

In Touch With Us

OLIVE BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

April, 2024



"I KEEP THE WINDOW OPEN TILL AFTER MY PRAYERS.
I GET BETTER RECEPTION WITH IT OPEN."

Power of Prayer

Bedtime prayer can be a meaningful way to spend time with God every evening, talking over your day, sharing your concerns with Him, and thanking Him for His love and care. But why should we take time to pray before bed each night?

Praying at night as you fall asleep gives you the chance to look back over the day and thank God for His help and His blessings. We often miss the hand of God in our lives as we run from one activity to another. We lose sight of the good gifts our heavenly Father is giving us (James 1:17) and focus instead on our troubles and worries.

Scripture tells us to "fix our eyes on Jesus" so that we do not "grow weary and lose heart" (Hebrews 12:2-3). Whether life feels overwhelming or dull, a time of prayer at the end of each day can help you refocus on God's goodness and reflect on your priorities and purpose ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)).

Relationships flourish when they are nurtured. Spending time talking with God before bed is a way of loving Him and deepening your relationship with Him. The evening is a lonely part of the day for many people. Choosing to pray before bed each night means that you can look forward to enjoying time with One whose love for you is deep ([Ephesians 3:18-19](#)) and constant ([Romans 8:37-39](#)).

Redeem the night-time you lie in bed waiting for sleep to come. If your mind is a blank, worries and temptations will creep in to fill it. Pain that was background noise during your busy day can blare like a siren when you are lying in the quiet and the dark. Reaching for your phone to distract you will only keep you awake. Rehashing conversations and running the numbers will only feed your anxiety.

Instead, release your worries and the pressures of the day by taking them to the One who has the power to help you and give you peace. Calm and relaxed, you will likely drift off to sleep long before you have prayed for each of your family members and friends, and that is perfectly okay.

www.biblestudytools
Jeanne Myers

From The Pastor's Desk...

I want to tell you about an exciting opportunity that Olive Branch Baptist Church has. About a month ago, our church was approached by an organization called Child Evangelism Fellowship, and they have asked us to partner with them, and go into Frazier Elementary School which is located in Perryopolis, PA and start a Good News Club.

First, who is Child Evangelism Fellowship CEF? CEF is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.

Secondly, what is a Good News Club? Good News Club is an after-school, Bible-based club held in public school buildings. Clubs meet one day per week for seven weeks in both the first and second semester of the school year and are usually held for 1.5 hours. Most clubs include grades 1-6 and some even accommodate Kindergarten children. Children may only attend with parental consent. Each week, trained volunteers present an exciting Bible lesson, lead singing, teach Bible verses, share a missionary story, play review games and build relationships with children through small group mentoring. Every child is given a take-home devotional booklet to encourage spending daily time with God. Good News Clubs aim to fulfill the three main purposes of CEF:

1. To **evangelize** children with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. To **disciple** children in the Word of God.
3. To **connect** children to a local church for Christian living.

Kathy Sloan, a representative for CEF will be here on Saturday, April 6th and Sunday, April 7th during the worship service to speak to you about the "Good News Club. And then on April 7th after the worship service, the church board will meet to discuss our partnering with CEF to start a "Good News Club" in Frazier Elementary.

Pastor Ken

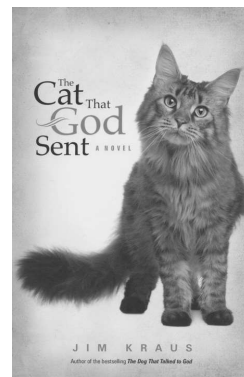
"The Cat That God Sent" by Jim Kraus.

During the months of April and May we will be reading the book, "The Cat That God Sent" by Jim Kraus.

When disillusioned pastor Jake Wilkerson is called to a small church in rural Pennsylvania, he feels out of place. The town is full of eccentric people, including jaded veterinarian Emma Grainger; Tassy, a young runaway; and Petey, a stray cat on a mission from God. Can Petey save Jake and his quirky friends from themselves?

