

# Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

December/January 2018

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We celebrated a special day on Sunday, November 12, with the baptism of Kaylee Pettit. We are happy for her decision to follow Jesus Christ as Her Lord and Savior. Also, we dedicated with a special prayer 31 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Thank you for giving to this mission's project to share the gospel with children.

Soon it will be Christmas and we will make many special memories. Christmas is a wonderful time, so much excitement and joy as we celebrate the Savior's birthday. Enjoy Christmas and be available to share your faith in Christ with others who need Him as Lord and Savior. How do you plan to celebrate Christmas this year? We will have another important opportunity to pray for and give to missions through the CBF offering December 3-10. Pray about your gift to missions to help others in Jesus' name.

Plan to come and celebrate a special Christmas service here on Sunday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to Missy Thompson for writing our Christmas play again this year! Invite a friend to come with you to experience a special blessing and message in the Christmas play.

Praise the Lord for the successful Butter Braid Bread fundraiser. There was more than \$400 profit. Thank you for your support for the Youth and Children's ministry.

Continue to pray for the blessings of the Lord on the many opportunities to serve here at church. Pray about how to use your spiritual gifts for the body of Christ. Everyone needs to know the Good News that John 3:16 is true and God loves everyone. Pray for and witness to someone who is not a Christian now. Please read again Philippians 2: 9-11.

May the Lord bless you during Christmas and in the New Year. We pray 2018 will be filled with many blessings and opportunities to serve Jesus Christ.

Love and prayers,  
Pastor Joe  
Luke 2:11  
1Corinthians 13:13

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The Blessings of Peace  
The Beauty of Hope  
The Spirit of Love  
The Comfort of Faith  
May these be your gifts  
this Christmas Season.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Kaylee Pettit as the newest member of Oak Level Baptist Church. Kaylee accepted Jesus as her personal Savior and was baptized on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Kaylee is the daughter of Lee and Katina Pettit and the grand-daughter of Garry and Nellie Barrow.



# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

OAK LEVEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
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December 10, 2017

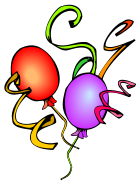
5:30 PM

Angel Tree Service  
Christmas Play Presentation "Love At Christmas"  
Fellowship Following Service



### December Birthdays

Dec. 04 Joshua Howell  
Dec. 07 Shirley Foley  
Hilda Plaster  
Dec. 10 Kenneth Keen, Sr.  
Dec. 12 Homer Hodges  
Dec. 13 Megan Keen  
Dec. 15 Peggy Morris  
Dec. 16 Ethel Jones  
Dec. 18 Betsy Henny  
Jean Thomas  
Dec. 22 Ira Seay  
Dec. 24 Howard Webb  
Dec. 25 Barbara Slate  
Sue Seay  
Denver Stultz  
Dec. 29 Kelly Gray Conner  
Megan Thompson  
Dec. 30 Roy Brown



### January Birthdays

Jan. 2 Shirley C. Young  
Paige Brown  
Jan. 5 Ben Morris  
Jan. 7 Sandra Martin  
Jan. 8 Donna Winebarger  
Jan. 10 Ann Stone  
Hayden Robertson  
Jan. 11 Lori Keen Pruitt  
Jan. 12 Lewis Turner  
Grover Harrison  
Jan. 14 Carlos Coleman  
James Wray  
Gloria Keen  
Jan. 16 Ryan McKee  
Hannah Glass  
Jan. 17 Lance Frith  
Jan. 18 Kelly Webb  
Jan. 19 Avis Gray  
Jan. 20 Jacob Gray  
Eva Dale Searce  
Jan. 21 Amy F. Jarrell  
Heidi Hodges  
Jan. 23 Linda Carter  
Jan. 28 Frances Barnes  
Jan. 30 Geraldine Williams

### 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)

#### TLC Adult Home, 880 Lillian Naff Dr., Henry, VA 24102

\*Louise Vipperman

### WITH SYMPATHY

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Hester Wilson who passed away Thursday, September, 28, 2017. Mrs. Wilson was the sister of Mary Hodges.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Josephine Ferguson who passed away on Tuesday, October 31, 2017. Josephine was a long-time member of Oak Level Baptist and loved by many. Please continue to pray for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the Jim McMillan and Margaret McMillan and the rest of the family and friends of Una McMillan Bradford, who passed away on Thursday, November 9, 2017.

