

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

August/September 2015

"This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." (NKJV)

We are blessed as a church family. We have many reasons to praise the Lord. Several events have happened and we have seen the Lord at work here. "Passport Around the World 2015" is now in the history book. It was a very successful adventure for the children, teens, and adults. There were 18 "passengers", 6 "crew", 3 "tour guides", and 2 "co-pilots" enrolled during our 12 days together! We had a great time learning about the different countries through a variety of crafts, games, missions, music, and food. It was so much fun to hear the excitement and laughter from the children. A comment from one of the children summed it up, "Church is fun!

I want to come to this church!" Thank you to Betty Jo Foley and Ben & Peggy Morris for being our tour guides during our stops in the U.S.A. and Australia. Thanks to Megan Thompson, Hannah Glass, Pastor Joe, Barbara Mabe, and Sara Seay for helping with the children. Thank you to Missy Thompson and Kim Glass for all the preparations for this event. During our last tour stop for the summer, each child was presented with a Bible, Bible Story Book, or Devotional Book. Thank you for your support through prayers, financial, or collecting supplies that were needed. Continue to pray for the children and families we reached this summer. A little hint - we're already beginning to plan for another summer event for children in 2016!

Our special Wednesday evening study, "Share Jesus Without Fear" has been a helpful, informative discussion. We have learned to share our faith in Christ. It is a good tool as we witness and serve the Lord.

Thank the Lord for our youth. Pray for the youth on August 9 as we look forward to Youth Sunday. This will be an opportunity for the youth to lead in the worship service. Also, pray for the youth as the new school year begins soon. Pray for the teachers, principals, and bus drivers each day.

Thank you to each member as you share your gift of ministry at Oak Level Baptist Church and in the community. We pray for guidance and blessings for each ministry. Oak Level Baptist Church is blessed to have members who are willing to serve as the Lord leads. How is the Lord calling you to serve Him with your gifts and talents? Will you use your gift for His honor and glory?

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

I Love Being Your Pastor,
Pastor Joe

CBFVA General Assembly
September 18, 2015
Mechanicsville Baptist Church
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS 

OLBC 2015 Goal - \$2,000.00
Received To Date - \$ 821.80

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 Donovan
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

THANK YOU

Thank you so very much for your generous graduation gift. I will always remember your generous deed and give you my thanks once again.
Sincerely, Jacob Oostdyk

Thank you for your special gift and recognizing our achievement. Your thoughtfulness meant so much.
Savanah Newman & Mary Hurd

I officially graduated high school Saturday. I wanted to thank you for the scholarship. It will make a difference in my future by purchasing books and lowering tuition at Danville Community College in the fall.
Thank you, Alex Clark

Dear Oak Level Baptist Church

Thank you for the scholarship you gave to me. This scholarship will help fund my education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
Sincerely, Matthew Pate

Dear Oak Level Baptist Church

I would like the opportunity to thank you, the church as well as the congregation for awarding me the scholarship. Every dollar received brings me a step closer to achieving my academic goal of graduating from Appalachian State. Thank you so much for your time and efforts.

Sincerely, Christopher Pate

To the members of Oak Level Baptist Church

I am a two-time recipient of the Jones Scholarship provided by your church. I am very thankful that you chose me. These funds have proven invaluable in continuing my education.
In Christ's name, Bradley Turner



NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Blue Ridge Rehab Center
300 Blue Ridge St., Martinsville, VA 24112
* Dot Wray - Room 106 (Assisted Living)
Jake Divers - Room 106 (Rehab)

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

Franklin Health & Rehab,
720 Orchard Ave. Rocky Mt, 24151
*Homer Hodges - Room 36B

Live Laugh & Love Home Care
2634 Fork Mtn. Rd. Bassett, VA 24055
*Pauline Martin

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, Hillsville, VA
24343
Arnold Hanks (Father of Esther Hanks)
Carrie Mae Harold (Aunt of Brenda Ferguson)

THANK YOU (Continued)

To the members of Oak Level Baptist Church

It is because of people like you who care that I can continue my education. I am very thankful for the scholarship you chose me to receive. It will be used wisely.

Thank you, Patrick Turner

Thank you pastor and members of Oak Level for your visits, cards, phone calls and many acts of kindness and concern shown me since my accident. I feel so blessed to have such a caring church family.
Hilda Plaster

Members of the church,

Just a short note to thank you for the delicious meals you have sent me while I'm sick. I'm feeling better, but still have a ways to go! Thanks again for thinking of me and God bless you.
Sincerely, Dick Boothe

THE GOLDEN CLUB

We will be recognizing two of our members in each newsletter. We have included their address, so you can send them a note of appreciation during the month.