The book club will then meet at the church on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:00pm where we will discuss the book

Just a reminder that you are responsible to purchase your own book. They can be purchased through eBook, Kindle, Amazon, or Christianbook.com



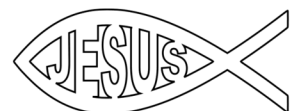
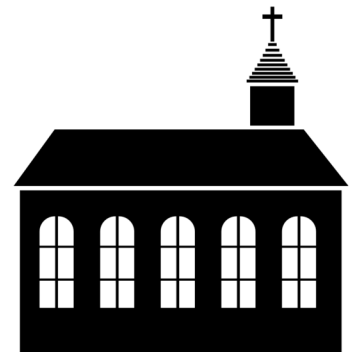
Church is Fun

Word Search



Word list:

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| BELIEF | FRIENDSHIP | JOY |
| BLESSINGS | GIVING | LOVE |
| CHRIST | GOD | MERCY |
| CHURCH | GRACE | OBEDIENCE |
| COMPASSION | GUIDANCE | PATIENCE |
| COURAGE | HEALING | PEACE |
| ETERNAL | HEAVEN | SALVATION |
| FAITH | HOLY | SPIRIT |
| FAITHFULNESS | HOPE | TRUTH |
| FORGIVENESS | JESUS | WISDOM |



Blessings Mission Store

Olive Branch Baptist Church
285 State Route 981
Rostraver Township, PA 15012

Clothing and Miscellaneous Items
Price ranging from \$.25—\$2.00

Saturday, April 6
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Workday
Thursday, April 4th at 9:30 a.m.

All proceeds go to the mission of the month

Monitory donations also accepted

The Blessing Ministry is all about supplying good clothing to the needy in and around the Rostraver, Smithton, and Van Meter area.

We can always use clothing. Just bring your clothes to the church and put them outside of the Blessing room.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry or have any questions, please contact Jackie Patten or Lonnie Patterson.

Monongahela Baptist Association Spring Inspirational

The Annual Spring Inspirational Of Monongahela Baptist Association will be on Sunday, April 14th at Great Bethel Baptist Church in Uniontown, PA starting at 4:30 p.m. (Meal Included).

The purpose of this meeting is to restart the Monongahela Baptist Association. The mission of the association is to preserve the strengths of our churches, build a sense of community, and address any problems or issues that may arise.

Pastor Ken has been selected as the moderator of the association to provide leadership as they start from scratch rebuilding this ministry. He needs your help. He needs some of you to attend this association meeting with him. If you're interesting in going, please contact Pastor Ken at (724) 610-3302.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

~Philippians 4:6-7

Pastor's Bible Study

Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. here at the church, Pastor Ken leads a Bible Study.

We are currently doing a verse by verse study of the Book of Ecclesiastes. You don't have to be a member to attend!

Bring A Friend!

Prayer Chain

Please contact Pastor Ken for updates to the prayer chain. To start the prayer chain, leave a voice message or send a text to Pastor Ken at 724-610-3302. Any questions, please see Pastor Ken.



Prayer Meeting

Every Tuesday, Pastor Ken will be at the church at 10:00 a.m. to pray for our church, our families, our township, our state, our country and our world. Please join him as we make prayer the number one priority of Olive Branch Baptist Church.

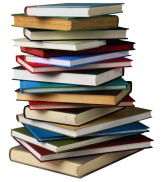


We Have a Library

The library at Olive Branch Baptist Church includes both time-honored and contemporary Biblical references, books on Christian faith, worship, family life, missions, denominational life, history, social concerns, biography and adult fiction.

Younger readers enjoy age-level fiction and nonfiction titles.

The library is located in the educational wing of the church directly across from the "Showering of Blessings" room. The procedures for checking out books, and how long they can be checked out, are posted on the circulation desk.



Sunday Sermons

Copies of Sunday sermons are available on CD free of charge. If you would like a copy, see Vicki Tilmans after the service. Sermons are also available on the church website at: www.olivebranch-baptistchurch.org



Nursing Home Ministry

The nursing home ministry will be traveling to the *Cambridge Hillside Nursing Home* in North Charleroi on Saturday, April 20th. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, just show up to the church at 10:30 a.m.

