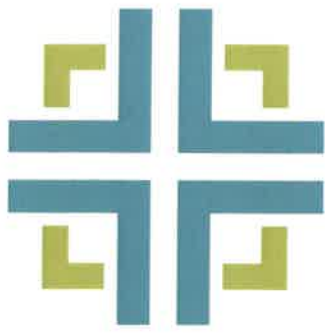


July 2025



The Olive Branch

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From Your Pastor

UNKNOWN. How do you deal with the unknown? An unknown situation? An unknown future? An unknown truth? An unknown destination? Most of the time we struggle with the unknown. Most are anxious if they go to a party where they don't know anyone. If you got confused at a train station and found yourself on a train to an unknown destination, you'd probably panic. How did you feel in elementary school when the teacher called on you for an answer and you had no idea what the answer was – ashamed? stupid? How worried and fearful do you get when you look at your future and you can't figure it out. Maybe it's because of a medical diagnosis, an uncertain relationship status, an important decision to be made, the death of a loved one, or a major change in your life? The unknown often elicits anxiety, panic, worry, fear, or even shame. But does it have to?

Olive Branch Baptist Church is beginning a new chapter (again!) and heading into the unknown (again!). Noah and Mackenze Wooldridge are preparing to move for Noah's new job. Mackenzie's last Sunday leading us in worship will be July 6. As I write this, we have not voted on Roger Stanley yet. Whatever the congregation decides, we don't know exactly what the next few months will look like. Church don't lose heart in this unknown time! Learn from our spiritual ancestors.

God told Abram (later Abraham) to leave his home, his extended family... everything and go. Go where? He had no idea; God didn't tell him. How would you respond if you got that message from God today? Leave everything behind and go somewhere. When you get there, God will tell you you've arrived. Of Abraham, the writer of Hebrews says, "By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and set out for a place that he was going to receive an inheritance. He went out, even though he did not know where he was going." Abraham didn't know where he was going but he knew God did, and God had promised to bless him. So, Abraham didn't feel like he needed to know, all he needed to do was trust God.

We often focus on the severity of Job's suffering while forgetting his suffering was compounded because he didn't know why he was suffering. Job never cursed God, but he complained a lot because God wouldn't tell Job why he was suffering. Job thought he was innocent and deserved his day in court to prove it to God. He thought his suffering might end if his case was laid out before God. The unknown afflicted his mind as much as the sores his body. God came to Job, not to convene court proceedings, but to question Job about nature and how it works. God showed Job that Job didn't know everything. Job didn't even know "simple" things about how God commands nature. Therefore, how dare Job question God's justice when it comes to God's control over the affairs of people? Job learned to shut his mouth and trust God that God knew what He was doing.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians about our future after death (2 Corinthians 5:1-10). He described our condition as groaning in our tents (body). He described our future as living in an eternal building from God. As much detail as Paul gives us here about our future, and in other verses that describe our future as Christians, there is still a lot that is unknown. Also, what we know now is just words. No one currently on this earth has seen heaven or a heavenly body. Are these words true or just fantasy? Paul says in the context of our future, "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

When Abraham didn't know where he was going. When Job didn't know why he was suffering. When we Christians don't know exactly what our future will be. In these and similar circumstances we TRUST GOD! We don't know exactly what our youth and music ministry will look like six months from now, but God does. He will bring the servants to Olive Branch He needs to have a church that is bringing glory to His name. Put your faith in God as we venture into an unknown future and leave all anxiety, panic, worry, and fear behind in the shadow of God's grace and strength!



July

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00pm Choir	2 6:30-8:00pm YC 7:00pm Prayer Gathering	3	4 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		VBS & YC week 6:00pm - 8:30pm				
13 2:00 pm WOM Meeting	14 6:30pm Deacons Meeting	15 7:00pm Choir	16 6:30pm Finance Com Meeting 7:00pm Prayer Gathering	17	18	19
20	21	22 7:00pm Choir	23 7:00pm Prayer Gathering	24	25	26
27	28	29 7:00pm Choir	30 7:00pm Prayer Gathering			

OBBC NEWS



METS Senior Ministry!!

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

Reminder!

