

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

February/March 2017

Thank you for your faithful service to Christ in many ways at Oak Level Baptist Church. I am glad we show the love of God to others around us. Thank you for giving to support the ministry of the church. Valentine's Day is a time to remember and rejoice that God is Love. First John 4:8 teaches us that wonderful truth about the nature of God. The words found in Romans 5:8 help us to understand the unconditional, agape love of Jesus Christ. Let us love one another with our words and actions. (John 13:34)

May our church family always pray for our nation and leaders. The Lord hears us and He is glad for His people to call on Him and trust in Him. Thank you for praying often about decisions that need to be made in our country. Thank you for your prayers and support of local, national, and international missions.

This year is the 80th anniversary of the ministry of our church. We rejoice now because of the many blessings of the Lord as we worship and serve Him. The anniversary committee is planning a special Homecoming Day celebration on September 17, 2017. Rev. Len Keever, Jr. will be our guest speaker. Mark your calendar so you can plan to be here.

Philippians 4:4 – Let us always rejoice in the Lord.

Love and peace,
Pastor Joe



COMING IN SEPTEMBER

OLBC 80th Anniversary
Celebration & Homecoming

If you are interested in helping with the planning, please come to a planning session on **April 5th at 5:30 pm.**



Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, **April 16th.**

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 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 Wanda Stone
Feb. 18 Sara Gill
Martha Jane Gunter
Feb. 19 Debra Workinger
Cierra Underwood
Feb. 20 Josephine Ferguson
Marvin Seay
Feb. 24 Amy Lawson
Feb. 25 Arthur Foley
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)
*Avis Gray - Room 364
*Thelma Nolen - Room 162
Sue Meeks - Room 213
Jake Divers - Room 106 (Rehab)
Dorothy English

Blue Ridge Rehab, 105 Landmark Dr., Stuart, VA 24171

Shelbern Meeks

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

*Wanda Stone

Hanson Home, 162 Krontz Drive, Bassett, VA 24055

*Betty Sue Sparks (Sister of Shirley Tobler)

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

*Josephine Ferguson

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our church family for all the love, through prayers, visits, cards, letters, and food. I came through the surgery okay and spent over two weeks at the nursing home. I am now in home therapy for a month. It's slow going, but hope to be back in church in 2017. Merry Christmas to you all. Love and God bless our church, Patricia Handy & Daisy Barnes

Thank you for your generous gift of money for Christmas. Your love and thoughtfulness mean so much to me. God has truly blessed me through His people here at Oak Level Baptist Church. With love, Sheila

Thank you for the monetary gifts, cards, and goodies during Christmas. We are thankful for our church family. Have a wonderful and healthy New Year.

Love, Pastor Joe and Family

Thank you to my church family for the generous Christmas gift. It is a blessing for me to serve as your pianist. God bless you all. Lance Frith

Thank you to our church family and friends for your many thoughts, prayers, visits, food, and flowers. We felt those prayers lifted on our behalf many times and they made such a difference. Please continue to pray because I haven't been released from the doctors yet and Wilbern is still on chemo for three more weeks.

In Christian Love, Martha Sue and Wilbern Meeks

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Roy Roger Gwyn, who passed away on Monday, January 16, 2017. Mr. Gwyn was the uncle of Brenda Ferguson and the father-in-law of Charles Scarlette.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Charlie Foster, who passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2017. Charlie was Tammy Franklin's and Missy Thompson's dad.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Oak Level Baptist Church welcomes new members Breana Lawson and Hayden Robertson, who were baptized on December 28, 2016.



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, 2017.**

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.



The first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 am, the men of the church meet for food and fellowship. This is a time for them to foster and build relationships with other men of the church and the community. The men meet at the church to ride the van and then go to a predetermined restaurant. If you haven't been a part of this ministry, consider joining them on Wednesday, February 1 and March 1.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

On Souper Bowl **Sunday, February 5**, please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Grace Network. A box will be located in the church foyer to place your "soup". Grace Network is our local food pantry and resource for financial help. Monthly items are listed in the bulletin and if you would like to make a monthly or one time donation, please see their website at www.gracenetWORKmhc.org.

