

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

February/March 2016

This has been a year filled with many blessings in ministry as we have served as your pastor and family. It's hard to believe that February 1st will mark a year that we began our ministry together at Oak Level. Like our daughter, Hannah, has said, "It seems like we've been here forever!" We are so thankful for our church family and how you have made Kim, Hannah, Jacob, and me feel so welcome in the Oak Level community! Thank you for your prayers and support in so many ways. I am thankful for our church family and pray for wisdom, courage, and commitment for each one of us. Thank you for the cards, gifts, and goodies during Pastor Appreciation Month and also Christmas.

Be sure and pray for and participate in any of the following ministry opportunities for our congregation during the months of February and March:

"Souper Bowl" Sunday, February 7: Enjoy chili and vegetable beef soup fellowship lunch following the worship service. Bring your favorite dessert to share. On that Sunday we're having a friendly competition between 2 groups - Ages 49 and younger vs Ages 50 and older. On that Sunday we're asking everyone to bring the following items for The Grace Network: **powdered milk, bread/muffin mixes, cereal, peanut butter, juices, mac and cheese, and laundry detergent.** We will have labeled boxes in the fellowship hall to collect these items. The team collecting the most items that day will receive a prize.

"Focus on WMU Week", February 7-14

"Community Meal and Children's Ministry Day", Saturday, February 13: Sponsored by the youth/children - We will be delivering food and cookies to people in our community. Afterwards, we will have a special activity planned for the youth/children. (Watch Sunday bulletin for details!)

"CBF Literacy Offering Emphasis", March 6-13: Our goal is **\$700.**

"Missions Madness", March 11-13: This is an opportunity for the youth to experience missions, worship, and fellowship with other youth from our area in Danville. Pray for our youth as they become involved in this missions weekend.

"Winter Jam", March 24": This is an exciting evening of Christian music at the Berglund Center.

"Easter Egg Hunt", March 26: This event begins at 11:00 a.m. Begin inviting children and their families to join us for this exciting event.

"Easter Sunrise Service, March 27: We rejoice and celebrate together in the Resurrection of our Savior on this day. Come and receive a blessing beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. There will be a breakfast in the fellowship hall following this service. Plan to come and invite someone with you.

As you can see from the events listed above, there are exciting things going on at Oak Level Baptist Church! May the Lord bless our ministry together in His name and power. Thank you for your faithful service and giving as we move forward in faith and love. "To God be the glory, Great things He hath done."

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Joe

THE GOLDEN CLUB

Homer Hodges
271 Oak Ridge Dr.
Bassett, VA 24055

Homer's favorite color is red. His favorite snack is Lance nabs. He has two favorite restaurants: Sirloin House and Clarence's. He enjoys cattle farming. He has a pet dog, Suzie. His favorite hymns include, "Old Rugged Cross" and "Old Time Religion". He is retired from Fieldcrest Cannon. Homer is married to Mary. Homer and Mary are both faithful members of Oak Level!

Betty Metz
590 Kings Way Rd.
Martinsville, VA 24112

Betty's favorite color is blue. Her favorite snacks are apples and nuts. Her favorite food is dessert. Her favorite restaurants include Dutch Inn and Wendy's. Her hobbies include watching sports, good movies, listening to music, and reading. Her favorite Bible verse is John 3:16. Her favorite Bible story is the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Her favorite hymn is "How Great Thou Art". She is retired from Bassett Furniture Industries. Betty has been a member of Oak Level for about 55 years.

February Birthdays

Feb. 1 Jon Mark Atkins
Feb. 2 Joe Glass
Feb. 5 Tena B. Cassady
Feb. 6 Holly Thompson
Feb. 8 Sara Seay
Feb. 9 Dennis Wray
Feb. 10 John K. Ramsey
Feb. 12 Betty Metz
Feb. 13 Sheila Ramsey
Feb. 14 Martha Sue Meeks
Feb. 15 Roger Woods
Feb. 16 Jean Martin
Feb. 17 Lucy Atkins
Feb. 18 Wanda Stone
Feb. 18 Sara Gill
Feb. 19 Martha Jane Gunter
Feb. 19 Debra Workinger
Feb. 20 Cierra Underwood
Feb. 20 Josephine Ferguson
Feb. 20 Marvin Seay
Feb. 24 Amy Lawson
Feb. 25 Arthur Foley
Feb. 25 Linda McMillan
Feb. 26 Mildred Ramsey
Feb. 27 H. L. Snead
Feb. 29 Jacob Glass

