

May 2025



In 1 Timothy 5:1-22 Paul writes, “Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father, to the younger men as brothers, the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters, in all purity.” Then in Psalm 133:1, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!” I read passages like this, and it causes me to respond in two ways.

First, it fills me with thankfulness that the Lord has blessed us with people from a wide variety of ages. If this were not so, we would be an imbalanced family. Think about it; if we were all the same age, we would either have plenty of energy but little wisdom, or we would have plenty of wisdom but no energy. We have been blessed with both here at Mt. Olive. So, I thank the Lord for it, and I would encourage you to reach out to someone not in your age group for lunch and a conversation. There is much to be learned and shared as we grow toward Christ-likeness together.

My second response is one of prayer. I thank the Lord for the unity that we currently have. It is a joy to Pastor a church that loves one another well, and seeks after the good. But, I pray that the Lord will protect us from disunity. Disunity is not pleasing to the Lord, and it is not good for His people. Yet, as the Psalmist says, “how good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell in unity!” So, on top of our fellowship together, let's pray for one another and for our unity.

We have much to be thankful for brothers and sisters. Let us praise the Lord together and help one another grow more into the image of Christ. Continue to pursue unity while we ask the Lord to add to our number. Pray for unity as people come. Pray for unity as you build relationships with one another. May God be glorified, and may He be made known in this community, by our love and our unity that matches the proclamation of the Gospel.

Pastor Travis

Youth and Family Discipleship

First of all, I want to send a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way, including prayer, with the Easter Egg Hunt. I hope the kids had a good time. Most of all, my prayer for them is that they will never be able to remember a time when they didn't love Jesus. I pray that even at such a young age, they would soon put their faith in the only one who can save them from their sins and repent of their sins and turn to God, not relying on their own perceived goodness but leaning on Jesus for their salvation.

In Sunday school, the youth continue in their study of the Gospel of Luke, verse by verse and chapter by chapter. I am constantly encouraged by their spiritual insight into God's Word. We all, as we read, continue to be amazed by Jesus.

On Wednesday nights, we came upon a milestone! We finished studying through the book *Habits of Grace* by David Mathis, a book about the spiritual disciplines of Word, prayer, and fellowship. And so, we also just began studying through a new book called *Big Truths for Young Hearts* by Bruce Ware. This book is written for the purpose of teaching children and youth systematic theology on their level. We will cover such topics as God's Word, God (including the Trinity), Creation, God's Sovereignty, Humanity, Sin, Jesus' person, Jesus' work, the Holy Spirit, Salvation, the Church, and the Last Things.

We are looking forward to summer, including VBS (June 23-26) and summer camp (June 29-July 4) and many other things. Have an excellent end to your school year, everyone!

Grace and Peace,
Jason



Congratulations!

Alex Bodine

Ben Marshall

Luke Marshall

June 23rd-26th

Join us for Bible stories,
crafts, games, music,
snacks, and more!



Appalachian Backpack Focus for May

Soap

Bodywash

Washcloths



Sunday, May 4th - Sunday, May 11th

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Giving Thanks

2025 MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

WEEK of PRAYER
MAY 4-10, 2025

DID YOU KNOW...

Baptist ministers and missionaries were among some of the earliest recipients of financial assistance from the Mother's Day Offering.

Fast forward 100 years and the financial needs of ministers and missionaries have not changed.

Few congregations provide health insurance for their pastors, and retired missionaries often struggle to pay their medical bills.

The 2024 Lifeway Compensation study reports that only 9% of congregations in North Carolina, with fewer than 100 in attendance on Sunday morning, provide health insurance for their pastors. Across the Southern Baptist Convention, 73% of churches have fewer than 100 in Sunday morning worship.

Our Baptist ministers are called to make many sacrifices in their service to our Lord.

Thank you for supporting the annual Mother's Day Offering so that we may assist those who have served our Lord receive the medical care they need and alleviate the financial burden they may bear.



"Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle the ox while it treads out the grain.' The laborer is worthy of his wages."

Timothy 5:17-18



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March was Pastors' Wives Appreciation Month. To show our appreciation for all that she does to support Pastor Travis and Mt. Olive, Kim was honored with a corsage and a gift bag filled with goodies.

Thank you, Kim!



grow in grace

But grow in the
grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.
To him be glory
both now and forever!
Amen.

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Serving This Month

Deacon of the Week

5-04	Rex Zachary
5-11	John Green
5-18	Oscar Majors
5-25	John B. Marshall

Nursery

Joe & Renee Godfrey
Suzanne & Elizabeth Jones
Kim & Madison Bodine
Maria Wilske

Children's Church

Cindy Marshall
Kristina Zachary
Tammie Marley
Jane Majors

BEJ Snack Pack

Week of 5-04: Suzanne Jones & Family (PB&J Week)

Week of 5-11: Joe & Renee Godfrey

Week of 5-18: Denise Dixon & Ellen McBane

Week of 5-25: The Discovery Class

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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	1 Birthday: Peyton Zachary	2 Birthday: Kim Bodine	3
4 Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.	5 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Birthday: Leigh Evans	6 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	7 Family Night Meal 6:30 p.m. RAs/GAs, Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day Birthday: Hadley Crayton Anniversary: Rex & Kristina Zachary	12 WMU Group 1 Meeting 2:00 p.m. Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	13 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Anniversary: Joe & Renee Godfrey	14 Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17 Game Night 6:30 p.m.
18 Praise Team Practice 5:00 p.m. Birthday: Lucy Yarnoff	19 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	20 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Birthday: Maria Wilske	21 RAs/GAs, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Birthdays: Ray Glosson Mickey Vaughn Anniversary: Fred & Frances Maness	22 Birthday: Baylee Morris Anniversary: Steve & Christina Wilkins	23 Newsletter Deadline	24
25 Deacons' Meeting 4:30 p.m.	26 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	27 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	28 Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31 Birthday: Keith Marshall