

Oak Level Baptist Church

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“SHARING THE JOURNEY”

August/September 2013

"They Never Did Anything for Me"

When is the last time you heard someone defend their uncooperative position or negative attitude toward someone else by justifying their conviction with, "*They never did anything for me*"? When is the last time you made such a statement? It may have been about a church, a Sunday School class, an individual, or a particular ministry you were invited to share in. "*Thanks, but no thanks. I'm not going to get anything out of it, so why should I take part?*"

Jesus Christ never made such a thoughtless, selfish, and arrogant remark. And thank God He didn't, because truly, how many of us would be found wanting, having done nothing for Christ? Think about it. Most of the religious things we busy ourselves with are not for Him, they are for us. We wrap ourselves up in myriad activities and busyness, struggle trying to figure out how we can make it work, complain and become frustrated in our efforts, and in the end bear little or no fruit that yields eternal benefits. In other words, we put on an active show with lots of fluff, trying to mask our unwillingness to become living sacrifices, but hardly a soul is introduced to Jesus Christ or nurtured in regards to spiritual things.

What Jesus desires is that we become so identified with Him that others cannot tell us apart. He looks for holiness, obedience, sacrifice, humility. Isn't it most curious how we can look so cleaned up on Sunday morning only to discover that come Monday we are wallowing in the same filth and ugliness that those of the world find pleasure in?

"I'm not going to give anything to that church, because they never did anything for me." "I'm not going to take part in that ministry effort, because they never did anything for me." It's all about me and my wants. If I am lifted up, if I receive some benefit, or at least if there is some reciprocity, then I might consider a greater commitment.

It is sad to hear someone at church respond, "*They never did anything for me*" when the invitation is given to become involved in another's life or misfortune. How it must honor the Lord when another chooses to be helpful and supportive, even quietly sacrificial, in order to be an example of the Master Giver.

Jesus Christ should be our example and mentor. He is the one we should be striving to imitate, and His response by word and action was always, "*I have not come to be served but to serve.*" No matter that most have never really "*done anything for Him*," His love is unconditional and enduring. Oh, that we in our relationships and partnerships would grow into the full measure of Christ so that we would respond, "*How may I minister to you to bring glory to God and help you find His best?*"

Rev. Steve Manuel

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 1 Ken Meeks
Addis Mabe
Aug. 2 James I. Seay, Jr.
Aug. 4 Victoria Lynn Chaney
Aug. 09 Matthew Thompson
Aug. 10 Mike Forbes
Cheryl Newman
Aug. 12 Shirley Ramsey Gilbert
Aug. 14 Joan Frith
Aug. 16 Dwayne Wright
Aug. 17 Sarah Surratt
Aug. 19 Michelin Hall
Joshua Rodgers
Louise Webb
Morgan Branscome
Aug. 22 Andy Webb
Aug. 23 Mary Stegall
Aug. 24 Wayne Miles
Aug. 26 Austin Boggs
Aug. 27 Thelma Nolen
Aug. 28 Allison Seay
Aug. 29 Darnell Boyd
Aug. 31 Ersie Hurd



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 01 Julie Geyer
Sept. 04 Vicki Lumpkin
Elmer Stone
Sept. 05 Esther Hanks
Alexis Donovan
Sept. 06 Maury Miles, Jr.
Edna Seay
Shirley Spencer
Kimberly Wingfield
Sept. 08 Ken Turner
Matthew Thompson
Sept. 09 Wesley Wells
Justin Peak
Abby Tilley
Sept. 11 Kaylee Grace Pettit
Sept. 14 Jim McMillian
Sept. 15 Steve Manuel
Sept. 16 Dennis Ferguson
Sept. 18 Joe Spencer
Sept. 21 Barbara Manuel
Sept. 22 Nicholas Martin
Sept. 24 Ashley K. Stanley
Sept. 26 Miranda Bousman
Sept. 29 Lenzie Erin Boswell
Sept. 30 Amber Foley

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

Golden Living Center,
1607 Spruce St. Martinsville, VA, 24112
*Glen Young

Blue Ridge Nursing Ctr.,
P.O. Box 459, Stuart, VA 24171
Viola Turner Thelma Love

Fork Mountain Rest Home,
2925 Fork Mtn. Rd. Rocky Mt, 24151
*Dianne Chitwood *Lillian Forbes
Howard Hodges Hazel Sizemore
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

Stanleytown Health Care Ctr.,
240 Riverside Drive, Bassett, VA 24055

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Flowers placed in the Sanctuary on Father's Day, June 16, 2013 were given by Benny & Sue Young in loving memory of their fathers, Conrad S. Young and Lonnie R. West.

