



THE OLIVE BRANCH

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OLIVE BRANCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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**CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ethel King joined May 5, 2024
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Welcome!

BRIDGE BUILDERS

I have driven down I-75 in Florida for years. There are many unique things to see along the sides of that road; but the strangest item for me is one that crosses the interstate just south of Ocala. It looks like an overpass but has trees and bushes growing on it. I never could figure it out, until recently when Ann and I rode our bikes over it: the I-75 Florida Landbridge.

It is a trailhead for hikers and cyclers, and the first of its kind in the United States. It was developed for wildlife and humans to cross over the interstate in safety. The bridge, which is 52 feet wide by 200 feet long, follows a natural ridge over 100 feet in elevation. The planters on both sides of the bridge contain plants native to the surrounding area. The walls were built from local fieldstone. Wildlife cameras on the bridge, monitored by staff, have captured photos of numerous crossings of the bridge by bobcats, coyote, wild turkey and even Florida black bears.

There is another one-of-a-kind bridge—the church. I believe the church of Jesus Christ is a bridge; a bridge that seeks to connect the gap between who we are and who God created us to be, to end the division we see today in our nation across the lines of race, class, gender, and politics.

Olive Branch was created to span the divide that exists among God’s creation. We follow in the footsteps of God the bridge builder, who sent Jesus to bridge the gap in the relationship between the creator and creation.



Our ministry as bridge builders is to span the gaps and build bridges of compassion, mercy, and reconciliation. This is who we are as the church. The Florida Landbridge exists to help God's creatures to cross from one side to the other. Olive Branch exists to help people get to their other side, from lost to found, from broken to whole, from division to unity, from anger to love. Be a bridge builder! Welcome all of God's children to this place!

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

DWM Tuesday Bible Study: 3rd Tuesdays; 2 PM;
Taylor Hall

Girl Scouts Troop 1385 Meetings:
Alternate Wednesdays; September 6 until June 5,
2024
6:30-8:00 PM; Adult Sunday School Room

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

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

Family Night: Wednesday nights; 6PM; Branch Hall;
please bring a dish to share

Lifeline: Lifeline Screening will be using Branch Hall
from 8AM-6PM on Thursday, June 6.

Sanctuary Use: The carpet in the Sanctuary is being
replaced during the week of June 17-21. There will be
no use of the Sanctuary during this week.



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



Father's Day Tools Giving: June 2 & 9

Food Donation Drop-Off: June 15; 9:30-11:30 AM
OBCC parking lot

OBCC Picnic: June 30; after 11AM worship

VBS: August 5-9



PRAYER LIST

Church Family: Michael Ayers, Mary Best, Jimmy Biggs, JC Biggs, Wally Bowen, Linda Brown, Dennis Cotner, Haley Creech, Margie Dieleman, Janet Dombrowski, Amy Ferguson, Phyllis Gardner, Steve Garrett, Nancy Griffith, Irma Gustafson, Norm Hall, Shirley Harrison, Keeta Hodson, Anne Holland, Jim Holland, Carolyn Hunt, Linda Hutchens, Linda Hutton, Cheryl Johnson, Gene Johnson, David Love, Keith McMurdo, Dallas Mitchell, Susan Rinehart, Fred Rothermel, Rudy Ruskey, Bob Schmidt, Susan Simpson, Rev. Mike Smith, Barbara Thiel, Jerry Van Cleave, Sarah Waid

Friends: The professional and volunteer women and men who protect and defend us, Our Nation, Natasha Angel (Bob & Sharon Herndon's friend), Denny Dasher (Dennis & Anita Dasher's son), Joe Dasilva (Rosa Griffin's brother), Evala (Norm Hall's daughter), Cody Ferguson (Amy Ferguson's nephew), Janet Gay (Emily Dill's friend), Kourtney Haake (Heidi & Keith McMurdo's daughter), Sue Martin (Michelle Wright's sister-in-law), Julie Painter (Anita Dasher's aunt), Zak Reynolds (Larry & Louise Smith's grandson), Andrew Smith (Mary Louise Rich's son-in-law), Howard & Sharon Thackson (Cheryl Johnson's niece), Tevfik Vatansever (Cheryl & Gene Johnson's grandson), Brenda Walker (Chuck Walker's mother), Janice (Cheryl & Gene Johnson's friend), Jason (Lorraine Beasley's son), Lola (Missy Harbour's friend's niece)