Nursing Home Ministries

The Nursing Home Ministry is asking for donations of toiletry items to give to the nursing home residents during the winter months. If you would like to donate, the following items (travel size) will be greatly appreciated.

Kleenex Chapstick Lotions Soaps Shampoo Conditioner
Toothpaste Toothbrush

Please place your items in the basket on the table that is located in the fellowship hall.

For more information on the donations or about joining in on the visitations, please contact Evelyn Mattie.

2024 Pastor's Book Club

Here are the books that we will be reading for the Pastor's Book Club in 2024. Just a reminder that you are responsible to purchase your own book. They can be purchased through e-Book, Kindle, Amazon, or Christianbook.com.

April – May

The Cat That God Sent
Author: Jim Kraus
Book Club Meeting: Monday, June 3, 2024

June – July

Finishing Our Course with Joy:
Guidance from God for Engaging with Our Aging Author: J.I. Packer
Book Club Meeting: Monday, August 5, 2024

August – September

Life Is 10% What Happens to You and 90% How You React
Author: Charles Swindoll
Book Club Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2024

October – November

Christmas Bells
Author: Jennifer Chiaverini
Book Club Meeting: Monday, December 2, 2024

April Fun Facts

April also only had 29 days, but a 30th day was added when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar.

April is a great month for meteor showers. One of which is the Lyrids meteor shower, which appears from April 16th to April 26th each year. There's another one called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower that can be seen onwards from April 21st.

On April 14, 1912, the famous Titanic ship hit an iceberg and sank on her first and only voyage.

George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on April 30, 1789.

The explosion of the Chernobyl nuclear plant in Ukraine occurred on April 26, 1986, which forced everyone within a 300-mile radius to be evacuated.

For all the car enthusiasts out there, Ford unveiled their first Mustang on April 17, 1964, costing \$2,368.

The first battle of the Revolutionary War, Lexington, and Concord, broke out on April 19, 1775.

On April 6, 1917, the United States took a monumental step onto the global stage by declaring war on Germany, entering World War I.

April Announcements

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Classes available for all ages.

Junior Church

10:45 Worship Service

Following the special music, kids, ages 4—10 are led from the sanctuary to their classroom for a special time of Worship, Bible stories and crafts designed especially for them. Parents pick-up their children after Worship service.

Nursery

10:45 Worship Service

For newborns to 3 years of age.

All nursery attendants have submitted to a background check.

Pastor Ken—Vacation

Pastor Ken will be on vacation from Saturday, April 27 to Sunday, May 5th.

Online Giving

Olive Branch is now setup to accept online donations through [tithely](http://tithely.com) on our church website:

www.olivebranch-baptistchurch.org

You will find it on the sermon page of the website. We would appreciate any donations you would like to make and we would be very grateful if you would cover the fee associated with the transaction. If you cover the [tithely](http://tithely.com) fee, the church will then receive the entire donation you made.

Any questions, please see Judy Porter. Thank you in advance for supporting us.

Going Paperless!

If you would like the monthly newsletter emailed to you, there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Just put your name and your email address

Quilting

Every Monday from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Every Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

Book of Ecclesiastes

Every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday Evening Worship Service

6:00 p.m.

Sunday School Opening

Every Sunday—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

Every Sunday @ 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service

Every Sunday—10:45 a.m.

Communion

Saturday, April 6

Sunday, April 7

Fellowship Potluck Dinner

Saturday, April 6th, following services

Trustee Meeting

Monday, April 8th @ 6:00 p.m.

Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th @ 6:00 p.m.

Impact Ministry

Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 a.m.

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Vacation Bible School Meeting

Tuesday, April 16th @ 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

Randall's Restaurant

Saturday, April 20th @ 9:00 a.m.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, April 28th

Immediately after Worship Service



**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A
WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**
ROMANS 12:2

We will once again be hosting Vacation Bible School. VBS will run from Sunday, June 9th to Friday, June 14th.

This year's theme is "Breaker Rock Beach".

For VBS to be successful, we need two things. We need your prayers, and we need you to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, see Madeline or Casey Giles.

