

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

February/March 2019

How is your vision? What do you see? Let us check our physical and spiritual vision this New Year. Both are very important each day. It is very important we see there are people who are not Christians. Many people need to invite Jesus Christ into their heart as their personal Savior and Lord. Who will you tell about Jesus this year? Will you show someone you meet the love of our Lord today? Take time to invite someone to church during this week. Your invitation is very important.

May our prayer be for the Lord to open our eyes of faith to help us see clearly the needs of others today. There are always people with real needs that we can help as we pray for them. Also we can reach out to them to show Christian love as we share little deeds of kindness each day. It is really important to share the love of God by our actions every day. Our vision can also improve as we help others to be stronger and better equipped to serve the Lord. Be willing to help others grow in the Christian faith and understanding of the truths of the Bible.

How are you and I seeing today with our spiritual vision? May we be available and willing to help our church family and this community see many in need to follow the Lord with all our heart. You and I can make a big difference each day for Jesus Christ as we open our spiritual eyes to see the needs and help as best we can. What will you do today and all during 2019 to share your Christian faith with someone?

The month of February is the time we have on the calendar Valentine's Day, a very special day to show our love for others. Let us remember God's love as we read in John 3:16, then go and tell about His wonderful, amazing love. Read Acts 1:8 and ask the Lord for opportunities to reach out to someone who is not a Christian, lonely, sad, and hopeless today.

If I can help you in your ministry to others, please let me know. Let us pray for our church family to be the light and salt where we live and work, in stores, schools, and wherever we go each day.

Love and prayers,
Pastor Joe
Matthew 28:19-20
Matthew 5:13-16

February Birthdays

Feb. 1 Jon Mark Atkins
 Feb. 2 Joe Glass
 Feb. 5 Tena B. Cassady
 Feb. 6 Holly Thompson
 Feb. 8 Sara Seay
 Toby LaBounty
 Feb. 9 Dennis Wray
 Feb. 10 John K. Ramsey
 Feb. 12 Betty Metz
 Feb. 13 Sheila Ramsey
 Feb. 14 Martha Sue Meeks
 Feb. 16 Jean Martin
 Feb. 17 Wanda Stone
 Feb. 18 Sara Gill
 Martha Jane Gunter
 Feb. 19 Debra Workinger
 Cierra Underwood
 Feb. 20 Marvin Seay
 Feb. 24 Amy Lawson
 Feb. 25 Arthur Foley
 Linda McMillan
 Feb. 26 Mildred Ramsey
 Feb. 27 H. L. Snead
 Feb. 29 Jacob Glass

March Birthdays

Mar. 4 Mary Carter
 Brandi Taylor
 Mar. 8 Janet Branscome
 Mar. 10 Kevin Atkins
 Mar. 11 Jennifer Thompson
 Mar. 17 Al Harley
 Mar. 18 Katina B. Pettit
 Mar. 20 Jamie Brown
 Kim Glass
 Mar. 21 Michelle Carter
 Roger Young
 Mar. 23 Sommer Carter
 Janice Ramsey
 Mar. 25 Lee W. Pettit
 Mar. 26 Lee Boswell
 Mar. 28 Shannon Wright
 Sue Young
 Mar. 29 James Edward Joyce



NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

*Avis Gray - Room 364
 *Thelma Nolen - Room 105
 *Shirley Tobler - Room 341
 Sue Meeks - Room 213

Fork Mtn. Rest Home, 2925 Fork Mtn. Rd. Rocky Mt, 24151

*Wanda Stone
 Shelbern Meeks

King's Grant, 350 King's Way Road., Martinsville, VA 24112

Grady Snead - Room 312

Please remember to pray for our shut-ins and nursing home residents daily. They always appreciate visits, cards, and phone calls.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Raymond "Joe" Miles, who passed away on Saturday, January 5, 2019. Joe was the brother of Peggy Foster.



On **Sunday, February 3rd**, everyone is asked to bring at least one can of soup to help support the ministry of Grace Network. Our church goal is 50 cans. Thank

you for supporting this important ministry in our community!

GOSPEL SINGING

Trinity Quartet is coming to Oak Level Baptist Church. Begin inviting friends, family, and neighbors now! They are coming for an exciting musical event on **Sunday, March 10**. This Southern Gospel group out of North Carolina has performed with groups such as Brian Free and Assurance, The Hoppers, The Crabb Family, and The McKameys. This concert will begin at **6:00 PM**. Make plans now to join **Trinity Quartet** at Oak Level Baptist Church for an awesome event filled with a life changing message. There is no admission charge, but a Love Offering will be collected.

For God

so loved the world
 that He gave His

only
 begotten



Son so

that whosoever
 believes

in Him shall not
 perish but have
 eternal life.



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John 3:16

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

KIDS' ACTIVITIES

VALENTINE'S CRAFT DAY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 2-4:30 PM

All children and youth are invited to join us as we make Valentine cards and treats. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Adult volunteers are needed! See Missy Thompson if you can help!

CHILDREN'S DEVOTION AND LUNCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

All children, youth, parents, and church family are invited to stay after church for a brief devotional time. We will then head to El Parrel for lunch (Dutch treat) around 1:00 PM.

SPRING CRAFT DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 9 2-4:30 PM

All children and youth are invited to join us for a special day of crafts. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Adult volunteers are needed and appreciated!

CHILDREN'S DEVOTION AND RECIPES FOR CHRIST SUNDAY, MARCH 17

All children and youth are invited to stay after church for a brief devotional time. Then, the children will pair up with an adult "coach" and prepare a dish to share with their parents beginning at 2:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The kids will do all the cooking. Adult volunteers are needed! See Missy Thompson if you can help!



