

July 2026



The Olive Branch

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From Your Pastor

Greetings in the name of the Lord:

Excitement is filling the air here at Olive Branch. We are seeing people saved and joining our church. As we as fellow believers welcome the Holy Spirit into our midst, He is doing a wonderful work. However, as our church grows not only numerically but also spiritually one might ask, where exactly do I fit in?

Many Christians ask, "Where do I fit in the church?" God never intended for believers to be spectators. Every saved person has a place, a purpose, and a ministry within the body of Christ. Just as every part of the human body has a function, every believer has a role in the church. The Enlistment Committee is hard at work seeking members to fill many positions within the work of this church. You may receive a call soon to fill a position. When you do, we would pray that you would say Yes. However, if you do not receive a call, please know that your help is needed. Every member of this church is needed for the church to function as God intended.

We are told in 1 Corinthians 12:18 "But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired."

We can look at this scripture from this viewpoint:

First, your place is determined by God:

God places every believer where He wants them. I am so excited that God wants you here at Olive Branch. You see your place here is not an accident. And God has a purpose for every member. Another reason why you are so important to Olive Branch is because of the spiritual gifts that God gave you when you were saved. Paul tells us that some teach, some serve, some encourage, some lead, some show mercy; and the list goes on. When your giftedness is not shared, the church suffers. A puzzle piece only fits where the designer intended. Likewise, God designed each believer to fit into His church exactly where He desires.

Second, your place is important to the church:

1 Corinthians 12:21-22 tells us, "And the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'; or again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'" On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary." No member is unnecessary. Every ministry matters. Visible ministries and unseen ministries are equally valuable.

As we seek to serve the Lord in the coming year ask yourself:

- Have I found my place in God's church?
- Am I faithfully serving where God has placed me?
- Am I helping build up the body of Christ?

God did not save you merely to sit in the church; He saved you to serve in the church. When every believer finds and fulfills their place, the church becomes healthy, united, and effective for the glory of God. May the Lord bless each of you as we serve the Lord in the coming year.

OBBC NEWS

DEACON NOMINATIONS



Any church member can recommend up to 6 men to serve as deacons.
More information is in the bulletin and
Deacon Consideration Forms are available in the Welcome Center.

Monday, July 6

6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Finance

Committee Meeting

Budget Request Forms are out!

Monday, August 17 | 7 pm | Sanctuary
Proxy in Welcome Center – Due Sun. August 16

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING



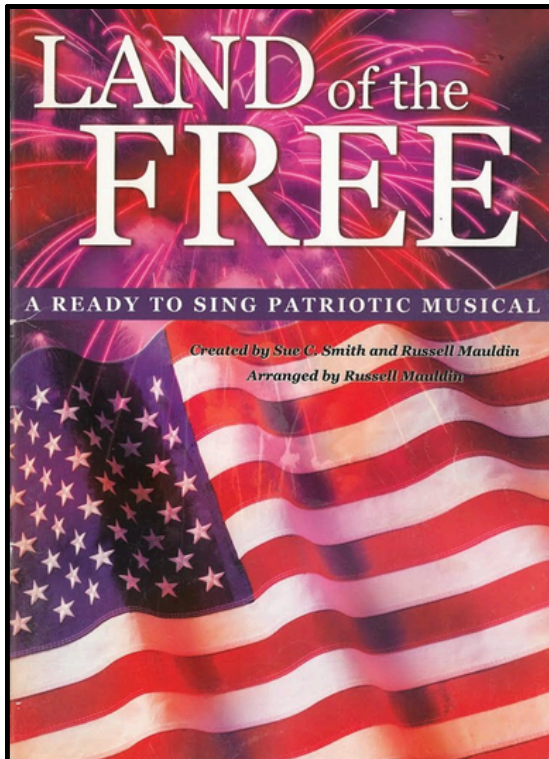
VBS

- Little Debbie Snacks
- Multipack Chips
- Plain Rice Krispie Treats
- Small 8 oz Waters



Place donations in bins in the
Welcome Center by
Sunday, July 5

Snack Collection



Sunday, July 12th at 10:30 AM

The Sanctuary Choir & Praise Team
will present a *Patriotic Cantata*
titled "Land of the Free"

The schedule for July 12th will be:
9:30 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship Service

There will be NO 9:00 AM Worship Service this day.

Genesis Ministry Lunch Buddy Program

The 2026-2027 school year is almost here and the plans for serving La Crosse Elementary School through the Lunch Buddy program are beginning! Our tentative plans are to start the program on Wednesday, September 16th, but to start, we need more Lunch Buddies to represent each class. 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!