**American Baptist Women / Showering Blessings
Clothing , Rummage & Bake Sale
June 1, 2024**

The ABW and the Blessings Mission Store are joining forces!

On June 1st at Olive Branch Baptist Church, a Rummage Sale will be held to raise funds for the 2023-24 ABCOPAD Women's Ministries Region Project. All proceeds will go to help feed, provide medical care, and educate the children living in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, on the Congo/Rowanda border.

The funds raised can help ensure continued care and feeding of these children. It costs 75 cents per day to feed a child. Three shiny quarters will provide the daily food for a child. How many quarters can we raise?

For our sale to be successful, we need your help!

Start your spring cleaning...donations will be accepted at the church beginning the week of May 26th. Please make sure your items are clean and in good shape. We will be asking for donations of baked good from the ladies of the church.

More info will be provided as we get closer to the date of the sale.

***Health Notes From All Over
The Vendor***

Early-onset dementia is linked to nine risk factors, many occurring during a person's teens. The most significant risk factor linked to dementia that occurs before the age of 65 is alcohol abuse. The other factors are use of anti-psychotic drugs, depression, drug abuse, a father with dementia, poor mental function as a teen, being short, having high blood pressure and stroke. Taken together, these factors accounted for 68% of cases of early-onset dementia. ~Bottom Line Personal

For better quality rest, switch on the lights the moment your alarm goes off. The bright wakeup call keeps your body clock on cue when it's still dark out in the morning, helping you fall and staying asleep come bedtime.~Woman's Day

Be the Change

When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world. I found it very difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation. When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change the town, and, as an older man, I tried to change my family. Now, as an old man, I realize that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world!

~Unknown Monk

From the Kitchen

Lemon Rice with Turkey or Chicken



Brown rice is great in this dish. It gives the subtle nutty flavor and chewier texture than white rice. And, if I may note, is much healthier. I've also learned to cook with as few dishes to wash after dinner as possible. While one part of the meal is cooking, I'm washing the pan or dish used for the first part. For example, after the rice is boiled whether Success in a bag or from scratch in the pan, I wash the pan while browning the meat. Also, keeping hot, detergent water in the sink while cooking is a good idea. Finished cooking, the skillet and utensils are rinsed in cool water and soaked in the hot, detergent water and a scrubber or SOS and I'm good to go. When finished eating, the sink is cleaned except the ones on which I ate---and they go in the dish washer. This works especially if you are having left overs. Yipee—I am now ready to relax for the evening.

1 cup Green Onions, chopped; 1 cup chicken broth; 2 cloves of garlic finely chopped

1 ½ pounds of uncooked turkey breast slices, cut into strips (Or I use thin sliced chicken breast slices);

3 cups cooked brown rice (or white if you prefer); 2 tsp grated lemon peel

1/3 cup lemon juice

1 tbsp capers rinsed and drained

¼ tsp pepper (uh, no, I'll pass on the pepper)

3 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley

You could also add some steamed broccoli or carrots, be creative!

Cook onions, broth and garlic in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until onions are tender. Stir in turkey or chicken and cook 3 minutes.

Stir in remaining ingredients except parsley. Cook about 3 minutes or until rice is hot and turkey or chicken is no longer pink in center; remove from heat and stir in parsley.

Easy, healthy, good tasting. And I am going to have this dish soon!!!!

joni

Don't bother to give God instructions, just report for duty!
~Corrie ten-Boom

Bits and Pieces

Election Prayer

Almighty God, Lord of Life and King of all Nations, we beg you to look kindly upon our country and help us to wisely choose our new leaders. Inform our conscience and enlighten our judgement, that we may elect those who will mercifully uphold justice and strive to protect the least among us. Help us to discern which candidate will uphold both the letter and spirit of the law. May our nation once again respect religious freedom, authentic marriage and importance of family and the value of every human life—from conception to natural death. Heal the divisions which wound our unity and help us to overlook political tensions that keep us from becoming a united force for good. May our great land, built on both personal responsibility and charity towards the less fortunate, always balance prosperity with care for the elderly, the poor, the sick and the abandoned. May we elect honest and trustworthy candidates who will always uphold the common good and protect our God—given rights. In concert with great founders of our nation, may we confidently proclaim, “In God We Trust” Amen.

