

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

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August Ministry Month

Every month is ministry month if a church is actively reaching out to the needs of those around them. The needs come in all shapes and sizes, from those that are spiritual to others that are physical, emotional, or relational. However, there are those times that we need to take special time to not only recognize our ministries and workers, but to encourage and equip others to become servants in this great mission to which Jesus has called us.

We're all familiar with the Lord's statement to His disciples to "*Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*" (See *John 4:35.*) What you may not remember are the exact circumstances of that statement.

Jesus had been ministering in Samaria for some time. This was a difficult place to minister, because Samaritans and Jews did not get along. Though the disciples were with Jesus, they did not understand why He would waste His time among such a difficult people. He surprised them by talking to a Samaritan woman at a well, and again, when He responded to their concern that He should eat something, because it had been some time since His last meal. He told them that He already had food to eat. They were confused by talk of spiritual food and water.

Jesus' ministry and comments prepared the way to tell them that though they were in a place that many considered dry and uninviting, the reality was that there was much fruitful ministry to be done. He said that the fields of souls were ready to be harvested; that they shouldn't wait for a more convenient time to share the Good News with those in need. If we will but look around us, we will see that we live in a place of great spiritual need, and the fields are white.

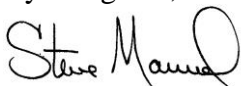
We have designated this August as "**Ministry Month**". With deacon nominations just behind us, summer activities in full swing, and preparations under way to enlist workers for the coming year, we want to be careful that our focus is where it ought to be in our obedience to the Lord and loving service to those in our community and beyond.

This summer we want to remind one another of our mission and rededicate ourselves to the singular ministry Jesus has given the church. As we "*go and make disciples*" we want to be properly equipped in our understanding of our spiritual gifts and responsibly use them to build up the body of Christ.

Will you join with us this summer in our mission efforts? We invite you to our Sunday and Wednesday gatherings where we will be giving special attention to ministry, spiritual gifts, and how we fit all of this together to meet the many spiritual and physical needs that are all about us. Not only do we want to help folks discover new and personal ministry opportunities, we want those currently serving to be renewed and rededicated to their tasks. On August 31 we'll celebrate together in a commitment service for all of our faithful workers.

Please determine now to answer Christ's call to serve in the fields of harvest of Oak Level, and we look forward to seeing you!

By His grace,



Pastor Steve

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 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
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 Hux
Sept. 04 Elmer Stone
Sept. 05 Esther Hanks
Alexis Donovant
Sept. 06 Maury Miles, Jr.
Edna Seay
Shirley Spencer
Kimberly Wingfield
Sept. 08 Ken Turner
Sept. 09 Abby Tilley
Sept. 11 Kaylee Grace Pettit
Sept. 14 Jim McMillian
Sept. 15 Steve Manuel
Sept. 16 Dennis Ferguson
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 Nursing Ctr.
P.O. Box 459, Stuart, VA 24171
Thelma Love

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

Friendship Retirement Community
327 Hersberger Rd. NW, Roanoke, VA 24102
Albert Meeks

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

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
Blandean Akers - 9 Grace Mullins - 12

The Laurel, 72 Chatham Business Park Dr.
Pittsboro, NC 27312
*Lovelene S. Lewis

Trinity Nursing Health/Rehab, Hillsvill, VA.
Arnold Hanks

THANK YOU

Dear Oak Level Baptist Church

Thank you so much for the \$2,000 scholarship to Appalachian State University. This is such a generous gift. Thank you for supporting my dreams. Ian J. Taylor

Dear Oak Level Baptist Church

I would like to thank you for your \$2,000 scholarship that you awarded to me. This scholarship will allow me to begin my studies at UNCG. Thank you again. Matthew Pate

Dear Church Members

I cannot thank you enough for the scholarship I received from your church for this upcoming year. This scholarship will help my family tremendously with me and my brother attending college this upcoming semester. Thank you again and God bless. Christopher Pate

Dear OLBC

Thank you so very much for awarding me with a \$2,000 scholarship. I'm very grateful! However, I've decided to take a semester off from college to figure out my plans for my future and to take care of some other things. I'm returning the scholarship, although I'm very appreciative.

Thanks, Rosa Stone

Dear Church Friends,

We thank you so much for the breakfast you brought mom (Mona Hall) and for continued prayers. We love our Oak Level neighbors. There is no place like home. Fondly, Linda & Ann

Thank You ALL!!!

For all of your support, visits, sharing, and most importantly your prayers. You have been great!

Yvonne & John Richardson

THANK YOU (Continued)

Thank you so much for granting me with a scholarship - it will greatly help to pay for my tuition at UNCW. Thanks again for your support to further my education!

Briana Reuse

WITH SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to Wilbern & Martha Sue Meeks and their family and friends on the death of Wilbern's sister, Viola Turner, who passed away Sunday, June 15, 2014.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Al Harley and family on the death of our dear member, Kay Harley, who passed away Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of OLBC member, Lena Gardner, who passed away on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.



