is nailed to the cross  
My soul is healed by the scars  
Now I'm alive forevermore  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Oh praise the Lord, praise the Lord





# Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

*Invite a friend!*

JOIN US FOR

# EASTER

*Sunday*

Christ is Risen!

But God  
demonstrates

*his own love*

for us in this:

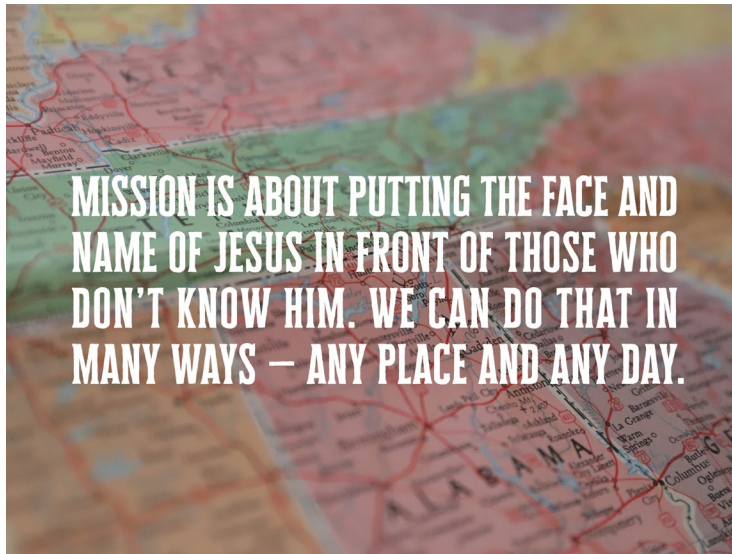
While we were  
still sinners,

*Christ died*  
**FOR US.**

Romans 5:8, NIV

*Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>*

*at 10:30 a.m.*



**Annie Armstrong Offering:**  
Ongoing through Sunday, April 20th

*Baptist Children's Home  
Food Roundup:*

Ongoing through April 21<sup>st</sup>



*Appalachian Backpack Focus  
for April:*

Toys for Children & Items for Teens





Thank you to Ellen Crayton,  
our new Church Sexton.

## Serving This Month

### Deacon of the Week

4-06 Mike Marley  
4-13 Craig Dixon  
4-20 Charles Nunn  
4-27 Glenn Williams

### Nursery

Ellen Crayton  
Joan Snyder  
Maria Wilske & Kristina Zachary  
Lisa & Jimmy White

### Children's Church

Cindy Marshall  
Kristina Zachary  
Tammie Marley  
Jane Majors

### BEJ Snack Pack

Week of 4-06: Kristina Zachary & Family

Week of 4-13: Spring Break

Week of 4-20: The Shorette Family (PB&J Week)

Week of 4-27: The Ashley 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
30	31	1 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Birthday: Camden Wilkins	2 Family Night Meal 6:30 p.m.  RAs/GAs, Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  Birthday: Winder Zachary  Anniversary: Tommie & Barbara Love	3  Birthdays: John Green Luke Marshall	4	5
6  Birthday: Dianne Norwood	7 WMU Group 1 Meeting 2:00 p.m.  Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	8 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Anniversary: Joseph & Gail Thomas	9 Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	10	11  Birthday: Peter Jones  Anniversary: Doug & Shirley Christopher	12  Birthdays: Katherine Hadley Shelli Morris
13  Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.  Birthdays: Ellen Crayton Eric Snyder	14 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Anniversary: Johnnie & Jessica Moore	15 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	16 RAs/Gas, Youth, and Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	17	18	19  Easter Egg Hunt 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.  Game Night 6:30 p.m.  Anniversaries: Mike & Pam Jackson Winder & Marie Zachary
20  Easter Sunday  Birthday: Toni Brazington	21 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Birthday: Darith Andrews  Newsletter Deadline	22 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Birthday: Emeline Jones	23 Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	24  Birthday: Shirley Christopher	25	26  Birthday: Charles Nunn
27  Deacons' Meeting 4:30 p.m.  Praise Team Practice 5:30 p.m.	28 Sandy Creek Spring Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Birthday: Evelyn Prete	29 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	30 Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	1	2	3