

Oak Level

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

December/January 2019

Have a wonderful, peaceful Christmas and New Year filled with many blessings. May we be willing to share our witness for Jesus Christ this Christmas season. Let us pray for opportunities to tell people we meet about our Savior daily. You can begin with being a friend to the people you meet as you get to know them and share what the Lord has done for you. Then you can ask your new friend about their relationship with Jesus Christ. If your friend needs to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, you have the opportunity to share the plan of salvation with them. We pray for many people to accept the greatest gift this Christmas-the love of our Savior abiding in their hearts forever. This Christmas season let us make a list of five to ten people who needs salvation and start praying for them.

Each of us can face the New Year 2019 with faith and hope each day. May we strive to always serve the Lord and share the gospel with people we meet. Thank you for serving the Lord in many ways all through the year. Everyone needs a friend to encourage them in the Lord.

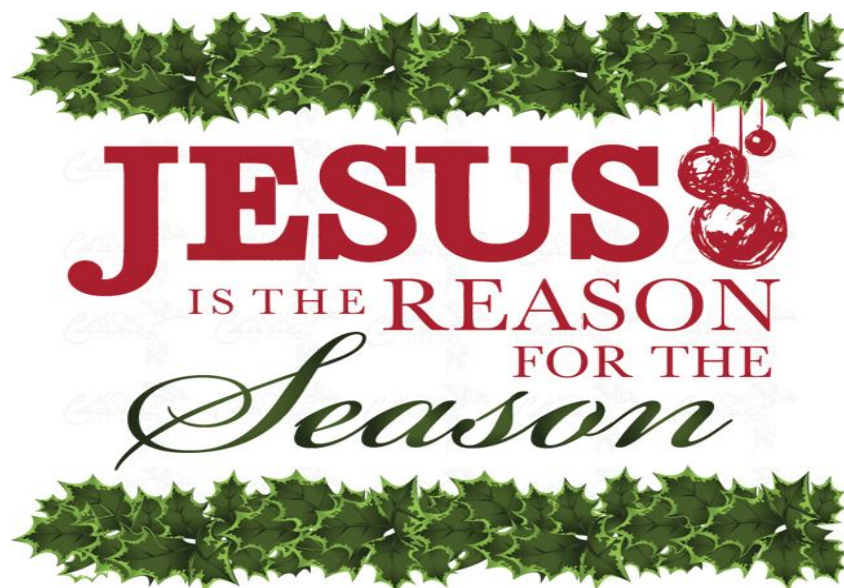
You are invited to the Angel Tree Service and Christmas play beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9. Plan to come and invite family, friends, and neighbors to come to this wonderful time together.

Let me encourage you to read again Luke 2: 1-20, then be willing to be faithful to share this great news with others as often as you have the opportunity.

Blessing and Peace,

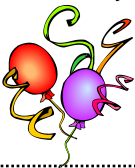
Pastor Joe

John 3:16



December Birthdays

Dec. 04 Joshua Howell
Dec. 07 Shirley Foley
Dec. 10 Kenneth Keen, Sr.
Dec. 12 Homer Hodges
Dec. 13 Megan Keen
Dec. 15 Peggy Morris
Dec. 16 Ethel Jones
Chelsea Thompson
Dec. 17 Isaiah LaBounty
Dec. 18 Betsy Henny
Jean Thomas
Dec. 21 Abby Gillespie
Dec. 22 Ira Seay
Dec. 24 Howard Webb
Dec. 25 Barbara Slate
Sue Seay
Dec. 26 Charlotte LaBounty
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. 8 Donna Winebarger
Jan. 10 Ann Stone
Hayden Robertson
Jan. 11 Lori Keen Pruitt
Kyrie LaBounty
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
Tommy Thompson
Jan. 20 Jacob Gray
Eva Dale Searce
Jan. 21 Amy F. Jarrell
Heidi Hodges
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

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

Grady Snead - Room 312

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

*Mary Hodges - Room 18A

WITH SYMPATHY

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Lois Turner who passed away Tuesday, September, 25, 2018. Lois was the aunt of David Turner.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Patsy Stroop who passed away Monday, October, 22, 2018. Mrs. Stroop was the sister -in-law of Ann Stone.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Herbert Mason who passed away on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Hub was a friend to many.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jackie Tuttle, who passed away on Tuesday, October 23, 2018.

