

June 2026



The Olive Branch

Olive Branch Baptist Church

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From Your Pastor

Greetings:

The Lord is doing a mighty work here at Olive Branch. Souls are being saved and lives are changing for the glory of God, oh praise His dear name. What an awesome thought that God would deem us worthy to come into our presence and change us. We each owe Him our highest praise.

The question that comes to my mind when I think about just how good God has been to each of us is this, "how should we then live?" That question was once asked by Francis Schaeffer in his book written by the same title back in 1976. Here is one point from his book that each of us who bear the name of Christian should remember today, and society desperately needs to understand: Absolute Truth Exists. In other words, Truth comes from God, not society.

In today's world, opinions about human life constantly change. Some people believe life only has value if a person is healthy, productive, wealthy, or wanted by society. Others believe truth is whatever a person feels or decides for themselves. But the Bible teaches an absolute truth: Every human being has value because they are created in the image of God. Genesis 1:27 – "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them."

That truth does not change:

- if society changes
- if governments change
- if culture changes
- or if personal opinions change

Why? Because the source of that truth is God Himself.

If truth only came from human opinion:

- one generation could value life,
- and another generation could discard it.

History proves this happens. Slave owners once claimed slavery was acceptable. Nazi Germany claimed certain lives were less valuable. Modern society sometimes treats unborn children or the elderly as disposable. Human opinion changes, God's truth does not.

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Imagine a ruler used for measuring. If every person made up their own inch, measurement would become chaos. One builder's "foot" would differ from another's. Houses would collapse because there would be no fixed standard. Truth works the same way. God is the fixed standard. His Word is the measuring line for what is right and wrong, true and false. John 17:17 – "Thy word is truth."

Without God:

- morality becomes preference
- truth becomes opinion
- and society loses direction

But because God is eternal and unchanging, His truth is absolute and trustworthy.

That means:

- right is still right
- wrong is still wrong
- and truth remains truth because it is grounded in the character of God.

God is blessing us as a church because we honor His Word and His darling Son Jesus. May this fact always be true in each of our lives. May you each be blessed as you step forward each day in serving the King of Kings and Lord of Lords Jesus Christ.

In His Name

Pastor Ronnie West
Senior Pastor
Olive Branch Baptist Church

OBBC NEWS

Lake Service

Sunday, June 7 @ 11 am

- Let Pastor Ronnie or Pastor Roger know if you want to be baptized by May 31.
- Sign up in Welcome Center with how many in your family will be attending.
- Lunch: If your last name begins with A-I please bring a side dish. If J-Z please bring a dessert.

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.

Sunday, July 12th

The Sanctuary Choir & Praise Team will perform a Patriotic Cantata on Sunday, July 12th at 10:30 am

Sunday School will be at 9:30 am
Worship/Cantata at 10:30 am

Please note that there will only be one worship service that day.

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

Teachers, Helpers, Substitutes

Help weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or just for the summer.

We have volunteers who are taking vacation, maternity leave, etc. for the summer.

SUNDAY: Nursery, Sunday School, Children's Church (Infant – 5th grade)


Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and **do not hinder them**, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Please contact Joanne Paynter our Sunday School Director & Director of Christian Education or Pastor Roger TODAY if you can help.

OBBC NEWS

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



Monday, July 6
6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Finance
Committee Meeting

Budget Request Forms are out!

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

Worship Service Attendance

5/3	179 (Baby Ded)
5/10	149
5/17	145
5/24	154

Sunday School Attendance

5/3	79
5/10	77
5/17	84
5/24	78

Thursday, June 18

Men's Fellowship

6:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Sign up in Welcome Center, website, or app

Wednesday

PRAYER GATHERING

Meets at 6:00 pm in Room 11

WOM/BGAV Updates



Missions



Mecklenburg County
June 14-20

Impact is looking for volunteers to serve on the Disaster Response feeding team to serve participants breakfast and dinner each day at First Baptist Church, South Hill

Sign up on OBBC App or Website under Events or QR CODE

- Serve only as many meals as you want.
- Don't have to be trained.
- Must sign up to serve.



IMPACT MISSION CAMPS - MECKLENBURG COUNTY 2026

Impact Mission Camps is a youth construction mission camp coming back to Mecklenburg County this summer!

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 who are in need of help.

