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# The Olive Branch

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## From Your Interim Pastor

Happy Easter everyone! I am so happy and full of joy today I could just shout. You ask, "Preacher, why are you so happy?" I am excited because Jesus is alive! I am excited because a Savior lives who understands all there is to know about me, and yet He still loves me. I am excited because my sin debt is paid in full; there is forgiveness of sins and a provision has been made for you and me to enter heaven. Doesn't it excite you that Jesus loves you? Doesn't it excite you to know that you can have your sins forgiven and you can one day go to heaven? Doesn't it excite you to know that Jesus is alive? Oh, praise God Jesus is alive and because Jesus lives, we too can live. I want to share with you today, what Easter can do for you based on Matthew 28:1-10.

### **EASTER CAN CALM YOU (V. 5). FEAR NOT**

Here we see that the women were afraid. The disciples were afraid. In fact, all in Jerusalem are afraid but notice the angel said, "Fear Not." The message of God to man is, "Fear Not." We have no need to fear anything because Jesus is alive. Easter can calm you and give you a peaceful, joyful heart.

### **EASTER CAN GIVE YOU ASSURANCE (VS. 5). I KNOW THAT YOU SEEK HIM**

The women came looking for a dead Jesus but they found the living Lord. Oh, what a difference a day can make. It wasn't long before all the disciples had the assurance that Jesus was alive, because they had seen Him with their own eyes.

Do you have the assurance that Jesus is alive? Do you have the assurance that when you die heaven will be your home?

Easter can give you the assurance that Jesus is alive and that Heaven will be your home. Jesus paid our sin debt on the cross and rose to prove He is the Son of God. God the Father raised Him from the dead. Just think God has the power to save you and give you the assurance that you too will rise from the dead?

### **EASTER CAN INSTRUCT YOU (VS. 6). COME SEE THE PLACE WHERE JESUS LAY.**

The women went into the tomb and the Scripture tells us that they were wrought with fear and joy when they saw the tomb empty. Easter is God's special invitation to you personally to come and receive special gift of salvation.

### **EASTER CAN COMMISISON YOU (VS. 7). GO QUICKLY AND TELL**

The women and later the disciples all ran out into the streets that they were hiding from and boldly proclaimed the Word of the Lord. The Lord is risen, the Lord is risen indeed they all cried. Every one of the disciples gave their very lives for Jesus and people don't die for dead men. They were sure that Jesus was alive. They lived as if Jesus died yesterday, that He arose today and that He is coming back tomorrow; and we should do the same. We are called to, "God quickly and tell others that Jesus is alive and that He forgives sin and He offers eternal life for all who will believe.

I pray that we will all hear the Easter story this year with new ears and see the wonder of it all with fresh eyes. I pray we will go boldly into our little corner of our world and tell others that our God reigns and He forgives sins and welcomes sinner's home.

Rev. Ronnie West

Interim Pastor



# Easter Happenings at OBBC

Palm Sunday, March 29  
*Hallelujah Praise the Lamb*

## EASTER

CANTATA

10:30 am & 5:00 pm  
Sunday School 9:30 am



Join us in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm  
for our Good Friday Service and  
partake in the Lord's Supper

April 3

## GOOD FRIDAY

SERVICE

7:00 pm  
Sanctuary

A graphic for Good Friday Service with a dark red background. It features three black crosses of varying heights on a dark silhouette of a hill. The text "GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE" is in white, bold, sans-serif font, and "7:00 pm Sanctuary" is in a smaller white font below it.

**Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** we are asking that you bring **fresh cut flowers**, if possible, to help fill our living cross!!

They can be cut from your yard, side of the road or wherever you like.



Easter Sunday – April 5

## HE IS RISEN

*celebrate the savior*

10:00 am	Resurrection Service - Cemetery
10:15 am	Breakfast - CLC
11:00 am	Worship - CLC

### Potluck Breakfast

Join us at 10:00 am for a Resurrection Service followed by a potluck breakfast in the CLC (bring your favorite breakfast food to share, drinks will be provided). After breakfast at 11:00 am we will have Worship in the CLC. Bring a few fresh flowers for our living cross.



