



THE OLIVE BRANCH

JUNE 2025

OLIVE BRANCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

C. Ben Arney joined April 27, 2025
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Welcome!

TWO CHURCHES, ONE GOD

On Sunday, May 4th, I did something I had never done before. In forty plus years of ministry, I have never been part of a combined Sunday morning worship service of two churches. But on that day, the congregations of Olive Branch Christian Church and Oak Grove Baptist Church worshipped together in one great and glorious hour of praises to the God who made us all. Rev. Keller preached, Deacon Tabb played, the Oak Grove Choir sang, and together we

gave witness to Jesus' prayer in John's gospel, "That they may all be one".

Ecumenism is part of our Disciples of Christ DNA. During the Second Great Awakening of America's religious history, a minister by the name of Barton Stone was serving the Presbyterian Church in Cane Ridge, Kentucky. A week-long revival was held in 1801 centered around this church, with somewhere between 10,000 and 20,000 people attending the revival at some point during the week. Different clergy would preach, including Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists. On the final Sunday of the revival, communion was celebrated. Not once was a person's denominational affiliation questioned. All were welcomed.

Barton Stone would go on to be one of the founding leaders of the Disciple Church. He believed that Jesus desired unity among his followers. One of Stone's most famous quotes is, "Let unity be our polar star". He thought it should be the guiding light of the Christian Church. Our greeting to every person who walks through the doors of Olive Branch should be, "Welcome! Welcome to this place! All are welcomed here!"

I think Jesus might have been pleased at our Sunday worship with Oak Grove. I know I was.

Blessings,
~Pastor Richard

MEETINGS & BUILDING USE

T.O.P.S.: Tuesdays; 9:30AM; Taylor Hall

Seekers Prayer Group: Tuesdays; 11:30 AM
Adult SS Room

Our Day Out: 2nd Wednesdays; 10AM-2PM;
Branch Hall

Comfort Ministry: 2nd Saturdays; 10 AM
Sandy's Restaurant

Girl Scouts Troop 1385 Meetings:
Alternate Wednesdays; September 4, 2024 until June
11, 2025
6:30-8:00 PM; Adult Sunday School Room

OBCC Men's Meeting: 2nd Thursdays; 9 AM; Branch
Hall with breakfast

3rd Thursday DWM Power of Grace: 3rd Thursdays;
11:30AM; Taylor Hall

4th Thursday Lunch Bunch: 4th Thursdays; 11 AM;
Sandy's Restaurant



SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Services:

8:30 AM Branch Hall 11:00 AM Sanctuary

Sunday School:

NFH Sunday School following the 8:30 service

Andy's Sunday School at 9:30

Nursery:

Open on Sundays: 8:15AM-12:15PM

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-1:30PM



VBS Planning Meeting: June 2; 6PM; Taylor Hall

Lifeline Screening: June 5; 8AM-6PM; Branch Hall

Father's Day Tools: Order forms due June 9

Branch Hall Reserved: June 7

DWM Dinner: June 9; 6PM; Kay Ainsworth's home

Taylor Hall Reserved: June 14

St. Olaf Food Dropoff: June 14; 9:30AM-11:30AM;
OBCC parking lot

DWM Power of Grace: June 19; 11:30AM; Taylor Hall

Oak Grove & OBCC Fashion Show: June 28; 11AM-
2PM; Branch Hall

VBS: July 28 - August 1

Art with Abby: July 13; 12PM; Branch Hall



PRAYER LIST

Church Family: Pat Allred, Michael Ayers, Jeanne Bell, Dennis & Anita Dasher, Janet Dombrowski, Nancy Griffith, Irma Gustafson, Petra Hall, Jack Heslink, Jim & Anne Holland, Linda Hutton, Cheryl Johnson, David Love, Dallas Mitchell, Liz Ripley, Fred Rothermel, Cecelia Ruskey, Phyllis Taylor, Barbara Thiel, Brenda White

