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“SHARING THE JOURNEY”

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Greetings:

This year is moving so fast and we have so much to praise God for. I especially thank God for each of you and you are such a blessing to me each week.

These past few weeks as I look around and I see the excitement that is projected as we listen to each of the supply pastors that have been filling our pulpit each Sunday. It has been very interesting to see what each one brings to us. One thing that each pastor has done is encourage us to remember “**The Lord’s Desire**” for Oak Level Baptist Church. The reactions have been very exciting as I see people leave after the worship services. As I see this excitement, I can only say “**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**”, because without our heavenly father, we would not have all these blessings.

As we try to select someone that will fit all of the needs of the church, I realize that we already have someone, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is always here for us. We get in such a hurry to do things our way that we forget that we already have the Master Plan.

Often, I am asked the question “When are we going to get an Interim Pastor?” Let me say that this process is definitely being worked on every day. With many meetings and much prayer, we are doing everything we can do to follow the Master’s plan. Each resume is being considered. I know that our pastor has already been selected by our heavenly father and he is giving us time to be prepared. Are you prepared? Are you willing to work? Are you willing to give, not only your money, but of yourself. In almost every area in our church we need workers. I am asking that you step forward and volunteer to help. We cannot grow when we are sitting and waiting on someone else to do these jobs. I encourage each of you to get involved. You will be blessed! I have had the opportunity to work with many of you and it is a pleasure. I would love to have the opportunity to work with everyone. When you are thinking about what you can do to help, read Proverbs 3:5-6; “**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.**” As we look at these two verses we see that we have to have trust and faith in our heavenly father. We cannot lean on ourselves. When we have a personal relationship with God, he will always be there. Remember when he calls you, he will prepare you,

We should ask ourselves this one question: “**If every Christian is just like me, what kind of church would Oak Level Baptist Church be?**” Let the Lord lead your life as you answer that question. Be much in prayer for our church as we have many decisions to make.

Love in Christ, Betty Jo Foley, Deacon Chairman

## June Birthdays

June 1 John Richard Copeland  
Susan Mason Medley  
Louise Vipperman  
Beverly W. Keaton  
June 2 Penny Martin  
Andrew Thomas  
June 3 Lauren Monday  
June 4 Michael Turner  
June 5 Lisa Slate Ackerman  
June 6 Ben Workinger  
June 7 Linda Poore  
June 8 Peggy J. Ramsey  
June 9 Judy Nester  
June 11 Tammy Lynn Reel  
June 12 Connie Hale  
June 18 Jeffrey Ferguson  
June 19 Brittany Hausley  
June 21 Barbara Cannaday  
June 23 Kenneth Keen, Jr.  
June 24 Alice S. Brown  
June 27 Daisy Barnes  
Lois T. Ferguson  
June 28 Mattie Robertson  
June 29 Garry Barrow

## July Birthdays

July 2 Tracey M. Foley  
July 3 Brenda Ferguson  
Lena Gardner  
July 5 David Turner  
July 7 Verna Shelor  
July 9 Violet Frith  
Sharon M. Hall  
Della Chapman  
July 10 Billy Young  
July 17 Jesse Cannaday  
July 18 Brandi Barrett  
July 21 Imogene McMillian  
July 22 Betty R. Martin  
Edna W. Amos  
July 24 Jean Swain  
July 26 Donna France  
David Keen  
July 27 Sherri Mason  
July 28 Scott Judson  
July 29 Betty Jo Foley  
July 31 Goldie Brogan  
Mike Weaver

## 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  
Pauline Martin          Angela Mason

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 24168  
\*Charlie Ramsey          Janie Keys  
\*Mattie Robertson          Creed King

Trinity Mission Health & Rehab,  
300 Hatcher St. Rocky Mt. VA 24151  
Ruby Weaver          Ida Turner



## IN MEMORY

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Name</u>
General Funds	John Metz



## Sanctuary FLOWERS



Flowers placed in the Church Sanctuary this morning are in loving honor of our mother, Virginia Hanks and given by daughters, Esther and Marilyn Hanks.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Peggy Ramsey and her family and friends on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Lillian Zyla Thomas, who was born on April 5, 2011. to Heywood and Geoff Thomas. Lillian is also the granddaughter of Anita Handy.



