

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

April/May 2017

Have a wonderful spring season. Let us enjoy the birds and flowers. I am thankful for the beauty of each season of the year. Rejoice in the goodness of the Lord every day. Psalm 118:24 is a great verse to learn and live by.

Be involved in the opportunities to worship and serve Jesus Christ. Please invite children to come and enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 15, from 10 am until noon. The Easter Sunrise service and breakfast is Sunday, April 16, beginning at 7:00 am. A celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior is at 11:00 am. I look forward to seeing you for these special services. Come and expect a blessing in your life.

Mr. Sam Shackelford will be our special guest for the April 30th Sunday School fellowship at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. Mr. Shackelford is the local director for Child Evangelism Fellowship. Plan to come and learn more about this wonderful ministry to help reach children in the schools for Christ.

The special CBF offering emphasis - Bearing Witness to Jesus Christ is May 14-21. On Sunday, May 21, there will be an ingathering of this mission's offering. Thank you for your faithful giving to support the ministry and mission of the church. May the Lord bless our church family as we worship, witness, serve, and give to show our love for Him.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14. Let us always give thanks for our families and pray for them. Thank you, mothers, for your love and service to your families and to the ministry of the church.

Philippians 4:13
2 Corinthians 5:17

Love and peace,
Pastor Joe

Romans 6:3-5 (NIV)

³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

LORD, we celebrate life because you have given us a new beginning. Let the resurrection story never lose its glory and power in our lives. AMEN

April Birthdays

Apr. 3 Shirley Draper
April Draper
Apr. 5 April Gammons
Apr. 7 Meaghan Poore
Apr. 8 Christopher Howell
Apr. 10 Mary Hodges
Deborah Thomas
Apr. 11 Brittany Flannagan
Apr. 15 Alexandra Gill
Apr. 16 Kim C. Dickerson
Joseph Pierce
Jonathan Pierce
Sherry Y. Stone
Melissa Thompson
Apr. 17 Dana Young
Apr. 20 April M. Haulsey
Virginia Metz
Apr. 22 Wilbern Meeks
Apr. 26 Carroll Draper
Apr. 28 Caroline Snead
Apr. 29 Bruce Thompson
Apr. 30 John Wilson

May Birthdays

May 5 Audie Atkins
Debra Brown
May 8 Mearl Boswell
Carolyn S. Fardell
David Hurd, Jr.
May 14 Michael Snead
Hazel Harrison
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 F. Hall
Jeanette Crum
May 25 Tyler Tilley
May 30 May Seay
Whitni Wright

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

*Dot Wray - Room 106 (Assisted Living)
*Avis Gray - Room 364
*Thelma Nolen - Room 162
*Shirley Tobler - Room 341
Sue Meeks - Room 213
Dorothy English

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)

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 *Josephine Ferguson

WITH SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to our church secretary, Sheila Ramsey and her family on the death of her father, Harold Chitwood, who passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2017.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Ken and Nancy Turner, their family and friends on the death of her father, Jake Divers, who passed away on Sunday, February 26, 2017.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Addis and Barbara Mabe, their family and friends on the death of her sister, Mary Melton, who passed away on Monday, March 13, 2017.

THANK YOU

How truly grateful we are to have wonderful friends like you. Your love and support for my family has been very much appreciated during this time of loss. Thank you for the prayers, cards, food, and to the many of you that attended the graveside service. That meant more than you know! I am blessed beyond measure to work together with the OLBC family.

Sheila



Sunday,
May 14, 2017



Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America.

It was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor the dead. General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, stated, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." The date of Decoration Day was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle. On that first Decoration Day at Arlington National Cemetery, 5,000 participants decorated the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

In World War I the United States was embroiled in another major conflict and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

In 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday of May.



COMING IN SEPTEMBER

OLBC 80th Anniversary
Celebration &
Homecoming

If you are interested in helping with the planning, please come to a planning session on **April 5th at 5:30 pm.**



Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, **April 16th.**

Sunrise Service starts at 7:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast to follow

Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service starts at 11:00 a.m.



Oak Level Baptist Church will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 15, 2017**, from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. All ages are invited to attend! There will be crafts, food, and prizes. Donations of individually wrapped candy 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, April 12th. Also needed is your help! Please make plans to help stuff Easter Eggs on Wednesday, April 12th at 5:30 p.m. before the Business meeting.



DO YOU HAVE ANYONE GRADUATING?

If you know someone that is graduating from high school or college this year, please call the Church Office at 276-629-7973 to give your information or email the church at olbc@comast.net by **April 30th**. Graduates will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, May 21st.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, May 3rd**, at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar through September 2017. 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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Martinsville/Henry County National Day of Prayer is **Thursday, May 4th**. The Ministerial Association of Martinsville and Henry County is sponsoring three events: **1.** All day prayer: 9 AM- 6PM "Drop-In" Prayer in New College Institute classroom. Everyone is welcomed to stop by and pray for any length of time. **2.** Noon Prayer at two locations: Jack Dalton Park (130 Jack Dalton Rd, Collinsville, VA 24078) and the Historic Henry County Court House (1 East Main St. Martinsville, VA 24112) Use your lunch break to pray with others. **3.** Prayer Service 6 PM at New College Institute (191 Fayette St. Martinsville, VA 24112). Contact Janet Mangold at 276-732-6844 or wellspring.jan@gmail.com for more information.