Friends: The professional and volunteer women and men who protect and defend us, Our Nation, Kevin Barker (Naomia & Charles Barker's son), Wythe Clark (Sheila Yeatts' brother), Jane Crowder (Sharon Herndon's friend), Sean Dill (Teri Tench's grandson), Evala (Norm Hall's daughter), Cody Ferguson (Amy Ferguson's nephew), Nancy Fletcher (Cheryl & Gene Johnson's friend), Kourtney Haake (Heidi & Keith McMurdo's daughter), Ken Kunde (Barbara Thiel's brother), Steven Laplante (Bob & Carol Sharp's son), David Leatherman (Jim & Anne Holland's grandson), John Morris (Naomia Barker's brother), Douglas Morris (Naomia Barker's brother), Mike Palmeri (Joann Mitchell's close friend), William Campbell Pfister (Andrew Pfister's uncle), Randy & Stephanie Phaup (Carol & David Pitts' friends), Lisa Pipkin (Sheila Yeatts' sister), Sheila Rinehart, Eileen Saltzgiver (friend of the Pesantes), Riley & Brooks Sinclair (Liz Ripley's great-grandchildren), Howard Thackston (Cheryl Johnson's nephew), Harriet Wright (Cleve Wright's mother), Mac Young (Joann Mitchell's brother), Christian (Missy Harbour's friend), Jason (Lorraine Beasley's son), Jeanette (Carol Pitts' sister)



05	Bob & Linda Williams
09	Ralph & Tracey Hutton
09	Steve & Donna Perger
23	Jim & Paula Thacker



*Birthday
Blessings*

01	Missy Harbour
03	Angela Key
03	Carole Kerr
06	Mason Jensen
08	Janet Neal
09	Nadine Gardner
10	Joyce James
12	Tracie Heslink
14	Jim Hunt
15	Dennis Dasher

18 Jim Holland
18 Noreen Bowen
20 Leland Williams
25 Gaby Wolverton
27 Judy Eley
30 Susan Kohlman



DWM JUNE DINNER MEETING

The DWM will be meeting Monday, June 9, beginning with dinner at 6PM at Kay Ainsworth's home (10134 Sycamore Landing Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23188). Please bring a dish to share. Thank you!



ELDERS & DEACONS & DEACONESSES

		THIS MONTH'S DEACONESS
		Carol Sharp
06/01/2025	Teri Tench Harold Barker	
	Linda Garrett Steve Garrett Patty Barker Jeremy Dill	
06/08/2025	Missy Harbour Mel Watson	
	Liz Ripley Jason Teagle Jan Smith Joann Mitchell	
06/15/2025	Andrew Pfister Joyce Allen	
	Marney Brickhouse Chuck Walker Bob Herndon Sharon Herndon	
06/22/2025	Kim Riffle Donald White	
	Danny Pitts Karen Barrow Mike Hebbard Jody Hebbard	
06/29/2025	Richard Bradshaw Abby Matschke	
	Amy Ferguson Dennis Cotner Ethel King David Love	



OUR DAY OUT-2ND WEDNESDAYS

It was a beautiful day and the twenty ladies and gentlemen who gathered to celebrate May is for Moms laughed and smiled, remembering that special mom in their lives. Some talked about what a great cook their mom was, and some remembered the switch that mom used to keep them in line. Moms were musicians, farmers, gardeners, caretakers, scholars, and most of all loving. Mom as a word is a palindrome so I asked everyone to think of other words that are spelled the same backwards or forwards. Clever Jason made a sentence using only palindromes. Racecar is a palindrome.

Creative Jane challenged everyone to use their talents to draw beautiful flowers. The results were lovely and it's amazing the talents we have if we just stop and take a minute.

No cooking for moms this day as we treated everyone to subs, pizza, and Greek salad from New York Deli. Well one mom, Joann, baked a delicious carrot cake with gooey icing which we all enjoyed for dessert.

Grace Gardner showers us with beautiful and creative flower arrangements, placemats and runners, and lovely crosses so our prizes for bingo were a gift to all. Our bingo caller Tyler decided to let his friend Joann do the calling and he just laughed and enjoyed the afternoon.

My thanks to all who make Our Day Out so special. God gives us talents big and small, and I am blessed that so many in our church share them.

Next month we shall welcome in summer and of course share a few thoughts about Dad.