*Remember our Fallen  
Soldiers on Memorial Day*



## OAK LEVEL COMMUNITY DAY COMING IN AUGUST

Plans are underway for our Annual Oak Level Community Day on **Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This event is hosted by Oak Level Baptist Church and the Oak Level Ruritan Club.

There will be a **Water Slip & Slide, Cotton Candy, Rock Climbing Wall, Food, horse riding and other activities.**

Be looking for more information to come. Make plans to come out and have a great day of fun for all ages!! Everyone Welcome!

**BEST OF ALL .... IT'S FREE!**



Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of James David Rakes, who passed away March 20, 2011

Christian sympathy extended to Esther Hanks and Shana Kahila and their family and friends on the death of their cousin, June Larrowe, who passed away April 8, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to Mike and Susan Hatfield and their family and friends on the death of Susan's father, Mr. Joe Chance. Mike Hatfield is the pastor of Chatham Heights Baptist Church.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Yvonne Chitwood, who passed away Monday, May 2, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Frank Meeks, who passed away Monday, May 2, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Jennifer W. Tyree who passed away Friday, May 6, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to the family of Kent W. (Bill) Brown who passed away Friday, May 6, 2011.

Christian sympathy extended to Darrell Fletcher, of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, and his family and friends of the death of his brother, Burke Fletcher

Christian sympathy extended to Dr. John P. Bing and his family and friends on the death of his wife, Joan Price Bing, who passed away Thursday, May 19, 2011.

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, visits and other kindness and concerns that were shown to me during my surgery and during the death of my brother, Fonzo. I appreciate my church family so much.

Brenda Ferguson

I would like to thank everyone for all the calls, cards, prayers and other concerns during my operation. A Special Thank You to our Deacons, Jesse and Barbara Cannaday, who was wonderful to us.

Wanda & Cecil Stone

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts and trinkets for the youth to go shopping for Mother's Day presents. The youth had a great time shopping and their mother's received some nice gifts.

Peggy Morris

Thank you, so much for your many kindnesses shown to our mom, Alma Edwards, during her extended illness and to us at her passing. This has meant so much to us and we pray God's richest blessings. to you all.

Sandra & Heather  
Cockram, Norma & Glenn Foley, & Barry Edwards.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**THEME: SADDLE RIDGE RANCH**

**Saturday, July 16**

**9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**

**For all Children ages 4 and up  
Under 4 must have an adult with them**

**Bible Stories, Crafts, Activities  
Learn Life Applications**

**To Register call Shirley Young at  
627-0647 or the Church Office at  
629-7973.**



### YOUTH ATTENDING CAMP CROSSROADS

Six youth from Oak Level Baptist Church are attending Camp CrossRoads this year. They are **Jordan Gilley, Rosa Stone, Holly Thompson, Alexis Donovan, Megan Thompson and Cierra Underwood.**

Camp CrossRoads is located in Lowesville, Virginia and is dedicated to providing a quality camping experience for children and youth of all ages from all types of backgrounds. Camp to kids is a place to have fun, to act silly, to learn a new skill; however it is also a place to learn how much God loves them, to learn about missionaries and how to pray for them and to learn that they can share Christ with others.