Mrs. Josephine Ferguson

151 Crooked Oak Road
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Birthday: February 20 Age: 94 years

Josephine has been a member at Oak Level Baptist Church for 70 years. She is a retired homemaker. She enjoys flowers. Her favorite food is spaghetti and popcorn is her preferred snack. Her most loved Scripture is "The Sermon on the Mount". "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" is her favorite hymn. She has chosen blue as her favorite color. Thank you, Josephine, for your faithfulness as a servant of Christ.

Mrs. Mary Hodges

271 Oak Ridge Drive
Bassett, VA 24055

Birthday: April 10 Age: 90 years

Mary has been a member at Oak Level Baptist Church for 40 years. She is married to Homer. She enjoys any kind of cookies and she loves chicken. Pink is her color of choice. She and Homer have a dog named Susie. John 3:16 is her favorite Bible verse and "Amazing Grace" is her favorite hymn. She retired from Fieldcrest Mills. Thank you, Mary, for your service to Christ for many years.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The Nominating Committee is at work enlisting Officers, Teachers, and Committee members for the 2015-2016 church year. Prayerfully consider how God can use you to serve others at Oak Level Baptist Church and minister to the community. Be sure to fill out a form and return it to the "Ministry Commitment" box in the church foyer. We will recognize all of our 2015-2016 Officers, Teachers, and Committees on August 30th which has been designated as "Commitment Sunday".

The church office will be closed Labor Day, Monday, September 7th.



August Meetings

Sunday, August 16 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

September Meetings

Sunday, September 20 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Be in prayer for the Youth as they are planning and preparing for **Youth Sunday** on **August 9th**. Be sure to give them your support as they lead in the worship service.



Youth Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, August 22

OLBC Fellowship Hall

7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

\$6 a plate



Youth Back-to-School Camp Meeting at Church

Saturday, August 29

4:00 p.m. - Sunday Morning

Blue Ridge Parkway
The youth will leave for
lunch and fellowship
immediately following the
worship service on Sunday,
September 6



Saturday, September 26

OLBC Fellowship Hall

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Adults - \$8 Children - \$4

WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - August 25 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday - September 22 - 7:00 p.m.



Thank you to the church members and VBS participants that helped us send **43 hygiene kits** to the Sioux Indians at Standing Rock Reservation.

Standing Rock Reservation covers an area about the size of Connecticut on the border of North and South Dakota. The reservation is home to about 8,500 people who struggle with the issues of unemployment, alcoholism, poverty, and domestic violence. Desolate land and extreme weather conditions make this area a difficult place to live and work.

ACROSS THE STREET AROUND THE WORLD (JOHN 12:32)

The Week of Prayer for Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions is **September 13-20**. Oak Level Baptist Church has set a goal of **\$800**. The ingathering of the offering will be Sunday, September 20th.

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).

When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve.

THE GRACE NETWORK OF MHC

Please do not forget this area wide food pantry. Instead of having a food pantry at the church, we donate all items to this cooperative effort and refer people to this resource. Together with other churches we can do so much more than we could by ourselves. The current items needed from our church are always listed in the bulletin and any other pantry staples that you would want to donate would be appreciated. You can also visit their website at <http://www.gracenetworkmhc.org> to make a monetary donation on a one-time or regular basis.



If you purchase school supplies for the Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes in November, the **Tax Free Days** for School Supplies will be **August 7-9th**.

Come Join the **Ladies of the Horne Home**
For their Annual Fund Raiser!

Saturday, September 19

418 Mulberry Road

10 a.m. - noon

Sponsored by: **The Henry County Baptist Association**
Proceeds support Horne Home maintenance & operational expenses

Horne Home Services are provided through HopeTree Family Services Developmental Disabilities Ministry. Look for the Developmental Disabilities Ministry Sunday bulletin insert on **August 2nd** to learn more about HopeTree Family Services.



Women's Get-Away

Nov. 6-7 and 7-8, 2015

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

Registration will open for the Women's Get-Away on **August 1**. The theme for this year is **ALL FOR YOU!** Get-Away begins with dinner at 5:00 p.m. and ends following lunch the next day. The link to register is <http://wmuv.org/getaway>.

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2 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	3	4 Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	5 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8 Community Meal – 11:00 am
9 Youth Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Young/Pearson Reunion	10	11	12 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Vote on Officers, Teachers & Committees	13	14	15
16 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Youth Mtg. 3:00 - 5:00 pm 	17	18	19 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22 Youth Pancake Breakfast 7 am – 10:30 am Church Fellowship Hall
23 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am  Pennies for the Precious	24	25 WMU Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	27	28	29 Youth Back-to-School Camp Meeting at Church 4:00 p.m. – Sunday Morning
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13 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	14	15	16 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19 Tom Young Reunion Fellowship Hall Horne Home Fundraiser 10 am – 12 noon
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Deacon of the Month – Brenda Ferguson

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris and Homer Hodges