### THANK YOU

May God bless you all for your thoughts, prayers, and visits during my mother's death. We really appreciate the delicious meal that was prepared for us after the service. Thank you all for helping us get through a difficult time.

Love in Christ, Jesse & Marie Ferguson

*May each day of your Christmas be filled with peace, and may God's love light your way through the New Year.*



### CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The Glass family cordially invites you to attend a Christmas Open House at the parsonage on **Sunday, December 3** immediately following the worship service. Join them for light refreshments and great fellowship!

### ANGEL TREE AND CHRISTMAS PLAY SERVICE

An Angel Tree Service will be held on **Sunday, December 10, 2017** in the Church Sanctuary at **5:30 pm**. Please let Missy Thompson or Katina Pettit know if you would like a loved one remembered on the Angle Tree. There will be a Christmas play entitled "**Love At Christmas**," written by Missy Thompson following the Angle Tree service. Don't miss this time of celebrating the birth of Jesus in song and drama. Bring your favorite finger foods and share in a time of fellowship following the service in the Fellowship Hall.



**WMU MEETINGS**

**Tuesday - December 19 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday - January 23 - 6:30 p.m.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!**

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions! We collected \$715 of the \$900 goal.



Thank you to everyone who donated, prepared, and help ship the 31 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child with Samaritan

Purse. Your generosity will put smiles on children's faces this Christmas season. We will continue to collect items throughout 2018 again. Below is a monthly list for your consideration.

JAN	Hats, Scarves	FEB	Stuffed Animals
MAR	Soap, Washcloths	APR	Combs, Brushes
MAY	Toothbrushes	JUN	Girl Toys
JUL	Boy Toys	AUG	Accessories
SEPT	School Supplies	OCT	Monetary Gift

**COOKIE/TREAT EXCHANGE**

The WMU are sponsoring a cookie/treat exchange for Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 am in the church fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to share their favorite cookie, fudge, or special Christmas treat. There will be a lite luncheon served. Jessica Hearne has agreed to come and speak for just a few minutes. She is the other half of the missionary team at Grace and Main in Danville, VA.



**OLBC 2017 Goal - \$2,000.00**

**Offering Received - \$887.00**

Special "Beloved Community" emphasis will be December 3 -10, 2017

Please plan to give to this offering during this time and help us reach our goal for 2017!

**SERVICE CONTRACTS**

The Cleaning Service Contract and the Lawn Maintenance Contract are scheduled to be renewed after the first of the year. If there is anyone who is interested in presenting a bid for these services, you can pick up a copy of the job description and agreement from the church office. Please give your bid in a sealed envelope to Jesse Cannaday, member of the Building and Grounds Committee, by **Sunday, December 10, 2017**. No other bids will be accepted after this date.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

Join us at 11:00 am on Christmas Eve, **Sunday, December 24** in the sanctuary as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus. We will not have Sunday School on this day or the next **Sunday, December 31**.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, January 3, 2018** at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar to May 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.

**SCHOOL CLOSINGS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER**

The Wednesday evening service is **NO LONGER** tied to the notice of schools closing for inclement weather. The church office will send out an email **IF** there has been a decision to cancel Wednesday services or you can call the office or a deacon to verify the cancellation. For announcements concerning Sunday Morning Services, listen to B99 FM radio or watch TV Stations, WDBJ, Channel 7 or WSLS, Channel 10, for possible church cancellations.

**HENRY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SENIOR ADULT TRIP**

There is a trip scheduled **April 16-18, 2018**, to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, Thoroughbred Center, and Purple People Bridge Complex in Kentucky. A deposit of \$100 is due upon sign-up and the balance is due March 2, 2018. Checks need to be made out to Patsy's Tours and mailed to Betsy Ivey at 85 Woodshire Road, Collinsville, VA 24078.

# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Parsonage Open House Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m.  PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Play Practice 3 pm
CBF Offering Emphasis – Beloved Community – December 3 - 10						
<b>10</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Angel Tree & Play 5:30 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> WMU Cookie/Treat Exchange 10 am
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<b>24</b> Christmas Eve No Sunday School Worship Service – 11:00 am   Pennies for the Precious	<b>25</b> Christmas	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> No Sunday School Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	Deacon of the Month – Ben Morris                      Counters of the Month – Ben Morris & Lance Frith					

# January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m.  Church Council 5:30 PM  PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. -5:00 p.m.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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Deacon of the Month – Jesse Cannaday

Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Homer Hodges