

# Oak Level Baptist Church

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Welcome to 2011 in the name of the Lord.

*Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever.* Psalm 106:1

As Thanksgiving and Christmas season just passed we all realized how very much we have to be thankful for. I do have to remind you. All we have to do is look around and we will realize some of us have more than others. But the most important thing is that we have such a sharing and loving spirit here at Oak Level Baptist Church.

As we finished the Thanksgiving season and went into Christmas we decorated the church. Decorating the tree was awesome. We had so much help. Our sanctuary and social hall was absolutely beautiful. The Poinsettias added so much beauty to the church.

As we celebrated the birth of our Savior, we had the most important event recorded. We shared many hours together, getting ready for our Christmas play “*A DOG NAMED CHRISTMAS*”. It was written by one of our youth, Megan Thompson. We had such a good time with all the youth and children. They were so excited to be doing something for the Lord. They are already making plans about what to do for Easter. These children are our future leaders.

After the Christmas play, we had a wonderful Christmas Fellowship Meal. We had so much food, wonderful love and fellowship that we had to set up extra tables. God richly blessed us with that wonderful day! We must always give Him the glory. I saw so much excitement from all the adults who worked so hard to set up everything. Thank you so much.

As we are going forward into the upcoming seasons, we can look back and see all the things that happened and see “our wonderful Lord and Savior” is working in our church. We are letting him work in our lives. What a blessing for our church. How pleased our Lord must be.

As we go forward we have many decisions to make for our church. I ask each of you to be in much prayer as we select our Interim pastor and as we select our Pastor Search Committee. These decisions are very important to all of us. I ask each of you to let the Lord use you in 2011. Everyone is special, God loves each and everyone of us.

*When you harken to the voice of the Lord, your God, all these blessings will come upon you and overwhelm you.*  
Deut. 28:2

Love in Christ,

Betty Jo Foley - Deacon Chairman

## February Birthdays

Feb. 1 Jon Mark Atkins  
Feb. 5 Tena B. Cassady  
Feb. 6 Larisa Blair  
Feb. 7 Tena Mullins  
Feb. 8 Dianne Chitwood  
Sara Seay  
Feb. 9 Dennis Wray  
Feb. 10 John K. Ramsey  
Feb. 11 Amy Starita  
Feb. 12 Monica Greer  
Betty Metz  
Feb. 13 Savanna Sirt  
Martha Sue Meeks  
Feb. 15 Roger Woods  
Feb. 16 Jean Martin  
Feb. 17 Lucy Atkins  
Sharon Snead  
Wanda Stone  
Feb. 18 Sara Gill  
Martha Jane Gunter  
Feb. 19 Debra Workinger  
Cierra Underwood  
Feb. 20 Josephine Ferguson  
Jane Judson  
Marvin Seay  
Feb. 21 Tammy Foley  
Feb. 23 Robbie Wilson  
Feb. 24 Amy Lawson  
Feb. 25 Arthur Foley  
Linda McMillan  
Feb. 26 Mildred Ramsey  
Feb. 27 H. L. Snead  
Brian Judson  
Feb. 28 Tabitha Prichard

## March Birthdays

Mar. 2 Glen P. Young  
Mar. 4 Jim Thomasson  
Mary Carter  
Brandi Hale  
Mar. 6 Courtney Snead  
Mar. 7 Julia R Wilshire  
Mar. 8 Janet Branscome  
Mar. 9 Mary Ann Turner  
Mar. 10 Kevin Atkins  
Mar. 12 Joe McMillan  
Joanna Martin  
Violet Cleveland  
Mar. 14 Andrew Hodges  
Emory Hodges  
Mar. 17 Al Harley  
Joshua Wilshire  
Mar. 18 Katina B. Pettit  
Mar. 20 Jamie Brown  
Lillian Forbes  
Mar. 21 Mischelle Mason  
Roger Young  
Mar. 23 Lora Atkins  
Sommer Carter  
Janice Ramsey  
Mar. 25 Lee W. Pettit  
Mar. 28 Shannon Wright  
Lois Young  
Sue Young  
Mar. 29 James Edward Joyce  
Mar. 30 Jeremy Gill

## 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

Marie Stone            Janie Keys  
Mattie Robertson     Fonzo Ayers  
Creed King

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

Ruby Weaver



## JONES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Through the generosity of Inez and Casey Jones, assets have been set aside by Oak Level Baptist Church for the purpose of providing financial assistance to students of higher learning. The church seeks to administer these funds by developing a perpetual fund to serve members of Oak Level Baptist Church by offering a scholarship. The maximum scholarship shall not exceed \$2,000.00.

Beneficiaries of the fund shall be limited to active members of Oak Level Baptist Church and their immediate families, who are also active members of a church. If you would like to be considered for this scholarship please call the church office at 276-629-7973 or e-mail the church at [olbc@comcast.net](mailto:olbc@comcast.net) for an application and criteria for determining the scholarship. Applications must be submitted by April 1, 2011.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Oak Level Baptist Church welcomes our new member, Jason Howell. Jason joined Oak Level Baptist Church in November, 2010.

Jason's family includes his wife, Beth, and four sons, Caleb, Christopher, Joshua, and Joseph.



Join us for  
*Sunday School.*  
*We have a class for you!*

  
**With Sympathy**

Christian sympathy extended to Grover & Hazel Harrison and their family and friends on the death of Hazel's sister, Ruby Kinsey Wray, who passed away Sunday, November 28, 2010.

