



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 2026

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

HEBREWS 4:16

Mt. Olive Baptist Church family -

In the Epistle to the Ephesians 1:15-23, we get to overhear how Paul prayed for a local church. And what stands out is how thankful and hopeful he is. He starts by thanking God for their faith in Jesus and their love for one another. That's a good reminder for us. There is real grace at work here at Mt. Olive. There is steady faith. There is quiet service. There is love shown in meals, prayers, conversations, and faithfulness week after week. Let's thank God for that. Let's tell Him we see His hand at work in each other.

But Paul doesn't stop with thanksgiving. He prays that the "eyes of their hearts" would be opened, that they would know God better, that they would truly grasp the hope they've been called to, the riches they have in Christ, and the greatness of God's power toward them. That's how we can pray for each other.

Pray that we would not drift into routine Christianity. Pray that Christ would be more precious to us this year than last year. Pray that when

someone is discouraged, they would clearly see the hope they have in Jesus. Pray that when someone feels weak, they would remember the same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in them.

If Christ really is risen, reigning, over all things, then that includes our neighbors, coworkers, classmates, and family members. The hope we're praying to see more clearly is the same hope our community desperately needs.

So as we pray for one another, let's also pray for boldness. Pray that God would open doors for gospel conversations. Pray that He would give us clarity and courage. Pray that He would use Mt. Olive not just to care for one another, but to shine the light of Christ beyond our walls. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is able to open blind eyes today. Let's ask Him to do it, starting with us, and then through us.

In Christ -
Travis

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**Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.**

Youth and Family Discipleship

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Classes for all ages!

Children's Church & Nursery
offered during Worship

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

RAs/GAs and Youth Group:
7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL THIS MONTH

Pittsboro Baptist
Youth Night of Worship:

March 15th

Hi everyone! Spring is coming! The youth had a great time at Winter Jam in Greensboro. Lots of different styles of Christian music, ending with Chris Tomlin singing praise songs to God with tens of thousands of people.

Youth night of worship at Pittsboro Baptist is coming up March 15th. We will meet at Mt Olive at 4:30 and go together. Be looking forward to the children's Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4. More details to come. We will be returning to Ambassador Camp at Lake Waccamaw with the youth, ages 13-17, June 28-July 3. You can actually go ahead if you want to and register your children and pay at ambassadorcamp.org. There are also several options for children 8-12 to go this summer. Please let me know if your child is interested, and we can determine which week to go. We are also brainstorming how to serve the children (younger non-youth children) better. Finally, planning for VBS is coming up soon. Please be thinking about if you want to volunteer to help. Dates for VBS and more details to come.

The youth continue to study Luke on Sunday mornings. We are only a couple of weeks away from beginning to study the triumphal entry of Jesus and the last week of his life and

then his post-resurrection appearances. The past few weeks, and next, we are talking about different examples of people who either did or didn't have faith like a child. We have continued our systematic theology studies on Wednesday nights. We are currently discussing the works of Jesus Christ after having discussed the person of Jesus Christ for several weeks. We have also been sharing testimonies with each other and brainstorming about how we can reach our neighbors and friends with the gospel along with the rest of the church, about how we can serve the church better and the community better, as well as some ideas for fun things to do in the future. The kids are so sharp in their insights into Scripture; it is really encouraging.

By the way, virtually *anything* we do with the youth or children, please *always* feel free and even encouraged to bring friends from outside of Mt Olive, especially unchurched or unbelieving kids. You never have to ask if that's OK. Everything we do is for everyone.

Grace and Peace!
Jason

When Faith Feels Like March

March is a month of change. The days start getting longer. The air slowly feels warmer. We begin to see small signs of green pushing up through the ground. After a long cold winter, those small signs of life feel important. In many ways, that is what faith is like — tiny at first, but with hope.

March also brings Saint Patrick's Day, connected to Saint Patrick. Most people think about shamrocks and the color green, but Patrick's story is really about faith. As a teenager, he was taken from his home and made a slave in Ireland. During that lonely time, he began to pray seriously. Saint Patrick spent six years in slavery until he was told in a dream that it was time to leave. He traveled to the coast and left Ireland, later to return and spread the message about salvation, repentance, and the Trinity. He baptized converts and helped establish churches throughout Ireland. What could have made him bitter instead strengthened his faith. God sent him back to Ireland — not as a slave, but as someone who would share the gospel.

