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From Your Pastor

While our world is hit by a pandemic, people are wondering if this tragedy is judgment on the world or United States? Is this a sign the end is near? Is Jesus coming back soon? God has used plagues in the past as divine judgment. God sent ten plagues on Egypt to judge Egypt, harden Pharaoh's heart, and deliver the Israelites out of Egypt (Exodus 7-11). The prophet Ezekiel pronounced God's judgment on His people who wouldn't repent of their sins. "A third of your people will die by plague and be consumed by famine within you; a third will fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter a third to every direction of the wind, I will draw a sword to chase after them" (Ezekiel 5:12).

Also, Jesus says, "Learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near – at the door" (Matt 24:33). So, naturally people see what's happening and wonder is Jesus' return soon? We are not the first people to wonder about God's future plans. The disciples asked Jesus in Matthew 24:3, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what is the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" They also asked in Acts 1:6, "Lord are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?"

You're going to have some great opportunities to learn what the Bible says about the end and Jesus' return. Our Sunday morning sermons in September and October will be in Matthew 24 and 25 where Jesus answers the disciples' questions about the end. Carl Bagley will also teach a Sunday school class on the prophetic biblical books Daniel and Revelation. He will explain the class in the Fishers of Men classroom during Sunday school on September 6th. The class will meet during Sunday school starting on September 27th.

But I don't want you to wait until then to hear my main points on biblical prophecy:

We must study it. Much of the Bible was prophecy when it was written. God has given us a blueprint of His marvelous plan so we don't have to fear, and so we can give Him glory.

Why Jesus is coming back is more important than when He's coming back. Jesus specifically said to the disciples, "It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority" (Acts 1:7). In some ways, when Jesus comes back is irrelevant. The point is He is coming back to judge and reward. So, our only response to that truth is to be ready. That's our response every day regardless of when Jesus will come back.

It's virtually impossible at the time something happens to determine whether it's divine judgment or the normal consequences of living in a sinful world. The Spanish Flu hit in the midst of World War I. The war killed 37 million people. The virus another 50 million including 500,000 to 800,000 in the US. The people of the time in the midst of war, plague and massive human casualties certainly wondered if the end was near. Yet today we don't even think of those events as signs of the end or a turning point in God's plan.

Any personal, national or international tragedy should make us evaluate our lives and get right with God. However, we shouldn't need a tragedy to get our attention! Every day we should examine our life, confess our sin, and walk closely with God.

Whether the end is tomorrow or 100,000 years from now, we should live our lives exactly the same. We should always live for God and always share the gospel. The Gospel is a warning of God's judgment and Good News of grace and redemption. People need to hear that every day. This is reality for everyone. *Our* end could come at any moment. Since our next breath might be our last, we should always live as though the end were today.

Jesus' return should bring joy not fear. Jesus' return to take us at death, or His return to rapture the church means eternity with Him forever. As John said, "Come now Lord Jesus!" (Rev 22:20).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:00-8:30pm YC (CLC)	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day (Office Closed)	8	9 7:00-8:30pm BOG, SG (FH)	10 7:00p-9:00p LTN B2S @ New Hope	11 6:30-8:30p GYL (FH)	12
13 2:00 pm - WOM (in FH)	14 7:00p Deacon Meeting (FH)	15	16 7:00-8:30pm YC, BOC, SG (CLC & FH)	17	18 7:00p—YC Movie Night	19
20 2:00—4:00 pm Membership Info Class (in FH)	21	22	23 7:00-8:30pm YC, BOC, SG (CLC & FH)	24 6:30 pm Fresh Exp. Conf. (CBA) @ OBBC CLC	25 6:30-8:30p GYL (FH)	26
27	28	29	30 7:00-8:30pm YC, BOC, SG (CLC & FH)			

Services each Sunday

9:00a Traditional Worship Service (in CLC)
 10:10a Sunday School
 11:00a Contemporary Worship Service (in CLC)

YC:	Young Church (6th - 12th)
BOC:	Boys of Courage (1st - 5th)
SG:	Sonshine Girls (1st - 5th)
GYL:	God's Young Ladies (Girls 5th-12th)
CLC:	Christian Life Center (behind the church)
FH:	Fellowship Hall

OBBC NEWS

WHERE ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?

