

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

August/September 2019

I hope you are having a wonderful, safe summer. I hope you continue to experience many blessings in Christ each day. Thank you for coming to participate in worship and fellowship at church. It is almost time for the new school year. I pray all staff, students, and parents are blessed in many ways through learning and growing each day. I hope we continue to read, learn, and grow spiritually as we study God's Word. Please read 2 Timothy 2:15.

Thank you to all who have been willing to serve during 2018-2019 church year. You have helped in so many ways as you served as an officer, teacher, or member of a committee. I hope you have received many blessings in your leadership position. Thank you to all who pray, give, and serve to help the church be stronger and better equipped to do ministry. James 1:22

I appreciate the ministry of our choir which has grown in number recently. Thank you to each member of our music ministry. You are a blessing to the worship services here. Thank you for sharing your talents and gifts to bring honor and glory to the Lord.

I am praying for the work of the nominating committee again this year. The Lord bless your work to prepare a list of officers, teachers, and committee members for a church vote on August 14. Please pray about how you can serve in a leadership position during 2019-2020 church year. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak for you as you pray and seek the will of the Lord in your decision.

Thank you to our deacons who have served faithfully this year. The Lord bless your ministry as you help meet needs in our church family. Your support is much appreciated in the life of our church. Thank you for serving and praying to help with the ministry here.

Let us continue to pray for each other and our church. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us and empower us to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Ephesians 6:10

Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make Homecoming/Log Sunday a wonderful day of worship, food, and fellowship.

To God Be the Glory! Amen. Psalm 103:1

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Joe



The one day event will be on **Saturday, August 24, 2019**. This is a designated day that we share Christ's love with the community; at the local grocery store, laundry mat, fire and rescue station, nursing home and many others.

Begin praying now how God will lead you to minister to our community on this special day.



Henry County and Franklin County Schools start on Monday, August 12th!

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. 11 Breanna Lawson
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. 28 Allison Seay
Aug. 29 Darnell Boyd

September Birthdays

Sept. 04 Elmer Stone
Sept. 05 Esther Hanks
Alexis Donovan
Sept. 06 Maury Miles, Jr.
Edna Seay
Shirley Spencer
Kimberly Wingfield
JR Foley
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. 27 Chuck LaBounty
Sept. 29 Lenzie Erin Boswell
Sept. 30 Amber Foley

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

*Avis Gray - Room 364

*Shirley Tobler - Room 341

*Bill Young - Room 264

Sue Meeks - Room 213

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

*Wanda Stone

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

Grady Snead - Room 312

Stanleytown Health & Rehab, 240 Riverside Dr., Bassett, VA 24055

*Edna Seay - Room 2

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Zachary Turner as the newest member of Oak Level Baptist Church. Zachary joined Oak Level Baptist on Sunday, July 14. He is the son of David and Mary Ann Turner.

GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Eric Winn will be our guest speaker in the pulpit on **Sunday, August 25**, while Pastor Joe and his family are on vacation. Rev. Winn was licensed to the Gospel Ministry by First Baptist Church, Ridgeway in June 2018 and he was ordained in March 2019. He has served as a deacon for 16 years. Rev. Winn also is a Major with the Henry County Sheriff's Department.



FUNDRAISER

The Youth Coordinating Committee is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on **Saturday, September 7th** from 7 am until 12 Noon. Cost is \$6 without eggs, \$7 with eggs, and children eat for \$4. Come out and support the children and youth and invite you friends and neighbors!

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

The Youth Coordinating Committee is sponsoring a church-wide trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway on **Saturday, September 28th**. A sign-up sheet will be available in the church foyer. Plans are underway to visit Nancy's Fudge, Mabry Mill, and the Poor Farmer's Market. More details will be in the bulletin soon.



New Year Kick-Off

Sunday, August 18

12:30 pm

Kindergarten - 12th Grade

Children and youth are invited to come to the church and enjoy a "Back to School" spaghetti lunch and fun fellowship! Bring a friend!



If you purchase school supplies for the Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes in November, the **Tax Free Days** for School Supplies will be **August 2-4th**. Some items to include are: crayons, paint sets, color pencils, pencil sharpeners, color markers, glue, scissors, and notebooks.

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

For their Annual Rock/Walk-A-Thon!

