

# Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

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Happy Spring to you! The bitter cold, snow and ice also coats, gloves, and hats are only a memory now. The winter season has passed and spring is here. Enjoy the spring with warmer days, pretty flowers, and gardening. The changing of the season on the calendar reminds us of the changes in our lives. We are older than we were at this time last year. Let us rejoice in life that Jesus Christ gives us every day, every season.

We have experienced the blessings and struggles of life Let us count our many blessings and praise the Lord for His good work in us.

In every season, let us walk in the newness of life that we have in Jesus Christ. Does your life and mine show that Christ is alive and at work in us today? Let us be obedient to the Lord and celebrate hope and new life in Christ every moment. Christ alone is able to make us into a new creation as we trust Him as our personal Savior and Lord.

May our prayer be today: Dear Lord, shine through my life, help me to be a blessing to someone today. Help me to be a friend and pray for the sad, lonely, troubled, hurting, and depressed now. I might be the only Bible someone may ever read. Give me the opportunity to share Jesus with someone today. Amen.

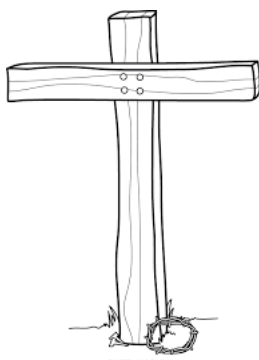
Enjoy life and new life in Christ this season and every season. Praise His Holy name.  
2 Corinthians 5:17

Praise the Lord for Revival and the decisions made to His glory and for our good. Please let me know how I can help you and pray for you. Let us keep our eyes and hearts on Jesus. Psalm 103:1

Have a wonderful, joyous Easter.

Love and prayers,  
Pastor Joe

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<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

(Isaiah 53)

### 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. 23 Robert Gillespie  
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  
May 12 David Hurd, Jr.  
Michael Snead  
May 14 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

\*Avis Gray - Room 364  
\*Thelma Nolen - Room 105  
\*Shirley Tobler - Room 341  
\*Mildred Ramsey - Room 211  
Sue Meeks - Room 213

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

\*Wanda Stone  
Shelbern Meeks

#### Hanson Home, 162 Krontz Drive, Bassett, VA 24055

\*Betty Sue Sparks (Sister of Shirley Tobler)

#### King's Grant, 350 King's Way Road., Martinsville, VA 24112

Grady Snead - Room 312

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

\*Lovelene S. Lewis (Sister of Shirley Tobler)

### WITH SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Glenn Shelton, who passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Mr. Shelton was the brother-in-law of Elmer Stone.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Louise Vipperman, who passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2018. Mrs. Vipperman was a long-time member of OLBC and will be missed by many.

### THANK YOU

I just got home from the VA a few minutes ago (Monday, Feb. 26, midday). We (May and I) would like to thank our friends and family for their many acts and thoughts of kindness and especially your prayers. Please continue to pray for us and hopefully I will see you at Church soon. Marvin (Stacey) Seay

Thank you to the children for the beautiful bulletin board in the Sunday School hallway. They completed this project all on their own!

## FUNDRAISER

The past 5-6 months, we have enjoyed the new tile flooring in the fellowship hall. This gift was a welcome improvement to the fellowship ministry of the church. Again, another gift of tile to complete the rest of the fellowship hall area has been used to purchase and have on hand to match what was previously installed. Now, each of us has an opportunity to participate in this improvement. Funds are needed to install the remainder of the tile. Please consider what you can give during the month of **April** so that as the weather warms we can proceed with this installation. Mark your gift "TILE".

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Oak Level Baptist Church welcomes new members, JR Foley, who comes by letter from a sister church, Tamie Foley and her son, Allen Beach, who both come by profession of faith and are candidates for baptism. They united with the church during the Spring Revival held March 18 - 21.



Sunday,  
May 13, 2018



Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, **April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, April 4th**, at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar through September 2018. 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.



