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The Olive Branch

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From Your Pastor

I love watching NFL football. And apparently a lot of Americans do too. The highest rated television broadcasts are always NFL football games. In 2023, without Olympics and presidential debates, NFL football games were 39 out of the top 50 most watch TV broadcasts. The first broadcast on the list that wasn't a football game was the Oscars at number 15. The Super Bowl in 2024 had 121,009,000 viewers or 36% of the US population! But regular season football games aren't until September. What do we have in August? Training camp and preseason games. Borrrrring! Only the most devoted fans are excited about that. Most fans are waiting for week one. However, it's during training camp and the preseason that the teams get prepared for the season. Without the preparation, the season gets off to a slow and bad start.

At Olive Branch Baptist Church our church year begins on September 1, and many of our ministries begin meeting again after a summer break. For example, our senior ministry, Mets, Awana, Young Church, God's Young Ladies, Lunch Buddies all begin again in September. Also, our committees are reformed (new members coming on and former ones leaving), and chairpersons chosen in September. So, the church year beginning in September is like the NFL regular season starting in September. Although I doubt there is going to be millions of viewers of our live stream like there will be on NFL opening day. (But a pastor can dream, can't he?).

If that's the case, then what happens at the church in August that's like training camp and preseason games? It's preparation time! It's time for all of us to pray and consider how we will serve the Lord at OBBC and in our community in the coming church year. Currently our Enlistment Committee is asking people to serve, and you can volunteer to serve wherever you would like. You don't have to wait for a call from the committee. If God has called you, that's the only call you need! I challenge you to go to the church website and select the serve page under the ministries tab. I'll make it easy for you, here is the link <https://www.obbcbblackridge.com/serve>. There you'll see a list of places that you can serve, and an interest form you can complete and submit. As the website page says, "You are unique - your gifting, your story, the things that make you come alive. As a follower of Christ, you became the recipient of indispensable gifts. And when the body of Christ is activated using their gifts for God's glory, we unleash God's power to work in powerful ways in our community and world. It starts with you. Jesus calls his followers to a missional life of joy-filled service. Peter wrote, 'Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others.' (1 Peter 5:12)"

If you already serve in a ministry and will continue in it, begin praying and preparing for the work God will have for you to do this church year. Pray for the people to whom you will minister. Pray for God to give you the strength and wisdom to serve with joy. Also attend the important quarterly business meeting on Monday, August 18 at 7:00 pm. At the meeting, the church will approve the servants and leaders who will begin the new church year serving the Lord.

The new church year is also a time to evaluate your spiritual walk and decide if there are places at the church you need to be involved to grow in your faith. For example, it's a perfect time to start going to Sunday School, or join a small group, join the choir, come to Wednesday prayer meeting, or make a commitment to be at worship services more consistently. There's no better time to make a new church year resolution other than New Year's Day of course.

The beginning of a new church year is also exciting. It's time to reconnect with people through ministry after a summer break. This year will be especially exciting since we will begin the church with our new Associate Pastor of Youth and Families, Roger Stanley. I'm looking forward to getting to know him and his family and see how God will use Roger's unique gifts and talents to lead our youth and children.

So, let's prepare in August so that we won't get off to a slow and bad start in the new church year. Let's start with a "bang!" and see what amazing things God will do this year!



August

2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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No 9am Service
Welcome Sunday
for Pastor Roger

10

2:00 pm WOM
Meeting

17

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**BACK-
TO-SCHOOL**

6:30pm Deacons
Meeting

18

7:00pm Qtrly
Business Meeting

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7:00pm Choir

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7:00pm Choir

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7:00pm Prayer
Gathering

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7:00pm Prayer
Gathering

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OBBC NEWS

Quarterly Business Meeting

We will have our Quarterly Business Meeting on **Monday, August 18th @ 7:00 pm in the sanctuary**. If you are not able to attend, proxy forms will be available a couple of weeks ahead of the meeting in the Welcome Center. Please turn these in to the church office by Sunday, August 17th.

VOLUNTEERS *NEEDED*

How Can You Serve?

The OBBC Enlistment Committee has been making calls getting positions filled for the upcoming church year. There are a few more spots they have to fill. Please review the list and prayerfully consider serving.

