

# Oak Level Baptist Church

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**SHARING THE JOURNEY**

August/September 2016

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I hope you have had a good, safe summer with family and friends. It is hard to believe that vacations are coming to an end and school will be starting soon. Pray for our students, teachers, staff, and bus drivers during this new school year. On Sunday, August 7 during our worship service we will have a special time of commissioning for all of our students and teachers. Be sure and make plans to be here on this special day. If you know of other students or teachers, invite them to come and participate with us. I expect many blessings in the next few weeks at our church! If you have been on "vacation" from Sunday School during the summer, we'd love for you to start coming again. There are classes for children, youth, and adults.

Thanks to the ladies and men who helped spruce up the inside and outside around the church and parsonage recently. It looks great!

The Youth Bake Sale was a success. Thank you for all the delicious treats. We appreciate your support as you purchased the goodies. The profits will be used to purchase school supplies for students in Franklin, Henry, and Patrick Counties.

There is a special outside Baptismal Service and picnic planned for Sunday, August 21 at 1:00 p.m. This will take place at Prillaman Baptist Church. Please let me know if you would like to participate in this time of celebration. Invite family and friends to come and join us for this celebration!

You are invited to the "Joyful Sound" Gospel concert on Sunday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the music and fellowship together. Be sure and invite friends and family to join us.

Be sure and reserve Sunday, November 20 - Tuesday, November 22 on your calendar. We will once again have Rev. Roger Roller, evangelist, lead us in a time of revival. More details to come in the bulletins and in the next newsletter!

May the Lord bless our ministry as we serve Him. To God be the Glory forever!

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Joe

Psalm 46

### August Birthdays

Aug. 1 Ken Meeks  
Addis Mabe  
Aug. 2 James I. Seay, Jr.  
Aug. 4 Victoria Lynn Chaney  
Aug. 09 Matthew Thompson  
Aug. 10 Cheryl Newman  
Aug. 12 Shirley Ramsey Gilbert  
Aug. 14 Joan Frith  
Aug. 16 Dwayne Wright  
Aug. 17 Sarah Surratt  
Aug. 19 Michelin Hall  
Joshua Rodgers  
Louise Webb  
Aug. 22 Andy Webb  
Aug. 23 Mary Stegall  
Aug. 24 Wayne Miles  
Aug. 26 Austin Boggs  
Aug. 27 Thelma Nolen  
Aug. 28 Allison Seay  
Aug. 29 Darnell Boyd

### September Birthdays

Sept. 01 Julie Hux  
Sept. 04 Elmer Stone  
Sept. 05 Esther Hanks  
Alexis Donovan  
Sept. 06 Maury Miles, Jr.  
Edna Seay  
Shirley Spencer  
Kimberly Wingfield  
Sept. 08 Ken Turner  
Sept. 09 Abby Tilley  
Sept. 11 Kaylee Grace Pettit  
Sept. 14 Jim McMillian  
Sept. 16 Dennis Ferguson  
Sept. 17 Joseph Howell  
Sept. 22 Nicholas Martin  
Sept. 24 Ashley K. Stanley  
Sept. 26 Miranda Bousman  
Sept. 29 Lenzie Erin Boswell  
Sept. 30 Amber Foley

## THANK YOU

Dear Oak Level Baptist:

I am so thankful my grandparents go to such a special church. The church's contribution toward my college education will really help my family. Thank you so much for all you've done. I will take this opportunity to grow as a person and a Christian. Nic Houston

Oak Level Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for supporting me over the past years. It is because of you I am heading into my senior year to receive my degree in social work, where I plan to become a school social worker. Thanks, Brianna Rouse

Oak Level Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the scholarship that you gave to me. I plan to use this money to help buy my books and to help with my tuition. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Brandon Rouse

Oak Level Baptist Church,

I would just like to say thank you very much for your scholarship that has provided assistance paying for my education. I am about to begin my senior year as an Administration of Justice major. I will be graduating in May of 2017 from The University of Virginia's College at Wise. Your help is very much appreciated and will not be forgotten, thank you. Tyler Stone



OLBC has Bible Study classes from babies to senior adults. If you're not a part of Sunday School, consider joining today!



Answer to Bible Trivia question, see Mark 7:5.

## NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

### Blue Ridge Rehab Center, 300 Blue Ridge St., Martinsville, VA 24112

\*Dot Wray - Room 106 (Assisted Living)  
\*Avis Gray - Room 204  
\*Thelma Nolen - Room 155  
Sue Meeks - Room 213  
Jake Divers - Room 112 (Rehab)

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

\*Wanda Stone 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

\*Carroll Draper \*Louise Vipperman  
Gracie Bullins Blandean Akers

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

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

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

Arnold Hanks (Father of Esther Hanks)

## THANK YOU (Continued)

Dear Pastor Joe and friends at Oak Level,

Thank you for the kind gift to the ministry when I came to speak on the 19<sup>th</sup>. I hope you all are blessed and thank you again. In Christ's love, John Quinlan

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many prayers, visits, and well wishes during my recent surgery. I am home now and still need your prayers. I appreciate my church family so very much.

David Hurd, Sr. and David Hurd, Jr.



## COLLEGE DORM SHOWER

In order to prepare college-bound Hannah Glass for her new life away from home, a college dorm shower is planned for **Sunday, August 7** from 2 - 4 PM in the church fellowship hall. Let's stock her up on all the dorm room essentials!

## WITH CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dale Keffer, who passed away on Sunday, May 22, 2016. Dale was the daughter of Woodrow and Irene Hylton.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Jason Howell and his family on the death of his grandmother, Ethel Brummett, who passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Louise Vipperman and her family on the death of her daughter, Tessa King. Tessa passed away on Saturday, June 25, 2016.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the Seay family on the death of their uncle, Irvin Seay. Mr. Seay passed away on Saturday, June 25, 2016.

Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Emily Jamison, who passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2016. She was the niece of Carlos Coleman.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The Nominating Committee is at work enlisting Officers, Teachers, and Committee members for the 2016-2017 church year. Prayerfully consider how God can use you to serve others at Oak Level Baptist Church and minister to the community. Officers, Teachers, and Committee members will be voted on at the August 17th Business Meeting.



## BAPTISMAL SERVICE

On **Sunday, August 21**, there will be a baptismal service in the creek and a church-wide picnic at Prillaman Baptist Church beginning at 1:00 PM. Make plans now to attend and invite others to join with us during this special event. Please see Pastor Joe if you want to participate in this special service.



Joyful Noise from First Baptist Church, Bassett will be presenting a program of gospel music on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm. Be sure and spread the word and invite your family and friends to this event.



## "BEE" ATTITUDES



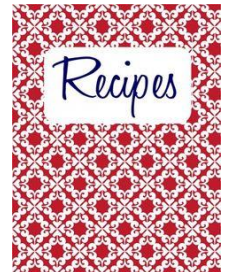
Every Wednesday in August and September **except for August 17 and September 14** from 6:30- 8:00 p.m. all children kindergarten - youth are invited to join us for the "Bee"

Attitudes summer program. We will meet in the basement and explore what it means to be blessed and show us the attitudes that followers of Jesus should have. We will have games, lesson, crafts, music, and snacks as we learn about the 8 Beatitudes. Plan to join us for this exciting time together!

## YOUTH COMMUNITY GAME DAYS

Make plans to attend the Youth Community Games Days scheduled for **Saturday, August 27 and September 24** from 1 - 5 PM. It will be a special time of indoor/outdoor games, fellowship, and snacks!

The Youth are planning to put together a recipe book to sell. They will be collecting recipes September 4th through the 25<sup>th</sup>. Bring your favorite recipes and give them to Missy, Kim, or Katina.



Students will be back at Franklin County schools on Monday, August 8 and at Henry County schools on Wednesday, August 10. Please pray for the students, teachers, and administrators as they start a new year!

In Mark 7, what was the Pharisees' complaint about how some of his disciples were eating?

- A. they were not giving thanks
  - B. they were not quoting the Law beforehand
  - C. they weren't following the traditions for eating on the Sabbath
  - D. they had not ceremonially washed
- (Answer on Birthday page)



**WMU MEETINGS**

Tuesday - August 23 - 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday - September 27 - 6:30 p.m.

**PRAYER FOCUS FOR MAEGAN GAHIMA  
AND UNNAMED MISSIONARY**

**MAEGAN HUBBARD GAHIMA**

Dr. Emma Gahima is medical director of Life Center Ministries Africa in Uganda while Maegan is a regional director. They work to feed 800 orphans and prevent malnutrition, then evangelize the people of this area of Uganda. The plans are to establish and build a church on site this year.

