

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

July/August 2026

Blessings everyone!

It's time for another newsletter. May I wish you God's grace and new every morning faithfulness as we enter the months of July and August. Need I say it again? Time continues to fly on. In Scripture we're told that as the time draws near the days will get shorter.

There's a billboard at the southbound lane of 220 just before coming back into Henry County from Franklin County. This billboard says that Scripture doesn't give any signs of Christ's return. I don't know what outfit puts out these billboards; it's the same people that made a previous billboard in that area that said Jesus wasn't God, but they are woefully misinformed and, sadly, are misinforming countless people that drive past the billboard. "Why?" you may ask, because Scripture indeed does give the signs that will precede Christ's return. The only thing Scripture doesn't give is the day or time. With that in mind, Christian, we need to be living like it could be any moment. The Apostle Peter gives us some insight on that. He writes: *But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God* (1 Peter 4:7-10). People of God, what does this tell us? It tells us that, although we don't know the day or the hour, we know that Christ will return one day. Therefore, all the things that

are supposed to define us as Christians (i.e., the Fruits of the Spirit) are to be manifest within us day in and day out. In short, let's do what we're called to do and let God

handle the rest. What a wonderful admonition to us as we continue looking forward to that day!

I pray that everyone has a wonderful July and August. Everyone stay safe and cool and may God's rich blessings rest on you all!

God bless and keep you!

Daniel

Phil. 4:13

Nominating COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will be doing their yearly work of seeking God's people to serve in different roles in His church. Did you try something new last year? Want to continue with that or try stretching your gifts in another area? Please let the Nominating Committee know if you want to continue where you are serving or change things up this coming year. The committee will be calling upon every member to participate. If "We Serve A God That Still Can", then He has certainly equipped his people to do His work in His church.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2	Tracey M. Foley
July 3	Brenda Ferguson
July 9	Sharon M. Hall Della Chapman
July 13	Tamie Foley
July 17	Jesse Cannaday
July 18	Brandi Barrett
July 20	Kristen Collins
July 21	Imogene McMillian
July 22	Betty R. Martin
July 24	Jean Swain
July 25	William Turner
July 26	David Keen
July 27	Sherri Mason
July 29	Betty Jo Foley Beth Howell
July 31	Mike Weaver

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 1	Ken Meeks Addis Mabe
Aug. 4	Victoria Lynn Chaney
Aug. 09	Matthew Thompson
Aug. 10	Cheryl Newman
Aug. 11	Breanna Lawson Lilah Baumgardner
Aug. 12	Shirley Ramsey Gilbert
Aug. 16	Dwayne Wright
Aug. 17	Sarah Surratt
Aug. 19	Michelin Hall Joshua Rodgers Louise Webb
Aug. 23	Mary Stegall
Aug. 24	Wayne Miles
Aug. 26	Austin Boggs
Aug. 28	Allison Seay
Aug. 29	Darnell Boyd

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the WMU Missions Project for the Pregnancy Care Center in May. The church donated **\$808.05** to this effort!



Church Office will be closed on Thursday, July 2nd.
 Church Office hours have recently changed to
 Wednesday-Thursday
 9 am – 1 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet on **Wednesday, July 1**, at 6:00 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar through December 2026. Those on the church council include: Pastor, Deacons Chairperson, Music Director, Stewardship Chairperson, Sunday School Director, and WMU Director. Other committee chairpersons are encouraged to attend if they have items to add to the calendar.

BUSINESS MEETING

The next Business Meeting will be on **August 12th at 6:00 PM**. A new slate of Officers, Teachers, and Committees will be presented for the church's approval. If you have any items to be added to the agenda, please let Sheila know by Thursday, August 6.



On **Sunday, August 30**, at 6:00 PM there will be a special gospel concert presented by the **Branches**. John 15:5 says, "I am the vine, you are the **Branches**. He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit. For without Me, you can do nothing." This is the Bible verse on which **Branches** were created. Singing a blend of contemporary and traditional music, the group's goal is to bless all ages and walks of life, exalting Christ and keeping Him at the core of all they do. Be sure and spread the word! Flyers will be located on the church foyer table for you to distribute.



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WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday – July 28 – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday – August 25 - 6:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MISSION GIVING

In **August**, the WMU of OLBC will be sponsoring a fundraiser to help support the **Grace Network of MHC and Heavenly Manna in Rocky Mount**. Our goal is \$400. We will have a special ingathering on **Sunday, August 23**.



August will be back to school and an excellent time to pick those school supplies on sale for the 60 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. If you are willing to commit to picking up a quantity of a particular item, please let

Betty Jo Foley know.

Usual school supply SALE prices:

10 pencils	.50	5 pens	.50
glue stick	.25	ruler	.50
calculator	1.00	notebook	.25
crayons	.25	markers	1.00
color pencils	.50	scissors	.50

Total 5.25 per shoebox

How many shoeboxes can **YOU** fill with school supplies?

Toothbrushes, underwear, combs, hairbrushes, hairbows, washcloths, tools, sewing kits, coloring books, paint sets, jump ropes, yoyos, balls, and matchbox cars are also needed to include in the boxes.

GETAWAY

An Overnight Worship & Retreat Experience for Women
 Step away from the noise. Find rest, connection, and purpose among women who are walking the same journey of faith. Join us for a

weekend designed to refresh your soul and reignite your mission on **Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, November 6-7, 2026**, at the Eagle Eyrie Conference Center. See Donna Winebarger on how to register for this event.



July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Church Council 6:00 PM	2 Church Office Closed Independence Day	3	4 
5 Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	6	7	8 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	9	10	11 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
12 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker – Jack Surma	13	14	15 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	16	17	18 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
19 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Brown Family Reunion Fellowship Hall	20	21	22 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	23	24	25 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm Stultz Family Reunion Fellowship Hall
26 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	27	28 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	29 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting 7:00 p.m.	30	31	

Deacon of the Month – Donna Winebarger

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Pat Gusler

MISSION EMPHASIS
 Grace Network/Heavenly Manna
 – Goal \$400

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9 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Young/Pearson Reunion Fellowship Hall	10	11	12 Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vote on Officers, Teachers & Committees	13	14	15 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
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