Committees:

Decorating
Hostess
Social Media
Lunch Buddies
Sunday School Teacher for 1st - 5th grade

There is a place to use your God-given talents to serve Him at OBBC! If you would like more information about a particular area of service, please contact the church office or Jan Vaughan @434-774-6224.



METS Senior Ministry!!

Enjoy your summer! We will see you Thursday, September 11, 2025 for our 5th season!



OBBC would like to welcome our Associate Pastor of Youth and Families to OBBC. Pastor Roger and his family (Roger, Rachel (wife), Sarah, Emily, Hannah & Ryan) have officially moved in the parsonage and getting settled in. We will be having a **"Welcome Sunday", August 3rd**. There will be **NO 9am service** but we will have **Sunday School as normal at 10am and 2nd service worship at 11:00am** which Roger will be preaching. There will be **a meal after 2nd service and everyone is asked to bring a dessert.**

Worship **Attendance**

6/29 168
7/6 112
7/13 141
7/20 122

Sunday School **Attendance**

6/29 90
7/6 71
7/13 67
7/20 50

WOM/BGAV Updates

Women On Missions

All women and teenage girls are invited.

Our March meeting will be held on

Sunday, August 10, 2025 and will meet in the church Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm.

How Do You Find Out More About HerMission?

Not only does WMUV have a new name - HerMission, there is also a new website. The new website address is www.onhermission.org. The website is filled with information providing the history of the Women's Missionary Union of Virginia from inception to current with the new name change. You can find information on the WMUV leadership team, mission resources for the church, the mission store, information for church WMUV Directors and associational WMUV Directors, and so much more including children's resources and Hispanic resources. Check out the new website and stay current on HerMission events and activities.

When Does the OBBC WOM Church Year Begin and what happens at the beginning of a new church year?

The OBBC WOM church year begins September 1 of each year. The members of the OBBC WOM elect offices each August from among its members for the new church year. The elected officers include President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and various committee chairpersons. An OBBC WOM Book is created each year that contains valuable information on members, positions, prior year summary report, program planning and additional information.

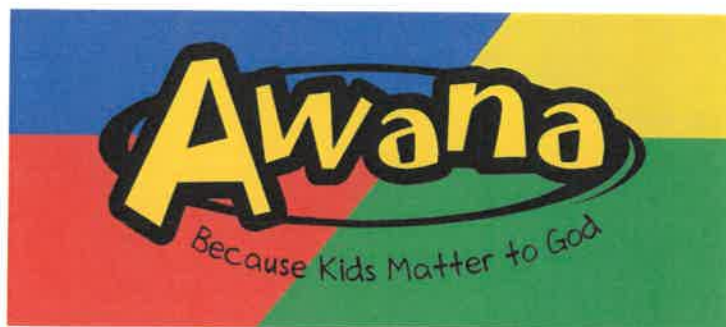
All women and teenage girls are invited to join the OBBC WOM as we prepare to kick off a new year continuing the theme of "What Joy". Meetings are at 2pm on the second Sunday of each month. Meeting location may vary.

BGAV (Baptist General Association of Virginia) News

BGAV Offered AI Training

You may be wondering what is AI. Artificial intelligence (AI) refers to the ability of computer systems to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. Examples of AI in use that we often hear about include things such as use of digital assistants such as Siri or Alexa, use of search engines such as Google search and Tesla's Autopilot self-driving car. AI is increasingly being used in ministry to complete automated tasks, help with communication, in data analysis and other ways. With this in mind, the BGAV recently offered training to church leaders to help church leaders help congregations navigate the pros and cons of AI. Providing specialized workshops for pastors and church leaders in a key way that the Baptist General Assembly of Virginia supports its members.

Children's & YC (6th-12th grades) News



Awana for K - 5th graders will start back up in September!! If you are willing to volunteer as a teacher or helper please see Michael Smith for more details!



Young Church

YC will start back up in September!!