RECIPES FOR COOKBOOK

Give your recipe for the 2017 Church Cookbook to Kim Glass soon. She is coming to the end of compiling all the recipes and will soon have it ready to print. The cookbook will be sold as a fundraiser for our children and youth.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Vacation Bible School will be a one-day event on **Saturday, June 17th from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm.** The theme is Barnyard Roundup Jesus Gathers Us Together. All children ages 3 and up are invited to come for a time of praise, singing, crafts, missions and learning about Jesus.



The one day event will be on **Saturday, August 26, 2017.** This is a designated day that we share Christ's love with the community; at the local grocery store, laundry mat, fire and rescue station, nursing home and many others.



WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - April 25 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - May 23 - 6:30 p.m.

WMU ANNUAL MEETING

The HCBA Annual WMU meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017** at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Axton. Registration and dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. Pre-service music will begin at 6:15 p.m. and the program will start at 6:30 p.m. Special guest speaker will be Dr. Judith Szulecki, local dermatologist. Dr. Szulecki will share about her many mission trips to Honduras.

EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE MAYBERRY

The Oak Level WMU is sponsoring a trip to Mount Airy, NC. We will leave **Friday evening, April 28th** and spend Saturday exploring the town. Cost is \$50 for a double occupancy room. Meals are on your own. We will return to Oak Level around 6:00PM on Saturday. See Donna Winebarger for further details. The \$50 deposit is due by April 23rd.

CAMPAIGN140

TAKE IT TO THE TOP!

The WMU of Virginia are renovating CrossRoads Camp and conference Center 'paying as we go" one project at a time. This year the WMUV want to add an elevator to Hunt Hall at CrossRoads. Hunt Hall includes the dining hall, kitchen, auditorium, and meeting space. Prayerfully consider your tax-deductible financial gift to WMUV by **May 31, 2017**. Donate online at wmuv.org or mail your gift to: Take it to the Top, WMUV, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294. Make checks payable to WMUV.



SHINE

April 8-9, 2017
Eagle Eyrie Baptist
Conference Center

Come join girls high school age learn about missions, give to missions, and pray for missions. You can register online at wmuv.org/events/shine.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS

OLBC 2017 Goal - \$2,000.00
Received To Date - \$375.00

BEARING
WITNESS
TO JESUS CHRIST



Special offering emphasis will be
May 14 - 21, 2017

The theme for this year's offering is Bearing Witness to Jesus Christ, focusing on one of the commitments of CBF Global Missions. We bear witness to the Gospel through words that invite faith and actions that embody the way of Jesus. This year, we are invited to journey with CBF and discover the ways that God is working alongside field personnel bearing witness to Jesus Christ in Thailand, China, Southern Kentucky and in the poorest counties in the United States.

MOM AND ME 2017

April 28-29 OR 29-30, 2017

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center

Join girls in grades 1-6 along with their moms learn more about Slovakia. Missionary Ilga Melo and her daughter Heidi will share their experiences on the mission field. You can register online at wmuv.org/events/mom-and-me.



Each year in the Spring and Fall CrossRoads hosts two statewide Volunteer Events. It's a great opportunity to fellowship and serve with other Christians across the state of Virginia. You'll work hard during the days, and in the evenings enjoy time together in worship, fellowship, playing games, roasting smore's and telling stories by the fireside. Projects vary from event to event and there is something for everyone. There is no cost for these events. CrossRoads provides your lodging and meals as a small token of their gratitude. This year's Spring event is scheduled **May 12-14, 2017**. You can register for this volunteer service by calling 434-277-8465.

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Mission Madness at Madison Height BC March 31 – April 2
2 Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	3	4	5 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. 80 th Anniversary Meeting 5:30 PM PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8
9 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	10	11 HCBA Annual WMU Meeting at Mount Vernon Baptist 6:30 p.m.	12 Fill Easter Eggs 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am – 12 noon
16 EASTER Sunrise Serv. & Breakfast – 7:00 am Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	17	18	19 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22
23 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm  Pennies for the Precious	24	25 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	26 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	27	28	29 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">WMU Sponsored Trip to "Mayberry" – Mount Airy, NC</div>
30 Sunday School Social – 10:00 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm						

Deacon of the Month – Betty Jo Foley

Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Lance Frith

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Church Council 5:30 p.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4 National Day of Prayer	5	6
7 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	8	9	10 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	15	16	17 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20
CBF Offering Emphasis - Bearing Witness to Jesus Christ - May 14 - 21						
21 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Ingathering of CBF Offering	22	23 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	24 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	25	26	27
28 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm  Pennies for the Precious	29 Memorial Day	30	31 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.			

Deacon of the Month – Peggy Morris

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Homer Hodges