May God be with you and keep you safe always,
Marney Brickhouse, Coordinator



WORSHIP & WONDER SCHEDULE

	Leader:	Greeter:
06/01/2025	Linda Williams	TBD
06/08/2025	Linda Williams	TBD
06/15/2025	TBD	TBD
06/22/2025	TBD	TBD
06/29/2025	TBD	TBD



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Epic Australia is coming our way on July 28 - August 1. We will have a planning meeting on Monday, June 2 at 6PM. If you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS, we would certainly love to have you come out and help! We can always use more helping hands. Registration will be up and running on the church

website starting sometime in late June/early July. If you would like to register for VBS, please visit obcc.org or email/call the office. Watch for more information in your weekly email blasts, bulletin announcements, and in the next newsletter. Hope to see you there!

~Liz Ripley, Coordinator



DWM POWER OF GRACE

Our first meeting of the Circle of Grace was absolutely delightful. Fifteen ladies joined together for a delicious lunch of salads and bread and a few desserts. Asking the ladies to bring a salad to share resulted in the most beautiful and varied array of dishes imaginable. Thanks to all!

Kim blessed this first gathering with a beautiful prayer and after enjoying lunch, Marney treated us to our first Woman of the Bible session.

The story of Ruth, who was a quiet and caring young woman, but not Jewish, and a believer in God, tells the story of her journey in faith and reminds us of the challenges that God gives us all.

Each month we hope to bring a new Woman of the Bible and asked if someone would like to teach. Lois Marshall said she felt moved by Ruth and will share a special woman with us in June.

We are disciple women in Olive Branch and this circle gives us a chance to bond and share our caring and love.

Please come and join us on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 in Taylor Hall.



AFTERNOON OF ART

Join us for an afternoon of art after the 11AM worship service on Sunday, July 13. We'll meet in Branch Hall and enjoy good food, art lessons, and fellowship. Food and supplies will be provided, please bring \$20 to cover costs. If you are interested in attending, please contact Abby Matschke (757-532-8552) to ensure there will be enough supplies and food. Thank you!



WORLD OUTREACH NEWS

This Father's Day program provides vital support to those most in need around the world. Thank you for your steadfast support! Just \$5.00 brings hope. On June 1 & 8, look for tool order slips in Sunday bulletins. These gifts help those in need around the world, given in honor of fathers everywhere. On June 15, a list of names the tools were donated in honor of or in

memory of will be inserted in Sunday bulletins. *Order Forms are due to the office by Monday, June 9.*

Thank you for your generous support of our Church World Services Mother's Day Blankets ministry program! We donated \$1070. Thank you!

~Sheila Yeatts, World Outreach Coordinator



ST. OLAF FOOD SHARING PROGRAM

Please mark your calendars for a scheduled food drop-off event on Saturday, June 14th "Flag Day", 9:30AM-11:30AM in our church parking lot.

Pastor Richard's sermon on May 11th increased our spiritual and humanitarian understanding of Jesus' directive to Peter: "Feed my sheep". This was an essential, spiritual and core value emphasized in his sermon. We need to feed to lead and when we do this, it proclaims we are being the living church!

During the school summer break, Saint Olaf provides additional support to registered families who have school-age children who are living in the home. Your cash/checks and food donations to the summer food pantry program provides a supportive response to, "Mama. I am hungry," when food resources are limited.

If you are contributing by check, make the check out to OBCC and in the memo line on the check write, "Food Sharing". If you are contributing cash, put the cash in an envelope, write on the outside of the envelope your name and the amount. You can place your contributions in the offering plates before June 14th or we can receive those contributions with the food donations on Drop-off Day.

We acknowledge your loving response to Jesus' instruction, "FEED MY SHEEP," and being the living church through your sacrificial giving and service to our neighbors, in need of supplemental food support. Thanks be to GOD!

Look forward to seeing your wonderful smiling faces!

~Steve Perger, Jane & Will Hatcher,
Andrew Pfister, Joyce Allen



FASHION SHOW WITH OAK GROVE

OBCC and Oak Grove Baptist Church are partnering up for a Fashion Show. Come join us Saturday, June 28 from 11AM-2PM in Branch Hall for a salad luncheon and show with fashions provided by Belk. More details to follow. Check your bulletin announcements page and email reminders for more information.

~Sheila Yeatts



REGIONAL SUMMER CAMP

OPPORTUNITIES

See below to read through some of the many summer camp offerings provided by the Virginia Region Camping Ministry:

New Covenant Camp -July 20 - 24, 2025

Craig Springs, New Castle, VA

New Covenant Camp is catered for our younger campers. Open those who have completed 1st through 5th grade.

