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What Would Jesus Do?

In Charles Sheldon's book "*In His Steps*" we find ourselves in the town of Raymond where life is much like it is in other towns around the country. People have responsibilities and go about their busy affairs day in and day out. Sheldon introduces us to many of the upstanding and church-going citizens of the community, and we get a peek into who they are, what they think, and the role religion has on their experience.

Before too many pages, though, we notice a haunting theme. In spite of all of their religious activity and good-sounding words they have completely missed the heart of what it means to follow Jesus. They are a modern example of the busy men in the Samaritan story who see the hurting man lying by the side of the road bleeding and unconscious from his wounds. "Poor man, something should be done for him," they think as they cross over to the opposite side of the highway to hurry on to their next important appointment.

A few of the folks in Raymond are challenged by their own inconsistencies. "How is it that we say one thing, yet do quite another?" They begin to ask themselves a very simple question when faced with choices and challenges in their daily lives. "What would Jesus do?" It becomes a useful tool that transforms religious people who enjoy pursuing good things into godly people who hunger to allow Christ to live through them.

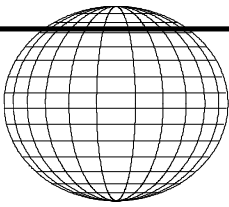
"I have been mistreated by someone." How would Jesus react? "I just don't get along with certain folks." How would Jesus relate to them? "Some very ugly things have been said in our business sessions and church gatherings." What would Jesus say? "People from far away places move into my community and seek out help and friendship." What would Jesus do? "The fields are white unto harvest, but I am unwilling to step into the fields." Where would we find Jesus? "I am critical of my brothers and sisters and don't mind telling others how I feel." What would Jesus think of such attitudes and words? "I see hurting people everyday, and I do hope someone helps them, but I am very busy taking care of my own needs." What would be Jesus' command?

To be hearers of the Word only and fail to flesh out the love of Christ by our deeds pitifully misses God's design and purpose. All of our thoughts, words, and actions should be carefully measured by the standards the Lord has set before us. We will be pleasantly surprised by the results.

*Love is always patient,
Love is always kind,
Love is never envious
Or vaunted up with pride.
Nor is she conceited,
And never is she rude,
Never does she think of self
Or ever get annoyed.*

*She never is resentful,
Is never glad with sin,
But always glad to side with truth,
Whene'er the truth should win.
She bears up under everything,
Believes the best in all,
There is no limit to her hope,
And never will she fall.*

What would Jesus do? He would love.



Reaching Out to the World

Oak Level Baptist Church now has its own Website at "www.OakLevelBaptist.org"! We invite you to drop by, check out the useful information, and share our address with others.

This site is designed with "Internet evangelism" in mind. You will quickly discover that there are some pages and links that are not directly related to our local ministry. That is by design. We are striving to provide general information in which many will be interested, whether they are members of Oak Level or not.

With your help we will offer valuable insight into life in our area. Visitors will discover what is happening in the community, within the Henry County Baptist Association, with our young people, and of course, with the ministries and opportunities at Oak Level Baptist

As the months go by, we would like to add more calendar events, school and community happenings, sporting activity schedules, recreational events, area attractions and history, and many other useful pages and links. The Website will be constantly growing and changing. Our prayer is that it will be a valuable outreach tool touching lives around the world.

From the main or "Home" page you can branch off to other ministry and news items that speak to such topics as prayer, Bible study, family devotions, youth ministry, WMU projects, missions, and many other creative outreach tools and ideas. We even have an online Gospel tract!

As friends, members, and guests knock on our "cyber-door" we will stand ready to invite them in to get to know us even better. We want this Website to be another tool that will be used to build bridges and relationships to the Lord. We will value your ideas and willingness to make yourself available to "go and make disciples" as we serve together in this partnership.

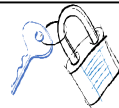
We've not even begun to scratch the surface of the possibilities that exist through technology, but we are excited about what will become of "www.OakLevelBaptist.org" and how this new ministry effort will touch hearts within our borders and beyond. Commit yourself to learn more, and become involved in what lies ahead!



Youth Sunday Worship Service October 9, 2011.

The Youth will be leading the Sunday Worship Service, including the preaching, prayers, and music.

Please make plans to be present on this special Sunday to give support and encouragement to our youth.



CHURCH LOCKS HAVE BEEN CHANGED

During the August Business Meeting, it was voted that due to safety concerns, the locks on the church doors would be changed. New keys will be assigned to designated people, such as Deacons, Chairpersons and Personnel.

Please note: unless you have been designated a new key, your old keys will not fit the locks. If you reserve the church for an event, you will need to contact the Church Office at 276-629-7973 to be issued a key to the church.

