

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

April/May 2020

Joshua 1:9 is a wonderful Bible verse to read and memorize. May you find an important and inspiring message for you as you meditate on the meaning of this verse. These are challenging time now with all the new about the Coronavirus (Covid-19) and the risks we face daily. We pray for the doctors and nurses as well as schools, colleges, and churches. We know they all have challenges and struggles each day. What is on your mind and heart now? Are you experiencing fear, anxiety, or worry today? The Lord is concerned about all your needs and He loves you. Any emotion you have at this moment remember God is all powerful and He is in control. God is ready to help you with any concern or need. God is waiting for you to seek Him and let Him know what is on your heart. Be willing to trust the Living God in everything and at all times. We know Jesus Christ will meet every need on your heart. The Lord will give you peace and courage for each moment. Just take time to ask in faith and believe His promises. You can have the victory found only in Jesus Christ.

Let us celebrate again the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. God created us in His image. He promises to take care of us. Read again Genesis 2. Then read in John 3 about being born again. Great news indeed! Take time to pause and give thanks for your life and new life found only in Jesus Christ. In the midst of bad, discouraging news, remember the best news of all time for everyone is the gospel - the good news of salvation found only in Jesus Christ.

We need to be wise and stay alert during this crisis. We must take precautions that we can to stop the spread of the coronavirus as well as other illnesses. Rest, pray and read once again the resurrection of Jesus Christ recorded in Luke 24:1-8. We need to renew our faith in the Son of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you need to talk and pray during this time, please let me know.

Have a wonderful Easter filled with faith and not fear. Do not fear, but be strong and courageous. God is with us wherever we go.

Blessing in Christ,
Pastor Joe

Don't forget to pray for our Nursing Home Residents:

Mulberry Creek Rehab Center,
300 Blue Ridge St., Martinsville, VA 24112

*Avis Gray - Room 364

*Shirley Tobler - Room 341

*Bill Young - Room 210

Sue Meeks - Room 213

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. 18 James Griffith
Apr. 20 Virginia Metz
Apr. 23 Robert Gillespie
Apr. 26 Carroll Draper
Apr. 28 Caroline Snead
Apr. 29 Bruce Thompson

May Birthdays

May 5 Audie Atkins
May 8 Mearl Boswell
May 10 Debra Brown
May 12 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
Whittni Wright
May 31 Treva Shively

WITH SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Wanda Stone, who passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2020. Wanda was a dear member of OLBC for many years.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Janice Ramsey, who passed away on Thursday, February 13, 2020. Janice was the daughter of Mildred Seay Ramsey and the late Charlie Ramsey.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mildred Dunahoo Kinsey. She passed away on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. She was the sister-in-law of Hazel Harrison.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, April 1**, at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar through September 2020. 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to breakfast in the fellowship hall on **Saturday, April 4**, at 8 a.m. Come and enjoy good fellowship and food together. The cost is \$5 for the breakfast. Invite other men to come with you.

EASTER CANATA

The choir's presentation of "Champion of Love" and fellowship luncheon on **Palm Sunday, April 5** has been **postponed**.



Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, **April 12th**.

Sunrise Service starts at 7:00 a.m.

Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m.

Communion Worship Service starts at 11:00 a.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Oak Level Baptist Church will host their annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Friday, April 13, 2020**, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. All children are invited to come and enjoy games and fun!

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 26th**. Graduates will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, May 24th.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer is **Thursday, May 7th**. The theme for 2020 is **PRAY GOD'S GLORY ACROSS THE EARTH**. The theme comes from Habakkuk 2:14, "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." This is a day we as Americans and Christians come corporately to pray for our nation and its leaders. Pray God will move in a mighty way in the life of our nation and in our lives. There will be several venues that day around the area to participate. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the Sunday School hallway with a list of venues and times.



