



## Guest/Connect Card

*Olive Branch was founded in 1879. Over the years we have always worshiped God, taught His Word, cared for each other and reached out to share the love and gospel of Jesus Christ. Today the three words below describe our core values as we continue the ministry started years ago.*

- **Multigenerational** - We are strongly committed to having a church with all ages. That's shown in our different music styled worship services and commitment to youth and children's ministry.
- **Excellence** - Excellence is doing our best with what God has given us. We will do whatever it takes to do things well so that more people will come to faith and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Presence** - Love is shown by our presence! Therefore, we make it a priority to leave the church building and show the love of God in our actions to our community and the world.

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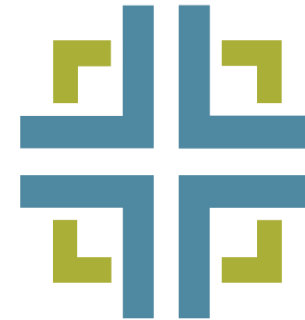


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Give to Olive Branch

December 7, 2025



**OLIVE BRANCH**  
BAPTIST CHURCH



EXCELLENCE PRESENCE MULTIGENERATIONAL

**December 7, 2025**

**WELCOME!** We greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and pray that as you worship today His love and grace will strengthen you. First time guests please complete the printed Welcome Card or the online one which you can access by scanning the QR code on the back of this bulletin so we can send you more information about Olive Branch Baptist Church.

**9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service**

<b>Announcements</b>	Pastor Roger
<b>Prelude</b> – “Veni, Emmanuel”	Jan Vaughan
<b>Call to Worship: Hymn # 247</b>	“Let’s Worship and Adore Him”
<b>Greetings</b>	
<b>Advent Wreath</b>	Smith Family
<b>Hymn # 269</b> Vs 1, 2, 4	“How Great Our Joy!”
<b>Hymn # 277</b>	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>	Curtis Tyler, Deacon
<b>Offertory</b> – “Pastorale Symphony”	Jan Vaughan
<b>Doxology # 815</b>	Jan Vaughan
<b>Special Music</b>	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Kylie Sadler
<b>Sermon</b>	“What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?” Luke 2:1-20 Rev. Ronnie West
<b>Lord’s Supper</b>	Rev. Ronnie West
<b>Invitational Hymn # 263</b>	“What Can I Give Him?”
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Pastor Roger
<b>Postlude</b>	Jan Vaughan

Child care for babies - toddlers is available for both worship services.

Children's Church for Pre-K - K, and 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade is available during the 11:00 hour. An usher will be glad to help direct you to the appropriate classroom.

Hearing devices are available for all services. If you would like to use one of these devices, please see an usher for assistance.

Please, no food or drinks except water, in the Sanctuary.



**ANOTHER LEVEL BASKETBALL**

Another Level Basketball Is Back! The season starts Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and runs every Saturday until February 28<sup>th</sup>. The program is FREE of charge to all K-5<sup>th</sup> grade participants. Please visit the OBBC website, [www.obbcblackridge.com](http://www.obbcblackridge.com) for more information **and** to register your child for basketball. To ensure a space for your child please register by Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. **We need your help to make this a successful ministry for our children!** If you would be willing to volunteer by helping as a referee, coach, work the scoreboard on one or more of the Saturdays, please register on the “Volunteer” portion of the website registration form or contact either the church office or Pastor Roger or you can sign up in the Welcome Center.

### **PRAYER REQUEST**

1. Kay Drake – currently losing her vision. (Deacon: Tim Ittner)
2. Murline Payne – still recovering from her fall. (Deacon: Frank Seamster)
3. Mary Tuck – having physical therapy for siatica pain. (Deacon: Steve Carroll)
4. Dora Belcher – going through breast cancer treatments. She also has a new mailing address:  
424 Cottler Lake Drive  
Coates, NC 27521

### **PRAY FOR HOMEBOUND, REST HOMES, REHAB, & MISSIONS**

5. Gideon International – That doors will continue to be opened to place His Word to reach the lost.
6. Georgie Rudd – Home (Deacon: Daniel Thrasher)
7. Lib Brady – Home (Deacon: Tim Ittner)
8. Bill Wells – Home (Deacon: Curtis Tyler)



### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Date	9:00 Babies/Toddlers	10:00 Babies/Toddlers	11:00 <u>Babies/Toddlers</u>
Dec. 6	Megan Ittner Brittney Sneed	Megan Ittner Jessie Kennedy	Megan Ittner Lynn Paquette
Dec. 14	-	-	Janeva Hutcheson Elizabeth Powell
Dec. 21	Megan Ittner Elizabeth Powell	Megan Ittner Cindy Clevinger	Megan Ittner Wanda Watson
Dec. 28	Brittney Sneed Janeva Hutcheson	Brittney Sneed Sarah Ittner	Brittney Sneed Mackenzie Salmons

**Note:** Children's Church is available at 11:00 am for Pre-K & K (Rm. 1) and 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Rm. 8) will be dismissed during the 11:00 worship service.

### **11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service**

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#### **Announcements**

Pastor Roger

#### **Song**

"Joy To The World"

#### **Greetings**

#### **Advent Wreath**

Denny & Cathy Hardee

#### **Song**

"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

#### **Song**

"Light Of The World"

#### **Offertory Prayer**

Curtis Tyler, Deacon

#### **Sermon**

"What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?"

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Ronnie West

#### **Lord's Supper**

Rev. Ronnie West

#### **Song**

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#### **Closing Prayer**

Pastor Roger



### **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

#### **Sunday**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Women on Mission

Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Deacon Dinner

Fellowship Hall

#### **Tuesday**

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Choir/Cantata Practice

Fellowship Hall

#### **Wednesday**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Prayer Gathering

Class Room 11

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Awana & D3 Youth

Main Bldg/CLC

#### **Thursday**

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

METS Gathering

Sanctuary/F. Hall

#### **Friday**

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

God's Young Ladies

Fellowship Hall

### **LORD'S SUPPER**

Today we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during both services. Please note that the bread is Gluten Free.