Saturday, September 14

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



WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - August 27 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - September 24 - 6:30 p.m.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS

OLBC 2019 Goal - \$2,000.00
Received To Date - \$1,305.00

THANK YOU FOR MISSION GIVING



In July, the WMU of OLBC sponsored a Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser to help support the Pregnancy Center of MHC. This is one of the center's biggest fundraisers that provides 15-20% of their annual operating budget! **THANK YOU** to everyone who took a baby bottle and filled it with loose change, cash, and/or checks. Every cent donated helps save babies and help mothers facing crisis.

WOMEN'S GET-AWAY

Nov. 1-2 and 2-3, 2019

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

Do you need a calendar to Get Away? Perhaps you just want a new view or are you tired, spent or drained? If so, let me encourage you to attend our Women's Get Away, November 1 -2 or 2 - 3 to be held in that sacred-space that we know as Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center in Lynchburg. With over 20 breakout sessions, inspirational speakers, moving worship experiences, shopping and just plain-ole girl-time the Women's Get Away of WMUV has been a relaxing, refreshing and rejuvenating experience for women for over 20 years. Registration opens on August 1, 2019. Use this link to register: <https://wmuv.org/getaway>. I look forward to seeing you on the mountain where we will gather to meet God anew and to fellowship with one another.

Sincerely In Christ,
Valerie Carter Smith
WMUV Executive Director/Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS WMU!

The WMU celebrated 131 years in May, 2019. Sandy Wisdom-Martin, executive director of the national WMU, wrote this 131 powerful word prose to commemorate this special time in the history of WMU.

- Embrace the Father's passion for the nations.
- Be singularly devoted to a love greater than your own desire.
- Lay your brokenness before Christ, and let His power perfect your weakness.
- Live a grateful, authentic life with every breath as worship.
- Listen with His heart. Surrender your pride.
- Serve wholeheartedly.
- Love without hesitation. Chase peace. Scatter grace.
- Tenderly cradle reconciliation.
- Bend your will toward His. Abandon the good to pursue His best.
- Trust God for provision; acquiesce to His outcomes.
- Seek neither the worn path nor strike out on your own.
- Simply follow Him.
- Be adventurous for God. Let every act be one of pure faith.
- Deliberately and purposefully stretch and reach.
- Dream in rhythm and live in concert with the Creator.
- Entertain hope as frequent guest.
- Quietly walk with courage.

(Taken from Missions Mosaic, May, 2019, page 48)



September 8-15, 2019

Oak Level Baptist Church has set a goal of **\$900**. The ingathering of the offering will be Sunday, September 15.

CBFVA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, September 17

Bethel Baptist Church, Midlothian, VA

Anyone can attend this time of worship, fellowship, sharing and training.



September 20-22, 2019

CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center
An Event for girls - middleschoolers and
highschoolers and their leaders!

Check it out on the WMUV website:
wmuv.org/events/Shine2019

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Betty Jo's 75 th Birthday Celebration
4 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	5	6	7 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10 Baby Shower – Molly Handy Withers
11 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Young/Pearson Reunion Fellowship Hall	12	13	14 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Vote on Officers, Teachers & Committees	15	16	17
18 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm "Back to School" Spaghetti Lunch for Children & Youth in Fellowship Hall	19	20	21 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24 Operation In As Much
Pastor Joe (Aug. 19-25) and Church Secretary on vacation this week						
25 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Rev. Eric Winn, guest speaker Choir Practice – 12:30 pm  Pennies for the Precious	26	27 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	28 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	29	30	31

Deacon of the Month – Lee Pettit

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Lee Pettit

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1 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	2 Labor Day	3	4 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 7 am – 12 noon
8 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	9	10	11 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14
Week of Prayer for Alma Hunt State Missions – OLBC Goal - \$900						
15 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Ingathering of Alma Hunt Offering Newsletter Info Due	16	17	18 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21 Tom Young Reunion - Fellowship Hall Horne Home Walk-A-Thon 10 am-Noon <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> SHINE for teenage girls at Camp Crossroads – Sept. 20-22 </div>
22 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	23	24 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	25 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	26	27	28 Church-Wide Blue Ridge Parkway trip sponsored by Children & Youth 10 am until-
29 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Church available for Baptisms  Pennies for the Precious	30					

Deacon of the Month – Robert Gillespie

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris & Nancy Turner