Sunday, May 10, 2020



Vacation Bible School will be held **Saturday, June 13 from 12 noon to 6 p.m.** There will be crafts, music, and Bible lessons about the life of Moses. The van will be available for anyone that needs transportation. Please contact Missy Thompson if you can help with food, teach, or if you need more information.

REVIVAL


"God, let us be uncompromising Christians!" Begin to pray now who God wants you to invite to the revival beginning **Sunday, May 17 through Tuesday, May 19**. Pray also that God will prepare and begin a revival in each of our hearts here at OLBC. Rev. Don Barnhart will be the guest speaker on Sunday morning and evening. Don has served several churches in PA and NH. He moved to Virginia in 2010 and served as a deacon at Orchard Drive Baptist Church before moving his membership to Oak Level Baptist. Don also ran a small landscape company, Liberty Lawn and Landscape for about 30 years. On Monday and Tuesday, our guest speaker will be Rev. Mike Magnani, pastor at Prillaman Baptist Church. Mike also serves as a Bible teacher at Christian Heritage Academy. The service will start at 6:30 p.m. each evening. The deacons are planning for old fashion cottage prayer meetings prior to the revival along with some visitation. Please watch for the schedule of the time and place for these events.



WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - April 21 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Give to the
 CBF *Offering for*
 GLOBAL MISSIONS 

OLBC 2020 Goal - \$2,000.00
Received To Date - \$744.00

"SHARE ABUNDANT LIFE"
 Special offering emphasis will be
May 10 - 17, 2020

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

The OLBC WMU will be traveling to Bland, VA to visit the Bland Ministry Center. We will tour the food pantry, clothes closet, and dental clinic and learn about services the center offers their surrounding community. All ladies are invited to come along with us. We will leave the church at 8:00 am and stop for lunch on the way home.

As part of missions giving, the WMU will be collecting funds to help with construction materials for the center's summer mission projects. See Donna Winebarger to give to this worthy cause. We will take these donations when we leave that day.

Thank you, for the items that were collected for the RAMS Care for the students at Bluefield College.



CrossRoads is dedicated to providing a quality camping experience for campers ages 9-17. The camp dates run from June 15 through July 18. The cost for registration is \$375. This is all-inclusive and includes a themed Summer Camp T-shirt. The link to register is below:
<http://www.crossroadscamp.com/summer-camp/parent-info/forms-registration>

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Church Council 5:30 PM PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – 7:30 pm	2	3	4 Men's Breakfast - \$6.00 8:00 am Fellowship Hall
5 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 pm	6	7	8 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – 7:30 pm	9	10 Easter Egg Hunt 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Youth Scavenger Hunt	11
12 EASTER Communion Sunday Sunrise Service – 7:00 am Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	13	14	15 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – 7:30 pm	16	17	18 WMU Trip to Bland Ministry Center – Leave church at 8am
19 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	20	21 WMU Meeting 6:30 pm	22 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – 7:30 pm	23	24	25
26 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am  Pennies for the Precious	27	28	29 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – 7:30 pm	30		

Deacon of the Month – Betty Jo Foley

Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Lee Pettit

May 2020

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3 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am PTS Meeting 6:30 pm Choir Practice – 7:30 pm	7 National Day of Prayer	8	9
10 Mother's Day Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	11	12	13 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – 7:30 pm Sheila – Vacation	14 Sheila – Vacation	15	16
CBF Offering Emphasis – Share Abundant Life - May 10 - 17						
17 Sunday School – 9:45 am Revival Service – 11:00 am Ingathering of CBF Offering Newsletter Info Due	18	19	20 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – 7:30 pm	21	22	23 Cannaday & Moss Wedding Sanctuary Reserved
Revival – Sunday - Tuesday – 6:30 pm nightly						
24 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Graduate Sunday  Pennies for the Precious	25 Memorial Day	26 WMU Meeting 6:30 pm	27 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – 7:30 pm	28	29	30
31 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	Deacon of the Month – Brenda Ferguson Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Brenda Ferguson					