



MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

April 2026



He is risen!

In Ephesians 4:1–3, Paul speaks like a pastor who deeply loves his people. He urges us to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling” we’ve received. That calling is something God has graciously given, not something we’ve achieved. So the Christian life isn’t about trying to prove ourselves. It’s about living in a way that fits who we already are in Christ. We belong to Him, and now we learn to live like it, step by step.

Paul then brings it into the ordinary details of life: humility, gentleness, and patience. These aren’t big, impressive traits in the world’s eyes, but they are beautiful in the life of a believer. Humility means we don’t have to make everything about ourselves. We view ourselves rightly before God. Gentleness means we handle others with care, even when we could be harsh. Patience means we don’t give up on people quickly. These things don’t come naturally, but the Lord is faithful to grow them in us over time.

He also tells us to bear with one another in love. That’s important, because life together in the church can be hard. We all have weaknesses, and we all fall short in different ways. But instead of pulling away from each other, we’re called to lean in with love, to forgive, to overlook offenses when we can, and to stay committed to one another. This is how Christ treats us, and we get to reflect that same grace to others.

And then Paul reminds us to be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Unity isn’t something we have to create, it has already been given to us through Christ. Our role is to protect it, to value it, and to pursue peace with one another. As we do, we begin to see just how good it is to walk together as God’s people.

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

Youth and Family Discipleship

The youth had a great time at the community night of worship at Pittsboro Baptist Church- a night of worshiping God in song together, games, hearing God's Word preached from Philippians 2:5-11, and tacos!

On Sunday mornings, we continue our study of Luke and on

Wednesday nights, of systematic theology, currently studying the works of Christ.

Also, Eleanor Hansen got baptized March 22!!!

A few upcoming events:

The childrens' Easter egg hunt is on Saturday, April 4, 12:00-200 PM.

VBS: June 22-26

Ambassador Camp at Lake Waccamaw, June 28-July 3, ages 13-17.

Ambassador Camp options throughout the summer, ages 8-12.

Grace and Peace,

Jason



Faith in the Middle of It All

Now that April is here, I've been thinking about how easy it is to just move through life without really slowing down. The days fill up quickly—work, family, responsibilities—and before you know it, another week has gone by. And then Easter shows up on the calendar.

For a lot of us, it's something we look forward to—time with family, a good church service, maybe traditions we've had for years. But if I am being honest, it's also easy to let it pass by without really stopping to think about what it means for everyday life.

The truth is, I don't always live daily like someone who believes in the resurrection. I worry about things I can't control. I get frustrated, and I'm more impatient than I should be. I focus too much on what's right in front of me—and not enough on what God has already done. And yet, the message of Easter is simple and powerful: "He is not here: for he is risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay" (Matthew 28:6)

That's not just something to celebrate once a year. It's something that should shape how we live. Because if Jesus really did rise from the dead, then it means:

- God keeps His promises
- Sin doesn't have the final word
- And whatever we're facing right now isn't bigger than Him

There's a verse I keep coming back to, especially when life feels overwhelming: "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection..." (Philippians 3:10) It reminds me that faith isn't just about what I believe—it's about how I live day to day.

That's where I think I struggle sometimes. It's easy to believe the right things on Sunday, but harder to carry that into the rest of the week when life gets busy or stressful. It's easy to say God is in control, but harder to trust that when things don't go the way I planned. But Easter is a reminder that our faith isn't based on how we feel or how things are going. It's based on what Christ has already done. Easter brings me back to something simple Paul said in Acts 13:30: "But God raised him from the dead." That fact doesn't change based on how my week is going. And because of that, my hope doesn't have to either.

So, this April, I will try to remind myself not to let Easter just be a day, but to let it affect how I live daily. To trust a little more. To worry a little less. To remember that God is still at work, even when I don't see it right away. Maybe that's something we all need from time to time.

Because if the tomb is empty, then no situation we're facing is without hope—and that changes everything.

*Grateful for the Hope We Have,
Joe Godfrey*



Serving This Month

Deacon of the Week

4-05 Glenn Williams
4-12 Rex Zachary
4-19 Steve McCarty
4-26 Phillip Thomas

BEJ Snack Pack

Spring Break
The Discovery Class
Keith Marshall & Nancy Vickers
The Norwood Family

Nursery

4-05 Jason & Joy Lewis
4-12 Tammie Marley & Joan Snyder
4-19 Maria Wilske & Kristina Zachary
4-26 Lisa & Jimmy White

Children's Church

Cindy Marshall
Kristina Zachary
Tammie Marley
Jane Majors





Welcome, New Members!
Sherwood and Tricia Watts

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:
Ongoing through Sunday, April 5th

Appalachian Backpack Focus:

Toys for Children & Items for Teens

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



FOOD ITEMS

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Mac & cheese
- Rice
- Flour
- Sugar (granulated & brown)
- Baking mixes (cake, brownie, muffin, Bisquick, pancake)
- Cooking oil & sprays (vegetable, olive, shortening, Pam, Baker's Choice)
- Cereal (cold & hot)
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Gravy mixes
- Coffee, tea & hot cocoa
- Sauces (ketchup, BBQ, soy, Worcestershire, steak sauce, teriyaki, cheese, sweet & sour, hot sauce)
- Snack foods (sweet & savory-fruit snacks, jerky, pretzels, cheese crackers, etc.)

HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener/dryer sheets
- Trash bags (large & small)
- Household cleaners
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Napkins
- Tissues (Kleenex)
- Paper & plastic tableware
- Zip-top bags (sandwich, snack, quart, gallon)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Baby wipes

OTHER ESSENTIALS

- Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D)

FINAL NOTES

Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly). We can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size).

IMPORTANT: Please check for expired dates on food -- we cannot accept expired items. Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes. Pack like items together. Please do not pack chemicals with food.

Ongoing through Sunday, April 19th

A donation bin is in the Welcome Center.

Invite a friend

Easter Sunday

April 5th

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.





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