CrossRoads is a great place where God changes lives and where a difference is made. **Please remember our youth in prayer and if you would like to send them a card, send to:**

**CrossRoads Summer Camp  
2247 Little Piney Road  
Lowesville, VA 22967**



### GRACE NETWORK

WHAT FEELS SUPPORTIVE FOR LONG TERM SOLUTIONS

**Put these items on your shopping list when you go to the Grocery Store. Bring them to the church and we will take them to Grace Network. Food Items for June - Cans of Corn - 15oz. cans - Deodorant - Peanut Butter - up to 28 oz.**

## Calling All Cooks!

*Cooking with Virginia Baptists*



Let's Share cooking with others! The VBMB and WMUV are seeking a few good recipes to go into a new Virginia Baptist Cookbook. The Cookbook will be available at the November BGAV annual meeting in Richmond. All proceeds will go toward a Specific Virginia Baptist hunger-related ministry. Bring your recipes to the church or submit them to Paige Peak at [paige.peak@vbmb.org](mailto:paige.peak@vbmb.org) by July 1, 2011. If you would like, you can bring them to the church and place them in the basket in the Church Foyer by **June 19th**. For more information, please see Donna Winebarger.

Give to the  
CBF Offering for  
GLOBAL MISSIONS



**OLBC Annual Goal - \$3,000.00**  
**Total to date - \$1,601.00**

### 2011 CrossRoads Wish List

Each year, at the end of the summer, we have a retreat for the summer staff. We like to be able to take them to do something fun like go to an amusement park, the ocean, etc. Please consider giving a donation towards the summer staff retreat. Donations would go towards gas, lodging, meals, and admission if applicable. The summer staff serve tirelessly and we love to be able to recognize their servitude and surprise them with something special at the end of the summer.

**Under \$15**  
\$10 gift cards to Target or Wal-Mart  
Donations for Health Supplies  
Copy paper  
Envelopes #10 Letter Size Self Sealing or Quick Strip  
Manila 6 X 9 Envelopes  
Crayola Markers  
Blank Journals  
Paper Towels  
Batteries (9 volt, AA, AAA, D)  
Ace Bandages  
Colorful Sharpie Markers  
Dry Erase Markers  
Ultra Fine Point Black Sharpie Pens  
Clorox wipes  
Click lighters  
Duct Tape  
Masking Tape

**Under \$50**  
DVD Player  
Portable CD Player  
Tarps  
Donations for recreation supplies

**Under \$150**  
Outdoor rocking chairs  
TV or TV DVD combo  
Donations for Staff Friends and Family Weekend

**Under \$500**  
Flip Cams  
Tents for the Backpacking track (contact the CrossRoads office for specifics)  
Donations for kitchen/facilities needs  
Frisbee Golf Goals and Discs

**Thank you for your support of CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center.**

**Please send all items to CrossRoads,  
2247 Little Piney Road, Lowesville 22967**

**Under \$25**  
Board Games  
Grounded extension cords  
Donations for craft and office supplies

### BLAND MINISTRY CENTER

Items you can send: Children's underwear, Pampers (disposable diapers) Freezer storage bags for their new freezer.

Send directly to Bland Ministry Center  
65 Seddon St. or P.O. Box 211  
Bland, VA 24315

Or bring them to the church.



### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011**

Susan Blevins from the WMUV will have a special presentation during our Wednesday Night Bible Study on Wednesday, June 22, at 6:45 p.m. She will speak about her Mission Trips to the Standing Rock Reservation and how the WMU are helping in this area. Please see the article below for more information on the reservation.

### Standing Rock Reservation

The mission partnership that started in 2009 between WMUV, RVBA, and Pastor Boots Marsh of the Standing Rock Reservation has truly been a hand-in-hand, heart-to-heart effort to bring hope to Native Americans living in the Dakotas. Since 2004, an increasing number of Roanoke volunteers have developed relationships on the Reservation under the leadership of Bob Hetherington, Director of Missions for Roanoke. Through the WMUV network, the efforts doubled as volunteers from churches across Virginia increased the number of hands to minister to the Sioux Indian. 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.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

for Sunday, September 11, 2011

**ANN BROWN, WMUV Board of Trustees  
President, will speak at Oak Level Baptist  
Church about WMU of India.**

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