Given by Celeste, one of our Impact helpers. Written by Magnificat Greensburg, October 29, 2016.

Excerpt from Erwin W. Lutzer WE WILL NOT BE SILENCED

“Even as we have seen major cultural shifts taking place, let us know that the Kingdom of God remains unshaken”.

Augustine loved the city of Rome. When he was told that vandals had trashed it, he is reported to have said, “Whatever men build, men will destroy”. So let’s get on with building the kingdom of God. Even as we have seen major cultural shifts taking place, let us know that the kingdom of God remains unshaken. God is asking us to join with Him in returning to our first love and lighting many lampstands throughout our country. We need to remain diligent about sustaining the church as a beacon of light that shines in the darkness of today’s secularism and humanism. If we throw ourselves at the feet of Christ in humility and faith and with renewed courage obey Him, then our lampstand will remain and not be removed.”

The church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord. She is His new creation by water and the Word: From Heav’n He came and sought her, to be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, and for her life, He died.

The church is not ours to save. But without repentance and personal sacrifice, our lampstand might be removed. History confirms that has often been so.

Corrie ten Boom said, “The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something, and enter into God’s realm where everything is possible.”

GOD’S PLANS

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:11-13

Writings and Things

A Second Chance

Georgia Tech played the University of California in the 1929 Rose Bowl. In the game a player recovered a fumble, but became confused and ran the wrong way.

A teammate tackled him just before he would have scored a touchdown against his own team. At halftime all of the players went into the dressing room and sat down, wondering what the coach would say. This young man sat by himself; put a towel over his head and cried.

When the team was ready to go back onto the field for the second half, the coach stunned the team when he announced that the same players who had started the first half would start the second. All of the players left the dressing room except this young man. He would not budge. The coach looked back as he called him again, and saw that his cheeks were wet with tears. The player said, "Coach, I can't do it. I've ruined you. I've disgraced the University of California. I can't face that crowd in the stadium again."

Then the coach put his hand on the player's shoulder and said, "Get up and go back in. The game is only half over."

When I think of that story, deep inside I say, "What a coach!" When I read the story of Jonah (in the Bible), and the stories of thousands like him, I say, "To think that God would give me another chance!" **by Billy Graham**

THE MENDER

He had built for himself a great house on one of the Caribbean islands. It is a thing to behold. Tall rusty iron columns, collected and resurrected with an ingenious homemade device. This Great House is a masterpiece of salvaged materials.

A collector and seller of scrap metal as well as antiques, he was also fascinated with broken bits and pieces of china dug from his front yard. His friends, John and June Cash, laughingly remarked it was the first time they had heard of a yard sale where the man had sold the yard itself. Carefully he fitted and glued the pieces together. Few ever came out whole. They remained simply a collection of one who cared.

When I expressed interest, he gave me a blue-and-white plate, carefully glued together—pieces missing.

"You remind me of God," I said. By the look on his face, I knew I shocked him, I hurriedly explained. "God pieces back broken lives lovingly. Sometimes a piece is irretrievably lost. But still He gathers what He can and restores us." **By Ruth Bell Graham**

Joni's Page

April, I can hardly believe one quarter of 2024 is gone. As I started this page, I stopped to ask myself, did I make a difference to anyone or anything yet? Time has wings, and I decided to make a difference somewhere daily or another quarter will be gone before I can blink. Did you ever feel that way?

FOCUS

As an old Russian proverb put it, "If you chase two rabbits, you'll not catch either one."

Gilbert Tuhabonye is one of the best runners in the world—a skill he developed when he had to literally run for his life as a boy in Burundi. In October, 1993, Gilbert was sitting in his high school class. He's developed a love for track and field events in junior high, and he could hardly wait to tear around the track again. But that day, the simple routines of the classroom were shattered by Hutu terrorists. The school was invaded by hostile members of the tribe, who descended on the children with genocidal rage. More than a hundred Tutsi children and their teachers were forced into a small room and hacked to death with machetes or burned alive.