October Birthdays

Oct. 01 Sherry S. Taylor
Oct. 02 Steven McMillan
Oct. 04 James Snead
Oct. 05 Benny Young
Oct. 07 Paul McKee
Oct. 09 Bobby Haulsey
Oct. 10 Jane Workerger
Jody K. Underwood
James Keaton
Oct. 14 Rhonda Seay
Oct. 15 Moir Foley
Oct. 16 Rosa D. Stone
Oct. 18 Justin Spencer
Oct. 20 Shirley Tobler
Oct. 23 Ricky McDaniel
Dot Wray
Oct. 24 Joanne Hurd
Ronnie Brown
Charlie Lumpkin
Caleb Howell
Oct. 26 Howard Holcomb
Oct. 27 Dave Judson
Debi Wells
Mark Forbes
Oct. 28 David Lee Franklin
Oct. 29 Linda Gaines
Oct. 30 Betty S. Sparks
Taylor Biggs
Oct. 31 Jed Coleman
Nancy Hale
Dan Nunley

November Birthdays

Nov. 02 Charlie Ramsey
David Hurd, Sr.
Nov. 03 Gary Thomas
Nov. 04 Marcia Miles
Nov. 05 Kyle Scott
Nov. 08 Jason Howell
Nov. 10 Nancy Turner
Nov. 11 Jordan Gilley
Nov. 12 Bettie Snead
J.T. Young
Nov. 17 Bunny Thomasson
Nov. 18 Donna Gilbert
David Tuttle
Nov. 20 Kristi Thomas
Nov. 24 Dolores Thompson
Nov. 25 Stephen Brown
Betty Turner

REHAB & REST HOME RESIDENTS

Blue Ridge Manor,
P.O. Box 4904, Martinsville, VA 24112
Alice Martin - Room 205

Blue Ridge Rehab,
P.O. Box 4904, Martinsville, VA 24112
*Glen Young - Room 216
Doris Gusler - Room 127

Blue Ridge Nursing Ctr.,
P.O. Box 459, Stuart, VA 24171
Lonnie West - Room 105

Fork Mountain Rest Home,
2925 Fork Mtn. Rd. Rocky Mt, 24151
Golden Stone Howard Hodges
 Angela Mason
Hazel Sizemore *Lillian Forbes
Pauline Martin Angela Mason

Hanson Home
162 Krontz Dr., Bassett, VA 24055
*Betty Sue Sparks

Harmony Hall
P.O. Box 1614, Bassett, VA 24055
Louise Turner Betty Pagans
Darlene Wray

Stanleytown Health Care
P.O. Box 538, Stanleytown, VA 24168
*Charlie Ramsey Janie Keys
*Mattie Robertson Creed King

TLC Adult Home
880 Lillian Naff Dr., Henry, VA 24102
*Lora Atkins

Trinity Mission Health & Rehab,
300 Hatcher St. Rocky Mt. VA 24151
Dorothy W. Thomas Lila Thomas



*We know
that all
things work
together
for good for
those who
love God....*

Romans 8:28



IN MEMORY

Fund

Name

Fellowship Hall Carpet Fund June Franklin
Tammy Viars Cline
Ben & Mary Lou Stultz
Tom & Winnie Young



Congratulations and God's Blessings to **Savanna N. Sirt & Daniel H. Gwynn** who were united in marriage on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at Rich Acres Christian Church.

Savanna's is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael W. Sirt and Daniel is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Daryl L. Gwynn.



Sanctuary FLOWERS

Flowers placed in the Church Sanctuary on Sunday, August 21, 2011 are in loving memory of Jesse Hanks Cox and were given by his mother Esther Hanks, Sister Shana, nephew Jacob, and grandparents, Arnold & Virginia Hanks. The Angel & Dove were given by Jesse's tiny companions, Numbers and Grace.

Flowers placed in the Church Sanctuary Sunday, September 4, 2011, were given by Benny & Sue Young in loving memory of their mothers, Edith Seay Young, on her birthday, September 5th and Louise Turner West, on her birthday, September 6th.



