

October 2025



The Olive Branch

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From Your Associate Pastor of Youth & Families

Greetings Church Family,

Well, October is upon us. Fall is in full swing; kids are back in school, and most of us have settled into our new daily routines, only to be reminded by all the major retailers that the holidays are quickly approaching. Have you started preparing and planning, or do you wait until the last minute?

While many people prefer to plan so that they feel prepared as the holidays approach, some people love the thrill of the last-minute gift hunt or finding the best last-minute deal. These two approaches often can be a reflection on how we approach life. Some take great pride and care in planning to start a family, planning out their career path, planning for retirement, and even planning out their final expenses and last wishes. Despite all of this; unfortunately, too many of us don't take such care in planning when it comes to our spiritual health and eternal resting place.

While we can attempt to plan many aspects of our lives, there remains one that we just can't plan. We are not born with an expiration date or an average shelf life. God is the author of when we will leave this place and arrive in the place we will spend eternity. This is not the part of your life that you want to approach with the I'll get to it eventually attitude. "You have decided the length of our lives. You know how many months we will live, and we are not given a minute longer." (Job 14:5 ESV) Planning for what comes next (after we leave this earth) is the most important event we should be making plans for.

First and foremost, have you declared Jesus as your Lord and savior? If your answer is yes, what have you been doing with your life since making that proclamation? Do you spend time in the Word? Do you spend time in prayer? Are you seeking ways to share God with others? Can people see Christ through your words and actions? These are all questions that culminate into one specific question; are you producing spiritual fruit, or are you dead in your faith?

If you said no, then my question to you is what's holding you back? You are never too far gone that Jesus can't save you. At any point you can cry out to Him and He will extend His hand, you must only ask. We don't know what tomorrow holds for us. Don't take the chance of leaving here thinking about joining God's family to spend eternity anguishing over a missed opportunity. Once you pass away, there won't be an opportunity for you to change your mind or plead your case. Don't assume that you will have time to later, the time is now.

So, my final question to you church is, what do you want to hear more when you leave this place, "well done good and faithful servant," or "I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness." If you have decided to follow Jesus or just need some help or encouragement, please don't hesitate to reach out.



OCTOBER

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 2 3 4

6:00pm Prayer
Gathering
6:30-8:00pm
D3, Awana

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Small Group
Dinner 5:30 pm
7:00pm
Choir/Cantata
Practice
6:00pm Prayer
Gathering
6:30-8:00pm
D3, Awana
6:30-8:30pm
God's Young
Ladies

11:00 - 1:00pm
METS in CLC

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Mission Com
Meeting 12:30 pm
6:30pm Deacons
Choir/Cantata
Practice
6:00pm Prayer
Gathering
6:30-8:00pm
D3, Awana

19 20 21 22 23 24 25

7-8 pm Revival
7-8 pm Revival
7-8 pm Revival
6:00pm Prayer
Gathering
6:30-8:00pm
D3, Awana
6:30-8:30pm
God's Young
Ladies
Fall Festival
2 pm - 4 pm

26 27 28 29 30 31

Nursery App.
Lunch
7:00pm
Choir/Cantata
Practice
6:00pm Prayer
Gathering
6:30-8:00pm
D3, Awana



OBBC NEWS



METS Senior Ministry!!

All seniors are invited to our monthly **METS gathering on Thursday, October 9th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. We will be meeting in the CLC this month! Put on your game face as we will be holding our first annual Senior Olympic games! Join us for an afternoon of fun, a devotion, and a great meal. Remember, in October and November we will be collecting small toiletry and gift items to make up Christmas baskets for our local group home residents. These items can include small (3-4oz.) shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, shower gel, hand sanitizer, shave cream, toothpaste, also, bar soap (individually wrapped/boxed) toothbrush, emery boards/nail file, nail polish, nail clipper, hair ties/clips, disposable razors, chap stick, tissue packs, small note pad, pens, small word search books, and small devotion books. You may also donate money to go towards the cost of gift bags and cards. Please make sure you sign up to attend in October on the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center, call/email the church office, or use the OBBC app.



Small Group Bible Study Gathering

It has been almost 6 months since we launched our OBBC Small Group ministry. It is time to come together again and share what God has been doing in our groups. **Please come have dinner with us on Sunday, October 5th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** We will share food, fun, and fellowship as we recap what has happened over the last 6 months and we will also use this time to invite others to join us in this adventure of small group ministry. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center so that we can plan how much food we need. Please bring nonperishable food items, grocery gift cards, or a monetary donation that we can donate to the WOM Food Bank. At the current time they need canned meats, fruits, and vegetables (please no rice).

Worship Attendance

8/31 186
9/7 104 - 1 Service
9/14 133
9/21 165

Sunday School Attendance

8/31 95
9/7 67 - 1 Service
9/14 82
9/21 86





OBBC NEWS

OLIVE BRANCH
BAPTIST CHURCH



REVIVAL

OCTOBER 19 - 21, 2025

7 PM - 8 PM

SPEAKER: PASTOR BILLY CALLAHAN

Pastor Billy Callahan, Pastor at Shiloh Family Ministries, Camp Director, Shiloh Youth Leader, and Camp Kerr Lake Youth Camp Director, will be bringing a message each night at OBBC.

Billy is no newcomer to Olive Branch and will have a message each night of hope, inspiration, and encouragement.

These are the messages he will be bringing to us!

"Are You Sleeping?" - Mark 14:27-42

"Fishers of Men" - Luke 5:1-11

"Spiritual Watchmen" - Isaiah 62:6-7

Put us on your calendar now to join us!

Special music will be provided each night.