The Bible reminds us that hard times can grow our faith. Romans 5:3–4 says, “Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” Patrick's life is a real example of that. He trusted God when life did not make sense.

March falls during the season leading up to Easter. It's a time when Christians think more seriously about their faith in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:7 states, “For we live by faith, not by sight.” Sometimes we don't see immediate results. Sometimes prayers take time. But faith means trusting that God is still working, even when we cannot see everything clearly.

Jesus compared faith to a mustard seed in Matthew 17:20. “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, “Move from here to there,” and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” A mustard seed is tiny, but it grows into something much bigger. That encourages us in a month like March. The first signs of spring are small — just little shoots of green — but they remind us that new life is coming.

March is not fully winter, not fully spring. Some days are warm, and the next day is cold again. Life can feel like that. We pray, we trust, and yet things still seem uncertain. In these in-between times, faith is less about what we feel and more about trusting God. I've had times when I didn't see what God was doing, but later I could look back and see how He was shaping me.

Growth is happening even when it's slow. Roots are going deeper before leaves appear. Psalm 27:1 reads, “The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?” March reminds me that even when things seem dull or uncertain, God is still bringing light and life.

As we move through this month, maybe our goal shouldn't be dramatic change. Maybe it's simply steady faith — knowing that just beneath the surface, God is at work.

With hope this March,
Joe Godfrey

Ham and Egg Supper

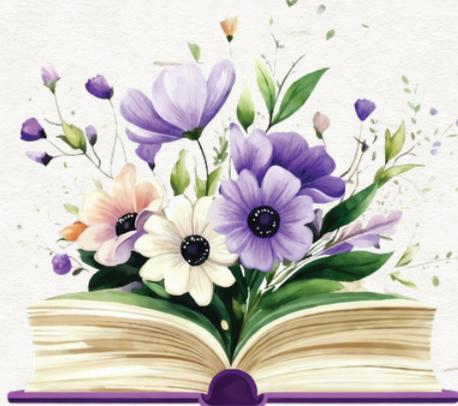
Food, fun, and fellowship!



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Stories of Joy

"...then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind."

— Philippians 2:2



March 1st - 15th

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Offering for WMU NC
WEEK OF PRAYER
GOAL: \$325,000
www.wmunc.org



2026 Appalachian Backpack Collection Schedule

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Mt. Olive's Goal: 35 Backpacks

March

Gloves, Socks, Scarves

April

Toys for Younger Children:

Cars, Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Puzzles, Jump Ropes, Sidewalk Chalk, Card Games, Legos, Coloring Books/Crayons, Playdough, etc.

Items for Older Children:

Flashlights, Small Thermoses, Earbuds, Books, Craft Kits, Magazines, Jewelry, Hair Accessories, Lotion, etc. (no pocketknives)

**Items must be new and small enough to fit into backpacks.*

May

Full-Size Soap, Bodywash, and Washcloths

June

Full-Size Shampoo, Brushes, and Combs

July

Backpacks and Regular Size Children's or Youth Edition Bibles

August

Full-Size Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, and Deodorant

September

Pop-Top Canned Food and Candy

(no chocolate or peanut products)

Donation bins are located in the side entryways of the church.

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March 15th - April 5th

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Serving This Month

Deacon of the Week

3-01 Mike Jackson
3-08 Steve Jones
3-15 Mike Marley
3-22 Craig Dixon
3-29 Charles Nunn

BEJ Snack Pack

The Jones Family
The Bodine Family
Jane Majors
Joe & Renee Godfrey
No Snack Packs

Nursery

3-01 Joe & Renee Godfrey
3-08 Tammie Marley & Maria Wilske
3-15 Pam Jackson & Joan Snyder
3-22 Jason & Joy Lewis
3-29 Ellen Crayton & Teresa Garner

Children's Church

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



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March

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