



*July 2025*



First, I would like to thank you for sending Jason and me to the SBC Annual Meeting. It is an honor to be a messenger to the SBC and represent Mt Olive in the life of our denomination. I think that these yearly meetings are important for the life and direction of the SBC. We are partnering together for the sake of advancing the gospel through sending missionaries and planting churches.

The sending of missionaries was the most encouraging thing for me about the convention. The report from the IMB (International Mission Board) was wonderful. We have sent out around 1500 foreign missionaries this year, 58 at the convention. We have SBC missionaries around the world proclaiming the gospel, even in difficult and dangerous places. It was a reminder to pray for those who go out for the King and proclaim the Good News. So, let's commit to praying for our missionaries and spreading the gospel here at home.

The rest of the SBC was a mixed bag. So, rather than go through the motions and the processes (which I did on Wednesday 6/18), I will tell you about some of the other things that I see. First, there are nearly 47,000 churches in the SBC with about 13 million members and 4 million people in regular weekly attendance. This is typical not only in the SBC, but in SBC churches. There are more "members" on the books than there are people in attendance. This is a reminder to pray for the SBC, its members, and its churches to have a healthier view of membership and the responsibilities that come with it, namely the command to not neglect gathering together (Hebrews 10:24-25).

While we have 47,000 churches, we only had around 10,000 registered messengers and 6,000 messengers who actually voted on anything. So, we need to pray for more involvement from biblical faithful SBC churches who believe in the authority and inerrancy of the Bible. We need to pray that the SBC will be strong, and protected from theological drift. Also, if there is anyone interested in being a messenger, talk to me, and we can see what we can do as a church to send more messengers. Next year's annual meeting will be in Orlando. Would you pray for the decisions that need to be made, protection from drift, and faithful messengers? To God be the glory.

*Pastor Travis*

# *Youth and Family Discipleship*

First of all, there are some thanks in order...

Thank you so much for your generosity in sending me as a messenger, along with Travis and Kim, to the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas. Although I was employed directly by the SBC for 14 years on the international mission field, I had never been to the convention before. It certainly was interesting, sometimes encouraging, sometimes discouraging, but definitely worth it. We were able to vote in the business meetings, worship together with 10,000 Baptists from all over the nation, and make or strengthen connections with other churches, networks, and individuals in the convention. I was personally able to see several old friends/co-workers who went through the spiritual trenches with us overseas, including our old very well-respected supervisor we hadn't seen in a decade. Thank you. Some of you should make an attempt to go next year.

Also- I want to thank anybody and everybody who has had anything to do with helping with VBS. I am just the coordinator of it; you guys are the ones who are really doing the work. Thank you for your time and efforts. I pray and believe that the time and effort we have put into it will benefit our kids and the kids of others spiritually for many years, even into eternity. Our labors are not in vain, and God's Word does not return void. Also, thanks to all who have been praying for VBS and the children. This work of prayer is no less important or fruitful since God is the one who causes the growth and who saves people.

Finally, thank you to those of you parents who have entrusted your kids to us in taking them to youth camp. Again, I believe and pray that God will use this time in their lives to bring them closer to him. Joy and I are working in the kitchen at camp, so we are nearby and ready to be there for the kids in addition to the camp counselors, etc. who will be teaching and leading them in recreation.

As for Wednesday nights, we recently started a long-term study of many of the major doctrines/teachings of the Christian faith. So far, we have discussed 1) God's revelation to us, both in his creation, in our consciences, and in His Word, 2) some of God's most important attributes (characteristics), and 3) the Trinitarian nature of God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). I would encourage you to regularly ask your kids about what they are learning. On Sundays, we have been continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke, having just made it through chapter 9.

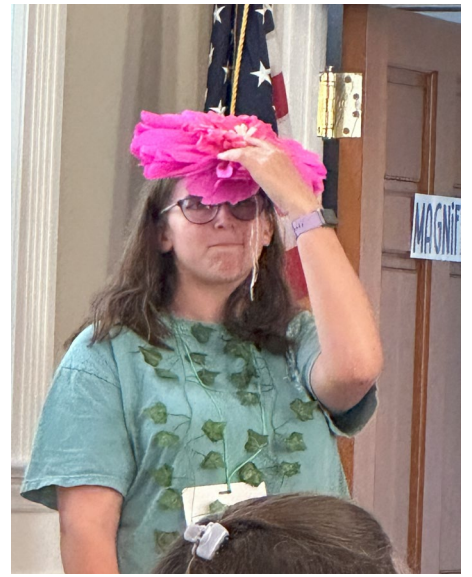
Enjoy your summer and please feel free to call, text, or email me any time with any questions or thoughts, or just see me in person! I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and your kids and consider it a tremendously crucial and joyful task!

Blessings,  
Jason Lewis  
Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Discipleship

# Highlights From VBS

This year's Vacation Bible School took place Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, to Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Our theme was "Magnified," and we explored God's amazing world. Each night, attendees enjoyed Bible stories, crafts, music, games, and snacks. It was an amazing week, and we appreciate the volunteers who helped to make this a special time for our children!