05	Bob & Linda Williams
09	Ralph & Tracey Hutton
09	Steve & Donna Perger
10	Janet Morris & William Morris, III
23	Jim & Paula Thacker



01	Missy Harbour
03	Angela Key

- 03 Carole Kerr
- 06 Mason Jensen
- 08 Janet Neal
- 09 Nadine Gardner
- 10 Joyce James
- 12 Alison Bradshaw
- 12 Tracie Heslink
- 12 Williams Morris, III
- 14 Jim Hunt
- 15 Dennis Dasher
- 16 Kathryn Howard
- 17 Jane Vaught
- 18 Jim Holland
- 18 Noreen Bowen
- 20 Leland Williams
- 25 Gaby Wolverton
- 27 Judy Eley
- 30 Susan Kohlman

	David Love
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WORSHIP & WONDER SCHEDULE

	Leader:	Greeter:
06/02/2024	Landa Simmons	Cris Simmons
06/09/2024	Ann Bradshaw	Jeremy Dill
06/16/2024	Linda Williams	Bob Williams
06/23/2024	Landa Simmons	Cris Simmons
06/30/2024	Ann Bradshaw	Jeremy Dill



SERVICE CHANGE JUNE 30

There will be only ONE worship service on Sunday, June 30. There will be NO 8:30AM service. We will only have the 11AM service with a picnic to follow. Sunday School will not be affected by this change.



ELDERS & DEACONS & DEACONESSES

		THIS MONTH'S DEACONESS
		Linda Brown
06/02/2024	Teri Tench Will Hatcher	
	Amy Ferguson Karen Barrow Anita Dasher Danny Pitts	
06/09/2024	Abby Matschke Sheila Yeatts	
	Liz Ripley Jason Teagle Jim Holland Tyler Watson (Janet Neal)	
06/16/2024	Andrew Pfister Joyce Allen	
	Ann Bradshaw Chuck Walker Bob Herndon Sharon Herndon	
06/23/2024	Kim Riffle Don White	
	Haley Creech (Maralyn Carr) Tracy Creech Will Hatcher Jeremy Dill	
06/30/2024	Richard Bradshaw Andy Bradshaw	
	Missy Harbour Dennis Cotner Ryan Matschke	



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 2 & 9, 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 16, a list of names the tools were donated in honor of or in memory of will be inserted in Sunday bulletins.

Thank you for your generous support of our Church World Services Mother's Day Blankets ministry program! We donated \$1005. Thank you!

~Sheila Yeatts, World Outreach Coordinator



OUR DAY OUT-2ND WEDNESDAYS

What a beautiful morning we had to get together for our May ODO. Our theme April Showers bring May flowers certainly rang true. The flowers and trees this year have been absolutely gorgeous. God's paintbrush has been very, very busy. We welcomed Ethel and Mary to enjoy our program in which Christy Jensen and Marilyn Carr gave us interesting information on umbrellas and flowers. Did you know the Virginia state flower and tree is the Dogwood?

Chef Sheila delighted our tastebuds with fried chicken and delicious salads including a lime Jello pineapple salad. Our baker, Joann, made some beautiful big cookies which went well with ice cream. Crafty Jane helped us make a beautiful hanger which was a white fence that we decorated with flowers and butterflies. So much fun. Our resident bingo caller, Tyler, was vacationing in Myrtle Beach so Barb and I tried to fill his shoes.

It is always so special to share a few hours with friends in our wonderful Olive Branch family and I thank all of you for coming. Next month our theme is summer fun and I hope to see you for a picnic lunch, games, and a musical treat by one of our own members!

