



*November 2025*



With the unanimous approval of the changes to our by-laws, we have updated the language of our church covenant. So, I thought it would be helpful to share that in our newsletter this month for a couple of reasons. First, it reminds us of what we have committed to as members of Mt Olive Baptist Church. Second, it helps us in our prayer life. We can pray for one another and be reminded of our mutual care. Lastly, as a call for us to be actively engaged in the life of the church. So, I hope and pray that this will be helpful for all of us. Here it is...

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to devote ourselves to the life and mission of this church, and to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expense of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and personal devotions; to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk wisely in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our conduct; to avoid all gossip, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and abuse of, alcohol and illicit drugs; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We will responsibly steward our spiritual gifts to the service of this church and the community at large. We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feelings and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but quick to make reconciliation, being mindful of the teachings of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We also engage to demonstrate goodwill, to work with other churches and denominations in order to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We also promise that when we leave this church, we will, as soon as possible, unite with another church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

*Pastor Travis*

# *Youth and Family Discipleship*

Hi everyone!

First of all, I just wanted to thank all of you for being so kind to us on Pastor Appreciation Day! I can't put into words adequately what it means to us how generous and kind you are to our family. We have been so blessed to have been ministered to by you all for over a year now. And it has also been a blessing to have the opportunity to minister to you as well. We feel like we have received much more than we have given and than we deserve. Isn't God's grace amazing?!

26 of us youth, children, and families really enjoyed the Corn Maze on 87 On October 25. They had karaoke and a bonfire and food trucks as well. The Corn Maze was in the shape of a Celtic cross. We continue to study Luke on Sunday mornings and Systematic theology Wednesday nights. The kids are very sharp and sensitive to God's Word. I love discussing these things with them. Our current topic on Wednesday nights is sin. When we finish that topic, we will move on to the topic of Christ.

Several of us had a great time at Ambassador Camp at Lake Waccamaw October 10-12 as well. Thank you to Steve and CeeCee for helping to chaperone. I got asked to speak while I was there on the topic of Seeing God face to face. I was overcome with God's glory even as I prepared for it. That is our great hope- that one day we will be with him and see his face and dwell with him for eternity.

We are looking forward to all the fun things going on including the Trunk-or-Treat, the Community BBQ, and the Bible conference on November 14-15. Since we are ONE church and not separate "departments" (children, youth, adults, etc.) I am looking forward to the youth and children's involvement in these things. That's one thing I love about this church- the multi-generational relationships among the people. As Travis said on Sunday, October 26, that is something I hope we take advantage of and never lose, even as we break up into different age groups AT TIMES. We all need each other, young and old.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Jason

# Children's Sunday School

On Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, our first through fifth graders enjoyed pizza and cupcakes after the worship service. Afterwards, they took a trip to Firefly, a bead store in Chapel Hill, where they made their own necklaces. We are thankful for our children and their leaders!



## Faith--- Giving Thanks in All Things

Giving thanks when things are good comes naturally. Eventually, challenges will arise and test our faith. Giving thanks during hardship is a declaration of faith. It is a way of saying, “God, you are still here, and I trust you even more.” Faith trusts even when we can’t see the outcome. Gratitude recognizes that God’s hand is in every detail. This month, I want to share some of my gratitude and a story that I feel gives us a sense of thanksgiving during this wonderful season.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 states, “Give thanks in all circumstances: for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” What does this verse really mean? It means even when life feels uncertain, when prayers go unanswered, or when we can’t see how things are going to work out, we are to give thanks. If you are like me, that sometimes feels impossible. Being thankful and having gratitude isn’t about ignoring pain or pretending everything is fine. It is about trusting God is in the middle of all of it. Our faith must be dependent on God’s goodness, no matter if we are fighting through the tears.

A couple of days ago, Pastor Travis and I were able to visit a lady in our community. We spent time listening to her talk about her life and how blessed she had been and how strong her faith was. One impressionable thing that she said multiple times was, “God is not done with me yet!” This was a statement coming from someone who rarely can leave her home because of physical issues. How could this be? I listened as she spoke about how she used to talk with young people and how she wished she could talk to more young people today. That is simple faith...steady and thankful. This lady didn’t focus on her bad health and what she had lost, but on what she still had: a voice to pray, a heart to love, and a God who never left her side.

Her life reminded me that being thankful and grateful isn’t about having everything the way we want. It is about trusting that God’s purpose is still unfolding, even in the quietness of a lonely home. Being thankful is faith that is made visible, speaking when words fail or shining from a homebound neighbor. It is a quiet testimony that even in stillness, God is at work in our lives.

I thank God for the people who have taught me what quiet faith looks like. The ones who use their time, words, prayers, and kindness to show true “agape” love. During this Thanksgiving season, we should let our lives bear witness to our faith in God. You see, even when our reach is only able to open the door of our home, a thankful heart can touch more lives than we realize. Being thankful often changes our heart, and that is where God often begins his greatest work. When those moments happen, we may not see immediate results. However, when we look back at our lives, we can see that God was shaping us, strengthening us, and providing in ways we didn’t comprehend. Gratitude shifts our focus from what is missing to what is in his hands. Let’s give thanks that we have a God who never let’s go!