Gilbert wasn't killed, but he found himself at the bottom of a pile, buried under the burning corpses of his classmates. The smoldering fire ate into Gilbert's skin, but he remained hidden for more than 9 hours. Finally, Gilbert smashed through a window and took off like an arrow. The Hutus chased him, but Gilbert outran them and made it to a local hospital, where doctors told him he would never run again.

Gilbert didn't believe the doctors. He felt God had spared him and that the Lord had a plan for his life. "I always knew that my faith would be tested, and it certainly was in those hours when my school was attacked. My belief in God never faltered. I never blamed Him or wondered how He could have let such a thing happen to me or to my classmates and teachers. I accepted what was taking place and knew that it was all part of a plan much larger than me."

Gilbert persevered until he was running well enough to win the Burundi National Championship in the 400 and 800 meters. His coaches felt he had Olympic potential, and he was sent to the United States as part of an Olympic training program. There, Abilene Christian University offered him a scholarship.

After graduation, Gilbert moved to Austin to coach young runners, and soon his ministry was off and running. His books, speeches, and coaching have touched thousands of lives. What's more, Gilbert started the Gazelle Foundation, whose slogan is "Run for the Water," to fund and build clean water projects for the people of Burundi. His "Gilbert's Gazelles" training group provides motivation and help to runners of all ages at all levels.

~Written by David Jeremiah

My Thoughts: Gilbert never lost focus. He ran to win—he focused on one thing. So, I ask myself, "Have I made a difference in anyone's life today, or will I tomorrow, or the next day." God only gave me today, so I better focus---and I will.

HOPE

Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings while the dawn is still dark. Tagore

Until next month, keep love in your heart and kind words on your lips.

joni

Let him that would move the world first move himself!

~Socrates

Writings From the Bible

This month, let's take a look at I Samuel

There are such great lessons in this book. I've been reading it.

Have you ever changed your initial impression of someone after getting to know them? Because we are not born with X-ray vision, we base our opinions on what we can see. Sometimes we take an instant dislike to people because of their mannerisms, style of dress, momentary expressions, or stated opinions. God sees through all those externals in one glance, for He X-rays the heart. That's one of the main lessons of I Samuel, which tells about three leaders—Samuel (chapters 1-8), Saul (chapters 9-15), and David (chapters 16-31). The stories of the three overlap but the chapter divisions clearly show how the storyline changes from one to the other—Samuel, the seasoned leader; Saul, the foolish one (who learned that in lying to and disobeying God, you **will** lose it all.); and David the emerging one. Despite his wisdom, Samuel missed seeing David's potential. He was the youngest of Jesse's sons, not as impressive as his older, taller siblings with their impressive faces. Yet God saw in young David "a man after His own heart" (I Samuel 13:14). There are two lessons for us in this. First, we shouldn't be overly concerned about how impressive we appear to others. Our beauty should not be primarily outward, but the hidden person of the heart (I Peter 3:3-4) Second, we ought to be cautious in jumping to conclusions about others. Ask God to give you a discerning mind so you can better see with God's eyesight. The person you least like may be the one God wants you to most love.

KEY THEME

Don't judge by first impressions, for God doesn't look at people as we do. We look at the external appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

KEY CHALLENGE

As you prepare for your day each morning, ask the Lord to give you a cheerful spirit and a smile to begin your day---be ready and willing to accept others as God has accepted you.

KEY VERSE

But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart' (I Samuel 16:7)

KEY PRAYER

Dear God, please help me see others through Your eyes and not as the world sees them. I praise You for forgiving and accepting me—my Lord and the Rock of my salvation.

A Movie Bet

Two fellas were watching an old cowboy movie and it came to the part when the cowboy, on his horse, at full gallop, was headed right towards a cliff. One of the guys said to the other, "Hey, I'll bet you 10 bucks that he rides over the cliff." The other said, "Your on!"

A Little
Humor!