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" CHURCHWIDE CELEBRATION

On **Sunday, February 12**, immediately following morning worship service in the fellowship hall, everyone is invited to join us for hot dogs & fixings, games, crafts, and a great time of fellowship!

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

All children are invited to join us on the 2nd Sunday every month during children's church and on the 4th Sunday every month during Sunday School for a time of music. We will be learning new songs and from time to time playing hand bells. We are planning for the children to begin participating in the morning worship service once or twice a month real soon. If you have questions, please see Missy Thompson or Kim Glass. Looking forward to seeing all children!



We're so excited about Mission Madness 2017, a weekend retreat for youth groups (grades 6 - 12) interested in mission service, worship, fellowship, and fun! The dates are **March 31-**

April 2 in Madison Heights, VA hosted by Madison Heights 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 Joe Glass know by **Wednesday, February 8th.**



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, March 11th!**



FOCUS ON WMU MARCH 12 - 18, 2017

OLBC WMU wants to engage our church in mission's discipleship and radically involved all age groups in God's mission. WMU provides opportunities to pray throughout the year for missions, as well as opportunities to apply knowledge and passion through giving, serving, and supporting missions.

LEARN-WMU promotes missional living by teaching church members of all ages to see the world through God's eyes

PRAY-Through WMU, believers learn how to apply the power of prayer for the spread of the gospel and pray specifically for needs around the world as they learn of missions needs and current social issues as we also pray daily for missionaries on their birthdays.

GIVE-By encouraging gifts to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Alma Hunt Offering for VA Missions, WMU supports these and other mission personnel as they share the gospel at home and abroad.

SERVE-WMU ministries provide opportunities to engage in redemptive, loving service in the name of Jesus to people who need to hear the gospel.

SUPPORT-mission efforts through, Samaritan Purse Shoe Box, Standing Rock, Good News Jail Ministry, Children's Ministry Day, Christmas in August, CBFVA Mission Madness, CBFVA 25 for 25 mission sites, and many more.

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



LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

On **March 18th** the WMU will host an event for all ladies, all ages of the church. There will be a time of

fellowship, food, and sharing something creative. Watch for further details!

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS

OLBC 2017 Goal - \$2,000.00

BEARING
WITNESS
TO JESUS CHRIST



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. - Matthew 28:19

Special Offering emphasis will be
March 5 - 12, 2017

Thank you for the great work with the CBF Offering during 2016. We collected a total of \$1,901.90 of our \$2,000 goal.

GRACE AND MAIN MINISTRIES

You have an opportunity to **GIVE, SUPPORT, and SERVE** the work of Josh and Jessica Hearne through a new ministry of Grace and Main - The Urban Garden. Land donated by Habitat for Humanity is being transformed into a sustainable, urban farm to feed the neighborhood, provide work/jobs and build community. We can partner with this work by providing mission boxes. Please fill any shoebox with **work gloves, work socks, reusable water bottle, and sunscreen**. Also include \$5.00 with your completed box to help purchase tools for the Urban Garden. Come and help deliver the mission boxes to Grace and Main on **Saturday, February 18th**, and **VOLUNTEER** to help with the garden during a CBFVA 25 for the 25th. There is a signup sheet located in the church foyer.

WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - February 28 - 6:30 p.m.

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			1 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4
5 SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	6	7	8 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11
12 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am "Love Your Neighbor" Celebration – 12:30 pm	13	14	15 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18 Children's Ministry Day Work Day at Grace & Main Mission Box
19 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	20	21	22 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	23	24	25
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Deacon of the Month – Jesse Cannaday

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Brenda Ferguson

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> CBF Offering Emphasis – Bearing Witness to Jesus Christ - March 5 - 12 </div>						
12 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Ingathering of CBF Offering	13	14	15 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17 Pastor Joe at Ignite Men's Conference at Liberty University	18 Ladies Fellowship – Time to be determined
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Deacon of the Month – Lee Pettit

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris & Lee Pettit