# OBBC NEWS

## Attention all Seniors!!

Spring is upon us and we will be celebrating the arrival of the season on Thursday, April 16th! We hope you will join us at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary to hear a wonderful spring concert performed by the La Crosse Elementary Chorus led by Elizabeth Taylor! Laurie Wright will also be joining us to lead us in our devotion and talk about the Impact Mecklenburg mission! We hope you will join us. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or contact the church office by Sunday, April 12th. Have a Blessed Easter!

OBBC   
*Mets*  
**Lacrosse Elementary Choir**  
 Under the Direction of  
**Ms. Elizabeth Taylor**  
 April 16th | 11-12 in the Sanctuary

*He is Risen*

Lake Service  
 Sunday, June 7  
 Save the Date



## Worship Service Schedule



### March 29th

- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:30 am - Worship Service - Easter Cantata
- 5:00 pm - Easter Cantata in Sanctuary

### April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday

- 7 pm - Good Friday Service

### April 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter

- 10 am - Resurrection Service in the Cemetery
- 10:15 am - Potluck Breakfast in the CLC
- 11:00 am - Worship Service in the CLC

# OBBC NEWS



Sunday, May 3

**CHILD DEDICATION**

See Pastor Ronnie or Pastor Roger if you are interested by Sunday, April 26



Details on the on the OBBC App and Website

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**  
*Honoring OUR Students*  
**May 17**



We will recognize OBBC High School, College, and Military graduates on **Sunday, May 17, 2026**. If you are a graduate, please submit the following information to the church office or Pastor Roger by May 10th.

1. Graduate Name (First/MI/Last)
2. School or Branch of Service
3. Degree and Area of Study
4. Which worship service you plan to attend
5. Please submit a graduation photo (or equivalent) on a flash drive OR via email to Pastor Wayne at [pastorwayne@obbcbldge.com](mailto:pastorwayne@obbcbldge.com) We would like high school students to submit 6-12 photos panning across birth to your senior year of high school.

<b>Worship Service Attendance</b>	
3/1	127
3/8	148
3/15	144
3/22	80 (1 Service)

<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>	
3/1	64
3/8	72
3/15	74
3/22	65



Wednesday  
**PRAYER GATHERING**  
Meets at 6:00 pm in Room 11

# Children's & YC (Young Church) News







**Mecklenburg County**  
**June 14 - 20**

Youth who've completed 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Adult chaperones needed as well  
\$163 per OBBC student  
\$325 per adult  
*Financial Assistance is Available*

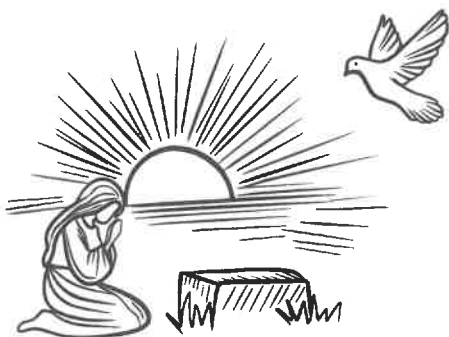
Contact Pastor Roger by **MARCH 29** if you plan to go.

Is there a God who cares?



**VBS | July 13-17**

HAPPY  
*Easter*




The D3 Youth Ministry will be providing an opportunity to take a free family photo on Easter Sunday.

You may also choose to purchase a custom printed frame for \$40 to support current and upcoming youth projects.



**D3 Youth Ministry**  
Each  
**Wednesday from  
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

For youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade



For more info or to help please contact  
**Pastor Roger**

**Meets each  
Wednesdays from  
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**



For children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Help is needed!



