

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

April/May 2015

“This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)

Remember this familiar verse found in God’s Word. We rejoice together in the blessings of our Lord. We have many reasons to rejoice in the Lord each day.

We are thankful to be here as your pastor and family. Thank you to our church family for your help in so many ways. Thank you to the pastor search committee and their hard work in seeking a pastor to lead Oak Level. Thank you to those who helped us make the move from New Bern, NC to Bassett. Thank you for the love shown to us through the pounding. Thank you to the Lord for placing the rainbow in the sky on the day we moved into the parsonage. Thank you for opening your doors and making us feel welcome as we visit in your homes. We look forward to visiting in each home this year. Our door is always open to you and your family. It has been a great move for us to come here to serve with you. The Lord has blessed as He leads us now. These are exciting times of ministry for Oak Level Baptist Church. We pray and expect many blessings in our journey of faith together.

We will celebrate Easter with much hope and joy on April 5. You are encouraged to join in this wonderful time as we begin with an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. We rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is great excitement and joy as we are reminded of the first Easter morning.

We give thanks for the love and service of mothers on Sunday, May 10. We share many special memories on Mother’s Day.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4) is a good Bible verse to memorize and share with others.

Love and peace,
Pastor Joe



EASTER EGG HUNT

Oak Level Baptist Church will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 4, 2015**, from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. All ages are invited to attend. There will be crafts, food, and prizes. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help make this event a fun day of Christian fellowship. Just show up and we will put you to work! Donations of plastic eggs, prizes, and individually wrapped candy are needed to make the Easter Egg Hunt a success. Please have these items at the church by Wednesday, April 1st. Make plans to help stuff eggs Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. before the PTS meeting. See Peggy Morris to volunteer or if you need more information.



Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 5th.

Sunrise Service starts at 7:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast to follow

Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service starts at 11:00 a.m.

April Birthdays

Apr. 3 Shirley Draper
April Draper
Apr. 5 April Gammons
Apr. 7 Meaghan Poore
Apr. 8 Christopher Howell
Apr. 10 Mary Hodges
Deborah Thomas
Apr. 11 Brittany Flannagan
Apr. 15 Alexandra Gill
Apr. 16 Kim C. Dickerson
Joseph Pierce
Jonathan Pierce
Sherry Y. Stone
Melissa Thompson
Apr. 17 Dana Young
Apr. 20 April M. Haulsey
Virginia Metz
Apr. 22 Wilbern Meeks
Apr. 26 Carroll Draper
Apr. 28 Caroline Snead
Apr. 29 Bruce Thompson
Apr. 30 John Wilson

May Birthdays

May 5 Audie Atkins
Debra Brown
May 8 Mearl Boswell
May 12 Carolyn Seay
David Hurd, Jr.
May 14 Michael Snead
Hazel Harrison
Nancy Felter
May 15 Erma McKee
Kasey Viars
May 18 Patricia Handy
Teresa D. Seay
May 19 Regina Atkins
May 22 Allison Snead
May 23 Logan Coleman
May 24 Marie F. Hall
Jeanette Crum
May 25 Tyler Tilley
May 30 May Seay
Whitni Wright

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Blue Ridge Rehab Center
300 Blue Ridge St., Martinsville, VA 24112
* Dot Wray - Room 106

Fork Mountain Rest Home,
2925 Fork Mtn. Rd. Rocky Mt, 24151
* Dianne Chitwood *Wanda Stone
Hazel Sizemore Howard Hodges

Live Laugh & Love Home Care
2634 Fork Mtn. Rd. Bassett, VA 24055
*Pauline Martin

Golden Living Center,
1607 Spruce St. Martinsville, VA, 24112
*Glen Young

Hanson Home
162 Krontz Dr. Bassett, VA 24055
*Betty Sue Sparks

Harmony Hall
P.O. Box 1614, Bassett, VA 24055
Louise Turner Betty Pagans

Stanleytown Health Care Ctr.
240 Riverside Drive, Bassett, VA 24055
Blandean Akers - 9 Grace Mullins - 12

The Laurel, 72 Chatham Business Park Dr.
Pittsboro, NC 27312
*Lovelene S. Lewis

Trinity Nursing Health/Rehab, Hillsville, VA
24343
Arnold Hanks (Father of Esther Hanks)
Carrie Mae Harold (Aunt of Brenda Ferguson)

WITH SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Wilbur Lewis Mullins, Jr. (Jimmy). He passed away Tuesday, January 27, 2015. He was cousin to Betty and Virginia Metz, Martha Sue Meeks, Betty Snead, and Lewis Turner.