The Enlistment Committee is busy seeking volunteers to fill open positions on the following committees. Although this year's activities have been interrupted by the coronavirus, OBBC is preparing for when we get back to serving our brothers and sisters and the community with the Love of Christ as we have in years past. Please prayerfully consider serving and contact Sandra Ittner for more details and if you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions or committees:

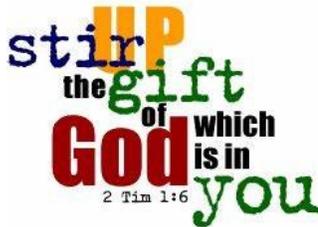
- Welcome Center Greeter Chairperson
- Youth Sunday School Teacher
- Care Ministry Leader
- Senior Ministry Coordinator
- Median Adult II Sunday School Teacher
- Girl's Discipleship Coordinator (6th-12th grades)

GENESIS MINISTRY LUNCH BUDDY PROGRAM

The 2020-2021 school year will bring us to our 11th year serving as Lunch Buddies to the children and staff at La Crosse Elementary School. Many of you have served as a Lunch Buddy over the past years and know how rewarding it is to serve in this capacity. This year will be quite different from the past in that we are pursuing "virtual activity" time with our classes each week. This means that you will join your class from your home (or office) rather than going to the school. The love from the children and staff is immeasurable, and I genuinely believe we can continue this tradition virtually until the time comes when we can once again join them in the school. This year we also need more Lunch Buddies than usual because the school has added 3 new classes. **We need 6 more Lunch Buddies to cover all the classes.** Your commitment to virtually join the children each Wednesday during the school year and oversee an activity or read a book is welcomed with many smiling faces! If you are ready to receive the love that comes from the children as a Lunch Buddy, we need you! We hope to start the program in late September. Please contact Dale Bradley on 434-636-3785 or email her at dalenmikebradley@gmail.com to join us.

ALMA HUNT OFFERING

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions will look different this year, reflecting the changing world in which we live as we face the challenges of a global pandemic. This annual state missions offering is a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). This critical offering seeks to meet real needs of people by funding ministries in a variety of specific areas. The allocations of this offering are being redirected in a way that will allow them to focus on human needs arising from the COVID-19 crisis. Distribution of funds will be: 70% to WMUV projects, 30% to BGAV projects, all having a direct correlation to COVID-19 relief efforts. OBBC's goal for Alma Hunt missions this year is \$1,200. They do not have Alma Hunt offering envelopes this year so if you would like to donate please designate on your check or envelope that your donation is for Alma Hunt Offering.

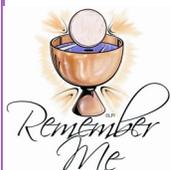


MAKING OLIVE BRANCH HOME

Membership Information Class

Pastor Wayne will lead a membership class on Sunday, September 20th from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining Olive Branch Baptist Church as a church member or just want to know more about who we are, our ministries, and our vision, this class is for you.

Refreshments will be provided, and childcare will be available. If you will be attending and need childcare you must let Pastor Wayne know before the class.



Lord's Supper Sunday, September 20th

We will hold the Lord's Supper at both worship services on Sunday, September 20th.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday, Sept. 13th the children and youth Sunday School classes will resume meeting. There will be classes for children in preschool through 12th grade. Also, the Emerging Leaders class will begin meeting September 13th. Nursery and toddler care will resume at a future date to be determined. Covid-19 safety guidelines will be followed.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

SONSHINE GIRLS & BOYS OF COURAGE

Wednesday, September 9



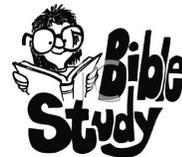
Sunshine Girls and Boys of Courage, grades 1st - 5th, will begin their Wednesday night activities from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on Wednesday, September 9th! They will meet in the Welcome Center with most of their activities being held in the Fellowship Hall. There will be safe practices in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will follow the same health practices as the Mecklenburg County Public Schools. Parents please register your children before the first night at the church website; home page or children's page.



YOUTH NEWS

NEW ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY AVAILABLE

There is a new 10-day Bible study on the OBBC website that focuses on the Beatitudes. Visit www.obbcblackridge.com, click on the Discipleship tab then go to Family Bible Studies.



80's THEME MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, September 18th

7:00 pm

We will have an 80's theme movie night on Friday, September 18 at 7 PM in the CLC. There will be snacks, drinks, and individual popcorn bags for students. 80's clothes are highly encouraged and the person dressed the best will have the chance to win a Brington's gift card! We will be watching The Princess Bride.