Deacon Consideration Forms are
due by Sunday, July 6th. You can
pick one up in the Welcome Center.
Please turn them into the church
office or give it to Pastor Wayne!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



How Can You Serve?

The OBBC Enlistment Committee will begin seeking
volunteers to fill positions on our church committees.
Please prayerfully consider serving in one of the many
areas available:

Committees:

Cemetery	Facilities
Kids K-5 - Youth	Flowers
Constitution	Homebound
Enlistment	Hostess
Missions	Ordinance
Personnel	Planning
Set-up/Take Down	Safety/Security
Sound/Media	Social Media
Tellers	Finance
Greeters	Transportation
Nursery	Ushers
Senior Ministry	Children's Church
VBS	Publicity
Shawl Ministry	Lunch Buddies
Care Ministry	Outreach
Property	Teaching K-Adult

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.

The Finance Committee will hold their
Budget Planning Meeting on
Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:30pm.
Please make sure if you are a
committee chairperson that you have
all forms submitted by July 6th!



Rehoboth Methodist Church

1919 Blackridge Road
La Crosse, VA 23950

SUNDAY, JULY 13 -- 8:00PM

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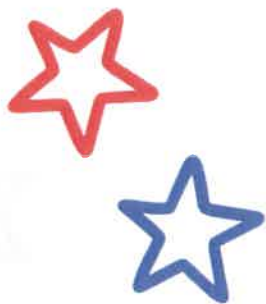
Worship Attendance

6/1 144
6/8 105
6/15 122
6/22 Lake Service

Sunday School Attendance

6/1 81
6/8 61
6/15 69
6/22 Lake Service

WOM/BGAV Updates

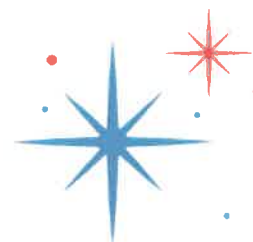


Women On Missions

All women and teenage girls are invited.

Our March meeting will be held on

Sunday, July 13, 2025 and will meet in the church Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm.



Name Change for the WMUV

The Women's Missionary Union of Virginia has a new name and a new logo. HerMission is the new name with a tagline of a movement of women on mission since 1874. The name change occurred after a season of prayer and discernment with a board vote and a community wide vote. While the name and the logo of the organization has changed, the mission has not. HerMission honors the faithful legacy of the past while opening the path that God is leading the organization on for the future. If you call the Richmond WMUV office, the phone will now be answered as HerMission of WMUV.

Mission Mosaic Magazine Subscription Change:

The Mission Mosaic Magazine subscription for WOM members is now transitioning to a quarterly subscription. For WOM members, the magazine will no longer be mailed to your home but will be sent to the church for distribution on a quarterly basis. The process will be very similar to the process of Sunday School quarterlies. More details will be shared at the July WOM meeting.

The **OBBC WOM** encourages all believers to to live a missional lifestyle by learning about missions, praying for missions, supporting missions and doing missions. All women and teenage girls are invited to attend the OBBC monthly WOM meeting. The July meeting will be on July 13th at 2:00 pm in the OBBC Fellowship Hall.

BGAV (Baptist General Association of Virginia) News

Save these dates for upcoming BGAV Events:

September 14 - 21, 2025 - Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions Week of Prayer

November 10 - 12, 2025 - 202nd BGAV Annual Meeting at Highlands Fellowship in Abbingdon, VA.

Check out the BGAV website at BGAV.org to stay current on BGAV news.

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

VBS "Magnified" will be held **July 7th - 11th from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm** for kids 4 years old through 5th grade! It is time to get volunteers together to do the Lord's work in the children's lives this summer. Go ahead and mark your calendars and sign up to volunteer on the clipboard in the Welcome Center. If there are any questions contact the church office at 434-636-2228 or email office@obbcbblackridge.com



YC ADVENTURE WEEK

July 7 - 11

6:00-8:30 each night

Annually we have YC Week while the children have VBS. We'll do the same this year. However, this year we are changing the format some.

Each night there will an "adventure."

So this year we are calling it YC Adventure Week.