Camp Price - \$300.00

Triple Camp 1—July 6 - 11, 2025

Craig Springs, New Castle, VA

Triple Camp 1 offers the traditional church camp experience. Open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.

Camp Price - \$365.00

Triple Camp 2—July 27 – August 1, 2025

Craig Springs, New Castle, VA

Triple Camp 2 offers the traditional church camp experience. Open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.

Camp Price - \$365.00

For more information, or to sign up for any of these or other available camps, please visit

www.ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry



FALL TRIP TO BIBLE MUSEUM

There will be a signup sheet for anyone interested in going to the Bible Museum in DC this fall. This is to see how many people would be interested in going, so I can figure out cost, date, and the best way to plan. Thank you!

~Abby Matschke



DID YOU KNOW?

It's June! And with a new month comes a set of new, or rather seemingly new, national "day of" days. For example, did you know that June 4 is National Hug Your Cat Day?

June 1 carries many titles to its day. Buzzr, a game show channel, celebrates National Game Show Day on June 1. National Nail Polish Day is celebrated on the same day, as are National Olive Day, and National Hazelnut Cake Day (yum!). National Pen Pal Day,

National Go Barefoot Day, and National Say Something Nice Day are all also celebrated on June 1.

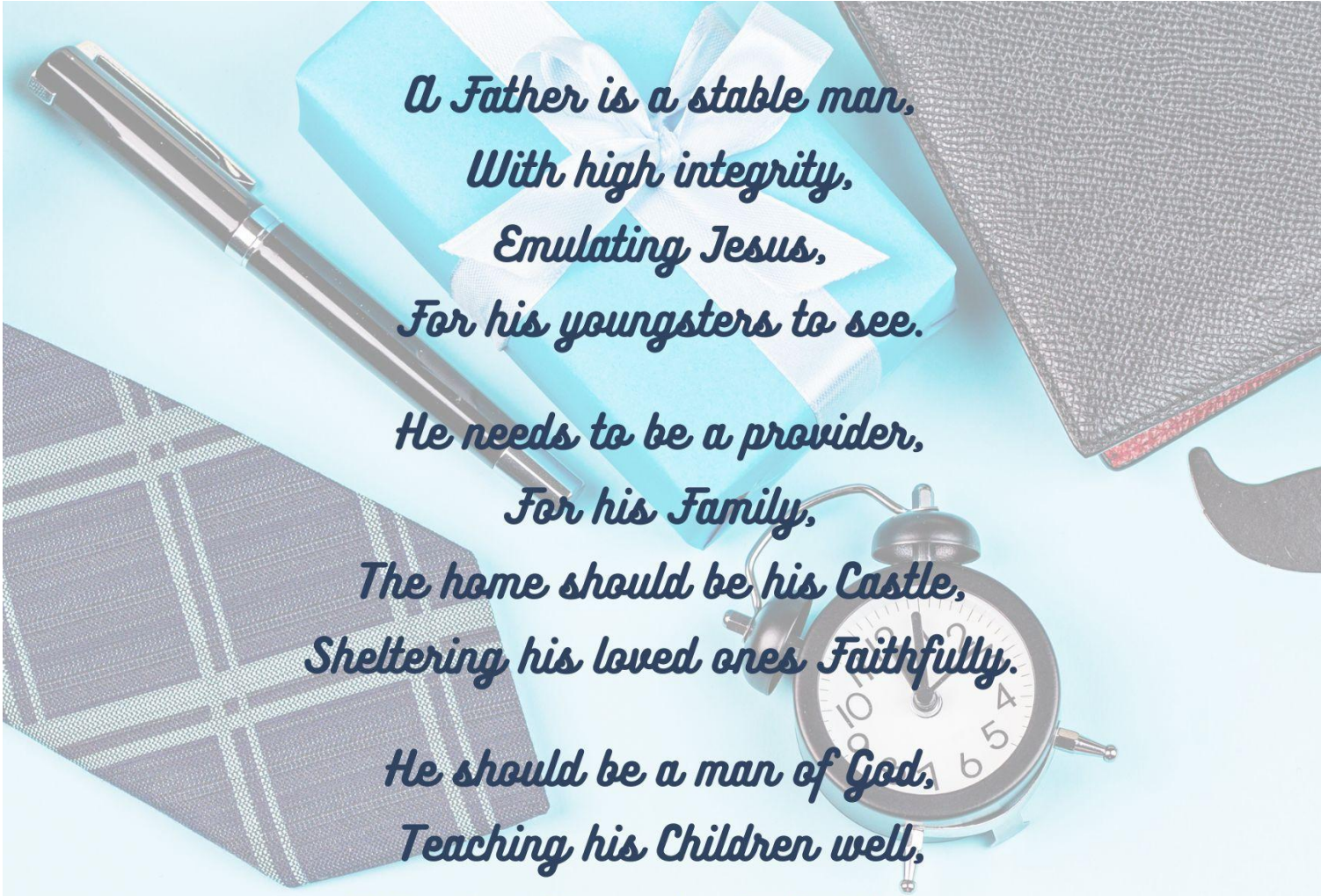
Some personal favorites might be National Cheese Day, celebrated on June 4, National Chocolate Ice Cream Day celebrated on June 7, National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day celebrated on June 9, or National Iced Tea Day which is celebrated June 10.

