

# Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

February/March 2018

I came across this poem several years ago. It reminded me how I should daily seek Jesus and His will for my life. I hope it touches you as much as it did me.

Love and prayers,  
Pastor Joe  
John 3:16  
John 15:13

## **A Letter From Jesus**

*My Precious Friend:*

*I am sending you this letter by way of one My Disciples. I just wanted to let you know how much I Love and Care about you and how I Greatly Desire to become a meaningful part of your life.*

*This morning when you awoke, I was already there with you in the Light of MY Beautiful Sunshine that filled your room. I was hoping that you would say Good Morning to me; you didn't. So, I thought maybe it was just a little too early in the day for you to notice Me.*

*Again, I tried to get your attention when you stepped out of your door. I Kissed your face with a Soft Gentle Breeze. I breathed upon you My Fragrant Sweet Breath Scented with Flowers. Then Sang you a Love Song through the Birds in the Trees. You just Walked right past Me.*

*Later on in the day, I watched over you as you were talking with some of your friends. Oh! How I wished that you would talk to Me also. I waited and waited, but you just went along your way.*

*This Afternoon I sent you a Refreshing Shower and Glistened to you from each Rain Drop. I even Shouted to you a time or two with Rainbows in the midst of MY Fluffy White Clouds. I just knew you would see Me then but you were not aware of My Presence.*

*This Evening to close your day, I sent you a beautiful Sunset. After that, I Winked at you a thousand times through My Stars hoping that you would see Me and Wink back. You never did.*

*Tonight when you went to bed I spilled Moonlight upon your face to let you know that I was there with you. I was hoping that you would talk to Me a little while before you went to sleep. You never said a word. It Hurt Me Deeply; however, I continued to watch over you all through the night thinking that, maybe, just maybe, you would say hello to Me in the Morning.*

*Each and Every Day, I have Revealed Myself to you in many Strange and Wondrous Ways hoping that you would accept Me as your Shepherd. For, I am the Only One that can Supply you with all your needs. My Love for you is Deeper than the Deepest Ocean and Bigger than the Great Blue Sky. I have so very much to give to you and also share with you. Please let me hear from you soon.*

*Your Loving Friend Forever, Jesus Christ*

*Author Unknown*

### February Birthdays

Feb. 1 Jon Mark Atkins  
Feb. 2 Joe Glass  
Feb. 5 Tena B. Cassady  
Feb. 6 Holly Thompson  
Feb. 8 Sara Seay  
Toby LaBounty  
Feb. 9 Dennis Wray  
Feb. 10 John K. Ramsey  
Feb. 12 Betty Metz  
Feb. 13 Sheila Ramsey  
Feb. 14 Martha Sue Meeks  
Feb. 16 Jean Martin  
Feb. 17 Wanda Stone  
Feb. 18 Sara Gill  
Martha Jane Gunter  
Feb. 19 Debra Workinger  
Cierra Underwood  
Feb. 20 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. 11 Jennifer Thompson  
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



## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sandra Martin, who passed away on Monday, November 27, 2017. Sandra was the daughter of the late Lucy and Joseph Atkins and mother of Bryan Young and Kim Jones.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Myrtle Slate, who passed away on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Mrs. Slate was Lisa Slate Ackerman's grandmother.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Josephine Cannaday Ferguson, who passed away on Friday, January 19, 2018. Mrs. Ferguson was the sister of Mary Hodges.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Talmadge Seay, who passed away on Monday, January 22, 2018. Talmadge was the brother of James, Ira, and Stacey Seay, Alice Brown and Mildred Ramsey.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, March 10th!**

## 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



## THANK YOU

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy we received following the death of our sister, Una McMillan Bradford. It was so good to see so many old friends at the service. Our hearts are grateful. Sincerely, Margaret McMillan and Jim McMillan

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Oak Level Baptist Church welcomes new members Chuck and Kyrie LaBounty, who joined by letter on December 3, 2017. The LaBounty's have four children, Chad, Isaiah, Charlotte, and Toby.

# SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

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There will be a Chili Cook-off on "Souper Bowl Sunday", **February 4**, immediately following the worship service. Bring your favorite chili or soup. There will be a vote on the best chili. Grilled cheese sandwiches will be provided. 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](http://www.gracenetWORKmhc.org).



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 7 and March 7.

## BFF IN CHRIST

Believe, Faith, and Fellowship in Christ will resume on **Sunday, March 11th**, with guest speaker Jamie Redd. The Youth Coordinating Committee is sponsoring this contemporary service with praise and worship music to reach the children, youth, and their parents for Christ. "The purpose for this program is for a way to let our children grow in Christ in a way that is best for them to understand." This special service will be **every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** for one hour, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

## REVIVAL

Begin to pray now who God wants you to invite to the revival beginning **Sunday, March 18 through Wednesday, March 21**. Pray also that God will prepare and begin a revival in each of our hearts here at OLBC. The service will start at 6:30 p.m. each evening. Rev. Roger Roller will be our guest evangelist and there will be special music each evening. A covered dish meal will be held immediately following the Sunday morning worship service. Bring your favorite dish to share.