March Birthdays

Mar. 4 Mary Carter
Brandi Taylor
Mar. 8 Janet Branscome
Mar. 10 Kevin Atkins
Mar. 17 Al Harley
Mar. 18 Katina B. Pettit
Mar. 20 Jamie Brown
Kim Glass
Mar. 21 Mischelle Carter
Roger Young
Mar. 23 Sommer Carter
Janice Ramsey
Mar. 25 Lee W. Pettit
Mar. 26 Lee Boswell
Mar. 28 Shannon Wright
Sue Young
Mar. 29 James Edward Joyce



NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

*Dot Wray - Room 106 (Assisted Living)
Sue Meeks - Room 213
Jake Divers - Room 112 (Rehab)

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

Howard Hodges Hazel Sizemore

Franklin Health & Rehab, 720 Orchard Ave. Rocky Mt, 24151

*Wanda Stone - Room 57

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

Gracie Bullins Blandean Akers

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

*Lovlene S. Lewis (Sister of Shirley Tobler)

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

Arnold Hanks (Father of Esther Hanks)

WITH SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bettie Snead who passed away on Saturday, November 28, 2015. She was a faithful member of OLBC for many years and served this church as Sunday school teacher, WMU member, pianist and organist.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Bunny, John, and Tony Thomasson, Hilda Plaster, and their family and friends on the death of their husband, father, and brother, Jim Thomasson. Jim passed away on Monday, January 4, 2016. Jim was a long-time member of Oak Level Baptist Church and had served as deacon, trustee, and on many committees throughout the years.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Vera Cahill, who passed away on Friday, January 15, 2016.

THANK YOU

Words cannot express how much we thank you for the many prayers, cards, visits, and expressions of sympathy you provided us during our moment of sorrow. We are truly grateful for your friendship and support.

Family of Bettie Snead



95 YEARS YOUNG

You are cordially invited to a 95th Birthday Celebration honoring Josephine Ferguson given with love by her family on **Sunday, February 21, 2016** at 12:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. A luncheon will be served. No gifts please. Birthday cards will be available to sign and hang on a birthday tree for her to read later.

Moses made a snake and put it on a pole, what material was it made of?

- A. clay
- B. cooper
- C. bronze
- D. gold

(Answer on Youth page)



JONES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Through the generosity of Inez and Casey Jones, assets have been set aside by Oak Level Baptist Church to provide scholarships to students attending institutions of higher learning.

Beneficiaries of the fund shall be limited to active members of Oak Level Baptist Church and their immediate families, children, grandchildren, step children, etc. The applicants must also be a verifiable **active** member of a church. If you would like to apply, please call or e-mail the **Church Office** for an application. The deadline to receive completed applications is **April 1, 2016**.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Oak Level Baptist Church will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 26, 2016**, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All ages are invited to attend. There will be crafts, food, and prizes. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help make this event a fun day of Christian fellowship. Just show up and we will put you to work! Donations of plastic eggs, prizes, and individually wrapped candy are needed to make the Easter Egg Hunt a success. Please have these items at the church by Wednesday, March 23rd. Make plans to help stuff eggs Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. before the PTS meeting. See Peggy Morris to volunteer or if you need more information.



Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 27th.

Sunrise Service starts at 7:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast to follow

Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service starts at 11:00 a.m.



February Meetings

Sunday, Feb. 21 - 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

March Meetings

Sunday, Mar. 6 - 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 20 - 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.



SOUPER BOWL CHILI LUNCHEON

Immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, February 7**, there will be a Souper Bowl chili luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The chili will be provided, but bring your favorite dessert to share. Also, bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Grace Network.



We're so excited about Mission Madness 2016, a weekend retreat for youth groups (grades 6 - 12) interested in mission service, worship, fellowship, and fun! The dates are **March 11-13** in Danville, VA hosted by West Main Baptist Church. The registration fee is \$95 per person which covers lodging, meals, mission project supplies, and a T-shirt. If you plan to participate in this great missions weekend, please let Kim Glass or Missy Thompson know by **Wednesday, February 3rd**.