Monday - Scavenger Hunt at Centennial Park

Tuesday - Zig Zag Duck Laser Tag at the church

Wednesday - Pineview in South Hill (sing, play games, and pray with the residents)

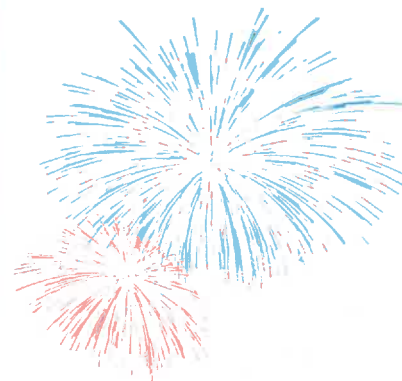
Thursday - Pool Party at the Wrights

Friday - Pizza Party at the church

Also, each night we will have prizes, a meal, hang time, worship and lessons on strengthening our prayer life. This week will be next level so make sure you're there and bring all your friends!

YC Young Church

YC meets on each Wednesday evening from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm and will run through July 2nd!



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! 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!

WOM School Supplies

The Women on Mission (WOM) group will be collecting school supplies for the local elementary students the month of July. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please put them in the designated bins at the Collection Point next to the Welcome Center.

Items needed:

Crayola Crayons	Colored Pencils
Washable Markers	Notebook Paper
3-Ring Binders	Pencil Box/Pouch
Hand Sanitizer	Children's Scissors
Glue Sticks	#2 Pencils
Composition Book	Pocket Folders
Bookbags	Disinfectant Wipes
Dry Erase Markers	

They will be collecting until Sunday, July 27th.

Camp Concord NEWS

Camp Concord News

Camp Concord has opened for the summer! There are camps for Pre-K to 12th grade. Brochures and registration are available online at www.campconcordva.com or you can pick one up in the Welcome Center.



Camp Concord 2025 Schedule

Day Camp 1 (4 years old - 1st grade)	May 31
Girls Week (grades 6th - 8th)	June 8 - 11
2nd/3rd Grade Week 1	June 15 - 18
Day Camp 2	June 21
Boys Week (grades 6th - 8th)	June 22-25
2nd/3rd Grade Overnight	June 27 - 28
Youth Week (grades 6th - 12th)	July 6 - 9
2nd/3rd Grade Week 2	July 13 - 16
Young Ladies Retreat (8th grade - up)	July 18 - 20
Girls Week (grades 4th - 5th)	July 20 - 23
Boys Week (grades 4th - 5th)	July 27 - 30
Father/Son Weekend (all ages)	August 1 - 2

Happy Birthday



1 Josh Taylor	14 Jonathan Gosney
3 Caylee Farmer	14 Will Gill
3 Larry Wilson	17 Ed Baron
7 Cleto Parrott	18 Lois Finch
7 Heather Jackson	19 Paul Glantz
7 Juwan Jones	22 Sarah Calhoun
9 Hannah Taylor	23 Daniel Thrasher
9 McKayla Tiller	26 Cameron Robinson
10 Jennifer Tyler	27 Jace Murray
10 Joshua Bowman	27 Tim Moseley
11 Linda Fortin	29 Kathy Bledsoe
13 Chase Brown	31 Ashley Kidd
	31 Michael O'Conner

Happy Anniversary

1 Joe & Kim Young
 5 Lois & Earl Finch
 9 Lenwood & Jennifer Conner
 11 Bill & Margie Wollenberg
 18 Brian & Jennifer Kurdziolek
 20 Paul & Mary Stough
 22 Mike & Dale Bradley
 27 Jason & Marsha Murray
 29 Ed & Gloria Taylor



Baby Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Date	9 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL	11 AM
July 6	Elizabeth Powell	Torey Clifton	Lynn Paquette
	Julia Braddy	Jessie Kennedy	Vance Wright
July 13	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner
	Elizabeth Powell	Brittney Hensley	Lois Finch
July 20	Elizabeth Powell	Sandra Ittner	Wanda Watson
	Cindy Clevinger	Jessie Kennedy	Donna Jarrell
July 27	McKayla Tiller	McKayla Tiller	McKayla Tiller
	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner

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