**MADE TO  
MAGNIFY  
GOD!**



# Faith--- Freedom with Responsibility

Visiting Washington, D.C. is one of my favorite trips. Washington is a place where one can see some of the most iconic, patriotic sites and documents that exist. I still remember going to the National Archives and seeing the original Declaration of Independence for the first time. To read the words “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness” caused me to feel the patriotic pride that most Americans undoubtedly feel. July 4<sup>th</sup> will be the 249<sup>th</sup> year since the birth of our nation. The Declaration describes freedom (liberty) as one of our fundamental human rights. This is an example of political freedom.

Galatians 5:13 states “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. This verse highlights freedom in Christ. Just because we have this new freedom in Christ, we should not use it for selfish behavior. This freedom should lead us to love others, serve others, and be morally responsible. Paul wanted Christians to recognize that they are no longer bound by Old Testament law for salvation because we have salvation in Christ. This is an example of religious freedom.

Our most recent Sunday School lessons have taught about faith and how the faith heroes of the Bible (Noah, Joshua, Rahab, and David) walked with the Lord. They pleased God, they were rooted in God’s Word, they had no fear, and they met adversity head on. Some of those same qualities can be said about the Founding Fathers of our Nation. They studied scripture, they prayed, they had no fear, and they met adversity head on. They believed that our Creator (God) endowed them with the freedom that they desired. Freedom was a natural right, it could not be violated by government, and it included a responsibility to uphold justice and equality. Even though freedom is a gift, it should not be an excuse for selfishness. Use freedom to serve other people so that they want the same freedom that we have in Christ.

During the next month, as we celebrate the beginning of our nation, we should remember the reason for our nation’s founding. Our political freedom should encourage us to advocate for religious freedom. Freedom is meaningful only when exercised responsibly. We should always do what is right and provide care for those who are less fortunate. We should love others, serve others, and protect others. As Christians, we should want to share our faith with others, explaining how God has provided the freedom in Christ that we so desperately need. Our responsibility as Christian brothers and sisters is just as important as our responsibility as Americans. Share the gift of freedom with everyone. Don’t just share words but show your faith through how you live. Offer grace and forgiveness. Stand for truth. Model Jesus because he is the only one who can truly set us free.

God Bless America,

Joe Godfrey



**June 1, 2025**  
**Mount Olive Baptist Church**  
**Eighty-eighth Memorial/Homecoming Service**

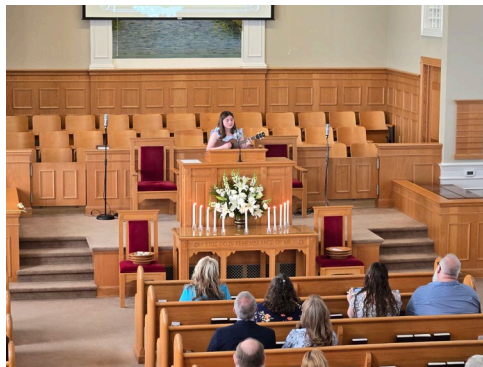
A special thank you to everyone who made the 2025 Mount Olive Baptist Church Memorial/Homecoming celebration a time of joy and reflection of love. It is a great way to honor members of our church that share our love of Jesus Christ. Service highlights included Cindy Marshall's "In Memoriam" encouraging us to invoke the name of God during times of grief. A beautiful, angelic delivery of "Heaven Song" by Samantha Norwood resonated with everyone. The bond of friendship was evident as Pastor Travis introduced the speaker, Pastor Patrick Neal. He shared "What Worship Looks Like," referencing Psalm 100, reminding us that joy and excitement comes from scripture – and creates the "feel" of worship that honors God. God's word is to be the center of our worship, and that might include someone singing praises with joy - off key. The blessings continued as our church family and friends shared their new and old family recipes with dinner on the grounds, under the oaks.

Save the date, June 7, 2026, for the Eighty-ninth Memorial/Homecoming Service.

Dawn Lloyd

**In memoriam:**

*Glenn Norris Williams (February 22, 1947 – February 11, 2024)*  
*Thomas Clark Judd (February 17, 1943 – March 29, 2024)*  
*Lacy "L.C." Clymouth Lloyd (February 7, 1937 – May 2, 2024)*  
*Thomas Coy Garner, Jr. (March 8, 1944 – May 20, 2024)*  
*Mary McBane Ellington Myers (October 22, 1933 – May 26, 2024)*  
*Harvey Daniel Kester, III (May 30, 1942 – September 25, 2024)*  
*Michelle Dawn Jones (June 4, 1970 – November 10, 2024)*  
*Sarah Ferguson Lindley (January 20, 1925 – March 19, 2025)*  
*Ashley Eric Walker (January 24, 1966 – March 22, 2025)*  
*Paula West Johnson (April 30, 1956 – April 21, 2025)*



# Fall Women's Conference

Emmaus Baptist Church 2025 Women's Bible Conference

## Living His Story

### Eternal Purpose, Earthly Impact

Day 1: Friday September 19 - 6:15pm to 8:30pm

Day 2: Saturday September 20 - 9am to 4pm

Come for time in God's Word, encouragement, fellowship with other women, worship music, guest speakers, fun activities & much more!

