

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

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Have a good, safe summer as we trust in the Lord every day. Let us praise the Lord daily and rejoice in Him. We remember the great and small things that God does in our lives always. The Psalms in the Bible help us in our worship and praise of the Living God!

Let us take time to read Psalm 68 in our daily Bible reading. A college friend's Mama died recently and she is remembered for her two hours of faithful daily Bible reading and for her time spent in earnest, sincere prayer. We are thankful for people here and everywhere who set a wonderful Christian example for others.

Elohim, one of the names for God means the All-Powerful One, the Creator. Elohim is found 26 times in Psalm 68. This name for God is found 2,300 times in the Bible. Our God, the One and Only Living God, is always the defender and provider.

Elohim, one of the names for God teaches us that He is the All-Powerful Creator of the universe. Our God know all, creates all, and is everywhere at all times. The name of God in Genesis 1:1 is Elohim.

Several other names for the God of the Bible are My Great Lord, The God Most High, The Eternal God, and The Lord will Provide. Let me challenge you today to choose one of the names for God and ask yourself, "What does it mean to me personally?"

We pray for the children and families who come and participate in VBS. May the Lord help us as we reach out to others in His name. Our prayer is that we will be missionaries for Jesus Christ as we have opportunities to share our faith with others. Let our praise be evident for the Lord today in our words and deeds. People around us need for us to live out the Gospel daily. We must trust the All-Powerful Creator and Redeemer for the strength and wisdom we need now.

Praise be to God!

Psalm 68:35

Love and prayers,

Pastor Joe

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 2 Penny Martin
Andrew Thomas
Chad LaBounty
June 3 Lauren Monday
June 5 Lisa Slate Ackerman
June 6 Ben Workinger
June 7 Linda Poore
June 8 Peggy J. Ramsey
June 9 Judy Nester
June 11 Tammy Lynn Reel
June 18 Jeffrey Ferguson
June 19 Brittany Hausley
June 21 Barbara Cannaday
June 23 Kenneth Keen, Jr.
Allen Beach, Jr.
June 24 Alice S. Brown
June 27 Daisy Barnes
Lois T. Ferguson
June 28 Heather Piel
June 29 Garry Barrow

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2 Tracey M. Foley
July 3 Brenda Ferguson
July 9 Violet Frith
Sharon M. Hall
Della Chapman
Bill Young
July 10 Tamie Foley
July 13 Jesse Cannaday
July 17 Brandi Barrett
July 18 Imogene McMillian
July 21 Betty R. Martin
July 22 Jean Swain
July 24 Nell Cannaday
July 25 David Keen
July 26 Sherri Mason
July 27 Betty Jo Foley
July 29 Beth Howell
Mike Weaver

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 Mountain Rd. Rocky Mt, 24151

*Wanda Stone
Shelbern Meeks

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

Grady Snead - Room 312



Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Michael Forbes, who passed away on Thursday, March 29, 2018. Mike was a former member of OLBC and the son of the late John and Lillian Forbes.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Betty Sparks, who passed away on Friday, March 30, 2018. Mrs. Sparks was a member of OLBC and the sister of Shirley Tobler and Nancy Fain, who are also members.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Buren Furrow, Jr., who passed away on Sunday, April 1, 2018. Mr. Furrow was Jesse Cannaday's cousin.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Lovelene Lewis, who passed away on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Mrs. Lewis was the sister of Shirley Tobler and Nancy Fain, who are members of OLBC.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Hilda Plaster, who passed away on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Hilda was a long-time member of OLBC and will be missed by all.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Conrad Lankford, who passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Mr. Lankford was the son-in-law of Mary Hodges.



THANK YOU

OLBC Family:

I feel blessed beyond measure to be a recipient of the Jones Educational Scholarship Fund for the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you for the generous gift financially to help me continue my education at Averett University as a junior in the fall of 2018. Throughout my sophomore school year Joshua 1:9 and Jeremiah 29:11 have helped lead, guide and direct me. Thank you for praying, encouraging, and supporting me! I will continue to make you proud by staying involved on campus and in the community through outreaching opportunities. Wherever He leads I'll go, Hannah Glass

Dear OLBC,

Thank you so much for accepting my request for the scholarship. This will help me in my quest of 4 years at Ferrum College to better myself and major in Athletic Training and minor in Business Management. Thank you again and I am really appreciative.

Sincerely, Jacob Glass



There will be Deacon Nominations on **Sunday, June 17**. Start now to prayerfully seek God's

guidance on who He is calling to serve you at Oak Level Baptist Church. Current deacons serving are: Jesse Cannaday (rotating off), Betty Jo Foley (rotating off), Lance Frith, Ben Morris, Lee Pettit, Elmer Stone (rotating off), Donna Winebarger, and Sue Young (rotating off).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to: **Sommer Carter**, great-niece of Dennis and Brenda "Nana" Ferguson, who graduated from Bassett High School. Sommer will attend Patrick Henry Community College and will play for their Volleyball team; **Jacob Glass**, son of Rev. Joe and Kim Glass, who graduated from Bassett High School. Jacob will be attending Ferrum College in the fall. He plans to play on the tennis team; **Mary Katherine Houston**, grand-daughter of Art and Betty Jo Foley, who graduated from Bassett High School and Patrick Henry College. She will attend Radford University in the fall; **Alanna Keaton**, grand-daughter of Riley and Geraldine Williams, who graduated from Bassett High School. She will attend Patrick Henry Community College in the fall; **Taylor Ramsey**, daughter of Kendall and Susan Ramsey and grand-daughter of Ethel Jones, who graduated from Franklin County High School. She is currently in cosmetology school; **Matthew Pate**, grandson of Jesse and Barbara Cannaday, who graduated from UNC-Greensboro; and **Ian Taylor**, son of John and Sherry Taylor and grandson of James and Edna Seay. Ian graduated from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC with a BS in Journalism and a minor in Media Studies.



