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“SHARING THE JOURNEY”

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Psalm 100:1-5 (NIV) ***“Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness: come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His: we are His people, the sheep in His pasture. Enter His gates with Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.”***

In this beautiful Psalm, it calls for all men to praise and worship the Lord because He is God and because He is good. We can see that the true God has the power to create. We can see the goodness of God is seen in his steadfast love and his faithfulness.

Throughout the last few months we have truly seen the true power of our Lord. He is always working through us. Each week we have been blessed with a servant of God who has been willing to come and share the word of God with us. We have had many different Men of God come. What a blessing that these servants are willing to see the need throughout the world. Thanks be to God for these men.

As our Transition Committee continues to search for the right person for an Interim Pastor, I know that God has already selected someone for us. We just have to be patient while He is preparing him for us. I ask each of you to continue to support our church, that you to continue to worship the Lord with gladness and come to Him with joyful hearts. I ask each of you to set aside some extra time each day to pray and ask God's blessings upon the Transition Committee, that His will be done.

Our prayer is to select someone for our Interim Pastor that is a person of God, someone who can help our church during this time when we are looking for a pastor. Please know that we are preparing to start selecting a Pastor Search Committee. Pray that God will find ways to use you. On the Sundays of April 10, 17, & 24, 2011, we will have Special Prayer Meetings before the Worship Service. It will only last a few minutes. This special time is to prepare our hearts for what God would have each of us to do. This is between you and God. Please don't take this blessing from yourself or others. Be present so we can together lift up our prayer requests to the Lord. We know His faithfulness continues through all generations. We sincerely need to depend on our Lord Jesus Christ now more than ever.

I have said all these things because I feel we need to work harder for Oak Level Baptist Church and for our community. I believe that we have more to offer than any other group in our community. I truly believe if we would continue to work hard and work together we could see great things happen in our church. When great things happen, it will radiate into the community and into our homes. Isn't this what we want? Most of all, we need to remember the words of David, the Psalmist, ***“Serve the Lord with gladness.”*** Thank you to all that work so hard. I sincerely appreciate and love each of you.

Love in Christ,
Betty Jo Foley, Deacon Chairman

April Birthdays

Apr. 3 Shirley Draper
April Draper
Apr. 5 April Gammons
Apr. 4 Meaghan Poore
Apr. 10 Mary Hodges
Deborah Thomas
Apr. 11 Brittany Rodgers
Apr. 15 Alexandra Gill
Apr. 16 Kim C. Dickerson
Joseph Pierce
Jonathan Pierce
Sherry Y. Stone
Jacki Tuttle
Apr. 17 Dana Young
Apr. 18 Laura Workinger
Apr. 19 Barbara Hodges
Apr. 20 April M. Haulsey
Virginia Metz
Apr. 22 Wilbern Meeks
Apr. 26 Carroll Draper
Apr. 27 Bill Chapman
Randall Turner
Tammy Viars
Apr. 28 Caroline Snead
Randy Trull
Apr. 29 Bruce Thompson
Apr. 30 John Wilson

May Birthdays

May 3 Genell W. Parker
Audie Atkins
Debra Brown
May 12 Carolyn Seay
David Hurd, Jr.
May 13 Barbara C. Flora
May 14 Michael Snead
Hazel Harrison
Norman Young
Nancy Felter
May 15 Erma McKee
Kasey Viars
May 18 Patricia Handy
Teresa D. Seay
May 19 Regina Atkins
May 22 Allison Snead
May 23 Logan Coleman
May 24 Marie Anderson
Jeanette Crum
May 25 Tyler Tilley
May 29 Belva Turner
May 30 May Seay
Whitni Wright

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

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
Hazel Sizemore *Lillian Forbes

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 24161
Janie Keys Creed King
*Mattie Robertson

Trinity Mission Health & Rehab,
300 Hatcher St. Rocky Mt. VA 24151



**CHRIST THE LORD
IS RISEN TODAY!**

IN MEMORY

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Name</u>
General Funds	Irene W. Hylton John Metz Marie Stone Nora Thompson



GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT

Oak Level Baptist Church will have a **Gospel Music Concert on Sunday, May 29, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.** with various vocalists performing.

After the Music Presentation a light reception will be held in the Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend!

Please invite your friends and neighbors to come for a wonderful night of Christian Music, Love, and Fellowship.



2011 GRADUATION

If you know of someone who is graduating in 2011 and would like their name to be included in the June/July Church Newsletter, please call the Church Office at 276-629-7973 or e-mail the church at olbc@comcast.net with the graduating persons name degree, school, parents name, etc.