Community Meals Delivered

The Community Meals have been delivered the last two months to those in our church family and community that might need a meal or just a visit from the church. While these 30 plus meals have not gone out to the same people every time, we still would like to expand this program. The Deacons have provided the leadership for these meals, but EVERYONE is welcome to come help us. Please share the names of those around you that might benefit from the meal or the visit and then come and go with us on these Saturday mornings. We promise that you will receive the blessing. Mark your calendar now for August 9th and September 13th.



The Nominating Committee is at work enlisting Officers, Teachers, and Committee members for the 2014-2015 church year. Please be in prayer as to how God can use you to serve others at Oak Level Baptist Church and minister to the community. We will recognize all of our 2014-2015 Officers, Teachers, and Committees on August 31st which has been designated as "Commitment Sunday".

The Pastor Search Committee is reviewing eleven candidates for possible consideration. Please be in prayer for the committee as they seek God's will and submit attentively in prayer to His direction.

The Church Council will meet Wednesday, September 24, at 6:00 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar for the next 6 months. 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.

What story in the New Testament features all three persons of the Trinity?

- A. Jesus' crucifixion
- B. Jesus' appearance to the disciples in the upper room
- C. Jesus' ascension
- D. Jesus' baptism

(Answer see Mark 1:10-11)



DATES & TIMES FOR YOUTH MEETINGS, PROJECTS & FUNDRAISERS

August Meetings

Sunday, Aug. 10 & 24 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

September Meetings

Sunday, Sept. 7 & 21 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Fundraisers



Saturday, August 23
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Youth Car Wash



Saturday, September 27
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Youth Spaghetti Dinner



October 11, 2014

You've been hearing about Operation Inasmuch...now it's time to get on board and join us in this effort to share Christ's love with our community.

If you need ideas for projects, here are a few:

- one day construction project
- hygiene bags for the homeless
- Laundromat ministry

For more information, contact Jesse Cannaday or Esther Hanks.

WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - August 26 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday - September 23 - 7:00 p.m.



Mission groups around the United States gather supplies each year to send to North American missionaries.

As school gets ready to start again, please help us collect school supplies and items for our local schools, for missionaries like the Davis Family listed below, and for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child ShoeBoxes.

James E. and Grace Davis
33 Ponderosa Ln.
PO Box 178
Rock View, WV 24880
(304) 732-8702
(304) 682-0650
gmdavis25@msn.com

"We mostly minister to children in the coalfields of southwest West Virginia. We supply the children with toiletry items and school supplies, host an after-school program, and feed them every time they come to church. We also supply food boxes for families every month."

- Walmart gift cards
- school supplies
- toiletry items
- board games
- paper products
- hot cocoa packets
- girls' underwear (new)
- boys' underwear (new)



Pray, gather your supplies, and pray for how your items will be used.

STOP HUNGER NOW

The "Stop Hunger Now" event is scheduled for Friday, August 29, 2014, in the new YMCA/Fitness Center on the Ferrum College campus. The goal is to package 50,000 meals. The packaging times are 10 - 11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. OLBC participated in this event last year and would welcome more volunteers this year. Contact Donna Winebarger for more information.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS 

OLBC 2014 Goal - \$4,000.00
Offering Received - \$1,500.00

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

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Pounding for Julie and Joe Hux. We had a good time of fellowship, great refreshments, and lots of recipes and staples were shared with the Huxes!

Week of Prayer

The Week of Prayer for Alma Hunt State Missions is September 14-21. Oak Level Baptist Church has set a goal of \$1,250. The ingathering of the offering will be Sunday, September 21st.

The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her mission service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. Churches and individuals may contribute at any time.

The offering provides funding for all WMUV missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists).

Women's Get-Away
Nov. 7-8 and 8-9, 2014



Registration will open for the Women's Get-Away on **August 1**. The theme for this year is *Imagine*. The link to register is <http://wmuv.org/getaway>.

August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	4	5 Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	6 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9 Community Meal
10 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Youth Mtg. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 	11 Henry County and Franklin County Schools start classes	12	13 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14	15	16
17 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	18	19	20 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23 Youth Car Wash 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 
24 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Pennies for the Precious Youth Mtg. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 	25	26 WMU Meeting 7:00 p.m.	27 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	28	29	30
31 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Commitment Sunday for Officers, Teachers, Committees						

Deacon of the Month – Donna Winebarger

Counters of the Month – Lee Pettit and Shirley Gilbert

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	1 Labor Day Church Office Closed	2	3 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6
7 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Youth Mtg. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	8	9 Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	10 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Community Meal
14 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	15	16	17 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20 Tom Young Family Reunion in Fellowship Hall Horne Home Walk-A-Thon 10 a.m.
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21 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Ingathering for State Missions Youth Mtg. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 	22	23 WMU Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24 Church Council 6:00 p.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	25 Senior Adult Meeting 12 noon Trinity Baptist (Talent Show)	26	27  Youth Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
28 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am  Pennies for the Precious	29	30				

Deacon of the Month – Virginia Metz

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris and Homer Hodges