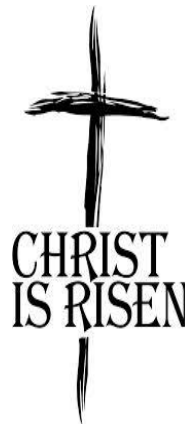
Sincere sympathy is extended to Cheryl Newman, Joe and Julie Hux and their family and friends on the death of their sister, Annie Hux Hayes, who passed away Friday, February 27, 2015.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Arthur & Betty Jo Foley, Nancy & Carlton Bousman, Eva Dale Scarce and their family and friends on the death of their brother, Earl Foley, who passed away Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Addis and Barbara Mabe on the death of his brother, Claude Mabe, who passed away on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Edna Amos, who passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Wilbern and Martha Meeks on the death of his brother, Albert Meeks, who passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2015.



It's not too early to start thinking about Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 13th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. We will continue to DISCOVER, DECIDE, DEFEND with AGENCY D3. (1 Peter 3:15) VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. Prayerfully consider where God can use you and contact Peggy Morris to volunteer!

Administrative Professionals Day
Wednesday, April 22

Thank you to Sheila Ramsey for all you do for Oak Level Baptist Church. We appreciate you and all your hard work. Be sure and thank Sheila for all she does.

WELCOME REV. GLASS AND FAMILY

When Joe, Kim, Hannah and Jacob came to join us here at Oak Level Baptist Church, they asked each member of the congregation to fill out an "information sheet" to help them get to know us better.

They also filled out an "information sheet" which helps us to get to know them better.

Joe and Kim met in college. They dated while in college but then went their separate ways and attended different seminaries. In 1990, fourteen years later, they reunited and Joe did a very wise thing...he asked Kim her to marry him and she also did a very wise thing when she said "yes".

After five years of thinking they would not be able to bear children, they decided to look into adoption. But God had another plan. Not only did He give them a beautiful daughter, Hannah, but two years later they were blessed with a son, Jacob.

Joe and his family love visiting and meeting new people. They are so friendly and special that when you meet them, you know them. Their friendly dispositions and love for the Lord radiates from them.

If they haven't been in your home yet, they will soon be. They desire to get to know each of us at OLBC better.

Among the things that Joe likes to do best is board games, writing, reading, listening to gospel music and watching Christian family movies.

Kim enjoys scrapbooking, knitting, and crafts. She loves nature, sunrises and sunsets, and especially birds watching.

Notice the "red neck bird feeder" outside their dining room window that Kim created out of a milk carton. She is also waiting for the hummingbirds to return in about a month.

Jesse, Lucy and I feel we have met four new "forever friends". Only after a few short weeks, we feel that we have known them always. They are like family now.

Remember to pray for them daily as they covet our prayers and rest assured, they are praying daily for us too.

Written by Barbara Cannaday

Jacob and Hannah Glass are just two out of the four amazing people we welcomed to our church upon the arrival of our new Pastor. They are two unique and special individual that we have grown to

love in the short amount of time they have been here.

Jacob was born on February 29, 2000 and his favorite color is green. His favorite snacks and foods consist of pistachios, Cheetos, Hershey bars, crab legs, fettuccine alfredo, spaghetti, and fish. Some of his favorite restaurants to eat at are Olive Garden, anything Chinese, Cheddars, and The Sirloin House. Jacob's hobbies are football, baseball, basketball, hunting, fishing, and playing games. He also collects anything that has Virginia Tech on it. The Bible is his favorite book and his favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 56:3. His favorite Bible stories are when Joseph is in the hole, the feeding of the 5,000 people, and Jonah and the Whale. Jacob's favorite hymns/praise songs are *We Believe, Courageous, What a Friend We Have in Jesus, and When We All Get to Heaven.*

Hannah was born on January 16, 1998 and her favorite colors are blue and pink. Her favorite snacks and foods consist of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, chicken, mac n' cheese, but she absolutely dislikes sweet potatoes. Some of her favorite restaurants are Sally's, Wendy's, and Chick-Fil-A. Hannah's hobbies are playing her flute and any kind of games. They do not have any pets, but one time Hannah sneaked home a cat. Once her mother found out they had to give it away. Hannah collects Nativity sets and snow globes. Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11 and her favorite Bible stories are the feeding of the 5,000 people and the boy and the fish. She likes the hymns/praise songs, *Amazing Grace, 10,000 Reasons, and Jesus Loves Me.* Hannah's favorite book is *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman. Other things Hannah likes doing are babysitting, dog sitting, and visiting people. She has volunteered to work at our local hospital this summer because she wants to have a career in the medical field.