### 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](mailto:olbc@comast.net) by **April 29th**. Graduates will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, May 20th.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer is **Thursday, May 3rd**. The church will be open from 4 - 8 PM for anyone who would like to pray for our nation and leaders. The National Day of Prayer Task Force website states: *Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, our theme will be Pray for America - UNITY, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."* ([nationaldayofprayer.org](http://nationaldayofprayer.org))

### GNJ&PM WALK-A-THON

You are cordially invited to participate in the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry annual **Walk-a-thon on Saturday, May 5th, at Jack Dalton Park, from 10am to 1pm**. There will be good fellowship, food and music. This annual event is organized to support a good cause by keeping a full time chaplain in our four jails. This year, dedicated volunteers and Chaplain John Quinlan endeavor to provide Christian services, Bible correspondence courses, 12-step classes, counseling, prayer, and aftercare resources to help inmates succeed. Their hope is to reach every inmate with the good news of Jesus Christ, so they might become growing disciples. This year's target is to raise \$5,000. Sponsor sheets are available in the church office.



**Muffins with Mom, Mother's Day Tea - Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Donuts for Dad, Father's Day Brunch - Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**



### CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

Vacation Bible School will be held **Sunday, June 3 through Thursday, June 7**. Registration will begin on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. and VBS will start each evening at 6:00 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. There will be crafts, music, and Bible lessons with a sports theme. Each evening the children will learn about a champion in the Bible. The van will be available for anyone that needs transportation. There will be a meal provided each evening. Thursday night will be Family Night with a cookout and presentation of the certificates. Please contact Missy Thompson if you can help with food, teach, or if you need more information.



### A MISSIONARY MOMENT

The following are brief introductions to missionaries that have greatly influenced the WMU. There are many others and we would love to continue to share about them with you. So pull out your books, computer, and smart phones. See what you can find about **Alma Hunt and Nelson Bell**. Write up a brief paragraph like those below and share with the WMU. Your entry might get published here and even read to the congregation!

#### Polly Webb By Heaven Brown

Polly Webb was born in Connecticut in 1779 and she and her friends were the first group of missionaries. While she was being a missionary, Polly had been in a wheelchair since the age of 5, but she did not let that get in her way. She wrote thousands of letters urging others to help them. Polly had more than 20 groups to help them support Boston Female Society for Missionaries.

#### Henrietta Shuck By Brianna Lawson

Henrietta was born in Kilmarnock, VA in 1817. At age 17 she married Rev. Jehu Shuck in 1835. The Shuck's arrived in Macao, China in 1836. The missionaries worked there about 6 years where Henrietta established a small boarding school. In 1842 the missionaries were allowed to move to Hong Kong, making Henrietta the first Western woman there. They established churches and another boarding school that pioneered education for the Chinese girls. Henrietta died at age 27 and was buried in Hong Kong. Kilmarnock called Henrietta "Virginia's Fairest Flower" and her fame was second only to Lottie Moon.

#### Mother Teresa By Esther Hanks

Mother Teresa was born in 1910 in Macedonia. She had a calling to become a nun and involved herself in missionary work in India. She witnessed miracles involving Christ and His teachings. Her legacy will always be her devoted commitment to everyone. She died at the age of 87.

### WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - April 17 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday - May 22 - 6:30 p.m.

Give to the  
CBF *Offering for*  
GLOBAL MISSIONS 

**OLBC 2018 Goal - \$2,000.00**

**Received To Date - \$705.00**

### **"BELOVED COMMUNITY"**

Special offering emphasis will be

**May 13 - 20, 2018**

### WMU ANNUAL MEETING

**Everyone is invited to attend.**

The HCBA Annual WMU meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 10, 2018** at McCabe Memorial Baptist Church in Martinsville. Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. to leave as a group. Registration and refreshments begin at 5:15 p.m. The program will start at 6:00 p.m. Special guest speaker will be Shirley Redman, who will share about her many trips to Romania.

