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The Olive Branch

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From Your Interim Pastor

Let me begin by saying that it is an absolute joy and privilege to be the interim pastor of Olive Branch Baptist Church. I have been extremely impressed by the leadership of this church and how you have continued in the faith in the absence of a full-time pastor. This speaks well of your character and your commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is so exciting to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit each Sunday as we see souls being saved and people transferring their membership to become a part of the body. God is truly in our midst each Sunday. One would wonder with so many things going so well, a great music program, good fellowship, small groups are continuing and the youth group is growing. One would wonder, where do we go from here?

I am reminded of the words from the author of Hebrews chapter 10: 24-25. "And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

The author here is telling all believers that believers are to pay close attention to one another. Faith is not passive or private, it implies awareness, care and purposeful engagement. Why are we to pay such close attention to one another? Because we have been given a duty to spur one another on in love toward Christlike living. In other words, growth in the Christian faith is meant to be relational not isolated. And the natural progression of love, Christlike love, Agape love is good works. Good works is an outward expression of the love that dwells within us who love Jesus and one another. And I will be the first to admit that there are many good works that flow out of Olive Branch Baptist Church. Faith naturally overflows into action.

However, the author of Hebrews gives us a warning. It seems that there were Christians in the early church that were neglecting meeting together on the Lord's Day. Therefore, some believers were not only drifting from meeting with the body of believers, but they were in danger of drifting from the faith. Regular fellowship is essential, not optional for the believer.

However, we see the same problem today as they did in the first century. I believe that decreased church attendance is our biggest problem in America today. Here are a few statistics that reveal this problem.

If you are born between 1925 and 1945 there is a 50% chance that you will be in church on Sunday.

If you were born between 1946 and 1964 there's a 40% chance that you will be in church on Sunday.

If you were born between 1965 and 1983 there's a 20% chance you will be in church on Sunday.

If you were born after 1984 there is less than a 10% chance you will be in church on Sunday. Huston, we have a problem.

Let me encourage you to encourage those that have drifted from the church and perhaps the faith to come back in fellowship with Jesus and the Body. The day of judgment is on the horizon so let us be about the Masters work loving and caring for one another and the lost.

Rev. Ronnie West

Interim Pastor



OBBC NEWS

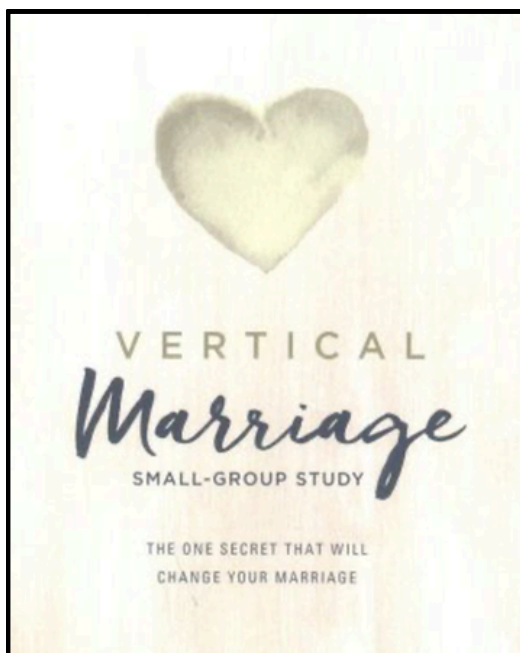
Attention all Seniors!!

Seniors, please join us at our METS Senior Ministry gathering on **Thursday, February 12th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. After our devotion we will hear from Dr. Paul Bailey about heart health! We will then enjoy a hearty lunch and time of fellowship. We will also begin signing up those interested in going on our spring excursion to New Hope Valley Railway in New Hill, NC for a train ride, on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. The cost is \$10 at time of signup and includes our lunch at the Pizza Inn on the way back to church. Please make sure you sign up for Thursday the 12th on the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center by Sunday, February 8th, or call/email the church office.



Quarterly Business Meeting

We will have our Quarterly Business Meeting on **Monday, February 16th @ 7:00 pm in the sanctuary**. If you are not able to attend, proxy forms will be available a couple of weeks ahead of the meeting in the Welcome Center. Please turn these in to the church office by Sunday, February 15th.



There will be a
Vertical *Marriage* Conference
on

Saturday, March 14, 2026
from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

Only \$10 per couple.

Limited to 20 couples,
sign-up in the Welcome Center

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Walking New Trails
Spring Church Leadership Training
Saturday
March 14, 2026
9:00 AM to Noon
Heritage Baptist Church, Farmville, Virginia

Breakout Sessions:
Faith Formation Future visioning
Children's Ministry

Please register by March 7

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

Here at OBBC in the Christian Life Center from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm on the following Sundays January 18th & 25th and February 1st & 8th. If you would like to volunteer, please show up and let them know you want to help!

BUDDY BALL

THE BAILEY CENTER
FOR SPECIAL NEEDS
GOING BEYOND BOUNDARIES

FEAT

<u>Worship Service Attendance</u>	
1/4	99
1/11	133
1/18	123
1/25	Closed

<u>Sunday School Attendance</u>	
1/4	65
1/11	71
1/18	59
1/25	Closed

Handbell Choir Practice

Sundays
4:00 pm
In Ed. Wing

A close-up photograph of several brass handbells, showing their reflective surfaces and handles.

WOM/BGAV Updates



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



Brunswick Stew

The YUGO Mission Team has a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center if you would like to pre-order quarts of stew to help them off set the cost of the mission trip. You can also contact the church office to pre-order.

The stew will be ready for pick up on Saturday, February 21st

Children's & YC (Young Church) News



Come cheer us on!!

Another Level Basketball is in full swing every Saturday in March. Please come out and cheer the kids on each Saturday anytime from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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



For children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade
Help is needed!



For more info or to help
please contact
Michael Smith



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



**Fridays,
February 6th & 20th**

**Every other Friday
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Girls in 5th – 12th grades**

**Focus on issues that girls face, and what the Bible says about
dealing with them.**

Also - Fellowship, Snacks, Crafts, Special Events

Light The Night NEWS

LIGHT THE NIGHT PRIME presents



THE DOWN EAST BOYS

“A TRUE SOUTHERN GOSPEL *EXPERIENCE*”

With special guest Paul and Wanda Bailey

February 28, 2026 • 6PM

New Hope Baptist Church—South Hill

Tickets and info

www.lightthenight.net/ltn-prime



Happy Birthday

- 1 Sarah Guynn
- 2 Mary Tuck
- 2 Robert Thornton
- 4 Rhoda Bowman
- 10 Aubrie Wall
- 10 Maggie Cookson
- 10 Sandy Hatcher
- 11 J.W. Murray
- 16 Nikki Thrasher
- 17 Paul Stough
- 19 Mildred Watson
- 22 Hailey Newton
- 22 Murline Payne
- 23 Ashleigh Guynn
- 25 Elizabeth Taylor
- 26 Cooper Robinson
- 26 Rev. Anthony Wall
- 28 Deborah Ezell



Happy Anniversary

22 Preston & Linda Fortin



OBBC Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Date	9 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL	11 AM
February 1	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed
	Janeva Hutcheson	Sandra Ittner	Lynn Paquette
February 8	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner
	Elizabeth Powell	Jessie Kennedy	Vance Wright
February 15	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed	Brittney Sneed
	Janeva Hutcheson	Sarah Ittner	Wanda Watson
February 22	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner	Megan Ittner
	Elizabeth Powell	Cheryl Parrish	Mackenzie Salmons

Staff & Officers

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Mr. Michael Smith

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