

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

April/May 2016

It is an exciting time in the ministry of our church. Together we see the many blessings of the Lord each day. A group of fourteen from our church had a great day of missions service in Danville on March 12. It was a special blessing to do several missions projects with other youth groups from our state. The theme for the day was, "WHO ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS". We learned that we can turn our "fences" into communion tables with one another. It was good to hear one of our youth say at the end of the day, "Can we do this again next week?"

Graduation time will be here soon. Let us know by April 24 if someone in your family will be graduating from high school or college. The graduates will be recognized on **Sunday, May 22.**

Several ministry opportunities are happening at church. Pray for these opportunities and participate in these as you can:

- Sunday mornings 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service; 12:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Pray, Teach & Share - "Heroes of Faith"
- WMU monthly meetings
- Youth meetings with the BELIEVE study
- Men's monthly fellowship breakfast
- Monthly community meal

Mother's Day service is **May 8.** All mothers are special and we appreciate you and your love and prayers for your family. Everyone is invited to an evening of Gospel Music on **May 29** at 6:00 p.m. with Charles Scarlette. There will be fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the concert. Be sure and invite friends and neighbors to this special event.

Administrative Professionals Day is **April 27.** We appreciate Sheila and her faithful service as our church secretary. Be sure and let her know how much she is appreciated.

The **VBS** theme is Barnyard Roundup (Jesus Gathers Us Together) on **Saturday, June 25** from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This will be for ages 6 - adults. This year Pastor Joe will teach an adult class.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Joe

THE GOLDEN CLUB

Thelma Nolen
6694 Oak Level Road
Bassett, VA 24055

She has a birthday on August 27. Her favorite color is red. She enjoys all snacks. Fish is her favorite food. Her favorite restaurant is Sirloin House. She enjoys watching TV, nature, golf, and Gospel music. Thelma collects dishes. Her favorite Bible verses are on prayer and faith in Jesus. Revelation is her favorite book in the Bible. "Amazing Grace" is her favorite hymn. She worked in her home taking care of her family. She attended Henry School. Thelma has been a faithful member at Oak Level Church for many years.

Wanda Stone
Fork Mountain Rest Home
2925 Fork Mountain Road
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Her birthday is February 17. Her favorite colors are green and purple. Popcorn is her favorite snack. Fish (scallop), spaghetti, and pizza are her favorite foods. Garfield's is her favorite restaurant. She enjoys reading and Hallmark movies. Her favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:28. Her favorite Bible story is Naomi and Ruth. "It is Well with My Soul" and "When We All Get to Heaven" are her favorite hymns. She is a retired elementary school teacher of 33 1/3 years. She's been a faithful member of Oak Level Baptist since 2005.

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
Carolyn S. Fardell
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 (Assisted Living)
Sue Meeks - Room 213
Jake Divers - Room 112 (Rehab)

Fork Mtn. Rest Home, 2925 Fork Mtn. Rd. Rocky Mt, 24151

*Wanda Stone
Howard Hodges Hazel Sizemore

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

*Pauline Martin

Hanson Home, 162 Krontz Drive, Bassett, VA 24055

*Betty Sue Sparks (Sister of Shirley Tobler)

Harmony Hall, P.O. Box 1614, Bassett, VA 24055

Louise Turner Betty Pagans

Stanleytown Health Care, 240 Riverside Dr., Bassett, VA 24055

Gracie Bullins Blandean Akers

The Laurels, 72 Chatham Business Park Dr., Pittsboro, NC 27312

*Lovelene S. Lewis (Sister of Shirley Tobler)

Trinity Nursing Health/Rehab, 222 Fulcher St., Hillsville, VA 24343

WITH SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to Addis and Barbara Mabe, their family and friends on the death of her brother, David Shumate, who passed away in February.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Homer and Mary Hodges, their family and friends on the death of their nephew, Daryl Ferguson, who passed away in February.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Lucy Atkins, who passed away Saturday, March 5, 2016. Lucy was a long-time member of Oak Level Baptist Church where she served in many ways but especially with the Preschool Dept. She will be missed by all.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Ben and Peggy Morris, their family and friends on the death of her brother in law, James DeHart, Sr., who passed away Sunday, March 6, 2016..