### MOM & ME AT EAGLE EYRIE

Mom & Me is an event for grade school girls and moms to focus on their personal "God story". The theme this year is, "Write Your Story on My Heart". Moms and daughters will participate in Bible Study, crafts, games, music, meet missionaries and hear their stories. The dates for the weekender are Friday, April 27 through Saturday lunch time, April 28 or you can attend Saturday, April 28 through Sunday, April 29. You can register online at <https://wmuv.org/momandme>. Contact Donna Winebarger if you need additional information.



### BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

The OLBC WMU will sponsor a fundraiser to help support the Pregnancy Care Center of MHC, Inc. Watch for the delivery of your baby bottle in **June**.

### RA FAMILY WEEKEND

**STATE RA RACE**

**JUNE 1-2, 2018**

**KINGS DOMINION**

You can register online at <https://wmuv.org/RAevent>. Contact Donna Winebarger if you need additional information.

# April 2018

| Sunday   | Monday    | Tuesday                               | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday  |
|--|-----------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>1</b> Communion Sunday<br><b>EASTER</b><br>Sunrise Service – 7:00 am<br>Sunday School – 9:45 am<br>Worship Service – 11:00 am<br>Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                              | <b>4</b> Men's Breakfast<br>7:30 a.m.<br><br>Church Council 5:30 PM<br><br>PTS Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>Sunday School – 9:45 am<br>Worship Service – 11:00 am<br>Choir Practice – 12:30 pm<br>BFF in Christ – 5:30 pm  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                             | <b>11</b><br><br>Business Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.  | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br>Sunday School – 9:45 am<br>Worship Service – 11:00 am<br>Choir Practice – 12:30 pm  | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>WMU Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. | <b>18</b><br><br>PTS Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.   | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br>Sunday School – 9:45 am<br>Worship Service – 11:00 am<br>Choir Practice – 12:30 pm<br>BFF in Christ – 5:30 pm<br><br> Pennies for the Precious | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                             | <b>25</b><br><br>PTS Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.   | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b><br>Sunday School Social<br>– 10:00 am – Theme-New Life<br>Worship Service – 11:00 am<br>Choir Practice – 12:30 pm  | <b>30</b> | Church Secretary on Vacation          |   |           |           |           |

Deacon of the Month – Lee Pettit

Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Lee Pettit

# May 2018

| Sunday   | Monday             | Tuesday                        | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday  |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--------|---|
|  |                    | 1                              | 2<br>Men's Breakfast<br>7:30 a.m.<br><br>PTS Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. | 3<br>National Day of Prayer<br>Church open from<br>4-8 pm for anyone to<br>come pray | 4      | 5   |
| 6<br>Sunday School – 9:45 am<br>Worship Service – 11:00 am<br>Choir Practice – 12:30 pm<br>Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.   | 7                  | 8                              | 9<br><br>PTS Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.                                 | 10   | 11     | 12<br>Muffin Time with Mom<br>Mother's Day Tea<br>9:00 – 11:00 am |
| 13 Mother's Day<br>Sunday School – 9:45 am<br>Worship Service – 11:00 am<br>Choir Practice – 12:30 pm<br>NO BFF in Christ  | 14                 | 15                             | 16<br>Business Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.                               | 17   | 18     | 19  |
| CBF Offering Emphasis –Beloved Community - May 13 - 20   |                    |                                |   |  |        |   |
| 20<br>Sunday School – 9:45 am<br>Worship Service – 11:00 am<br>Choir Practice – 12:30 pm<br>Ingathering of CBF Offering  | 21                 | 22<br>WMU Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. | 23<br>PTS Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.                                    | 24   | 25     | 26  |
| 27<br>Sunday School – 9:45 am<br>Worship Service – 11:00 am<br>Choir Practice – 12:30 pm<br>BFF in Christ – 5:30 pm<br> Pennies for the Precious | 28<br>Memorial Day | 29                             | 30<br>PTS Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.                                    | 31   |        |   |

Deacon of the Month – Donna Winebarger

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Homer Hodges