May God Bless You Always,
Marney Brickhouse, Coordinator



A Special
 THANK YOU

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all the participants of the Maundy Thursday prayer vigil. This decades old tradition at OBCC was again meaningful and spiritually uplifting to those who participated. There were so many different ways that we honored God and communed with him during this time of contemplation of the meaning of his life and death for us and we were truly blessed. God certainly heard our prayers. Thank you to OBCC and your dedication to another of our ministries.

~The Elders at OBCC



Worship & Wonder.

WORSHIP & WONDER

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed! Beginning on Easter Sunday, our children learned the sign language and words to our new greeting. We moved the arrow on our large felt calendar for the church year to Easter Sunday, marked by a white block, and changed our worship underlay to white, just as the paraments in our sanctuary also changed to white for the season of Easter. Our children often say their favorite part of our time together happens when we light our Christ candle each week. Our storyteller reminds them each week the light of Christ remains with us and can be felt, not only in this space, but also in many spaces at one time. What a wonder-ful reminder for our small ones. We're excited to share a few photos from our Easter Worship and Wonder experience, and hope you'll stop by our sacred space to see all the wonders.



DWM JUNE MEETING CANCELLED

The DWM will NOT be meeting in June at Kay Ainsworth's home. The next meeting will be September 9 beginning at 6PM. Please bring a dish to share. More information will be announced later. Thank you!

~Sheila Yeatts



CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL MUNGELI NEWS

Dr. Dennis David, interim director, recently shared the following story with us about the unique work being done by CHM, our global ministries partner, in Mungeli, India:

Soniya Bai, a 70-year-old lady, presented to us with a history of her slip and fall at home which resulted in her right femur getting fractured. She has been bedridden for two months. When asked by her family members why they hadn't operated on her yet, they discovered she had been initially taken to a doctor who had advised conservative management and had put her in a cast and immobilized her. The family members later took it off and had kept her at home. After a few weeks, they had visited CIMS Bilaspur where she was referred due to high-risk status of the patient and then they brought her to the district hospital where she was again denied surgery due to the fact that the fracture had been neglected for over 2 months and had signs of nonunion. She also had associated high-risk status with anemia and multiple bed sores. Soniya Bai also had a neglected urinary catheter retained for 2 months due to which she had developed a urinary tract infection. After getting admitted at CHM, she was given antibiotics, blood transfusions, and was carefully monitored for one week after which she successfully underwent surgery for fixation of her femur fracture. She had been neglected by multiple health care centers due to her high-risk status and associated health ailments, but it gives us immense joy and satisfaction to have been able to provide her with required medical and surgical care here at CHM.



The School of Nursing recently held a capping ceremony, a time-honored tradition for nurses who have completed their entry level training. A very special moment in the lives of these young people, we wanted to share a few photos with you of the beautiful event.



SPECIAL THANKS

It was my pleasure to work with Pat Tabb of Oak Grove Baptist Church. The fashion show was a huge success. The food was delicious, and decorations of rainbow colors were breathtaking as were all the ladies dressed in rainbow colors. The fashions by Belk were a hit; all found them beautiful. There were about 80 people attending that helped Pat reach her goal of \$1700 for their church project.

I would like to thank all from OBCC for supporting this outreach project, especially Joshua Fulgham who made this project come together for God's people. I hope we can do more outreach projects like this. Thank you!

~Sheila Yeatts, Outreach Coordinator



ST. OLAF FOOD SHARING PROGRAM

Please mark your calendars for a scheduled food drop-off event on Saturday morning June 15th, 9:30AM-11:30AM in our church parking lot.

During the school summer break, St. Olaf provides additional food support to registered families who have school age children who are living in the home. The summer program provides food for breakfast and lunch on a two-week cycle to these school age children. Your cash/checks and food donations to this summer food pantry program provides vital aid to our neighborhood children. If you are making a check contribution, please make the check to OBCC, write in the notation line on the check for St. Olaf Food Sharing.