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Nancy Bousman, her family and friends on the death of her husband, Carlton Bousman, who passed away Saturday, March 19, 2016.

THANK YOU

We deeply appreciate the expressions of sympathy "The Oak Level church family" gave us during Jim's passing.

Our sincere thank you,
Bunny, John, and Tony Thomasson



Vacation Bible School will be a one-day event on **Saturday, June 25th from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm**. The theme is Barnyard Roundup Jesus Gathers Us Together. All children ages 6 and up are invited to come for a time

of praise, singing, crafts, missions and learning about Jesus. There will also be an adult class taught by Pastor Joe. This year the children are asked to bring pillow cases or a monetary donation to benefit the children on Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES

Lifetouch Photography will be at Oak Level Baptist Church on **Monday, April 18th from 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm** to take pictures of members and their family. Each family receives a complimentary 8x10 photo and a free directory for participating. You will also have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. See Kim Glass to schedule your portrait session or for more information.



COMMUNITY MEAL


The Community Meal is our church's opportunity to reach out into the community by: visiting with our members that are not able to get out regularly; providing a meal to some in the community that are in need; and providing a meal for some that just have a hard time fixing a meal due to health reasons. Can you spare an hour or so on these Saturdays to come out and be a part of this ministry? **THIS IS A CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY** and the fellowship of working together is great and the blessings received are innumerable. Any way that you would like to help would be appreciated and we promise that you will be blessed by participating. The next community meals are scheduled for **Saturday, April 9th and May 14th**. See you there!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, May 4**, at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar to August 2016. 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.

SONG SERVICE

Charles Scarlette from Summerville, NC will be presenting a program of gospel music on **Sunday, May 29th** at 6:00 pm. Charles sang at Oak Level Baptist Church during our fall revival October last year. He has a wonderful testimony to tell and a beautiful God-given talent to share. Be sure and spread the word and invite your family and friends to this event.

 Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly
of the godly!
Psalm 149(ESV)



April Meetings

Sunday, Apr. 3 - 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Apr. 17 - 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

May Meetings

Sunday, May 1 - 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 15 - 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 29 - 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

The Youth will begin a new study entitled "**Believe**", by Randy Frazee at their Sunday afternoon meetings. This study will lead students on a spiritual growth journey to think, act, and become more like Jesus.

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

For the month of **April** the Youth will be selling a danish-filled pastry bread from Butter Braid Bread, a Christian-based company. Their goal is to sell 100 and the proceeds will go toward buying new equipment for the basement.

In **May**, the Youth will be selling candy bars from the World's Finest Chocolate Company. The proceeds from this fundraiser will support youth summer activities.



DO YOU HAVE ANYONE GRADUATING?

If you know someone that is graduating from high school or college this year, please call the Church Office at 276-629-7973 to give your information or email the church at olbc@comast.net by **April 24th**. Graduates will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, May 22nd.



GOOD NEWS JAIL MINISTRY

The Youth plan to participate in the Annual Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser for the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry. It will be at the Jack Dalton Park on **Saturday, April 30th** from 10 am to 1 pm. There will be Food, Fellowship, Door Prizes and Live Music. Be sure to come out and support this worthy cause.



PRAYER FOCUS FOR

STEPHEN & LAUREN KIMBRELL

The Kimbrell's serve as church planters in Irvine, CA. They have three phases in building, Grace City Church. Phase 1 (Connect) - building relationships with neighbors and community. Phase 2 (Grow) - through Bible studies, servant evangelism, community involvement. Phase 3 (Launch) - start of the church, build toward grand opening, increased community involvement, outreach events, and four preview services. Pray as they transition from Phase 1 to Phase 2 of this church plant.