### **WOM MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR DECEMBER**

The Women on Mission group will meet on **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is Sunday before they normally meet due to the Christmas Cantata being the 14th.

### **GOD'S YOUNG LADIES**

God's Young Ladies will have their Christmas Party this Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies from 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS**

Due to the Christmas Cantata, there will be NO Pre-K/Kindergarten or Children's (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) Sunday School or Children's Church on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>! We hope everyone can enjoy the music together as a family!

### **CHRISTMAS CANTATA AND LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE**

On Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am the OBBC Choir will present a Christmas Cantata, "The Living Christmas Tree". We will also have select songs performed by handbells. To add to the season's celebration, we will have a breakfast at 9:00 am in the CLC. Please bring your favorite breakfast food to share such as sausage biscuits, casseroles, quiches, muffins, donuts, bagels or fruit. Drinks will be provided by the church. There will only be one worship service at 10:30 am and no Sunday School hour.

The Choir will perform a second time that day at 5:00 pm.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE!**

Wednesday, December 24, 2025, we will hold our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 pm in the church Sanctuary. Join us in celebrating the birth of Christ with music, devotions and singing.

### **MAIL SLOTS FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS**

We have placed the mailbox with alphabetized mail slots on a table near the Collection Point near the Welcome Center for you to use to exchange Christmas cards with your OBBC friends. Place cards in the appropriate mail slot according to the last name. Check the box regularly for any cards that may be addressed to you. To ensure your friends receive your cards, we ask that you make sure the person you are leaving a card for attends one of the worship services regularly. Cards left after the first of the new year will be discarded.

### **LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Our Women on Mission group is sponsoring the International Missions Board Lottie Moon Christmas Offering the month of December. Over 90% of the IMB teams actively engage at least one unreached people or place. The 2025 Prayer Guide and envelopes for your financial contribution are available in the Welcome Center. You can also find envelopes in the pews or you can give online through the church app or website. Olive Branch's goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$2,500. Every penny given to this offering is used to support these missionaries.

### **CAMP REFUEL 2026**

Camp Refuel is a weekend camp for students and youth groups (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) held at the beautiful Camp Willow Springs on Lake Gaston in Northern North Carolina. Camp will run from Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hosted by Light the Night Ministries, this weekend is filled with worship, focused time with Jesus in His Word, small group connection time, fun with both indoor and outdoor activities (i.e. sports, bonfire, canoeing, Giant swing, gaga ball, etc.) delicious food & snacks and so much more with beauty of God's creation in the backdrop! Cost is \$45. Even, though camp isn't until March, spots are filling up fast. Please register on the church website/App ASAP!

### **METS GATHERING**

Our December METS Seniors will meet Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. We will begin by meeting in the sanctuary for a devotion and a special Christmas Concert by the La Crosse Elementary School chorus led by Elizabeth Taylor! You don't want to miss this special treat. We will then move to the Fellowship Hall for our Christmas lunch and cookie exchange. We are asking those of you who love to bake to bring your favorite homemade cookies for dessert. Bags will be available to take a few of the leftover cookie's home to enjoy. For our service project we collected toiletry items and will be delivering them in gift bags to local group home residents for Christmas. We will be going on our first outing for the year on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. On the way to the McGregor Center to see "Plaid Tidings" we will have dinner at Smithfield's Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q. Please sign up for Thursday's lunch on the signup sheet in the Welcome Center by Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> or call/email the church office. ***We wish everyone a Merry Christmas!***



The OBBC Choir and Worship Team will present a Christmas Musical "One Small Child" performed in the Living Christmas Tree. We will also have select songs performed by the handbell choir.

**There will be two performances on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am and 5:00 pm in the church sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend.**

There will be a light breakfast before the 10:30 am performance held in our CLC (building behind the church) at 9:00 am. Please bring your favorite breakfast food, drinks will be provided.



### **2025 CONTRIBUTIONS & 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

All cash, check and non-cash contributions that you would like included on your 2025 Contribution Statement needs to be submitted by Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> if possible. On-line contributions need to be submitted by Wednesday, December 31, 2025.

2026 Offering Envelopes if you currently use them are now located on the Christmas Card Mailbox table in the Collection Point area near the Welcome Center/Sunday School Hallway.

### **LEADERSHIP 2026 CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING**

Pastor Roger would like to hold a 2026 OBBC Calendar Planning Meeting on Sunday, January 11, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall following 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. This meeting is for all Committee Chairperson, Church Officers, Staff, & Directors of Church Ministries. The goal of the meeting is to collectively plan events, activities for the church calendar so that the prospective people/committees have a heads up of what is planned and to help ensure that we do not double up on events/activities. Please bring all dates, ideas and info of activities/events with you that day. If you cannot attend please forward your info to the church office or Pastor Roger so that we can add to the calendar. Lunch will be provided.

### **THE SELAH CENTER**

Thank you to everyone for your faithful support in SAVING LIFETIMES, SUSTAINING FAMILIES & SHARING THE GOSPEL in Lake County. The Selah Center greatly appreciates your generous donations. The number of clients is increasing and they need more volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Christie Russell at [director@theselahcenter.org](mailto:director@theselahcenter.org)

### **BLAND COUNTY DONATIONS**

The Women on Missions would like to Thank You all for your generous donations to Bland County Ministries. We did a count of all the items and it totaled 403 items and 16 shoe boxes with gifts that were collected and delivered this past Minday to be sent to Bland.