Local Events



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Living Proof
LIVE

2025 SIMULCAST WITH
BETH MOORE

WORSHIP WITH
TRAVIS COTTRELL

JOIN US AT CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

9AM - 2PM

11650 HWY 47, CHASE CITY, VA 23924

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
(OR UNTIL TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT)

BOXED
LUNCH
INCLUDED

TICKETS AVAILABLE
AT CHURCH

\$15 THRU SEPT

\$20 OCTOBER

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE
at www.tinyurl.com/b4v4psfw
(or scan the QR code below)

\$16 THRU SEPT

\$20 OCTOBER

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFO, CALL 434-774-6386
OR EMAIL BRENDA.MCDOWELL@GMAIL.COM



Light ^{THE} NIGHT PRIME
presents
an evening with
**KAREN PECK
AND NEW RIVER**

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 2025
6:00 PM • DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM

with special guest
Rick Hollowell Music

New Hope Baptist Church | South Hill, VA

GA \$20 | VIP \$30
VIP INCLUDES MEET & GREET
PHOTO OP • LIGHT RECEPTION

Event proceeds to support
CAMP REFUEL **KINGDOM KIDS**

Tickets and More Info? /// www.lightthenight.net/ltm-prime

Missions Opportunities

Genesis Ministry Lunch Buddy Program

The 2025-2026 school year is almost here and the plans for serving La Crosse Elementary School through the Lunch Buddy program are beginning! We plan to start the program on Wednesday, September 10th, but to start, we need more Lunch Buddies to represent each class. This school year will mark the 17th year of serving the children and staff at La Crosse Elementary School through this program.

Many of you have served as a Lunch Buddy over the past years and know how rewarding it is. The love from the children and staff is immeasurable. Your commitment to join the children for lunch on Wednesdays during the school year and, if possible, visit them in their classroom to read a book or oversee an activity is welcomed with many smiling faces and lots of love-filled hugs from the children! If you're ready to be a Lunch Buddy and receive the love that comes from the children, we need you!

**Please contact Dale Bradley @
434-636-3785 or email her at
dalenmikebradley@gmail.com for more
information!**



CD Ministry at OBBC

Olive Branch Baptist Church has an outreach ministry that places cd's of sermons at various locations around the area. We have display cases in place with free cd's for the public.

The cd's also have vital church information like pastor's names, church address & phone number, hours/times of services and website address. Started in 2008, we have distributed 35,500 sermon cd's. We are looking for a couple of dedicated volunteers to help copy and distribute cd's bi-weekly. If you would like to help, please contact Steve Carroll, Missions Director, at 434-247-9930.

Happy Birthday



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| 1 September Nelms | 12 Chuck Woodson |
| 2 Pete English | 12 Hannah Merrick |
| 3 Connie Hammond | 15 Alice Fenaux |
| 4 Charles Calhoun | 15 Robert Ezell |
| 6 Dora Smith | 16 Lenwood Conner, Jr. |
| 6 Julia Braddy | 20 Linda Brooks |
| 6 Mark Powell | 25 Kelli Jo Brown |
| 7 Ron George | 27 Cheyenne Townsend |
| 7 Sara Biancorosso | 27 Heath Kidd |
| 7 Tristan Brown | 27 Stephanie Clark |
| 8 Charlie Guerrant | 27 Vance Wright |
| 8 Frankie Clary | 28 Jason Corwin |
| 8 Joanne Paynter | 28 Zane Conner |
| 9 Eden Bassett | 30 Nicholas Powell |

Happy Anniversary

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| 7 | Becky & Monte Aleman |
| 8 | Cheyenne & Wanda Townsend |
| 9 | Lenwood & Jennifer Conner |
| 11 | Wayne & Sarah Guynn |
| 15 | Steve & Connie Parrott |
| 16 | Elaine & Jim Jonas |
| 17 | Pete & Tracy English |
| 18 | Charles & Sarah Calhoun |
| 18 | Rodney & Deborah Gosney |
| 24 | Claudia & Richard Cropper |



Baby Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Date	9 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL	11 AM
August 3	-	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner
	-	Julia Braddy	Lynn Paquette
August 10	McKayla Tiller	McKayla Tiller	McKayla Tiller
	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner
August 17	Elizabeth Powell	Cindy Clevinger	Vance Wright
	Sandra Ittner	Laurie Wright	Wanda Watson
August 24	McKayla Tiller	McKayla Tiller	McKayla Tiller
	Elizabeth Powell	Sarah Ittner	Jessie Kennedy
August 31	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner
	Elizabeth Powell	Cheryl Parrish	Brittney Hensley

Staff & Officers

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Custodian/Maintenance

Mr. George Kidd

Chairman of Deacons

Mr. Steve Carroll

Personnel Officer

Mr. Michael Smith

Financial Officer

Mr. Ed Taylor