

June 2025

The Olive Branch

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From Your Pastor

At the beginning of the year, we studied the book of 1 Thessalonians on Sunday mornings. After taking a break, we are returning to Thessalonians this summer by studying Paul's second letter to the believers there. Galatians was likely Paul's first letter and 1 and 2 Thessalonians his second and third letters. They were probably written about AD 50, 51 which was less than 20 years from Jesus' ministry. So, it's interesting that we learn so much about future events (for example, the Rapture, Tribulation and the Anti-Christ) in Paul's early letters. It seems these were doctrines Paul taught and were important to the early church. To help us remember what we learned from 1 Thessalonians and to get us ready for the second letter, I wanted to write a summary of the letters and the context in which they were written.

Everyone wants to be part of a church that has a great reputation and is worthy of God boasting about it. The church in Thessalonica was such a church. Paul, with Silas and Timothy, founded the church on Paul's second missionary journey. The people in the church had been idol worshipers, yet they received Paul's message and became believers in Jesus Christ. They became imitators of Paul and as such became a model church for the entire region. The church was full of faith, love and hope. They were an evangelistic church that had a great reputation. Paul prayed that their faith would grow and that their love for each other would increase and God answered those prayers.

But not everything was perfect. Timothy's report of conditions in the Thessalonian church led Paul to write his first letter. Some of the Thessalonians apparently believed that Jesus Christ was about to return soon and had therefore given up their jobs and had become disorderly. Some worried about what had happened to their loved ones who had died before the Lord had returned. Persecution from the Gentiles as well as the Jews still oppressed the believers who were nevertheless holding fast to the truth and eager to see Paul again. Some outside the church, however, remained hostile to Paul. There appears to have been some misuse of spiritual gifts in the assembly as well as an unfortunate tendency on the part of some to return to their former habits involving sexual impurity. So, Paul wrote his first letter to the Thessalonians to encourage them in how they were doing in their faith. He also wanted to correct misinformation that his critics were circulating about him, Silas and Timothy. Third he answered their questions about loved ones who had passed away and gave further instruction about how to grow in their faith.

Only a few months had passed, and Paul heard more about how the Thessalonians were doing probably from the messenger who took the first letter and from other churches. The news was still mixed. They were growing in their faith and love. What was even more amazing was they were thriving spiritually in the midst of heavy suffering and persecution. However, false teaching concerning the day of the Lord had entered the church and was causing confusion and leading some of the Christians to quit their jobs in expectation of the Lord's imminent return. Therefore, Paul was compelled to write another letter to the Thessalonians. Paul wrote to encourage the Thessalonian believers to continue to persevere in the face of continuing persecution. He also wanted to clarify events preceding the day of the Lord to dispel false teaching. Finally, he instructed the church how to deal with lazy Christians in their midst.

Although they lived nearly 2,000 years ago, what Paul wrote to the Thessalonians is just as relevant today. We also need to be encouraged, know the truth about God's future plans and be admonished to live a godly life as we wait for Christ's return. I encourage to read 1 and 2 Thessalonians as we study this summer.

Here are some other resources for you if you want to dig deeper in your study of these letters.

This link is a free class taught by a professor at Dallas Theological Seminary. <https://courses.dts.edu/courses/thessalonians>.

These links are overviews of 1 Thessalonians <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=No7Nq6IX23c> and 2 Thessalonians <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbPBDKOn1cc> produced by the Bible Project

Go to RightNow Media and search "Thessalonians" to see multiple studies on these letters.

If you don't have your free Right Now Media account, go here and create one.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/user/OliveBranchBaptist>

hello
SUMMER

June

2025

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		7:00pm Choir	6:30-8:00pm YC 7:00pm Prayer Gathering			8:30 am - YC Porch Project
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2:00 pm WOM Meeting	6:30pm Deacons Meeting	7:00pm Choir	6:30-8:00pm YC 7:00pm Prayer Gathering			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Impact Mecklenburg			
		7:00pm Choir	6:30-8:00 pm YC 7:00pm Prayer Gathering	6:30pm - Men's Christian Fellowship		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
11:00am Lake Service @ Tanglewood Shores		7:00pm Choir	6:30-8:00pm YC 7:00pm Prayer Gathering			
29	30					

Father's Day

OBBC NEWS



METS Senior Ministry!!