Oak Level Baptist Church will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 31, 2018**, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. The children will be separated into three age groups. They will need to bring flashlights and baskets. They will meet our special guest, the Easter Bunny! Donations of individually wrapped gummies, fruit snacks, crackers and small toys for prizes are needed to help make the Easter Egg Hunt a success. Please have these items at the church by Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Also needed is your help! Please make plans to help stuff Easter Eggs on Wednesday, March 28th at 5:30 p.m. before the PTS meeting.



## 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, 2018**.

**A proverb says that interfering in someone else's quarrel when you're just passing by is asking for this kind of trouble.**

- A. it's like taking a dog by the ears
- B. like taking the bull by its horns
- C. like grabbing the tail of a lion
- D. like putting your hand in a hornets nest

(Answer on WMU page)



Mark your calendar now for **VBS**. Plans are underway for this summer event. The dates are **June 3 - 7 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.** There will be more information available in the coming months.





## A MISSIONARY MOMENT

The WMU would like to introduce you to missionaries that have inspired and challenged us. The following are brief introductions to two missionaries that have greatly influenced the WMU. There are many others and we would love to continue to share about them with you. So pull out your books, computer, and smart phones. See what you can find about **Henrietta Hall Shuck and Jim Elliot**. Write up a brief paragraph like those below and share with the WMU. Your entry might get published here and even read to the congregation!

### Lottie Moon

Charlotte D. Moon was born in 1840 in Albemarle County, VA to an affluent family and was afforded many education opportunities not available to young women of that time. Spirited and outspoken, Lottie was indifferent to her Christian upbringing until her early teens when she underwent a spiritual awakening. One of her earliest sharing of the gospel was Romans 12 that foreshadowed her life story. Lottie followed her sister, Edmonia to the North China Mission Station in 1873 on Christmas Eve. Not content to teach school in China, Lottie moved into the interior to evangelize full-time among all classes of Chinese. Her influence was greatly felt throughout China and in the US as she strengthened missionary work and helped establish the WMU. As a living sacrifice, she died on Christmas Eve 1912 at 50 pounds after sharing ALL she had with the Chinese that were in need.

### Annie Armstrong

In the late 1800's women were not expected to be leaders, to speak up or to be visionaries. Annie Armstrong was never concerned with what the world expected; she devoted herself to compassion ministry. She was born in 1850 in Baltimore, Maryland. She became a Christian in 1870 at Seventh Baptist Church in Baltimore. She was the first president of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society and first secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union. Traveling throughout the U.S. Annie encouraged missionaries and challenged churches to give and support missions. She worked hard refusing a salary, "never give to the Lord that which costs me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24.) Miss Armstrong died in 1938 but her legacy and heart for missions lives on today. Over \$1 billion has been given through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Give to the  
CBF *Offering for*  
GLOBAL MISSIONS 

**OLBC 2018 Goal - \$2,000.00**

**"BELOVED COMMUNITY"**

Special Offering emphasis will be

**March 4 - 11, 2018**

Thank you for the great work with the CBF Offering during 2017. We collected a total of \$1,497 of our \$2,000 goal.



"Serve one another humbly in love" (Galatians 5:13).

### **What is Children's Mission's Day?**

Children will be able to show God's love to friends and neighbors through a one-day service projects, smiles, and lots of laughter. This year's theme, *Go Serve*, gives plenty of opportunities to make learning and serving fun and rewarding. As children see the impact of their service, be prepared for them to ask to "Go Serve" and meet other local needs while sharing God's love!

**Youth and Children**, please join the WMU on **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**, in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. to complete a missions' project for our shut-ins and nursing home residents. After we complete the project, we will deliver and visit with folks, and finish with lunch at McDonald's at 12:30.

### WMU MEETINGS

**Tuesday - February 27 - 6:30 p.m.**

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**WMUV inspires and equips women to influence the world for Christ.**

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<b>4</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Chili Cook-Off – 12:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	5	6	<b>7</b> Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m.  PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10
<b>11</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	12	13	<b>14</b> Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	15	16	<b>17</b> Children's Mission's Day 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall – travel to visit shut-ins and nursing home residents
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">             Focus on WMU Week February 11 - 18           </div>						
<b>18</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	19	20	<b>21</b> PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24
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Deacon of the Month – Elmer Stone

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Brenda Ferguson

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CBF Offering Emphasis – Beloved Community -- March 4 - 11						
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Deacon of the Month – Lance Frith

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris & Lance Frith