

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

June/July 2020

Do you remember March 15, 2020? This was the last day we met inside the church for worship services. Then we got the message to stay at home or shelter in place since we had the covid-19 pandemic. We got to know about social distancing, face masks, quarantine, ventilators, and other words during these few months. We see the commercials on TV and the news reports as well as the news conferences.

We are praying often for everyone who is sick, the medical professionals, public safety professionals, missionaries, educators, law enforcement, and grocery store employees. We pray for the lonely, hurting, scared and anxious people. We need to support and encourage each other as often as we can.

We rejoice and give thanks for the Lord for many blessings during these few months. We trust the Lord for health, peace, strength and wisdom that He gives us. (Philippian 4:19) We are thankful for the blessings of the drive-in worship services in our church parking lot. Thanks to Brenda and Esther for leading the music. Thanks to Hannah and Jacob for helping with the technology (Facebook Live service on Wednesday evenings) and getting set up for the drive-in worship services. It has been different, but a great blessing to have the worship services from our back porch. The Lord is at work in these different and creative ways of worship outside the church building. Thanks to the OLBC church family and guests for your support and prayers. Your faithfulness in attendance and your giving is much appreciated as you support the ministry here.

Many special events have happened during these few months even while being in this pandemic and stressful time as well as being alert and cautious. God continues to do great things in and through His creation. As humans we are made in the image of God and He loves us. (John 3:16) We have heard good news as church family have encouraged each other, sent prayer cards, made phone calls, and sent text messages to be a blessing the sick and homebound. Hannah and Jacob are blessed with employment. James Seay came home from Franklin Health and Rehab. We had a celebration of college graduation for Hannah. The drive through graduation parade was wonderful and so special for Hannah here in our parking lot. Congratulations, Hannah! Drake Winebarger retired from his work at Carillion. Easter gift bags were delivered to the porches of houses where the children live. Jesse Cannaday and Kaye Moss were married on May 23. Congratulations to Jesse and Kaye.

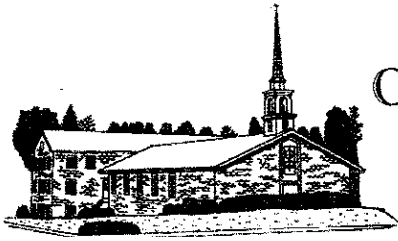
More good news – we plan to be back inside the church for 11 AM worship service only beginning Sunday, June 7. Please help with your patience and cooperation as we follow the CDC guidelines for being back in church. Our goal is for everyone to stay healthy and safe as we meet back in church again. Praise the Lord. Thank the Lord for many blessings each day. (Psalm 103: 1-2)

Have a wonderful and safe 4th of July as we celebrate freedom and peace. May the Lord give us His peace that surpasses all understanding.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Joe

Romans 8:28, Philippians 4:6-8



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Dear Members of OLBC,

The Deacons along with Pastor Joe have decided to open the sanctuary up for 11:00 AM Worship Services on June 7th. Hopefully, this will be an ongoing schedule and other programs and activities will be added in the coming weeks. To try to stay up with the changing times, the deacons will be meeting bi-monthly for the next couple of months.

Before the sanctuary is open we wanted to have the cleaning crew sanitize in the area and also sanitize the two bathrooms on the same level. We ask when you come in that you move to where you would normally sit and please allow for social distancing with other family groups. Six feet apart is about every other pew and if we can alternate from one end of the pew to the other then everyone should have plenty of room. To help you with this, you will find bulletins on the ends of the pews.

The order of service will be similar to what we are doing during the drive-in service. The words to the opening and closing songs will be printed in the bulletin.

The Offering plates will be by the doors at the front and back of the church. You will also find hand sanitizer there and in the bathrooms.

We are doing all that we can to make as many people as comfortable as possible to attend our services. If you think of something more that we can do or change, please let one of the deacons know.

No other part of the church is open yet for Children's Church, Sunday School, or use of the Fellowship Hall. Use of the Fellowship Hall would involve sanitizing before and after so we are asking that as of right now that it not be used for Family Reunions and other events during June-August.

Smiling faces and waves will abound on Sunday, June 7th!

Thank you for your cooperation and willingness to make changes.