Both of the Glass children are attending Bassett High School. Jacob is in the 9th grade and Hannah is in the 11th grade.

We are so glad to have them as members at Oak Level Baptist Church and cannot wait to learn more about them. *Written by Megan Thompson*

GOD IS LOVE!



HCBA ANNUAL WMU MEETING

The annual HCBA Annual WMU meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at FBC-Collinsville. Pre-service music will begin at 6:15 p.m. and the program will start at 6:30 p.m.

SUMMER CAMP



Summer camp at CrossRoads is just around the corner! There is programming for coed camp, all-girl camps, ages 9 - 17, as well as family camp for all ages. Some of the offerings include Mountaineering, Archery, Culinary, Creative Ministries, Fishing, and Backpacking. Camp dates run from June 15 until July 25. Be sure to check out their website for costs and registration information at crossroadsccc.com/summer-camp.

April Meetings

Sunday, April 12 & 26 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

May Meetings

Sunday, May 17 & 31 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Bake Sale

Saturday, April 25

Lucky 2 Mart

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon



Youth Car Wash

Saturday, May 23

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon



CBFVA MISSION BOX

BABY CARE KITS FOR HAITI

CBFVA is partnering with Jenny Jenkins, CBF Field Personnel, to provide Baby Care Kits to help young mothers in Haiti care for their newborn babies.

To assemble a Baby Care Kit you will need:

- Five cloth diapers
- Two t-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- Two wash clothes
- One gown or sleeper
- Three receiving blankets

Items must be new and under 12 months in size
Please include a \$5 gift payable to CBFVA to assist with distribution cost

Place items inside of a ONE GALLON Ziploc bag
Needed at church by April 19th to deliver to the CBFVA office on or before April 30, 2015.

YOUTH SINGING



The Youth will be singing at New Vision Baptist Church on April 11 at the church's Community Day.

Be sure to show your support by coming out to hear them sing. See Missy Thompson for more information.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet Wednesday, May 6, at 5:45 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar to August 2015. Those on the church council include: Pastor, Deacons Chairperson, Music Director, Stewardship Chairperson, Sunday School Director, WMU Director, and Youth Coordinating Chairperson. Other committee chairpersons are encouraged to attend if they have items to add to the calendar.

What was different about the daughters of Manasseh from the other females living in the Promised Land?

- A. They had their heads shaved
- B. They were made priestesses
- C. They were forbidden to marry
- D. They were given land like their brothers
(Answer on Birthday page)

Give to the
CBF Offering for
GLOBAL MISSIONS

OLBC 2015 Goal - \$2,000.00

Received To Date - \$ 766.80

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4  Easter Egg Hunt 10 am – 12 noon
5 Easter Sunrise Srv. 7 am Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	6 Church Office Closed Easter Monday	7 Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	8 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11 Community Meal – 11:00 am Youth Sing at New Vision Baptist Church
12 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Youth Mtg. 5:00 - 7:00 pm 	13	14 HCBA WMU Annual Meeting FBC-Collinsville 6:30 p.m.	15 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16 HCBA Executive Comm. Mtg. HCBA Office 7:00 p.m.	17	18
19 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	20	21	22 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	23 HCBA Senior Adult Meeting FBC-Collinsville 12 noon	24	25 Youth Bake Sale Lucky 2 Mart 7:00 am – 12 noon 
26 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am  Pennies for the Precious Youth Mtg. 5:00 - 7:00 pm 	27	28 WMU Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	30		

Deacon of the Month – Donna Winebarger

Counters of the Month – Lee Pettit & Shirley Gilbert

May 2015

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10 Mother's Day Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	11	12	13 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14	15	16
17 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Youth Mtg. 5:00 - 7:00 pm 	18	19	20 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23  8 am – 12 noon
24 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am  Pennies for the Precious	25 Church Office Closed Memorial Day	26 WMU Meeting 7:00 p.m.	27 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	28	29	30
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