CBFVA MISSION BOX

CAMPER KITS FOR CAMP ALKULANA

This year CBFVA is celebrating Camp Alkulana's 100th anniversary. Camp Alkulana began out of the dream and vision of a group of women in Richmond, VA who believed that children should have the opportunity to breathe in fresh mountain air, learn to live in community, and experience what it meant to be loved, valued, and cared for.

To assemble a Camper Kit you will need:

- 1 flashlight with D-size batteries
- 1 travel size toothpaste
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 pack of boys or girls socks OR underwear (ages 9-14)
- 1 pack of insect repellent wipes
- 1 small bottle of sunscreen
- 1 poncho
- 1 roll of duct tape
- 1 book appropriate for ages 9-14
- Please include a \$5 gift payable to CBFVA to assist with distribution cost
- Place items inside of a SHOEBOX

Needed at church by **April 17th** to deliver to the CBFVA office on or before **May 1, 2016**.

WMU ANNUAL MEETING

The annual HCBA Annual WMU meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 12, 2016** at Blackberry Baptist Church. Pre-service music will begin at 6:15 p.m. and the program will start at 6:30 p.m. Special guest speaker will be Valerie Carter, executive director of the WMU of Virginia.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS 

OLBC 2016 Goal - \$2,000.00

Received To Date - \$572.90



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Sharing Christ's great love for us through literacy ministry

Special LITERACY emphasis will be

May 8 - 15, 2016

"About CBF"

"The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is a Christian network comprised of individuals and churches that work together to share the hope of Christ. Our diverse community includes partners all over the globe, and our Fellowship supports a wide range of missions and ministries that give people meaningful opportunities to put their faith to action. With a deep respect for freedom, diversity and equality, we encourage autonomy while inviting collaboration."

"For nearly 25 years, CBF has been driven by its mission to serve Christians and churches as they form together and partner in renewing God's world. Christ compels us to live into our vision to be a national and global community bearing witness to the Gospel in partnership with Christians across the nation and around the world."

"Why are they called 'field personnel' and not 'missionaries'?"

"The term "missionary" carries negative connotations in many parts of the world. The term "field personnel" allows our workers to enter certain areas where they might not otherwise be welcomed. Living in a foreign setting requires obtaining government-issued residence permits, and the employment classification of "missionary" is not allowed in many countries where Christians are not in the majority."
(Taken from CBF Offering for Global Missions Leader's Guide)

WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - April 26 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday - May 24 - 6:30 p.m.


April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Youth Fundraiser for April – Butter Braid Bread					
3 Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm Youth Mtg. – 12:30 pm	4	5 Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	6 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9 Community Meal – 11:00 am Birthday Party for Chris Howell Fellowship Hall Reserved
10 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm	11	12 HCBA WMU Annual Meeting Blackberry 6:30 p.m.	13 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14	15	16
17 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm Youth Mtg. – 12:30 pm	18 LifeTouch Directory Photos 1-8 pm	19	20 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Butter Braid Bread Sell Ends	21	22	23
24 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm  Pennies for the Precious	25	26 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	27 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	28	29	30 Good News Jail Ministry Walk-A-Thon 10 am – 1 pm

Deacon of the Month – Lee Boswell

Counters of the Month – Lee Pettit & Brenda Ferguson

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm Youth Mtg. – 12:30 pm	2	3 Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	4 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Church Council 5:30 p.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	9	10	11 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14 Community Meal – 11:00 am
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> CBF Offering Emphasis - LITERACY - May 8 - 15 </div>						
15 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm Youth Mtg. – 12:30 pm	16	17	18 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21 Ken and Nancy Turner 50 th Anniversary Fellowship Hall Reserved
22 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm  Pennies for the Precious	23 Church Office Closed Memorial Day	24 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	25 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	26	27	28 Hannah Glass' Graduation Party Fellowship Hall Reserved
29 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm Youth Mtg. – 12:30 pm Song Service – 6:00 pm	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Youth Fundraiser for May – World's Finest Chocolate </div>			

Deacon of the Month – Peggy Morris

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris & Homer Hodges