RECEIPIENTS OF THE JONES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Oak Level Baptist Church awarded three scholarships from the Jones Educational Fund. The recipients of the fund are:

1. **Jacob Glass** - Son of Pastor Joe and Kim Glass.
2. **Hannah Glass** - Daughter of Pastor Joe and Kim Glass.
3. **Mary Katherine Houston** - Daughter of Steve and Leslie Houston and grand-daughter of Arthur and Betty Jo Foley.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The Nominating Committee will soon begin enlisting Officers, Teachers, and Committee members for the 2018-2019 church year. Prayerfully consider how God can use you to serve others at Oak Level Baptist Church and minister to the community. Officers, Teachers, and Committee members will be voted on at the August 15th Business Meeting.



CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

Vacation Bible School will be held **Sunday, June 3 through Thursday, June 7**, for ages 4 - 18. Registration will begin on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. and VBS will start each evening at 6:00 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. There will be crafts, music, and Bible lessons with a sports theme. Each evening the children will learn about a champion in the Bible. The van will be available for anyone that needs transportation. There will be a meal provided each evening. Thursday night will be Family Night with a cookout and presentation of the certificates.



**Donuts for Dad
Father's Day Brunch -
Saturday, June 16th
at 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, June 27th**, at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar through December 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.



Happy Independence Day!
Church Office will be closed **Wednesday, July 4th**. There will be no church activities or services on this day, also.



WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - June 26 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday - July 24 - 6:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION GIVING



In June, the WMU of OLBC will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser to help support the Pregnancy Center of MHC. This is one of the center's biggest fundraisers that provides 15-20% of their annual operating budget! Everyone is asked to take a baby bottle and fill it with loose change, cash, and/or checks and return them to the church on Sunday, June 24. Every cent donated helps save babies and help mothers facing crisis.



In July, you have an opportunity to purchase resources for the Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School located in the midst of three housing projects in downtown Richmond. This school is named for a prominent scholar of the 20th century. When education for African-American women was uncommon, Cooper attended and graduated from St. Augustine's University with a B.A. in mathematics. She earned a master's degree from Columbia and a Ph.D. from the University of Paris. She served as a principal of a downtown Washington D.C. school. The CBFVA's 2017-18 Mission Box project will help provide students with much needed supplies. **Please pack these items in a shoebox:** Pack of pencils, pack of pens, dry erase markers, sticky notes, hand sanitizer, and a pack of Lysol wipes. Wal-Mart or Target gift cards will also be accepted to help purchase khaki uniform pants. Monetary donations of \$5 will defray shipping and delivery costs.

Looking for some summer reading material? Missionary Stories written by the children are posted on the WMU bulletin board for you to read. These read like their obituary after they have served a life in missions.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS 

OLBC 2018 Goal - \$2,000.00

Received To Date - \$1,129.00

We are over our half way mark for the year!
Thank you for your commitment to missions giving.
You can give anytime during the year and not just during the mission emphasis weeks.



World Changers is an organization that provides more than just a weeklong mission trip; they also provide tools and training that equip students for a lifetime of missional living. **Jacob Glass** will be attending *World Changers* in Fort Pierce, FL June 9-16 with First Baptist, Bassett. Please pray for Jacob as he prepares to go and during this week.



On their website it states: "CrossRoads is at its core about missions. Originally named Camp Little CrossRoads after the house where the Baptist missions pioneer Lottie Moon lived while serving as a missionary in China in the 19th century, the purpose and mission of CrossRoads Summer Camp has been about missions from the start. CrossRoads is owned and operated by the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV). Each day, campers will have time to hear and talk with a missionary. Each summer, we host an international missionary along with local missionaries each week. CrossRoads Summer Camp provides an incredibly beautiful and peaceful setting for hearing God's call to faith and service, cultivating a missional lifestyle, and equipping missions leaders for a changing world." There are co-ed weeks and one all girls week schedule June 11 through July 14. Our own, **Hannah Glass** will be ministering with campers this year at CrossRoads as a counselor. Please pray for her and all the campers she will come in contact with this summer. It's not too late to register for summer camp! You can register your camper on their website at www.crossroadscamp.com/summer-camp.

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m.	7	8	9
Vacation Bible School - June 3 – 7 – 6:00 – 8:45 pm nightly						
10 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	11	12	13 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14	15	16 Donuts for Dad Father's Day Brunch 9:00 – 11:00 am
17 Father's Day Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Deacon Nomination	18	19	20 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23
24 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30  Pennies for the Precious	25	26 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	27 Church Council–5:30 PM PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	28	29	30

Deacon of the Month – Ben Morris

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris & Brenda Ferguson

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	2	3	4 Independence Day – Office Closed	5	6	7
8 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	9	10	11 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Brown Family Reunion Fellowship Hall	16	17	18 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21
22 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm  Pennies for the Precious	23	24 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	25 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	26	27	28 Stultz Family Reunion Fellowship Hall
29 Sunday School Social – 10:00 am Theme-Summer Vacation Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	30	31				

Deacon of the Month – Sue Young

Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Lee Pettit