Your OLBC Deacons,

Brenda Ferguson
Robert Gillispie

Betty Jo Foley
Chuck LaBounty

Lance Frith
Donna Winebarger

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 9 Judy Nester

June 11 Tammy Lynn Reel

June 17 Brendon Strawbridge

June 18 Jeffrey Ferguson

June 19 Brittany Hausley

June 23 Kenneth Keen, Jr.
 Allen Beach, Jr.

June 24 Alice S. Brown

June 27 Daisy Barnes

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 David Keen

July 26 Sherri Mason

July 27 Betty Jo Foley

July 29 Beth Howell

July 31 Mike Weaver

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

- *Avis Gray - Room 364
- *Shirley Tobler - Room 341
- *Bill Young - Room 264
- Sue Meeks - Room 213

Fork Mountain Rest Home,
2925 Fork Mountain Rd.,
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

- *Mildred Ramsey

WITH SYMPATHY

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Peggy Ramsey, who passed away on Thursday, March 26, 2020. Peggy had been a member of Oak Level Baptist Church for many years.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Rev. Edgar Ferrell, who passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2020. Rev. Ferrell and his wife, Betty served here at OLBC from 1957-1959.



Congratulations to Jesse Cannaday and Kaye Moss, who were married on Saturday, May 23, 2020!

ACTIVITIES CANCELLED

All calendar and church events are cancelled at this time for June, July, and August except for worship services on Sundays at 11:00 am. If you have questions, please contact any of the deacons or Pastor Joe.

Deacon of the Month

June - Donna Winebarger
 July - Lance Frith

Counters of the Month

June - Ben Morris and Nancy Turner
 July - Donna Winebarger and Lance Frith

Sick & Shut-in

Don't forget to pray for our sick and shut-ins.



PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Members

- *Stacy Seay
- *Bunny Thomasson
- *Mary Hodges
- *Daisy Barnes
- *Ethel Jones
- *May Seay
- *Carroll Draper
- *Nancy Turner
- *Nancy Barnhart
- *Sue Young

Family Members and Friends

- Denise Alley
- Iris Joyce
- Curtis Carter
- Mary Ann Turner
- Ellie Mae Setliff
- Kaylie Brooks
- Harley Harrison
- Stephen Morris
- Nathaniel Hanks
- Debbie Murphy
- Doug Love
- Bill Mays
- Barbara Manuel
- Brenda Lawson
- Ed Boggs
- Mike Davis
- Michella Boarman
- Greg Lewis
- Gilbert Ayers
- Henry Clary

Happy
 Father's
 Day

June 21, 2020



- Lenzie Boswell - Franklin County High School
- Hannah Glass - Averett University
- Matthew Thompson - Franklin Co. High School
- Megan Thompson - Liberty University

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. **Katie Houston** - Daughter of Steve and Leslie Houston and grand-daughter of Art and Betty Jo Foley.
3. **William Clark** - Son of Joey and Rhonda Clark and grandson of Betty Jo and Art Foley.



There will be Deacon Nominations on **Sunday, June 21**. 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: Lance Frith (rotating off), Brenda Ferguson, Betty Jo Foley, Robert Gillespie, Chuck LaBounty, and Donna Winebarger (rotating off).



Happy Independence Day!
The Church Office will be closed **Thursday, July 2nd** in observation of Independence Day. Please have your items for the bulletin turned

in to Sheila by Wednesday morning before 10:00 am.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS

OLBC 2020 Goal - \$2,000.00
Received To Date - \$1,054.00

"SHARE ABUNDANT LIFE"



Trustees

There will be Trustee Nominations on **Sunday, July 12**. Peggy Morris and Ken Turner will be rotating off. Trustees serve as legal officers of the church. Once approved at the August Business Meeting, they must be approved by the Henry County Circuit Court Judge. Trustees serve a 10 year term.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The Nominating Committee will soon begin enlisting Officers, Teachers, and Committee members for the 2020-2021 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 12th Business Meeting.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for allowing me to receive the Jones Scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year. The scholarship will help me to continue my education at Ferrum College as I try to reach my goal of becoming a Physical Education teacher. I appreciate your support and prayers.

Thanks, Jacob Glass