Awana
Because Kids Matter to God

OLIVE BRANCH
BAPTIST CHURCH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Make a difference in a child's life!

WE NEED HELP FOR:

- SMALL GROUP LEADERS**
- ASSISTANTS**
- BACK-UP GAME LEADER**

If you have a **PASSION** for helping kids, **WE NEED YOU!**

Reach out to:
MICHAEL SMITH
(434) 917-5890
or
PASTOR ROGER!

AWANA STARTS BACK
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16!

Enlistment Committee

How Can You Serve?

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

Committees:

Kids K-5 - Youth	Facilities
Church Decorating	Constitution
Homebound.	Enlistment
Hostess	Marketing
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
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.

OBBC NEWS

Small Groups

FIND YOUR COMMUNITY

Small Groups are taking a vacation this summer but we plan to resume regular meetings in August after school starts. If you are not yet plugged into a group, please consider how this ministry can strengthen your walk with God and His people. Ask anyone who is currently in a group about how this weekly activity has changed everything. If you would like to join us when we return, contact Wanda Bailey and she can help you get started.

Wednesday
**PRAYER
GATHERING**

Meets at 6:00 pm in Room 11

LIGHT THE NIGHT MINISTRIES PRESENTS



CAMP
ENCOURAGEMENT - PASS IT ON

October 5-7, 2026
6-8:30
Olive Branch
Baptist Church-CLC

with Dr.
Dennis Swanberg

The★
**Tobacco Road
BAND**

\$25
Dinner provided each night
www.lightthenight.net/camp-encouragement



<u>Worship Service</u>	
<u>Attendance</u>	
5/31	119
6/7	100 Lake Service
6/14	123
6/21	No count

<u>Sunday School</u>	
<u>Attendance</u>	
5/31	81
6/7	Lake Service
6/14	73
6/21	75

WOM/BGAV Updates



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.

Missions



Please be in prayer for the YUGO Mission Team as they prepare to go to Ensenada, Mexico on July 19th - 25th on a mission trip to build houses and hold VBS for the children in the area. Pray for safe travels for the team and pray that they are able to witness to the people they come in contact with to lead them to the Lord.



Children's & YC (Young Church) News



Please make sure to sign your kiddos (Pre-K through 12th Grades) for VBS!! Invite your neighbors and friends to attend as well. Register online by scanning the QR code to the left.



The D3 Youth have been working hard on remodeling the Annex for a place for them to meet and have bible study, games, etc. If you have not seen the improvements, go check it out! They are accepting donations to help cover the cost of the improvements as well. If you would like to donate, mark it as "Youth Reno"

D3 Youth Ministry

Each

**Wednesday from
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

For youth in 6th through 12th Grade

For more info or to help please contact

Pastor Roger



D3 Youth helped out a community member by taking a Saturday to repair his deck.

Camp Concord NEWS

Brochures and registration forms are in the Welcome Center or you can go to the website www.camconcordva.com to register and pay online.



A wooden sign posted outdoors near a lake, listing the 2026 schedule for Camp Concord. The sign is titled "Camp Concord 2026 Schedule" and lists various activities and their dates.

Activity	Dates
Girls Week Grades 6-8:	June 7-10
Day Camp 1:	June 13
Boys Week Grades 4-5:	June 14-17
2nd & 3rd Grade Overnight:	June 19-20
Boys Week Grades 6-8:	June 21-24
Young Ladies Retreat (9-12 grade):	June 26-28
2nd & 3rd Grade Week 1:	June 28-July 1
Worship Week (6-12 grade):	July 5-8
Day Camp 2:	July 11
2nd & 3rd Grade Week 2:	July 12-15
Girls Week Grades 4-5:	July 19-22
Youth Week (6-12 grade):	July 26-29
Father/Son Weekend:	July 31-August 1

Impact Mecklenburg Pictures



Happy Birthday



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

Happy Anniversary

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



OBBC Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Date	9 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL	11 AM
July 5	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed
	Elizabeth Powell	Sarah Ittner	Lynn Paquette
July 12	-	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed
	-	Cheryl Parrish	Mackenzie Salmons
July 19	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner
	Elizabeth Powell	Morgan Uribe	Wanda Watson
July 26	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed
	Julia Braddy	Jessie Paquette	Vance Wright

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Ms. Elizabeth Taylor

Custodian/Maintenance
Mr. George Kidd

Chairman of Deacons
Mr. Steve Carroll

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Mr. Michael Smith

Financial Officer
Mr. Jay Eubanks