National Doughnut Day is celebrated on the first Friday in June, which happens to be June 6 this year. This particular day holds quite a bit of history to its origin. This food holiday celebrates not only the delicious doughnut, but also honors the Salvation Army Lassies. The Salvation Army Lassies are the women who served doughnuts to soldiers during WWI. Over 4 million U.S. men and women served during the war, with almost 3 million of those serving overseas. With conflicts taking place in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa and the Pacific, WWI was most difficult for troops fighting on the front lines.

In 1917, a group of women were sent to the front lines in France by The Salvation Army. They were directed to set up field bases near the front lines to try to boost morale among troops. The makeshift "huts" were a place where soldiers could stock up on necessities and get a small break from the fighting. Little did they know The Salvation Army Lassie's would not only boost morale, but make history in the creation of one of the most celebrated food holidays.

The women who were working at the field bases felt they wanted to do more than simply restocking troop supplies. They began making home-cooked food for the troops in hopes the food would give them a small taste of home. During this time, the Lassies began handing out a sweet baked treat that would become known as The Salvation Army Doughnut. The story says the doughnuts were cooked inside the helmets of the troops, dubbing them as "doughboys", which was a standard term used for donut. The Donut Lassies are said to be the reason we have National Doughnut Day today!





*A Father is a stable man,
With high integrity,
Emulating Jesus,
For his youngsters to see.*

*He needs to be a provider,
For his Family,
The home should be his Castle,
Sheltering his loved ones Faithfully.*

*He should be a man of God,
Teaching his Children well,
Following Jesus leads to Victory,
Following Satan leads to Hell.*

*If you were blessed with such a Father,
You are rich for sure,
Bask in the revelation,
That your Future is secure.*

*Now pay this gift forward,
Let your children benefit,
From the blessings bestowed by your Father,
Making his Family close-knit.*

~Louise Smith

Pentcost

**When I was very young,
I held a picture in my mind,
Of the Father and His Son,
A very indelible sign.**

**As I grew older,
And learned of The Holy Ghost,
It was an illusive image,
Without a concrete host.**

**A TV set bears an image,
While a radio is only heard,
The two different communications,
Helped me understand God's Word.**

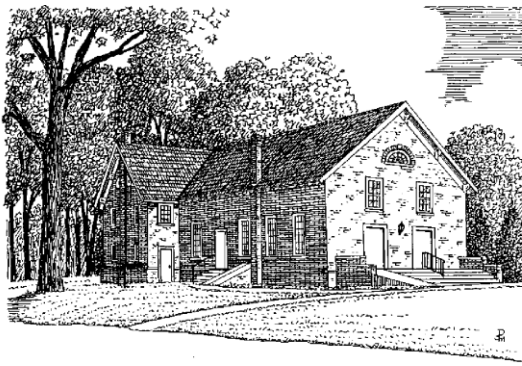
**I see God in Creation,
Jesus came to Earth as a man,
The Holy Spirit speaks to my spirit,
And though unseen He holds my hand.**

**At Pentecost strong winds and fire,
Were forces God sent down,
To reveal the third part of Himself,
That to this day is all around.**

**I cannot see His image,
But His voice is loud and clear,
When I tune in to listen,
His presence is ever near.**



~Louise Smith



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