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, March 9th!**

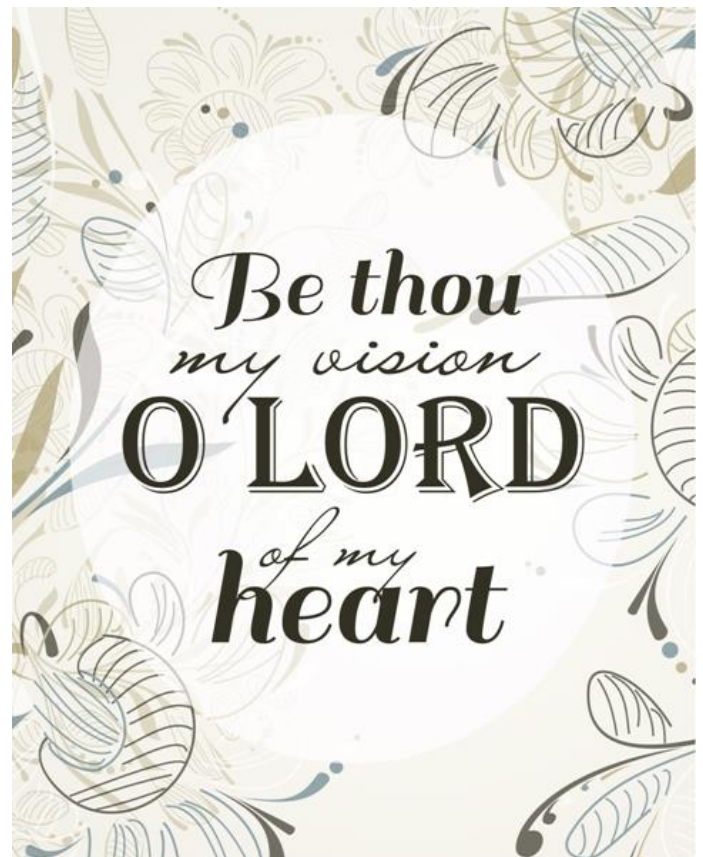
JONES SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Through the generosity of Inez and Casey Jones, assets have been set aside by Oak Level Baptist Church to provide scholarships to students attending institutions of higher learning. Beneficiaries of the fund shall be limited to active members of Oak Level Baptist Church and their immediate families, children, grandchildren, step children, etc. The applicants must also be a verifiable active member of a church. If you would like to apply, please call or e-mail the **Church Office** for an application. The deadline to receive completed applications is **April 1, 2019.**



Mark your calendar now for **VBS**. Plans are underway for this summer event with an Olympics theme. The dates are **June 2 - 6 from 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.** Make plans to **VOLUNTEER** this year. There will be more information available in the coming months.





WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - February 26 - 6:30 p.m.
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WMU equips all believers to live their lives in unshakable pursuit—to know God more, to show His love unconditionally, and to make disciples who make disciples. Focus on WMU week is an intentional time to focus on WMU's impact in local churches, communities, and throughout the world. This year, Focus on WMU is **February 11-17**. Visit the WMU website <http://wmu.com/focusonwmu> to learn how you can learn, pray, give, and serve through missions in your church and community. Each resource is designed to help you grow deeper in your unshakable pursuit.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS

OLBC 2019 Goal - \$2,000.00

"SEEKING TRANSFORMATIONAL DEVELOPMENT"
Special Offering emphasis will be
March 3 - 10, 2019

Thank you for the great work with the CBF Offering during 2018. We collected a total of \$1,708 of our \$2,000 goal.

UNSHAKABLE PURSUIT

WMU Watchword (1 Corinthians 15:58 CEV)
My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile.



Missions leadership team training for churches and associations

Saturday, March 30, 2019- 8:30-3:00pm
Ephesus Baptist Church
1642 Smith Cross Rd South Hill Virginia 23970
Cost per person \$15.00
Deadline to Register is March 16, 2019.
Register online at
<https://wmu.org/events/come-to-the-table-south-central-virginia/>

HCBA WMU ANNUAL MEETING

The HCBA WMU Annual Meeting will be held at Oak Level Baptist Church this year on **Tuesday, April 9th**. The event starts with refreshments at 5:15 p.m. We look forward to a great meeting with approximately 80 other ladies of the HCBA WMU as we hear from Dr. Roberta Damon.

Roberta Damon is a writer and speaker. She holds a doctorate in marriage and family counseling from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Her career includes missionary service in South Brazil, thirty years of counseling at First Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, and a time of serving on staff at the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. During these years she has written for various denominational publications both in English and Portuguese. She is the author of *Relationship Skills, A Measure of Success, A Voice Beyond Weeping, There is the Kingdom, Dear Mrs. Noah: Letters to Unnamed Women of the Bible*, and her new book, *Dear Abishag: Letters to Little Known Women of the Bible*. She has been married to Bill Damon for sixty years. Their two sons, Mark and Paul, and their three grandchildren, Melissa, Joshua, and Jeannie have brought great joy through the years. Roberta's passion is to help women realize their God designed potential.

This event is being co-hosted with New Vision Baptist Church WMU. We will need extra hands to help make this event successful. Please consider volunteering with food preparation, registration, cleanup, etc. See Donna Winebarger to volunteer or for more information.


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3 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m. "Souper Bowl" Sunday	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9 Children's Valentine Craft Activity - 2-4:30 pm
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Deacon of the Month – Lee Pettit

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Brenda Ferguson

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CBF Offering Emphasis – Seeking Transformational Development -- March 3 - 10						
10 Daylight Saving Time Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Ingathering of CBF Offering Trinity Quartet – 6:00 pm	11	12	13 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14	15	16
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