SAVE THE DATE • SAT NOV 1ST

CRUSIN' FOR CHRIST

A CAR SHOW & EXHIBITION



11:00 AM - 4:30 PM

OLIVE BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH
5223 BLACKRIDGE ROAD, LA CROSSE VA 23950

\$ 25 DOLLAR DONATION COVERS ALL EVENTS

Collectable Car Show 11 - 2:30

Brunswick Stew 11:30 - 2:00

• Indoor Musical Guest : JASON RUNNELS 3:00 - 4:30 •

All Proceeds To Benefit Community Sister Churches

TICKETS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

434-917-4485 • 434-917-3246 • 434-636-2226

DIRECTIONS: OBBCBLACKRIDGE.COM **"SEE YOU THERE"** BRING LAWN CHAIRS

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Weldon Jones is
seeking Volunteers to
help with this event.
Contact Weldon at 434-
917-4485!

For tickets see
Weldon Jones or
Sandra in the
church office.





OBBC NEWS



How Can You Serve?

The OBBC Enlistment Committee is still seeking volunteers to fill positions on our church committees.

Please prayerfully consider serving in one of the many areas available:

Committees:

Facilities - 1 person
Sunday School 1st-5th helpers
Homebound - 1 person
Hostess - 1 person
Missions - 1 person
Church decorating - 1 person
Social Media - Marketing - 2 people
Tellers
Nursery
WOM Director

If you would like more information about a particular area of service, please contact Jan Vaughan or the church office.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month - a time to extend your heartfelt appreciation to Pastor Roger for his hard work, sacrifice, love, and faithfulness he gives to Olive Branch throughout the year!

Also, a thank you to Rev. Ronnie West for filling in for us on Sundays! We truly appreciate everything you both do for us!

We thank you!

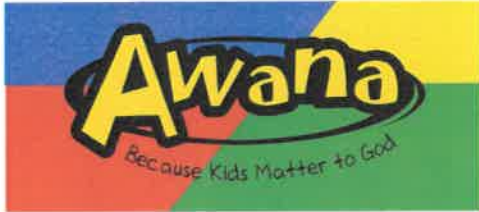
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PRAYER TIME

Please remember to pray for our Pastor Search Committee as they begin meeting to begin the process of searching for our next Senior Pastor.

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



Awana for K - 5th graders
meets each Wednesday,
from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm!!



D3 Youth Ministry
meets each
Wednesday, from
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm!!



God's Young Ladies October 10th & 24th

All young ladies, 5th - 12th grade are invited to join in our God's Young Ladies group that meets every other Friday evening from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Becky Aleman, they have a lesson and a time of sharing, prayer, crafts, and a snack. They focus on issues that girls face and what the Bible says about dealing with them. For more information contact Becky Aleman at 434-447-6231.

Missions



OBBC will be returning to Ensenada, Mexico as part of Yugo Ministries to build another house next summer, July 19-24, 2026.

There will be an information meeting for those interested in going to Mexico immediately following the second service on Sunday, October 5th.

If you have any curiosity about joining this mission trip, please feel free to attend. Please call Laurie Wright (434) 774-7947 if you cannot attend, but want more information.

MEETING

The Missions Committee will have a meeting on Sunday, October 12th after church at 12:30 pm. Members, please bring a bag lunch and we can have a lunch meeting. Drinks, chips, and dessert will be provided. Please contact Steve Carroll, Chairman of Missions Committee at 434-247-9930 if you have any questions.

Women On Missions

All women and teenage girls are invited.

Our March meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 12, 2025 and will meet in the church Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm.**



*Fall
is in the
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ALMA HUNT OFFERING

for Virginia Missions

Our Church Goal is \$1,200

LIVING
Faith



Happy Birthday



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| 1 Ryan Hitson | 13 Kelly Cookson |
| 2 Matthew Clark | 14 Sandy O'Conner |
| 2 Maude Brooks | 16 Tyson Crowe |
| 3 Jasmine Garnes | 18 Frances Baron |
| 4 Jessica Anderson | 19 Susie Carroll |
| 4 Rodney Gosney | 20 Ray Franck |
| 5 Evan Jones | 22 Frank Seamster |
| 6 Christian Guynn | 22 Lindsey Taylor |
| 6 Kenny Wallace | 22 TJ Nichols |
| 6 Preston Fortin | 24 Ashley Winstead |
| 7 Jo Clary | 29 Kay Drake |
| 7 Mary Lou Arrington | 29 Ken Moody |
| 8 Tim Ittner | 29 Sara Grace Corwin |
| 11 Betty Woodlief | 30 Caleb Robinson |
| 11 Kathryn Parrott | 31 Allen Robinson |

Happy Anniversary

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| 3 | Danny & Marjorie Newton |
| 4 | Glenn & Teresa Robinson |
| 6 | Larry & Debbie Wilson |
| 14 | Jamie & Rickelle Murray |
| 16 | Nick & Victoria James |
| 17 | Wayne & Joanne Paynter |
| 17 | Todd & Missy Watson |
| 19 | Kenneth & Linda Parham |
| 20 | Mark & Joanna Powell |
| 21 | McKayla & Josh Tiller |
| 21 | Rex & Wanda Watson |



Baby Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Date	9 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL	11 AM
October 5	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner
	Brittney Hensley	Brittney Hensley	Brittney Hensley
October 12	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner
	TBA	TBA	TBA
October 19	Brittney Hensley	Brittney Hensley	Brittney Hensley
	Elizabeth Powell	Cheryl Parrish	Wanda Watson
October 26	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Elizabeth Powell	Cindy Clevinger	Sarah Ittner

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Mr. Steve Carroll

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Mr. Michael Smith

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Mr. Jay Eubanks