

April 2020

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**Year of the Bible**

“Your word is lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

Psalm 119:105

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# The Olive Branch

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**From Your Pastor**

I don't want to make light of the seriousness of the coronavirus pandemic, but at times laughter makes coping with a serious situation better. So, I wanted to share this humorous insight someone shared with me. They joked the virus was God getting angry with the world and sending everyone to their room. What do you think about being alone in your room? When you're a child it's a form of punishment. But when your adult, especially with small children, maybe being alone in your room isn't such a bad thing. Whether being alone in your room is a good or bad thing is a matter of perspective. As a child it's punishment – isolating you from everything and everyone. As a frazzled adult, it's a reprieve from a chaotic house.

A lot of things in life look different based on your perspective, and this pandemic is no different. When you first look at it, it's a tragedy with terrible consequences. People are dying, the economy is tanking, people are being laid off, schools, churches, and restaurants are closed, and we're isolated from each other much more than usual. The uncertainty of how long it will last also adds to the worry and sense of dread. Has God sent a form of punishment on us?

Let's look at things from a different perspective. We have more time to be with family. We have more time to focus on our relationship with God. We have more opportunities to talk about our faith and how it is helping us through this difficult time. Olive Branch is showing worship services online to the world for the first time. We will appreciate things more now that we don't have them. Also, what we truly value will be made clearer. Has God sent us a moment of reprieve from a chaotic world? No one knows why God allowed this to happen. But I do know God often uses the bad, sinful and evil to bring about good, further His plan and bring glory to His name. Look at the good that can come from this pandemic and focus on that when times are hard.

Also, if God in a sense has sent us to our rooms, He's sent us there with a purpose. In John 17:18 Jesus says this to the Father about His disciples, "As you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world." John 3:16 tells us God sent His Son because He loves us. Christianity is all about being sent. To put it another way, being the church is reaching in and ministering to members and reaching out and ministering to the world. Our church logo represents this truth with the arrows pointing in and pointing out as it makes a cross. It's always hard for churches to do both well at all times. Furthermore, it's human nature to focus inward on ourselves. Think about this, in this moment we are forced to be away from each other. So now is the perfect time to focus on being the church and ministering to others wherever you have been sent. Right now, we are scattered to our homes and neighborhoods. That's where we can minister while we wait to be together again. You may only be able to minister to your family or a neighbor or two nearby – do that. You may only have a phone that you can use to minister – do that. Call people and pray, talk and laugh with them. Maybe your computer is all you have – do that. I don't know your exact tools, gifts, or situation, but I challenge you to think about all the ways you can serve God and others right where you are with what you have. I imagine you'll be ministering in ways and to people you haven't done before. I hope that like a maple tree sends it's seeds twirling into the air to be spread far and wide so trees grow in more places, now that Olive Branch is spread out into our community, God's work will be done and produce fruit in more places than we've ever done before.

As we wait to gather again, continue praying for the sick, and the grieving. Pray for God to end the pandemic. Pray for good to come out of this tragedy and continue ministering for God wherever He has sent you.



# 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lunch-Buddies 6:30p-8:30p *YC, BOC, SG	2 9:00a-Ladies Breakfast @ Huddle House	3 6:30p-8:30p *GYL	4 3:00p-5:00p Easter Egg Hunt
5 <u>Palm Sunday</u> 11:05 Easter Cantata 2:00p Women on Mission	6	7 7:00p-Choir	8 Lunch-Buddies 6:30p-8:30p *YC, BOC, SG	8	10	11 2:00-5:00p Drive-Thru Easter Egg Hunt
12 <u>Easter</u>  EASTER	13 7:00p-Deacon's Meeting	14 7:00p-Choir	15 Lunch-Buddies 6:30p-8:30p *YC, BOC, SG	16	17 6:30p-8:30p *GYL	18
19	20	21 7:00p-Choir	22 Lunch-Buddies 6:30p-8:30p -BOC, SG (-NO YC)	23	24	25
26	27	28 7:00p-Choir	29 6:00 Pizza Night For BOC & SG	30		

**Services each Sunday**

9:00a Traditional Worship Service  
 10:10a Sunday School (all ages)  
 11:05a Contemporary Worship Service