GOD'S YOUNG LADIES

God's Young Ladies will start again in September! The first night will be Friday, September 11th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and again on Friday, September 25th. We meet in the Fellowship Hall every other Friday during the school year. God's Young Ladies is for girls in grades 5th - 12th. They have a time of sharing, a lesson, prayer, crafts and a snack. They focus on issues that girls face and what the Bible says about dealing with them. Come and join us and bring a friend!



SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

The Women on Mission (WOM) group will be collecting school supplies for the local elementary students during the month of September.

If you would like to donate any of the following items, please put them in the designated bins in the CLC.

- Sanitizer
- Crayons
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Notebook Paper
- 3-Ring Notebooks
- Pencil Boxes



Note:

No YC on Wednesday, September 9th since we will be going to LTN Back-to-School night on Thursday the 10th at New Hope Baptist Church.

**PHARMACY
CONNECTION**

Melissa Morris, an employee with VCU Health CMH in South Hill, is a Medication Assistance Case-worker for Pharmacy Connection.

This program assists patients throughout the local area who do not have prescription coverage or may not be able to afford their medications. For more information she may be reached at Melissa.Morris@vcuhealth.org.



LIGHT THE NIGHT MINISTRIES

B2S Rally
Thursday, September 10, 2020
7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Amidst all the craziness, lets get the school year off to a GREAT and SAFE start! We will have our Back To School Rally at New Hope Baptist Church, South Hill, on **September 10, from 7-9 pm.** Check in at Welcome Table to pick up your LTN mask and sanitize your hands! We will be practicing COVID-19 safety guidelines. Pastor Brady will be our speaker with music by Unshaken. We'll have fun learning a dance lead by our special guest DJ. Of course we'll have "schnax" and hang time! No Charge! All middle and high school students, this is for YOU!

Camp ReFuel 2020
October 23—25, 2020

Camp ReFuel 2020 in ON!!! It will be held **October 23 - 25**, at Camp Willow Run on Lake Gaston. This will be an awesome time to learn YOUR IDENTITY and have some fun and fellowship with your peers. The cost for the weekend is \$25 per student 6th—12th grade! Covid-19 health regulations will be strictly adhered to for the safety of all students and leaders. AWall will be bringing the message from Galatians 2:20. You must be registered by Oct. 11, 2020. Space is limited so register soon. OBBC students can pick up a registration form at church and mail it to LTN along with the signed medical statement. You must mail in the registration form. You can send a check with the registration form to Light The Night or pay on-line at lightthenight.net/refuel. A few camp rules for health safety include: 1) Health statement forms with signed waiver is a must, 2) Worship will held in the large gym only, 3) Can only check-in on Friday evening (no next day arrivals) and cannot leave until Sunday, 4) student temperatures will be taken each day and cannot exceed 100.4 degrees, 5) must sit with cabin mates during meals and worship time. Masks will be issued and must be worn and we will practice social distancing.

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWS

Joe McDowell, Director of Missions

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WEEK OF PRAYER

Aug. 30 to Sept. 6

Offerings to Concord Baptist Association are divided among:

- ◇ Foreign Missions = 40%
- ◇ Local Missions = 25%
- ◇ Camp Concord = 30%
- ◇ Disaster Relief = 5%

Pray for:

Sun: Leadership
Mon: Mission Trips
Tues: Camp Concord
Wed: Disaster Relief
Thur: Workshops
Fri: Local Missions
Sat: Benevolence Fund

Brochures and envelopes for donations will be available on the Welcome Table in the CLC. OBBC's goal is \$1,181. Concord Baptist Association's goal is \$10,000.

The newsletter is published monthly. Deadline to submit information for the Oct. 2020 newsletter, is Sept. 22, 2020.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

The Rise Against Hunger event, via Concord Baptist Association will be sponsored by Ephesus Baptist Church WOM, on September 19, 2020 at 10:00 am. Ephesus Baptist will handle the workers, but are in need of financial support to insure the mission event of packing 50 cases with food is reached. The goal is \$3,672. To learn more visit riseagainsthunger.org. If you would like to donate to this mission opportunity please send a check to Concord Baptist Association earmarked for RAH 2020, **by September 14**. Their address is Concord Baptist Association, 121 S. Mecklenburg Ave., South Hill, VA 23970.

Fresh Expressions Workshop September 24 @ 6:30 PM at Olive Branch Baptist Church CLC

Gannon Sim, Director of Ministry Formation for Fresh Expressions will lead the workshop hosted by CBA. Be inspired, learn, and discover new ways to share the unchanging story of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We can impact our region in a 'fresh' way to 'express' the gospel with 'fresh expressions' of church. **Church leaders, this is for you. All are welcome!**



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