Food security is a complicated issue, but feeding a child isn't. It is our shared conviction; we can make things better. Your check contributions and food donations are Jesus' love made visible. We know one act of kindness is more meaningful than 10 good intentions.

Look forward to seeing your beautiful smiling faces. Grateful for your generous support!

*~Jane & Will Hatcher,
Andrew Pfister, Joyce Allen*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TIME

Camp Firelight is coming our way on August 5-9. We had a planning meeting in May. Thank you to those who attended. We have a good start of volunteers but can always use more helping hands.

Hope to see you there.
~Abby Matschke, Coordinator



REGIONAL SUMMER CAMP

OPPORTUNITIES

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

New Covenant Camp -June 23 - 27, 2024
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 7 - 12, 2024

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 14 - 19, 2024

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

Family Retreat—July 19 - 21, 2024

Craig Springs, New Castle, VA

When was the last time your family spent quality time together without distractions? Do you want to relax in a rocking chair, play in a creek, and breathe the fresh mountain air? Family Retreat offers an economical way for the whole family to experience camp together for a fun-filled long weekend.

Adults - \$91.00

Ages 6 - 17 - \$68.00

5 and under - Free

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

www.ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry



COMMUNITY FUN DAY RAFFLE

The Community Fall Fun Day is coming up! We will be raffling a beautiful handmade granny square Afghan, and a beautiful handmade quilt, both of which are pictured on the right side. Raffle tickets are available for purchase now—contact Sheila Yeatts, Marney Brickhouse, or Barb Schmidt to get your tickets. Our Community Fall Fun Day will be on Saturday, September 21. Hope to see you there!



Proverbs 4:1

“Listen my sons to your father’s instructions. Pay attention and gain understanding.”

**A daddy is a hero
In every young child’s life,
He is the great protector
From all their worldly strife.**

**He is the toy fixer
All things he can repair,
And when you fall and skin your knee,
He is always there.**

**He teaches you to do things
To help you develop skills,
He’s the guy who brings home a paycheck
To pay the family’s bills.**

**He walks his daughter down the aisle
And quietly sheds a tear,
He hates to see his kids grow up
As they’ve done year after year.**

**But when the nest is empty
The children are all grown,
They’ll soon return to bless him
With children of their own.**

**And he’s become a Grandpa
With a brand new role to fill,
But he’ll always be your “Daddy”,
It was God’s perfect will.**

Thanks, Faithful Daddies! ~ Louise Smith

Proverbs 22:6

**“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old
he will not turn from it.”**

**God fills His world with children
To flood our hearts with love,
A gift of His creation
A blessing from above.**

**They come with no instructions
Which fills our hearts with dread,
Parents, open up your Bible
And read what God has said.**

**Throughout the entire Old Testament
God tells us what to do,
“Teach my laws to your children,
And their children, too.”**

**That they are to follow
In my way,**

**Respect and love one another
And take time to pray.**

**But when they make mistakes,
And they surely will,
His gift of grace is sufficient,
He will love them still.**

**God bless the world’s dear children,
Parents, keep them ever aware
That they are charged with service
To carry God’s love everywhere.**

Please teach God's children well. ~Louise Smith

Save the Date!



★★★ VIRGINIA DISCIPLES WOMEN PRESENTS ★★★

SOWING

SEEDS OF FAITH

A Women's Retreat

OCT 11-13, 2024

W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center
at Smith Mountain Lake

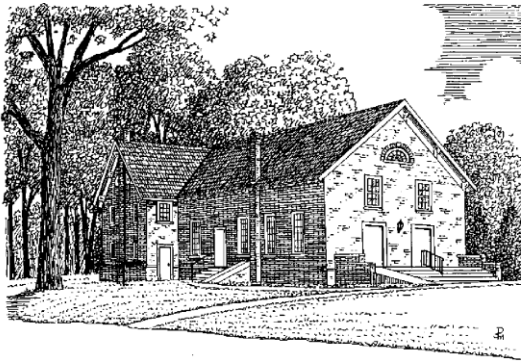


I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love.'

Hosea 10:12



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