Flowers placed in the Church Sanctuary on Sunday, June 23, 2013 were in memory of Betty Turner and given by her family.

Flowers placed in the Church Sanctuary on Sunday, July 28 were in given in honor of Marty and Franny Wright

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Anyone who would like to receive e-mails from the church and are **NOT** on our contact list, please call the Church Office at 276-629-7973 or just send a quick e-mail to us at olbc@comcast.net.



☺ Be sure to check out our website at www.oaklevelbaptist.org



DATE & TIME CHANGES IN PTS MEETINGS

Beginning August 21, 2013, our PTS (Pray, Teach & Share) meetings will change from Thursday evenings back to Wednesday evenings. We will begin meeting each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. on August 21, 2013. Please make changes in your schedule.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Brandon & Tonya Hall Barnes on the birth of their son, Lincoln Asher Barnes, born Tuesday, June 4, 2013. He weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long. He is the grandson on Janet Stultz Branscome and the great grandson of Denver Stultz.



Congratulations to Marty and Franny Wright who were married on Saturday, July 27, 2013 at Oak Level Baptist Church. Franny is the daughter of Kenny & Tammy Franklin and Marty is the son of Tim & Brenda Wright.

With Sympathy

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Susan Mason Medley, who passed away Thursday, May 30, 2013 in Rocky Mount, NC. She was the daughter of the late Merrill Mason, Jr. and Claudia Mason. She was also the sister of Sherry Mason White.

Christian sympathy extended to Jesse and Barbara Cannaday and their family and friends on the death of Jesse's aunt, Era King Furrow of Callaway, VA. She passed away on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of our dear member, Betty Turner, who passed away Monday, June 17, 2013 at her home.

Christian sympathy extended to Faye Worley Bollings and her family and friends, on the death of her husband, William Grady Bollings, who passed away, Sunday, July 14, 2013. Faye Bollings is the niece of Martha Sue Meeks.

Christian sympathy extended to James & Edna Seay on the death of Edna's nephew, Grover Walker Thomas, who passed away Wednesday, July 24. He lived in Lynchburg.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Grover & Hazel Harrison so much for taking me home from my stay at Franklin Health Care, you were so wonderful to do that for me. I would also like to thank Elmer Stone for installing a hand held shower in my bathroom to make it safer for me to take a shower. Also, thank you to everyone who sent cards, and came to visit me when I was in rehab. A special thank you to Donna Winebarger for being so faithful with her visits. Wanda Stone

Oak Level Baptist Church would like to thank everyone who provided food for the family meal after the funeral of Betty Turner. A huge thank you to the ones who worked so hard setting up tables, putting out food and, cleaning up after the meal.

Thank you to everyone at Oak Level Baptist Church for all you did for our family during the passing of our mother, Betty Turner. We appreciate the help everyone gave during the funeral and the meal that was provided afterward. The Betty Turner Family

Oak Level Baptist Church thanks all the people that helped with Log Sunday. It was a great day and everyone received a wonderful blessing. There was good food and great Christian Fellowship. This would not have been possible without everyone's help.



NEW DATES & TIMES FOR YOUTH MEETING

Youth Meetings will now be held **every other Sunday** beginning on Sunday, August 18th from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Please see Missy Thompson or call the Church Office for more information.

August Meetings

Sunday, Aug. 18 - 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

September Meetings

Sunday, Sept. 1 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 15 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 29 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



Operation In As Much is an effort to get as many church members as possible involved in a one-day missionary event to be held on **Saturday, October 12, 2013**. We are supposed to love our neighbors, but it isn't enough to say **WE** love our neighbors. It is when our actions prove it to our neighbors and **THEY** say that **WE** love them.

1. We need everyone to sign up on the poster in the Church Foyer to volunteer in whatever way (help work on projects; pray; feed workers; etc.)
2. We need ideas for projects - **Dream Big** - We would rather have many projects to select from, than hunt around for projects to do. If you know of a project that would benefit someone in the neighborhood, write it on the poster.
3. If you know a need - share it with us. If it is something urgent, that will not wait until October; let us know so we can see about getting it done.
4. For more information on **Operation Inasmuch**, contact Donna Winebarger, Sue Young, or Esther Hanks. The one day event will be on **Saturday, October 12, 2013**.





WMUV inspires and equips women to influence the world for Christ.

All ladies are invited to come to the WMU meetings and see what WMU is all about. You will have a great time of Christian fellowship while giving back by being involved in church, state and world missions. Check out the dates and times of our meetings. See Donna Winebarger or any WMU member for more information.

WMU MEETINGS FOR AUGUST & SEPT.