Please register by **September 6, 2025**

Registration fee includes conference materials, gift bag, & breakfast + lunch on Saturday.

📌 **Early Bird: \$30 through Aug. 19**

📌 **After Aug. 19: \$45**

Registration fee is nonrefundable.

Nursing babies are welcome, but no childcare provided.

#### There are multiple options available for registering!

Contact Amanda Baker at 919-548-3883 // [abaker065@gmail.com](mailto:abaker065@gmail.com) to register & pay by cash, check, paypal, or some other form of payment that is most convenient for you.



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Visit this [link](https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2025-ebc-ladies-bible-conference-registration/items) to register & pay for the conference:

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Scan the **QR code** and pay the registration fee via Venmo. Please note the name(s) of who you are registering.

## Schedule

### Friday Night - 9/19/2025

- 6:15pm Registration
- 6:45pm Welcome
- 6:55pm Skit
- 7:10pm Worship Music
- 7:25pm Session 1 Message - *The Author*
- 8:30pm Head Home

### Saturday - 9/20/2025

- 9am Coffee + Muffins & registration for those not able to attend Friday night
- 9:30am Worship Music
- 9:45am Session 2 Message - *The Plot*
- 10:20am Break
- 10:35am Workshop with Debbie Wilson - *Moving from Messy Emotions to Mighty Faith*
- 11:45 Break + LUNCH
- 1:10pm Activity/Game
- 1:35pm Session 3 Message - *The Characters*
- 2:25pm Break
- 2:40pm Special Music
- 2:45pm - Workshop with Ellen Stevens - *Praying the Scriptures*
- 3:45pm - Worship Music
- 4pm End of Conference

**Speakers: Amanda Baker, Debbie Wilson, Ellen Stevens**

**\*\*Additional workshops/guest speakers may be added to the schedule dependent on the number of the attendees.\*\***

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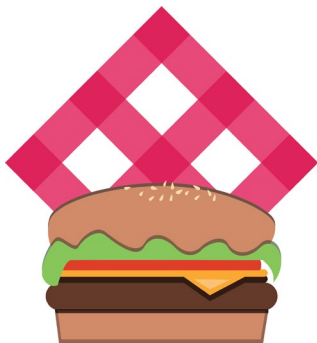
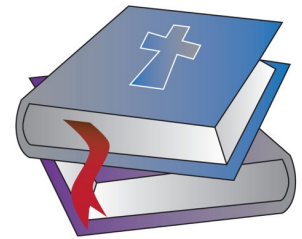
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# New Members

*David and Janice Hansen*

## *Appalachian Backpack Focus:*

*Backpacks and Regular sized Youth Edition Bibles*



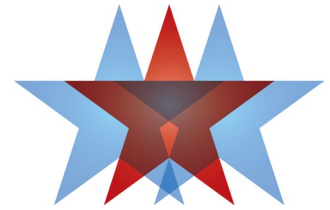
**Church  
Cookout**

*Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.  
Bring a side dish or dessert to share!*

**CPR**   
**CLASS**

Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.





For we are God's fellow workers.

You are God's field, God's building.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9, ESV

## Serving This Month

### Deacon of the Week

7-06	Craig Dixon
7-13	Charles Nunn
7-20	Glenn Williams
7-27	Rex Zachary

### Nursery

7-06	Oscar & Jane Majors
7-13	Joe & Renee Godfrey
7-20	Maria Wilske & Kristina Zachary
7-27	Pam Jackson

### Children's Church

Cindy Marshall
Kristina Zachary
Tammie Marley
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
29	30	1 Birthday: Caleb Godfrey	2 No Wed. Night Activities  Birthday: Kelsey Bombard	3	4 Church Cookout 6:00 p.m.  Anniversary: Tripp & Ellen Crayton	5 Birthday: Travis Bodine
6	7 Birthdays: Brack Lewis Willie Thomas	8 Birthdays: Tammie Marley Johnnie Moore Matt Wallace	9 RAs/GAs. Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  Anniversary: Steve & Suzanne Jones	10 Anniversary: Ben & Ashley Yarnoff	11	12 CPR Class 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
13	14	15	16 RAs/GAs. Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	17	18	19 Game Night 6:30 p.m.  Birthday: Elijah Evans  Anniversary: Andy & Casey Allred
20 Praise Team Practice 5:00 p.m.	21	22	23 RAs/GAs. Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	24	25 Birthday: Dorian James  Newsletter Deadline	26 Birthdays: Tracy Lawson Doris Marshall Oscar Yarnoff
27 Deacons' Meeting 4:30 p.m.  Praise Team Practice 5:00 p.m.	28 Birthday: Brittany Jackson Love	29	30 RAs/GAs. Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  Anniversary: Mickey & Deanne Vaughn	31	1	2