\*YC: Young Church (6th - 12th)  
 \*BOC: Boys of Courage (1st - 5th)  
 \*SG: Sunshine Girls (1st - 5th)  
 \*GYL: God's Young Ladies  
 (Girls 5th-12th)

# OBBC NEWS

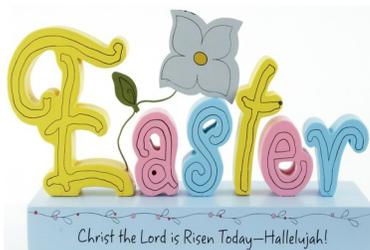
## April Event Cancellations

Due to the Government's mandates on closings, social distancing, and gatherings limited to 10 people because of the Coronavirus, the following April activities have been cancelled.

- ◇◇ Sat. 4/4/20: Easter Egg Hunt at Centennial Park
- ◇◇ Sun. 4/5/20: Easter Cantata
- ◇◇ Sun. 4/12/20: Resurrection Service/Breakfast/Easter Service



- ◇◇ All Choir Rehearsals
- ◇◇ All YC, God's Young Ladies, and Children's Wednesday Night Activities
- ◇◇ Sun. 4/5/20: Women on Mission Meeting
- ◇◇ Mon. 4/13/20: Deacon's Meeting
- ◇◇ Sat. 4/25/20: Women Helping Women Event at New Hope Baptist



### MEANING

When Jesus came on the scene  
He came in a way that was humble  
Here on earth  
He never mumbled nor grumbled

Man shed innocent blood  
When Jesus died on the cross  
They thought they were above God  
In the end they found out who was boss

Easter is a day set aside  
For Christ death, burial and resurrection  
If in your life you're not living right  
This is the time to make corrections

Easter shouldn't be celebrated  
With nice clothes and beautiful hats  
God's death, burial and resurrection  
Has nothing to do with that

Jesus bore the cross  
Heading for Calvary  
Through God's love  
Allowed us to be free

He was put in His tomb  
And on the 3rd day He got out  
So I could capture salvation  
And for this reason I can jump and shout

Now when I think of Easter  
I don't think of material things  
I use it as a reminder  
Of the joy it brings.

(By Deacon Michael A. Burke Sr.  
March 23, 2008  
<https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/a-easter-poem>)

### GIVING

Even though we are unable to gather together for worship we are still using your offerings to support our outreach ministries, missions, missionaries, and pay our bills and pastors as they continue to work for our congregation. To continue tithing during this unusual season of events, you may mail your contributions to the church, drop them by the church during the day, or give on-line. To give on-line visit our website at [www.obbcblackridge.com](http://www.obbcblackridge.com) and click on the "GIVE" button OR you can give through your mobile device by texting **olivebranchgive** to **77977** and it will take you to a web link.



### ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

#### *It's All About The Gospel*

There are 363 million people in North America, with 350 languages, and more than 14 religions, and 273 million have no relationship with Jesus. We will be collecting for the Annie Armstrong Offering to support the missionaries that answered the call to reach these millions and share the gospel to those who have not heard. We will focus on this campaign during March and April. OBBC's goal is \$1,500. The 2020 Prayer Guide can be picked up in the Vestibule and Welcome Center or at [anniearmstrong.com](http://anniearmstrong.com).

## CHILDREN'S NEWS



### Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday, June 15—19, 2020

VBS will be here in no time! This year's theme is **Concrete & Cranes**. As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion. Please be in prayer about VBS and how you will be able to minister to children by helping with Vacation Bible School! You will be truly blessed as well. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center, or you can contact our VBS Director, Morgan Young at 434-865-2455 or via email at [morgan.faith3737@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.faith3737@gmail.com).



#### Weekly Attendance

03/01/20:	126
03/08/20:	103
03/15/20:	80
03/22/20:	N/A

**Month Average: 103.0**

### Drive-Thru Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11, 2020

2:00 pm—5:00 pm

OBBC will have a drive-thru Easter Egg Hunt for families in the community. For safety reasons and to avoid a traffic backup on Blackridge Road we are asking all who would like to participate to register on our website for a time-slot. Each child will be given a map of the church area and can mark on the map where they see the eggs as we lead the cars through the property. When they finish the hunt, all children will receive a bag of Easter Candy to enjoy! Registration on our website will begin on April 1st. If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy for this event, you may drop it off at church Monday thru Friday mornings from 9:00-12:00 by Wednesday, April 8th.