THANK YOU

We can't begin to express how much it meant to us for the many expressions of sympathy shown through food, visits, phone calls, and cards. Your kindness and care brought comfort, relief and peace-of-mind during this difficult time. Thank you, Art and Betty Jo Foley

Our hearts are full of gratitude when we say many thanks to family members, friends, and Oak Level Baptist Church for all acts of kindness and sympathy: food, flowers, cards, prayers, and kind words spoken to our family regarding the recent passing of my dad, Denver Stultz. James & Janet Branscome and Family

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 9, 2018**. No other bids will be accepted after this date.

ANGEL TREE AND CHRISTMAS PLAY SERVICE

An Angel Tree Service will be held on **Sunday, December 9, 2018** in the Church Sanctuary at **5:30 pm**. Please let Katina Pettit know if you would like a loved one remembered on the Angle Tree by filling out the sheet located on the foyer table. There will be a Christmas play entitled "**I Love to Tell the Story**," 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.



All children and youth are invited to go Christmas Caroling on **Saturday, December 15th** from 3 - 5 PM. We will be going to sing to shut-ins and the homebound.

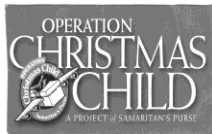


WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - December 18 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - January 22 - 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 \$510 of the \$900 goal.



Thank you to everyone who donated, prepared, and help ship the **38 shoe boxes** for Operation Christmas Child with Samaritan

Purse. A special thank you for the \$455 collected at the *31 Bingo* fundraiser to help with the shipping cost. Your generosity will put smiles on children's faces this Christmas season. We will continue to collect items throughout 2019 again. Below is a monthly list for your consideration.

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

Esther, Heaven and Breanna would like to **thank** their Oak Level Church Family for their trip to CrossRoads. "SHINE" was the theme and we experienced so much knowledge and love, and also met many other girls from different churches. Thank you again for your support and loving us. We were glad that the girls had a great time at Shine and hope they are looking forward to next year. The young ladies have also indicated that they would be interested in attending camp this summer at Crossroads Camp now that they have seen everything that camp has to offer!

Give to the
CBF Offering for GLOBAL MISSIONS

OLBC 2018 Goal - \$2,000.00
Offering Received - \$1,238.00

Special "Seeking Transformational Development" emphasis will be
December 2 -9, 2018



The church secretary will be out of the office the week of Christmas. If you have any items for the December 23 and December 30 bulletins, please have that information to her by **Wednesday, December 19th**. Also, please note that the church office will be closed **New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st**.


CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, January 2, 2019** at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar to June 2019. 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.

GOD'S NOT DEAF

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents' house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger one began praying at the top of his lungs:
 "I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..."
 "I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO..."
 His older brother leaned over, nudged him and said, "Why are you shouting? God isn't deaf." to which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Christmas Play Practice 4pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	3	4	5 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8 Christmas Play Practice 4pm
CBF Offering Emphasis – Seeking Transformational Development - December 2 - 9						
9 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Angel Tree & Christmas Play – 5:30 p.m.	10	11	12 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15 Children/Youth Christmas Caroling 3 – 5 PM
16 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	17	18 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22
23 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm  Pennies for the Precious	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed	26 No Church Activities	27	28	29
Church Secretary out of the office						
30 SS Fellowship Share Time – 9:45 a.m. Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	31					
Deacon of the Month – Donna Winebarger Counters of the Month – Ben Morris & Lee Pettit						

January 2019

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		1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Church Council 5:30 PM PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	7	8	9 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12
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Deacon of the Month – Lance Frith

Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Nancy Turner