**WINTER JAM 2016
MARCH 24
BERGLUND CENTER
ROANOKE, VA**

Youth will leave at 3:00 pm from the church.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, March 5th**!



PRAYER FOCUS FOR BEACHY FAMILY



Ministry: Mexican Bible Institute Teacher
Sending Church: First Baptist Church of Collinsville
Serving In: Mexico

Please pray for the Bible students who are going through the process of walking with the Lord and seeing what direction they should take with their lives after their two years of study. Pray for strength and wisdom for Ryan as he teaches Acts, James and Colossians this semester. Rebecca was asked if she would substitute at Binimea (the MK school), for a teacher who needed to visit family, because of a situation with her daughter's health. This would be for only 6 weeks, but nevertheless it has been a challenge at times in leading the class. Please pray for strength and wisdom as she not only teaches but is trying to improve her Spanish by taking classes with some of the newer missionary families.

FOCUS ON WMU FEBRUARY 7 - 14, 2016

OLBC WMU wants to engage our church in mission's discipleship by calling on us to Surrender, Sacrifice, and Serve! This year's theme is *All For You*.

The Emphasis Watchword for 2015-2016 is Mark 8:34 (NIV) which reads "Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"

What does it mean to give ourselves fully to Christ? In other words, how can we look at God and declare, "We desire to be All For You?" Through 2016, men, women, boys, and girls will learn three key aspects of discipleship:

- Surrender completely by denying self
- Sacrifice willingly by taking up their cross
- Serve intentionally by following Christ into their community, state, and world

As we are exploring these, we will be learning how others are living this out in missions and be guided to live these out through mission projects.

ALL are invited to join us at our meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS

OLBC 2016 Goal - \$2,000.00



Love God. Teach Neighbor. Be Transformed.

Sharing Christ's great love for us through literacy ministry

Special LITERACY emphasis will be

March 6 - 13, 2016

JESUS ANSWERED, "YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. AND YOU MUST LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." (LUKE 10:27, ISV)

I WILL TEACH ALL YOUR CHILDREN, AND THEY WILL ENJOY GREAT PEACE (ISAIAH 54:13, NLT)

On the leading edge of the modern missionary movement, Baptists have been forming together, making disciples of all nations. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship engages in three primary contexts: Global Poverty, Global Migration and the Global Church, and participates in God's mission with and among the most marginalized and least evangelized people on Earth. Through the work of CBF field personnel and CBF's rural poverty initiative, Together for Hope, Cooperative Baptists are bringing renewal to God's world with literacy ministries both in the United States and around the world.

The CBF Offering for Global Missions is the foundational means of support for CBF's mission enterprise, providing an array of tools and resources needed to live out the Fellowship's mission commitments of cultivating beloved community, bearing witness to Jesus Christ and seeking transformational development. You and your congregation are invited to journey with us as we uncover what God is doing through CBF's literacy ministries, sharing Christ's great love in Eastern Europe, South Florida and at the United States-Mexico border.

WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - February 23 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday - March 22 - 6:30 p.m.



February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6
7 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Souper Bowl Chili Luncheon Following worship service	8	9 Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	10 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Community Meal – 11:00 am Children's Ministry Day
Focus on WMU Week February 7 - 14						
14 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm	15	16	17 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20
21 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm Youth Mtg. – 12:30 pm Josephine Ferguson 95th Birthday Celebration 12:30 pm	22	23 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	24 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	25	26	27
28 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm  Pennies for the Precious	29					

Deacon of the Month – Elmer Stone

Counters of the Month – Brenda Ferguson & Donna Winebarger

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Begins Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm Youth Mtg. – 12:30 pm	7	8 Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	9 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10	11 CBF Youth Mission Madness at West Main BC in Danville 7:00 pm through Sunday	12 Community Meal – 11:00 am
CBF Offering Emphasis - LITERACY - March 6 - 13						
13 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm	14	15	16 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19
20 Palm Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:00 pm Youth Mtg. – 12:30 pm	21	22 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	23 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	24 Winter Jam Berglund Center Leave at 3:00 p.m.	25	26  Easter Egg Hunt 11 am – 12:30 pm
27 Easter Sunrise Srv. – 7:00 am Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am  Pennies for the Precious	28	29	30 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	31		

Deacon of the Month – Jesse Cannaday

Counters of the Month – Martha Meeks & Ken Turner