**UNNAMED**

She serves as a missionary in SE Asia. Pray for her team as they continue to study language and culture in a tough place. The team has grown in numbers over the last year, so adjustment to their programs, logistics and pattern need to catch up. Pray also for the families in the process of coming to this area, which are just looking to survey the area to make decisions, securing financial support, or applying for visas.



Please support the WMU by helping North American missionaries with items needed for ministry and outreach. The items they need are listed on the WMU poster along with the collection basket in the church foyer. The missionaries being helped are:

Victory Sports  
c/o Greg and Mia Pendarvis  
1110 Doby Court  
Fort Mill, SC 29715  
and  
David Parsons  
2536 Woodberry Drive  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

**WMUV inspires and equips women to influence the world for Christ.**

Give to the  
CBF *Offering for*  
GLOBAL MISSIONS

**OLBC 2016 Goal - \$2,000.00**  
**Received To Date - \$1,160.90**

**Alma Hunt**  
Offering for Virginia Missions

Summer is flying by and it is time for the annual emphasis on the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions! The theme this year is "**Make it Count**". Since 1976, the Alma Hunt Offering has been a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). These gifts provide funding for 100% of WMUV missions and ministries. The Week of Prayer for Alma Hunt Virginia Missions is **September 11-18**. Oak Level Baptist Church has set a goal of **\$900**. The ingathering of the offering will be Sunday, September 18.



The WMU and VBS collected 25 pillow cases and \$105 for pillows for the Standing Rock Reservation in the Dakotas. **THANK YOU** for supporting this worthy cause!

If you purchase school supplies for the Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes in November, the **Tax Free Days** for School Supplies will be **August 5-7th**.



**Come Join the Ladies of the Horne Home**

For their Annual Rock/Walk-A-Thon!  
**Saturday, September 17**  
418 Mulberry Road  
10 a.m. - Noon  
Sponsored by: **The Henry County Baptist Association**  
*Proceeds support Horne Home maintenance & operational expenses*  
Horne Home Services are provided through HopeTree Family Services Developmental Disabilities Ministry.

# August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Children's Summer Program 6:30-8:00p.m.	4	5	6 Emerald Pointe Trip – Leaving at 8 am; Returning at 9:30 pm
7 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm  College Dorm Shower for Hannah Glass – 2-4 pm	8	9 Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	10 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.  Children's Summer Program 6:30-8:00p.m.	11	12	13 Community Meal – 11:00 am
14 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm  Young/Pearson Reunion Fellowship Hall	15	16	17 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.  Vote on Officers, Teachers & Committees	18	19	20
21 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm  Baptismal Service & Picnic 1PM Prillaman Baptist Church	22	23 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	24 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.  Children's Summer Program 6:30-8:00p.m.	25	26	27 Youth Community Game Day 1:00 – 5:00 pm
28 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm   Pennies for the Precious	29	30	31 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.  Children's Summer Program 6:30-8:00p.m.			

Deacon of the Month – Betty Jo Foley

Counters of the Month – Lee Pettit and Brenda Ferguson

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Tonya Wright Timothy Bryant Rehearsal 5:00 pm	<b>3</b> Tonya Wright/Timothy Bryant Wedding Ceremony 1:00 pm
<b>4</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm	<b>5</b> Labor Day	<b>6</b> Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	<b>7</b> Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Church Council 5:30 pm PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Children's Summer Program 6:30-8:00p.m.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Community Meal – 11:00 am
<b>11</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Tom Young Reunion - Fellowship Hall Horne Home Walk-A-Thon 10 am-Noon
Week of Prayer for Alma Hunt State Missions – OLBC Goal - \$900						
<b>18</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Ingathering for State Missions Choir Practice – 12:00 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.  Children's Summer Program 6:30-8:00p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> CBFVA	<b>24</b> Youth Community Game Day 1 – 5 pm
<b>25</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm Song Service – 6:00 pm  Pennies for the Precious	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>28</b> PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.  Children's Summer Program Closing Ceremony 6:30-8:00p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

Deacon of the Month – Sue Young

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris and Homer Hodges