#### PIZZA GIVE-A-WAY

For Boys of Courage and  
Sunshine Girls

Wed., April 29 - 6:00 pm

Families who have brought children to Sunshine Girls or Boys of Courage during this school year will be able to participate in this free pizza give away. Families will drive thru the church parking lot and receive a free pizza meal.

## YOUTH NEWS

### Attention YC

YC will be continuing their study of the Gospel of John through video. The video will be uploaded to YouTube on Wednesday and sent out in the weekly mailchimp email.

Also, Pastor Brady will be posting a new Bible Study on the book of Jonah at the beginning of April on Youth Page of the OBBC Website to help you stay in God's Word daily!



# CAMP CONCORD

## Summer Camp Program June & July 2020

Camp Concord 2020 Schedule

Camp Description	Dates	Grades Level or Ages	Cost
2nd-3rd Grade Weekend	June 5 - 7	2nd and 3rd Graders	\$40.00
Day Camp	June 13	4 Years Old to 1st Grade	\$20.00
Teen Week	June 14 - 20	6th - 12th Graders	\$100.00
Missions Week	June 21 - 26	6th - 12th Graders	\$100.00
2nd-3rd Grade Week	June 28 - July 1	2nd and 3rd Graders	\$70.00
Music Week	July 5 - 10	4th - 7th Graders	\$110.00
Boys Week	July 12 - 17	4th - 7th Graders	\$100.00
Young Ladies Retreat	July 17 - 20	7th - 9th Graders	\$40.00
Girls Week	July 19 - 24	4th - 7th Graders	\$100.00
Father/Son Weekend	July 24 - 25	All Ages	\$20.00



Camp Concord is a Christian Camp located on Kerr Lake five miles south of Clarksville, VA and is established by the churches of the Concord Baptist Association of Virginia. Our purpose is to lead campers in the deepening of their faith in Jesus Christ. They carefully select and screen the staff and volunteers in order to provide a safe, exciting, and spiritually rewarding week for your child(ren). Campers will enjoy Bible studies, swimming, canoeing, paddle boating, games, arts & crafts, archery, camp fires, and more. Pastor Brady will be serving as Camp Pastor for Boys Week and Girls Week. For more information and to register visit their website: [camp-concord.concordbaptistassoc.org](http://camp-concord.concordbaptistassoc.org). You may also pick up information and registration forms in the Welcome Center along with camp scholarship application forms if needed.

### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

#### STANDING ROCK WITH BGAV WMU

**July 26-31, 2020**

If you are interested in ministering to the Sioux Indians in the Dakotas with the BGAV (Baptist General Assoc. of VA) WMU July 26-31, your opportunity begins with volunteer/orientation meetings on the following dates:

**April 18:** 9:00 AM-12:00 PM New Volunteer & Orientation  
1:00 PM -4:00 PM All Volunteer Training and Site Meeting

Visit <https://wmuv.org/involvement/adults/domestic-missions/standing-rock> for more information. You may also contact Donna Jarrell, at 434-636-5063 or [jerusalem63@gmail.com](mailto:jerusalem63@gmail.com), if you would be interested in joining her on this mission trip.



## **DONATIONS FOR JAMAICA MISSION TRIP**

A team from CBA (including 8 OBBC members) is planning go to Harmons, Jamaica the first week in June. They are collecting donations of the items below. If you would like to donate you may drop them off at the Concord Baptist Association, 121 S. Mecklenburg Ave., South Hill, VA. Please call before dropping items off to make sure they are open: 434-447-7240.

**TOOLS:** heavy-duty brick trowels, paint brushes, framing hammers, heavy electrical cords, new power tools, drill bits and screw bits.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Backpacks, black composition books, notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, glue, rulers, scissors, tape, construction paper.