Children's & YC (Young Church) News



Community Outreach

at Ray of Hope Food Pantry

Youth will be assisting in their Food Distribution on June 11th from 7:15 am - 11:00 am

Register on the Church app/website

Kings Dominion Trip

June 24, 2026

Youth will travel to Kings Dominion for a fun day. Go to the OBBC website/app for all the details and to register!

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

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.

CAMP CONCORD 2026 WISH LIST

Camp Concord could not continue to serve the many youth of our community without the continued support of our churches and individuals that help in so many areas both financially and physically. We have the following list of items that we could use if you or your church would like to donate any of the items to help offset our costs. Every little bit helps. The items can be dropped off at the Concord Baptist Association office Tuesday (9am-4pm) or at Camp Concord during camp weeks or contact Sandra to arrange a place/time.

If you have any questions please call or text Sandra Ittner 434-917-1859.
Thanks in advance for your continued support!!

Kitchen Items needed:
 Gallon or 28oz cans of Bushes Bakes Beans
 Gallon or 28oz cans of snaps (string beans)
 Gallon or 28oz cans of corn
 Gallon or 28oz can sliced peaches
 Bottled water
 Brownie Mix
 Yellow Cake Mix
 Individual wrapped: donuts, chips (variety), cookies, muffins, animal crackers
 Canned drinks: Mt. Dew, Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, Coke
 Little Debbie cakes (nutty bars, swiss rolls, etc.)
 Individual pudding cups (chocolate/vanilla)

Paper products: small drinking cups, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper
 Snack bags
 Quart & Gallon freeze/storage bags
 Wax paper & plastic wrap
 Large roll of aluminum foil

Fresh Garden Vegetables: strawberries, blueberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet peppers, watermelon, cantaloupes, cabbage.

Craft/Games items:
 playground balls, melty beads, colored chalk, markers, paints, glue sticks
 kayaks


Camp Concord 2026 Schedule

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

Area Happenings

Calvary's Hill @
Ephesus Baptist Church

Come Celebrate 150 years of Ephesus Baptist Church with worship singing by Calvary's Hill




When:
Saturday, June 13, 2026
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Where:
Ephesus Baptist Church
1642 Smith Cross Road,
South Hill, Virginia 23970

For information contact:
Ms. Mary McAden @ (434) 774-4376
or Scott Baker @ (252) 414-5420

With Special Guest: Jim Simpson




YOU ARE INVITED TO

HOMECOMING AT
EPHESUS BAPTIST CHURCH

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

JUNE 13-14, 2026



JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN,
AND FELLOWSHIP

1642 Smith Cross Rd. South Hill, VA 23970

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

4-6PM

Calvary's Hill Quartet performs at the church

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

10AM

Worship Service

11AM

Covered Dish Luncheon

QUESTIONS?
CALL (434) 699-2315

Happy Birthday



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| 1 | Erin Bailey | | |
| 2 | Lila Hart Smith | | |
| 3 | Marsha Murray | | |
| 4 | Carolyn Wallace | | |
| 4 | Jan Vaughan | | |
| 4 | June Wells | | |
| 5 | Austion Kidd | 22 | Bill Wollenberg |
| 6 | Parker Anderson | 23 | Adeley Kinker |
| 6 | Christian Mosier | 25 | Seth Townsend |
| 10 | Rebecca Clary | 26 | Lora Bassett |
| 11 | Taylor Wells | 27 | Brian Kurdziolek |
| 12 | Jason Murray Sr. | | |
| 15 | Marissa Smith | | |
| 16 | Michael Smith | | |
| 16 | Brenda Gill | | |
| 17 | Lib Brady | | |

Happy Anniversary

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| 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 |
| 19 | Mark & Rhoda Bowman |
| 20 | Micahel & Sandra O'Conner |
| 21 | Steve & Susie Carroll |
| 24 | Josh & Lindsey Taylor |



OBBC Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Date	9 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL	11 AM
June 7 Lake Service	-	-	-
	-	-	-
June 14	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed
	Megan Ittner	Sandra Ittner	Vance Wright
June 21	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner
	Elizabeth Powell	Cindy Clevinger	Wanda Watson
June 28	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed
	Elizabeth Powell	Cheryl Parrish	Mackenzie Salmons

Staff & Officers

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Mrs. Jan Vaughan

Worship Leader
Ms. Elizabeth Taylor

Custodian/Maintenance
Mr. George Kidd

Chairman of Deacons
Mr. Steve Carroll

Personnel Officer
Mr. Michael Smith

Financial Officer
Mr. Jay Eubanks