May God Bless You,

Joe Godfrey

I will give thanks  
*to the Lord*  
with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your  
wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9:1



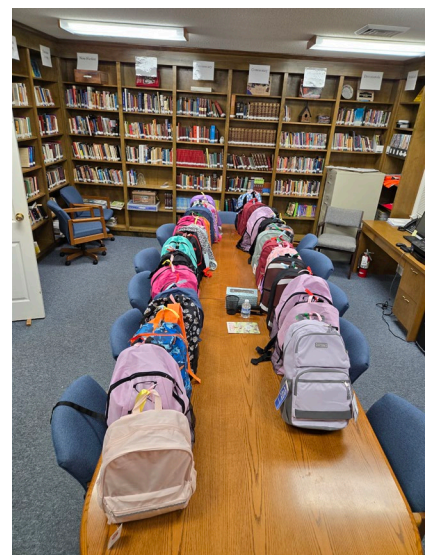
# Packing



## Appalachian Backpacks

This Christmas Outreach Ministry is sponsored by Baptists on Mission and helps to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people in the Appalachian Area. Each year, churches fill backpacks with food, hygiene items, toys, and warm clothing, along with a Bible and a copy of The Christmas Story. The backpacks are then distributed to children in need in the Appalachian Area. 23,307 backpacks were distributed in 2024, and this year's goal is 24,000. It's amazing what we can be accomplished when we work together to share the love of Christ!

*Many thanks to everyone who donated items throughout the year to make the backpacks possible!*





**WE  
SALUTE  
OUR  
VETERANS**

*Thank you for your service!*



YOUR OFFERING  
BRINGS CHILDREN

*Hope!*

November 9<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

ANNUAL  
OFFERING  
GOAL \$1.5 MILLION

SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES  
Baptist Children's Homes  
of NORTH CAROLINA



Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

BBQ Pork and Chicken with all the fixins!

Donations of tea and desserts will be needed.  
Please have all items at the fellowship hall by  
3:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to help chop  
barbecue at 8:00 a.m. that morning.

\*Dinner is free

## ★ Senior Fall Outing ★

Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 am  
and travel by church bus to Southern Supreme in  
Bear Creek, NC.

Afterwards, we will have lunch at Best Foods in  
Siler City

Please RSVP to:

Pam Jackson or Rhonda Nunn

By Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

We hope you can attend and look forward to seeing  
you there!



## Fall Conference "Grace Alone"

November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.



## Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
at 6:30 p.m.



## Pastor Appreciation



October was Pastor Appreciation Month. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our pastors with a covered dish luncheon and baskets of cards. Thanks for all you do, Pastor Travis and Pastor Jason!



## Serving This Month

### Deacon of the Week

- 11-02 Steve McCarty  
11-09 Phillip Thomas  
11-16 Jimmy White  
11-23 Ben Yarnoff  
11-30 Joe Godfrey

### Nursery

- 11-02 Lisa & Jimmy White  
11-09 Oscar & Jane Majors  
11-16 Suzanne & Elizabeth Jones  
11-23 Ellen Crayton & Joan Snyder  
11-30 Maria Wilske & Kristina Zachary

### BEJ Snack Pack

- The Jones Family  
The Bodine Family  
Jane Majors  
Thanksgiving Break  
Joe & Renee Godfrey

### Children's Church

- Cindy Marshall  
Kristina Zachary  
Tammie Marley  
Jane Majors  
All Family Worship Sunday

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# Mt. Olive Baptist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Community BBQ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  Birthdays: John B. Marshall Michael Thompson
2	3 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Birthday: Kevin Jones	4 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Birthday: Wyatt Wells	5 Family Night Meal 6:30 p.m.  RAs/GAs, Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	6 Christmas Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8
9 Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.	10 WMU Group 1 Meeting 2:00 p.m.  Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	11 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	12 Senior Adult Fall Outing 9:00 a.m.  RAs/GAs, Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	13	14 Fall Conference 7:00 p.m.	15 Fall Conference 7:00 p.m.
16 Praise Team Practice 5:00 p.m.  Ladies Chorus Practice 6:00 p.m.  Birthday: Marie Zachary	17 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	18 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	19 RAs/GAs, Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  Birthday: Brenda Zachary	20 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22
23 Deacons' Meeting 4:30 p.m.  Praise Team Practice 5:00 p.m.  Thanksgiving Service 6:30 p.m.  Birthdays: Tommie Love Joan Snyder	24 Marshall Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.  Newsletter Deadline	25 Yarnoff Home Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	26	27 Birthday: Carol Ann Glosson	28 Birthdays: Ellen McBane Ben Marshall	29 Birthday: Rex Zachary
30	1	2	3	4	5	6