**MEDICINE:** Adult/children's cold medicine, pain relievers, anti-fungus cream, pin worm medicine, vitamins, gauze, Band-Aids, antibiotic creams, bandages, muscle rub, first aid kits.

**HOUSEWARES:** All sizes of bed sheets, pillowcases, towels, washcloths, hard plastic plates/bowls, silverware, pots/pans, sharp knives, dish towels, irons.

**TOILETRIES:** Baby powder, shampoo, lotions, toothbrushes/toothpaste, bar soap, adult diapers, baby lotion, body wash, etc.

**CLOTHES:** Gently used or new clothes, children's clothes (especially boys), new underwear & socks, infant clothes, men's pants (no larger than a 38), men's cargo & athletic shorts (especially 30, 32), women's shorts, dresses, capris, night-gowns, shoes/sandles, work boots. **NO white shirts, NO winter clothes.**

**MISCELLANEOUS:** AAA, AA, C & D batteries, watches, radios, toys, padlocks, hats, jewelry, flashlights, gallon-size zip-lock bags, purses & bags (esp. large size), neckties, duck tape.

**MOST NEEDED AT THIS TIME:** Men's clothes, baby items (i.e., clothes, diapers, wipes, etc.).



**April**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jerry & Sherry Hood      | 14 Mary Howerin           |
| 1 Richard & Cheryl Parrish | 16 T. J. Garnes           |
| 2 Mae Jones                | 16 Amy Gosney             |
| 4 Roy Johnson              | 16 Raymond Singleton      |
| 4 Heather O'Quinn          | 18 Peggy Harris           |
| 4 Bill Perry               | 20 Jeffrey Parrott        |
| 5 Robert & Deborah Ezell   | 21 Heather Corwin         |
| 5 Jack & Shannon Griffin   | 21 Ethel Jones            |
| 6 Skip Bonner              | 21 Tracey Moseley         |
| 7 Steve & Tammy White      | 21 Mary Mosier            |
| 9 Van, III & Traci Sykes   | 21 Claire Wright          |
| 9 Garrett Williams         | 22 Sam Gill               |
| 9 Madison Williams         | 23 Tim & Sandra Ittner    |
| 10 Kaci Brown              | 23 Hannah Fowler (Priest) |
| 10 Steve Carroll           | 24 Richard & Peggy Harris |
| 10 Donna Mitchell          | 24 Melanie Wright         |
| 11 Mike Corwin             | 27 Katherine Mosier       |
| 12 Judy Martin             | 28 Keilah Hedrick         |
| 13 Robbie Smith            | 28 Sherry Stanbach        |
| 13 Traci Sykes             | 29 Wanda Bailey           |
|                            | 30 Nellie Tolbert         |

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## LIGHT THE NIGHT MINISTRIES

Light the Night Ministries was saddened that they had to cancel DNOW2020, and hope to put together some sort of DNOWREMIX when they are able to plan it. Thank you so much to all that had been involved in planning or participating in the weekend.

Going forward, since we know time flies fast, you can add the upcoming LTN events on your calendars so you're sure not to miss them!!

### B2S Rally

Back to School Rally is always held in August. Currently it's planned for August 20, 2020! The rally reminds students they are missionaries SENT to live out their faith in school! It's always a fun time full of energy and fellowship with fellow students.

### Camp ReFuel 2020

Since so many missed attending DNOW2020, you have a great opportunity to attend Camp ReFuel 2020. It's scheduled for October 23 - 25, at Camp Willow Run on Lake Gaston. This will be an awesome time to learn YOUR Identity! More information is available on the LTN website: [lightthenight.net/refuel](http://lightthenight.net/refuel).

#### Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
remember those who are most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home  
remember those who must choose  
between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who can care of our children  
when their schools close

remember those who have no options at all.

May we who have to cancel our trips  
remember those that have no place to go.

And may we who are losing our money in the market  
remember those who have no money at all.

May we who must settle in for a quarantine at home  
remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other, let us yet  
find ways to be the loving embrace of God  
to our brothers and sisters. **Amen.**



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PROCLAIMING PEACE WITH GOD, OTHERS, AND TO THE WORLD / "Peace I leave with you." - Jesus - John 14:27