August 27 - WMU Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
September 24 - WMU Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

STANDING ROCK INDIAN RESERVATION

Blessings to all of you who have donated shoes, underwear, and socks for Standing Rock Reservation. Our Native American friends will be so blessed with all the outpouring of items.

The WMUV Mission Trip to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the Dakotas is only days away. Everyone is getting excited and the office is full of new shoes, undies, tote bags and socks. Thank you so much for the items that have been sent.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS 

OLBC 2013 Goal - \$4,000.00
Offering to Date - \$1636.00

You can change lives!

100 percent of your gift to CBF Offering for Global Missions will help people hear and experience the gospel of Jesus Christ.

it's about Romans 13:11-12 (CEV)

TIME



EMPHASIS DATES:
September 8-15, 2013

OFFERING GOAL:
\$1,167,500

Alma Hunt
Offering for Virginia Missions

OAK LEVEL BAPTIST CHURCH

ALMA HUNT OFFERING GOAL

\$1250.00

REGISTER
ONLINE beginning
August 1 at
<http://wmuv.org/getaway>
for online
registration or mail-in
registration form.

Women's Get-Away
November 1-2 and 2-3, 2013

wmuv.org/getaway



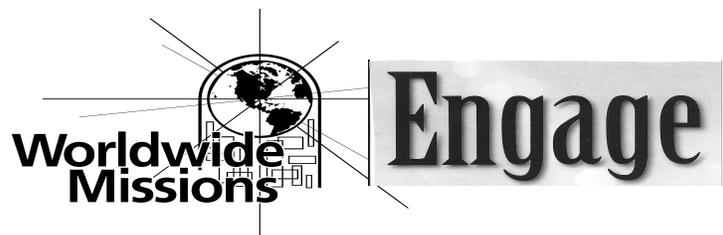
Connect • Commit • Celebrate

WMUV Annual Meeting
will be held in
between sessions,
Saturday
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Debby Akerman, Speaker

Costs for BGAV churches:
Hotel (and three meals)- \$80.00
Lodge (and three meals)- \$62.00
Commuters (day) - \$20.00
• For registration forms or information, call
WMUV office at 800-255-2428, ext. 8267,
email wmuv@wmuv.org or check the website
<http://wmuv.org/getaway>
• For specific information on lodging or
meals, contact Eagle Eyrie directly at
1-434-384-2211.

Breakouts/Conferences
will be at
<http://wmuv.org/getaway>
after August 1.

Get-Away begins with Dinner at 5:00 p.m. - Ends following lunch.





OAK LEVEL COMMUNITY DAY AT OAK LEVEL BAPTIST CHURCH

**EVERYTHING IS FREE
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Sponsored by Oak Level Baptist Church & The Oak Level Ruritan Club
7720 Oak Level Road
Bassett, VA 24055
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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

ACTIVITIES

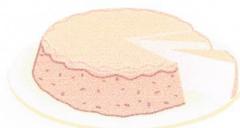
FUN FOR ALL AGES

GAMES

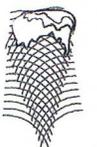
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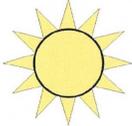
FOOD



CAKE WALK



August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 PTS Meeting 6:15 p.m.	2	3
Deacon of the Month - Donna Winebarger - 276- 340-5909						
4 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.	5	6 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7  Men's Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.	8 PTS Meeting 6:15 p.m.	9	10  Oak Level Community Day 10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome
11 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Young/Brown Reunion (Fellowship Hall Reserved)	12	13	14	15 Business Meeting - 6:15 p.m.	16	17
18 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Youth Meeting 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 	19	20	21 PTS Meeting - 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24
25 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.  Pennies for the Precious	26	27 WMU Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28 PTS Meeting - 6:30 p.m.	29	30	31

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Youth Meeting 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. 	2  Labor Day Church Office Closed	3 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4  Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:15	5	6	7	
8 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Alma Hunt Offering for VA Missions	9	10	11 Business Meeting 6:15	12	13	14	
15 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Youth Meeting 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. 	16	17	18 PTS Meeting 6:15	19	20	21 Home Home Walk-A-Thon 10:00 am - 12:00 noon Tom & Winnie Young Reunion Fellowship Hall Reserved (BJ Foley)	
 First Day of Autumn Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.  Pennies for the Precious	22	23	24 WMU Meeting 7:00 p.m.	25 PTS Meeting 6:15	26 HGCA Senior Adult Mtg. 12:00 Noon (Annual Talent Show) First Baptist, Martinsville	27	28
29 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Youth Meeting 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. 	30	Deacon of the Month - Ben Morris - 540-489-8577					
							