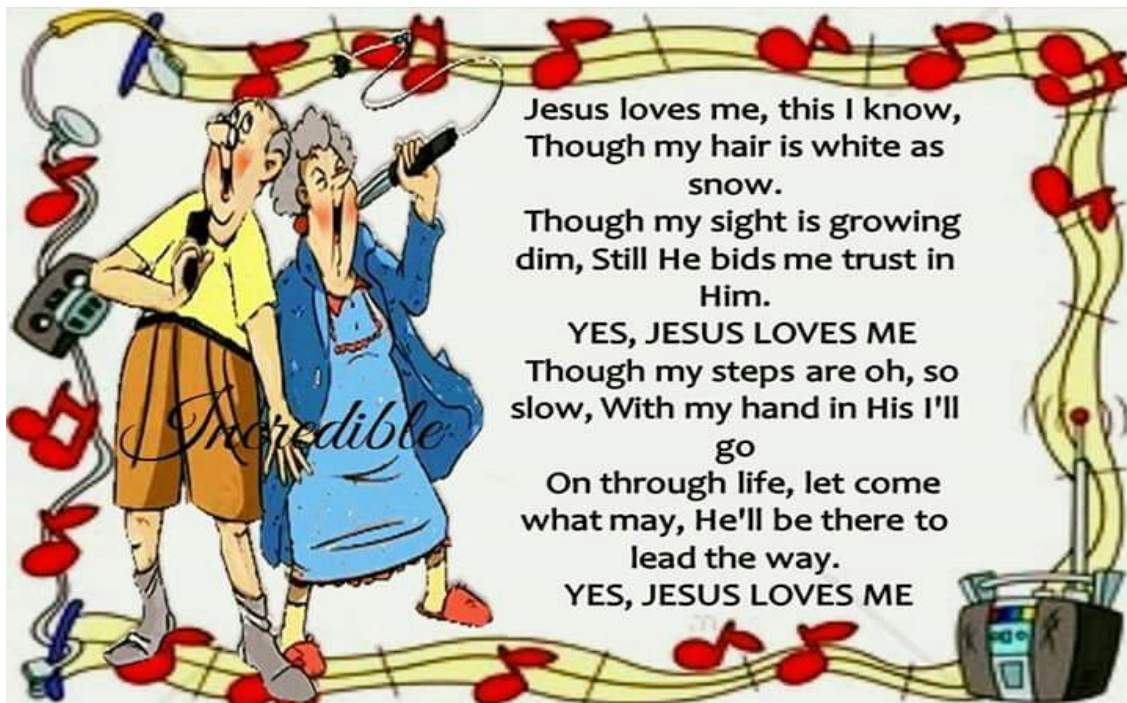
Well the cowboy and the horse went right over the cliff. The fella that lost the bet paid up. A while later, the guy who won said, "Hey, I'm feeling a little guilty about our bet and need to make a confession ... I already have seen the movie." The other fella replied, "Well, I have also seen the movie before ... but I didn't think he'd do it again!"

Lost & Found

Says one humorist: "Life is unfair. I lost my car keys at a ball game and never found them. I lost my sunglasses at the beach and never found them. I lost my socks in the washing machine and never found them. I lost three pounds on a diet — I found them and five more."

Vengeance is Mine - Thus Sayeth the Little Guy

Three burly fellows on huge motorcycles pulled up to a highway cafe where a truck driver, just a little guy, was perched on a stool quietly eating his lunch. As the three fellows came in, they spotted him, grabbed his food away from him and laughed in his face. The truck driver said nothing. He got up, paid for his food and walked out. One of the three cyclists, unhappy that they hadn't succeeded in provoking the little [guy] into a fight commented to the waitress: "Boy, he sure wasn't much of a man, was he?" The waitress replied, "Well, I guess not." Then, looking out the window, she added, "I guess he's not much of a truck driver, either. He just ran over three motorcycles."



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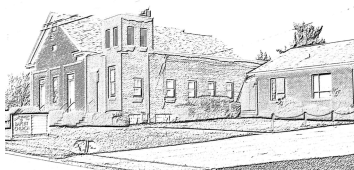
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Olive Branch Baptist Church Mission Statement

The purpose of this church shall be the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. It shall attain this end through public worship of God, the preaching of the Gospel, consistent Christian living by it's members, personal evangelism, missionary endeavor and Christian education, according to the teachings and practices of the Baptists and the distinctive principles for which they stand.