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

Men's Christian Fellowship

The Men's Christian Fellowship group will be
having another fellowship on
Thursday, June 19th starting at 6:30 pm in
the Fellowship Hall. Men, please plan to
attend and bring a friend or family member
with you for an evening of fellowship and
good food. Dinner will be served.
A sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center.

OBBC Lake Service

Sunday, June 22nd is our Lake Service at
Tanglewood Shores at 11:00 am followed by a
picnic lunch.

Please sign up in the Welcome Center with how
many people in your family will be attending.

For lunch, if your last name begins with A-I, please
bring a dessert, and J-Z please bring a side dish.
Please make sure to clearly label your dishes and
utensils.

We will also be having communion and a baptism.
If you are interested in being baptized, please
contact Pastor Wayne or the church office by June
17th. Please dress comfortably and bring a lawn
chair to sit in. Children may play on the
playground and swim in the lake after the service.
Lakefront parking is limited. After you drop off
your passengers and chairs at the lakefront,
please return to the entrance of Tanglewood to
park and ride our shuttle bus back to the lake
front.

VBS Snack Collection

We are collecting donations of snacks for our
upcoming VBS week.

Items needed are:

Little Debbie snacks
Plain Rice Krispie Treats
Multipack chips
Small 8oz waters

**Snack
Time**

Please place your donations in the designated
bins in the collection center next to the
Welcome Center by Sunday, June 29th.

Worship Attendance

4/27	150
5/4	183
5/11	135
5/18	88 One Service
5/25	141

Sunday School Attendance

4/27	81
5/4	68
5/11	78
5/18	69 One Service
5/25	85

WOM/BGAV Updates

Women On Missions

All women and teenage girls are invited.

Our March meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 8, 2025 and will meet in the church Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm.**

Vessels of Mercy Golf Tournament

June 9th is the 18th Annual Golfing for Hope Tournament. It will be held at Brandermill Country Club at 3700 Brandermill Pkwy, Midlothian, VA 23112. It will be a four-person, Captain's Choice. If you would like more info, please call 804-740-4575 or email info@vesselsofmercy.org

WMUV Serves Around the World

The WMUV has a mission team that will be serving at Villa Milagro in Cajamarca, Peru from July 11 - 19, 2025. Villa Milagro was started by Larry and Joy Johnson of Texas who surrendered to the call to become Southern Baptist missionaries after Larry served on a few short term mission trips to Brazil. In 1994, the Johnson's purchased a 12.5 acre farm in Cajamarca, Peru and named the property Villa Milagro which means a "small place of miracles". The farm serves as the headquarters for ministry outreaches including jungle evangelism, Bible distribution, well drilling, scholarship support for children in school, sewing classes for women in rural villages and other ministries. Villa Milagro exists to share and demonstrate God's love for his people so that they may come to faith in Christ. Short term mission teams visit and serve in various manners helping to expand the ministry efforts. The WMUV had a team to serve with Villa Milagro in 2023 and will have another team on the ground this summer. The WMUV women will be assisting with children and women's ministry. To learn more about Villa Milagro, visit <https://www.villamilagro.org/ministries>. The WMUV has teams serving in the US and around the world. God opens doors.

The **OBBC WOM** encourages all believers 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 June meeting will be on June 8th at 2:00 pm in the OBBC Fellowship Hall.

BGAV (Baptist General Association of Virginia) News

What is the BGAV Food to Faith Initiative?

History teaches us that during the apostolic age as the church was initially forming, growing and developing that teaching and sharing about Christ and the Christian faith often occurred around meals. Today, there is a growing resurgence of this apostolic ministry style.

For many years, the BGAV has provided hynger grants to help support food pantries and soup kitchens as a means of serving people and sharing Christ. BGAV is now expanding the Food to Faith initiatives to include the Dinner Church. The Dinner Church is a model of being the hands and feet of Christ within communities by feeding people at the table, building relationships, sharing life and teaching about Jesus.