Christian sympathy extended the family and friends of Ernest N. Ashworth, who passed away Monday, December 13, 2010.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Oscar F. Huff who passed away Tuesday, December 21, 2010.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of H. D. Dehart, who passed away Tuesday, December 22, 2009.

Christian sympathy extended to Daisy Barnes, Myrtle Hodges, and Irene Holley, on the death of their sister, Annie Bell Howell, who passed away, Sunday, January 09, 2011.

**THANK YOU**

Oak Level Baptist Church wants to say thank you to all the men, women and youth who came and helped with the "Hanging of the Greens" on Sunday, November 28th. We also thank the men and women who came out this past Friday to help clean up the leaves and the church grounds. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated.

Oak Level Baptist Church gives A BIG Thank you to Jesse Cannaday and Elmer Stone for installing new sinks in 3 of the church bathrooms. Thanks you guys, they look great!

Thank you to the Youth, the directors, sound system techs, and everyone else who contributed to the Youth Christmas Program. It was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone! Also a big thank you to all the people that brought food, set tables, and helped with the Christmas Meal and clean-up. Without help from all of our men, women and youth, this past Sunday would not have happened. Thank you all for a job Well Done!  
 Oak Level Baptist Church

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and visits during my hospital stay and during my long illness. I am not recovered completely, but I want to thank everyone for all their kindness and thoughtfulness. Please keep me in your prayers.  
 Wanda Stone

Thank you so much for all the love, kindness and the Christmas cards and presents you have given me this Christmas. I am so blessed by the people at Oak Level Baptist Church.  
 Sue Young



**DEACON  
 VISITATION MINISTRY**

The Deacon Visitation Ministry of Oak Level Baptist Church are requesting our congregation and members assist with visiting. If you would be available to accompany a deacon either one afternoon or one evening a month, please contact your deacon or the church office. The deacons also ask your assistance in helping identify those that wish to be visited. If you or anyone you know, member or non-member, that would like to be visited, please contact the Church Office at 276-629-7973 or a deacon.



**FEBRUARY & MARCH  
 TRAVELER'S LUNCHEON**

Due to the cold weather and illness of some of our regular Travelers, no decision has been made for the February and March Travelers Luncheons.

Be looking in your Sunday Bulletins for information on the luncheons.



**GOSPEL SINGERS**

**JOYFUL SOUND**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 6:00 P.M.**

AT  
**OAK LEVEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**7720 OAK LEVEL ROAD**  
**BASSETT, VA. 24055**

276-629-7973

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE  
 SERVED FOLLOWING THE SINGING



# Engage

Ladies of all ages are invited to join us in the Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 20, at 1:00 p.m. for an “Engage”ment party. This will be a time to become engaged in **WMU** with fellowship, food, fun, and learning about missions locally and around the state. Join us to see just what we have planned for the coming year.



## CrossRoads Ambassador

Congratulations to Rosa Stone for being chosen as one of the 2011 Cross Roads Ambassadors. She is trained and ready to talk

to kids, teens, and parents about summer camp. Rosa’s is a member of Oak Level Baptist Church and she is the daughter of Danny and Sherry Stone and the granddaughter of Norman and Shirley Young. With the help of the CrossRoads Ambassadors, more children and teens in Virginia will have an opportunity to experience a life-changing

week at **Camp CrossRoads**.



### Camp CrossRoads

Since 1985 CrossRoads remains dedicated to providing a quality summer camping experience for children and students where missions remains an important component. We host international student missionaries during the summer, invite a different missionary or missionary family to share with campers each week, collect a missions offering, and attempt to integrate missions education into many of our daily summer camp activities and conversations. In addition, we offer programs for families, coed camping experiences, and leadership development for teens and summer staff. **Summer Camp Registration opens February 1.**

### 2011 Summer Camp Dates

<u>JUNE</u>		<u>JULY</u>	
20-25	Girls Week	4-9	Coed Week
June 27-July 2	Coed Week	7-9	Family Camp
		11-16	Girls Week
		18-23	Coed Week
		21-23	Family Week
		25-30	Girls Week

We are planning a church wide emphasis each quarter that will focus our learning, prayers and offerings on different people groups. The First Quarter Mission Emphasis will be:

**Addressing Poverty in Arkansas**

**Watch for a special time of learning in the March Bulletin inserts about this missions opportunity and a chance to give in support of CBF Global Missions.**

Give to the CBF Offering for GLOBAL MISSIONS  life-changing given to the Vision Fund. Won't you give? National WMU® is an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and therefore has never received an allocation from the Cooperative Program budget. As it was originally designed, National WMU continues to support itself—and its ministries—through the sale of literature and products, and through charitable donations. It costs WMU approximately \$300,000 a year to maintain and grow its ministries, the ministries you care about—MissionsFEST<sup>SM</sup>/FamilyFEST<sup>SM</sup>, International Initiatives<sup>SM</sup>, Christian Women’s Job Corps®/Christian Men’s Job Corps®, Project HELP<sup>SM</sup>: Human Exploitation, MK Re-entry Retreat, and many others. The Vision Fund directly supports these and all other WMU ministries. So, whether you’re providing an hour, a day, or even a month of WMU ministry, giving to the Vision Fund provides a tangible way to make a difference that continues even after the money has been spent.





# Mom and Me 2011



"To Spain With Love"

April 29-30 <sup>or</sup>  
April 30-May 1

Early Start Community Center  
Evansville