Remember To Pray

With Sympathy

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Marie Brown Stone who passed away Sunday, January 30, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Nannie Dalton Mays, who passed away Monday, January 31, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to Wilbern Meeks and his family and friends on the death of his cousin, Reva Mills Dillon Hammock, who passed away Wednesday, February 09, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to Wilbern Meeks and his family and friends on the death of his aunt, Lona Pagans who passed away Friday, January 28, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to Douglas Kyle Frith and his family and friends on the death of his wife, Ella T. Frith, who passed away Saturday, February 19, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Roger L. Barnes, who passed away Saturday, February 19, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Bradie A. Anderson, who passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Debra Lynch Prillaman, who passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to Virginia Metz and her family and friends on the death of her husband, John W. Metz, who passed away Saturday morning, March 06, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to Esther Hanks and her family and friends on the death of her aunt, Ann Morris Hale, who passed away March 6, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Martha Peters Donovan, who passed away Friday, March 11, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of James Woody Young, who passed away Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to Brenda & Dennis Ferguson on the death of Brenda's brother, Fonzo Ayers, Sr., who passed away Friday, March 25, 2011.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone at Oak Level Baptist Church for all the prayers, visits, cards, and other concerns shown us during the passing of Annie Bell Howell. We appreciate all the kind thoughts and deeds. The Family of Annie Bell Howell

Please accept our sincere thank you for all the prayers, kindness and concern you have shown us during the illness of Myrta. We both appreciate it so much. Rev. Richard & Myrta Harrison

Church Family, thank you so much for letting me use the Fellowship Hall. The Baby Shower for my granddaughter, Heywood Thomas, was very nice and I appreciate you letting me use the kitchen and the fellowship hall. Peggy Ramsey

Alleluia!
HE IS ALIVE!



EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, along with crafts, games, and a snack will be provided. All ages are invited to attend.

CANDY & PLASTIC EGGS NEEDED

Donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy are still needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please have those items at the church by Wednesday, April 20th, 2011.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We also need **VOLUNTEERS** at the Easter Egg Hunt to help with preparing snacks, hiding eggs, serving food, helping with games, and other activities. For more information, please see Peggy Morris.

Calling All Cooks! *Cooking with Virginia Baptists*



Let's Share cooking with others! The VBMB and WMUV are seeking a few good recipes to go into a new Virginia Baptist Cookbook. The Cookbook will be available at the November BGAV annual meeting in Richmond. All proceeds will go toward a Specific Virginia Baptist hunger-related ministry. Please submit your recipes to Paige Peak at paige.peak@vbmb.org by July 1, 2011.



Camp CrossRoads Presentation

Monday, March 21, 2011, Rosa Stone, our Camp CrossRoads Ambassador, presented a program to our youth and their parents who are interested in attending Camp CrossRoads. A poster describing activities and inspirational opportunities along with a video of camp outings and recreational events was shown. Brochures of Camp CrossRoads were handed out as Rosa described a typical day at the camp and answered questions by those interested in attending.

The Youth plan to attend Camp CrossRoads during the week of June 27 through July 2, with transportation provided by the church.

**Shine – an experience for all teenage girls
across Virginia, April 8-10, 2011**



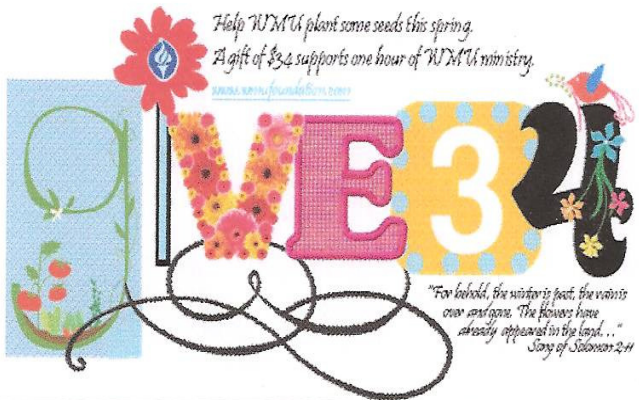
**MOM and ME 2011
(1st-5th graders)
"To Spain With Love"**

**April 29-30
April 30-May 1**

Eagle Eyre Conf Center
Lynchburg, VA

**Missions
Project:** Bring
item(s) for the His-
panic Ministry on the
Eastern Shore:
socks and under-
wear for children
age 11 and under
(no designs or
characters that
suggest violence.)

**Missions
Offering:** You will
have the opportunity
to give an offering
for the WILD Proj-
ect, a cooperative
effort to support the
Lower Northampton
CIA Heifer project.



Engage

Standing Rock "Shoes and Shades"



NEW!



Jumpers, Shorts & Dolls

Jumpers for girls and Shorts for
boys are needed for children of the
Standing Rock Reservation
in South Dakota

Jumper Pattern: Butterick B5442



Shorts for boys
should be cargo or
basketball with
elastic waists.

Make dolls for the children. Please
use tan fabric for faces of dolls. No
beads around neck.

For pattern/instructions see:
www.wmvv.org/dollpatterns or call
WMUV office.



Need by May 1st.

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Items you can send: Children's underwear, Pampers
(disposable diapers) Freezer storage bags for their
new freezer.

Send directly to Bland Ministry Center

65 Seddon St. or P.O. Box 211

Bland, VA 24315

Or bring them to the church.

Give to the
CBF Offering for
GLOBAL MISSIONS