The BGAV is offering training programs for churches who want to know more and may be interested in starting a Dinner Church as a way to share the Gospel with people who may never attend a traditional church service. The next training is on July 19 in Roanoke, Virginia. Anyone interested can sign up on the BGAV website. To learn more about the BGAV Food to Faith Dinner Church initiative you can visit:

<https://www.bgav.org/blog/food-to-faith-bringing-communities-together-around-a-common-table>

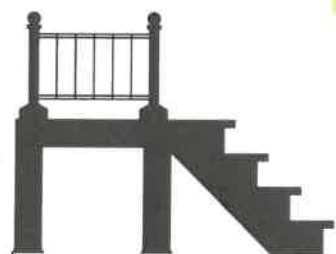
Children's & YC (6th-12th grades) News

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 Morgan Uribe at (434) 865-2455 or email her at morgan.fath3737@gmail.com.



YC on Wednesday nights are currently studying "The 13 Most Interesting Bible Studies for Teenagers"



Porch Project

The Youth will meet at the church at 8:30 am on June 7th. We will travel just down the road to a house that needs a new front porch. It should be a quick project and we should be done in time to have lunch together in South Hill.

Materials and tools will be provided and you can participate even if you have no construction knowledge. The important thing is to be willing to help a person in need.

YC Young Church

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

YC WEEK

YC Week will be held July 7th - 11th from 6:00 pm - 8:30pm.

Missions Opportunities

IMPACT MISSION CAMPS - MECKLENBURG COUNTY 2025

Impact Mission Camps is a youth construction mission camp coming back to Mecklenburg County this summer! OBBC students who will complete 6th grade this spring through 12th grade are encouraged to participate. Adults are needed as well.

Ways to support: Adults may participate in Impact by preparing and serving meals to the students and workers through the Disaster Response Team. You can also support this mission through prayers and donations. First, we cannot do God's work without Him! Second, we ask for donations, so that missions in our community can continue. Donations can be made directly to the Concord Baptist Association. Envelopes are provided in the Welcome Center and Vestibule. For more information you can contact Laurie Wright, Team Leader, at lauriewright5749@gmail.com.

Come help make a difference in Mecklenburg County as we assist homeowners that are in need of help.

Camp Concord NEWS

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Camp Concord has opened for the summer! There are camps for Pre-K to 12th grade, and began May 31st. Brochures and registration are available online at www.campconcordva.com or you can pick one up in the Welcome Center. If you need any more info please feel free to reach out to Sandra Ittner at 434-917-1859.



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 Erin Bailey Fadool	12 Lynn Ellis
2 Blanche Griffin	15 Marissa Smith
2 Lila Hart Smith	16 Brenda Gill
3 Marsha Murray	16 Dallas Cross
4 Carolyn Wallace	16 Michael Smith
4 Jan Vaughan	17 Lib Brady
4 June Wells	18 Eddie Urda
5 Austin Kidd	22 Bill Wollenberg
6 Christian Mosier	23 Adeley Kinker
6 Parker Anderson	25 Seth Townsend
8 Dennis Willett	27 Brian Kurdziolek
12 Jason Murray, Jr.	29 Jim Brady



Baby Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Date	9 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL	11 AM
June 1	McKayla Tiller	McKayla Tiller	McKayla Tiller
	Elizabeth Powell	Sandra Ittner	Vance Wright
June 8	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner
	Elizabeth Powell	Jessie Kennedy	Rhoda Bowman
June 15	McKayla Tiller	McKayla Tiller	McKayla Tiller
	Julia Braddy	Cindy Clevinger	Wanda Watson
June 22	-	-	Lake
	-	-	Service
June 29	McKayla Tiller	McKayla Tiller	McKayla Tiller
	Elizabeth Powell	Sarah Ittner	Donna Jarrell

Happy Anniversary

1 Paul & Genia Glantz
 1 Daniel & Nikki Thrasher
 4 Jason & Heather Corwin
 4 Bill & June Wells
 6 George & Judy Kidd
 9 Paul & Wanda Bailey
 10 Tony & Theresa Garnes
 12 Keith & Lynn Ellis
 19 Mark & Rhoda Bowman

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