For more info or to help please contact  
**Michael Smith**



# WOM/BGAV Updates

**WMU**® God's mission.  
Our passion.

## **Concord Baptist Association**

### ***Attention WMU/WOM Ladies!!***

***You are invited to our Spring Meeting/Luncheon***

**Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 am with  
lunch at 12:00 pm.**

**Location: Ephesus Baptist Church  
1642 Smith Cross Road  
South Hill, VA 23970**

**Meats and beverages will be provided,  
please if able bring a side or dessert.**

**Special Guest Speaker: Rev. Woody Moore will provide  
a video presentation on Hope Ministries and his recent  
mission trip to rural Kentucky.**

**Door prizes - Fun Games - Fellowship**

**RSVP - Marilyn McCluster 434-917-1116 or  
Rev. Ronnie West 434-532-5737**



**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm



### **Prayer Shawl Ministry Blankets**

Reminder, there are prayer blankets that are bagged individually in the Woman to Woman Sunday School Class on the book shelf. These blankets have notes of encouragement attached that are donated for members to give out to anyone having a tough time. Whether it be due to illness or other reasons. Please feel free to get one if you know someone that needs extra prayers.



## **Missions**

### **YUGO Mission 2026**

**Mexico House Build**

**July 19-25**

**Opportunities to help:**

- Pray for the OBBC team, new homeowners, and YUGO staff!
- Brunswick Stew: January 24 – Pre-order form in Welcome Center
- Love Offering – Toward the mission trip, including for house materials costing \$7500+



Scan & select  
"YUGO Mission 2026"  
to give



# Camp Concord NEWS

## Camp Concord News

Camp Concord is getting things going for a great summer coming ahead! We have **Clean-Up Days** scheduled for the next few months so please mark your calendars! Each work day will start at 9:00 am and work until around noon:  
**April 25th**

We also have the men's group **Carpenters 4 Christ** coming **April 29th-May 2nd**. All local men (young and old) are invited to work alongside these men coming from all over Virginia.

If you are interested please reach out to Sandra Ittner to get signed up. they start each day with breakfast and devotion time and end the day with devotions.

Brochures and registration forms are in the Welcome Center or you can go to the website [www.camconcordva.com](http://www.camconcordva.com) to register and pay online.



# Impact Mecklenburg NEWS

## **IMPACT MISSION CAMPS - MECKLENBURG COUNTY 2026**

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](mailto:lauriewright5749@gmail.com).

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

# Happy Birthday



- 2 Brian Roberts
- 2 Mae Jones
- 6 Quinn Roberts
- 8 Josh Tiller
- 8 Grace Gregory
- 10 Steve Carroll
- 10 Kaci Brown
- 15 Olivia Thornton
- 15 Elijah Tyler
- 16 Tony Games
- 16 Tracy English
- 18 Peggy Harris
- 21 Ronnie West
- 21 Claire Wright
- 21 Heather Corwin
- 21 Tracey Moseley
- 21 Mary Mosier
- 22 Sam Gill
- 24 Melanie Wright
- 28 Sherry Stanbach
- 29 Mark Bowman
- 29 Wanda Bailey
- 29 Hunter Taylor

# Happy Anniversary

- 1 Richard & Cheryl Parrish
- 2 Robert & Kristen Thornton
- 5 Robert & Deborah Ezell
- 7 Steve & Tammy-Robinson White
- 9 Van & Traci Sykes III
- 19 Bernard & Gretchen Robinson
- 23 Tim & Sandra Ittner
- 24 Jessica & Dell Conner
- 24 Richard & Peggy Harris
- 29 Drew & Jessie Kennedy
- 30 Johnathan & Kirsten Phillips



## OBBC Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Date	9 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL	11 AM
April 5	-	-	Megan Ittner
	-	-	Janeva Hutcheson
April 12	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed
	Elizabeth Powell	Sarah Ittner	Vance Wright
April 19	Janeva Hutcheson	Janeva Hutcheson	Janeva Hutcheson
	Elizabeth Powell	Cindy Clevinger	Wanda Watson
April 26	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed
	Janeva Hutcheson	Cheryl Parrish	Mackenzie Salmons

## Staff & Officers

### Interim Pastor

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### Worship Leader

Ms. Elizabeth Taylor

### Custodian/Maintenance

Mr. George Kidd

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Mr. Steve Carroll

### Personnel Officer

Mr. Michael Smith

### Financial Officer

Mr. Jay Eubanks