Christian sympathy extended to Violet & Ray Frith and their family and friends on the death of Violet's sister, June Franklin, who passed away Thursday, July 21, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of James "Irvin" Adams, who passed away Monday, July 4, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Tammy Viars Cline, who passed away Thursday, July 30, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to Red & Debra Huff and their family and friends on the death of their son, Charles Andre Huff, who passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Margaret Crayton, who passed away Monday, August 8, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of William J. Meador who passed away Friday, August 6, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to Bobby & Ethylene Tatum and their family and friends on the death of Bobby's sister-in-law, Marie Ann Ferguson Tatum, who passed away Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Irene S. Scott, who passed away Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to Sallie Foster and Missy Thompson and their family and friends on the death of Sallie's brother and Missy's uncle, Kenneth Carter, who passed away Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to Marcia Miles and Heidi Hodges and their family and friends on the death of their father, Billy Clay Carter, who passed away, Friday, September 2, 2011.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for all the thoughts and prayers you sent my way while I have been recovering from surgery. I am doing better and appreciate everything so much. In Christ's Love,
Nancy Turner

We would like to thank everyone for everything the church did for us during the death and funeral of Tammy Viars Cline. Also, we want to thank you so much for the meal after the funeral. Everything was appreciated so much. Kasey Viars, David Cline & Family.

Thank you so much for the many years of using the church fellowship Hall for the Young/Pearson Reunion. We appreciate it so much.
The Young/Pearson Family

We wish to thank our church family for your prayers, visits, cards, food, errands, transportation, phone calls and all the well wishes and concern shown us during our hospital stays and recuperation. You will never know how much this has meant to us and how much we appreciate everything.
Norman & Shirley Young;
Sherry, Danny & Rosa Stone

Oak Level Baptist Church wants to thank everyone who gave to the Fellowship Hall Carpet Fund. The new carpet has been installed and looks great!

"Trunk or Treat"

Monday, October 31st, 2011 is Halloween Night. In order to give children in our Community a safe place to go "Trick or Treating", we are having a "Trunk or Treat" in the Church Fellowship Hall. Tables will be decorated, people will be in costume. Candy and other treats will be given out to the trick or treaters who stop by the church. This is great fun and a wonderful way to meet and fellowship with people around our area.

For more information please see Peggy Morris, Shirley Young, or call the Church Office.



OLBC YOUTH NOTES

The youth range from toddlers through the teens. We are active in missions and youth programs. We are Christians outreaching to other children and their families to help them learn about our Lord Jesus Christ.

The 2010 Christmas Play was written and performed by our Youth. We help with many projects, such as "Hanging of the Greens", volunteering with the Rescue Mission in Roanoke, entertain and provided treats to Fork Mountain Nursing Home during Halloween, organize crafts and hide eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, cleaning and organizing the church basement and Music Department. We have a Youth Choir that meets each week and helps with Special Music during the Sunday Worship Service. We helped give out candy at the church Trunk or Treat. For Christian Fellowship, the youth go to movies, out to eat, bowling, trips to Fairystone State Park, and attend the Shriner's Circus in Roanoke.

During the summer, Oak Level Baptist Church sponsors our youth to go to **Camp CrossRoads** for a week of learning about Jesus through worship, activities and music. We also offer Vacation Bible School and an Oak Level Community Day.

We invite youth of all ages to come and be a part of the Oak Level Baptist Youth Program.



WOMEN'S GET-A-WAY
EAGLE EYRIE
BAPTIST CONFERENCE CTR.
NOVEMBER 4-5 & 5-6, 2011

FEATURING



Jo Saxton is a director of 3DM, a movement/organization helping church leaders make discipleship and missions the heartbeat of the local church. She is a Nigerian Londoner living in Southern California, married to Chris who is a pastor. They have two young girls who keep them entertained, amazed, and a little bit tired. She is passionate that people from every walk of life encounter the transforming power of God's love.



Sally Breen, a partner of 3DM, enjoys photography, interior design, crisp autumn days and spending time with her family. She is particularly passionate about seeing people thrive wherever they are, with whatever baggage they currently have and in whatever circumstances they find themselves in Ordinary Life. She loves to bring simplicity to complex theology so that people can live it out every day.

Keith Tan - he's coming back as our worship leader! You will truly be blessed once again through his ministry of music.

If you would be interested in attending this conference with us, please see Donna Winebarger or call the Church Office for more information.



OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will be collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year. Be looking in the Pew Pockets for information about gift ideas and how to pack your boxes. **The last date to have your shoeboxes at the church will be Sunday, November 13, 2011.**

ALMA HUNT 2011 OFFERING
FOR VIRGINIA MISSIONS

OAK LEVEL BAPTIST CHURCH GOAL
\$1,000.00
TOTAL TO DATE: \$765.00

Thank you to all who have given to the Alma
Hunt Offering for VA Missions

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS 

OLBC Annual Goal - \$3,000.00
Total to date - \$2,517.00



GRACE NETWORK

Include these items on your shopping list when you go to the Grocery Store. Bring them to the church and we will deliver them to Grace Network.

- Food Items for October & November are**
Boxed Potato Products - (13 oz.)
Deodorant - Toilet Paper
Dish Detergent - Laundry Detergent.

Next 2 WMU Meetings:
October 25, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.
November 22, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

