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“SHARING THE JOURNEY”

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Where in the Land of Faith Do You Live?

The remarks of the burdened father in Mark 9:24 regarding his cry for help for a suffering child have always caught my attention. "I believe, help thou mine unbelief." There was a measure of faith, and yet at the same moment there was the need for a fuller understanding and commitment to believing what God was able to do.

The place of unbelief in the life of a godly person is intriguing. At first blush we are tempted to say that unbelief is contrary to true faith; that a person who exhibits a lack of belief must be far removed from God. It seems reasonable that the mature will have moved well beyond the weak days of unbelief and no longer struggle in that place of their youth.

But when it comes to unbelief and the faithful, the Bible maps out the paths of hundreds of godly personalities who walked with God but also struggled with unbelief, and these struggles came as often toward the end of their days as during their early years. Adam walked with God in the cool of the Edenic garden. Perfection, beauty, communion, and peace. But very early in the story of the first man and woman to breathe the pure air of new creation they chose to disbelieve God in favor of Satan. We still suffer the consequences of their unbelief today.

Moses and Aaron were constantly dogged by unbelief, an on-again off-again relationship with God that charted the course of a nation for generations. The great king and psalmist David wrestled throughout his life with unbelief. How is it that the writer of such profound wisdom and blessed ruler of such an expanse of territory could stumble into unbelief not once but many times?

Spiritual giants don't come too much larger than Elijah, yet we see this man of God cowering under a desert bush before the perceived threat of a wicked woman...and this just days after Elijah saw God use him to utterly destroy hundreds of prophets of Baal.

Those under the old covenant weren't the only ones to struggle with faith and belief. All of the disciples showed signs of unbelief. Some were doubters of reported fact they hadn't seen with their own eyes while others chose to not believe even while they stared into the eyes of Christ.

In this life we move from crisis to crisis. We are imperfect souls never designed to rest on the mountaintop of unmovable faith. Much of our life is about a journey through shadowy valleys where our faith even at its brightest is but a dim ember compared to what it will be when we are planted eternally at the feet of the Author of Faith. None of this excuses us from what Jesus instructed His disciples and the father of the child in Mark 9. As we recognize our lack of faith we should call out to the Lord to help our unbelief. And we must burn His words deep into our hearts when He says, "*This kind can come out only by prayer and fasting.*"

We see the evidence of much unbelief all around us as we choose to not believe that God can deliver us from apathetic benchwarmers, stingy "givers", ferocious tongue-waggers, deceitful manipulators, lazy "servants", and prayerless decision makers. Our unbelief will leave us sterile when it comes to reaching our communities and growing the Kingdom. It is one thing to have a moment of unbelief, it is quite another to dwell there. Remaining there brings death.

Regarding faith and unbelief, where do you live?

Rev. Steve Manuel

IN CONCERT
TIMOTHY MARK

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2013 - AT 11:00 A.M.

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Timothy Mark is a singer, a publisher and a songwriter. But if you ask him to define himself, he will tell you he is simply the kid down the street who fell in love with God. This passion for loving God and loving people is what fuels Timothy Mark's life and ministry.

All of his ministry events are booked on a simple offering basis, and his books and CDs are available at the live events at no charge. His books, messages and music are available at www.timothymark.com.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1 John Richard Copeland
Susan Mason Medley
Louise Vipperman
Beverly W. Keaton
June 2 Andrew Thomas
June 3 Lauren Monday
June 4 Michael Turner
June 5 Lisa Slate Ackerman
June 7 Linda Poore
June 8 Peggy J. Ramsey
June 9 Judy Nester
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
Heather Piehl
June 29 Garry Barrow

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Blue Ridge Manor,
P.O. Box 4904, Martinsville, VA 24112
Alice Martin - 205

Blue Ridge Rehab,
P.O. Box 4904, Martinsville, VA 24112
*Glen Young Edna Ashby - 267

Blue Ridge Nursing Ctr,
P.O. Box 459, Stuart, VA 24171
Viola Turner Thelma Love

Fork Mountain Rest Home,
2925 Fork Mtn. Rd. Rocky Mt, 24151
*Dianne Chitwood *Lillian Forbes
Howard Hodges Hazel Sizemore
Angela Mason

Hanson Home
162 Krontz Dr. Bassett, VA 24055
*Betty Sue Sparks

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CHANGES IN MAILING OF THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

To make our Church Newsletter mailings more efficient, economical, and up to date, anyone who has Internet service may access the **Church Newsletter** through our website at www.OakLevelBaptist.org. Click on "Church News" in the right hand column, and you will find all of our newsletters in PDF format from the last two years. Hopefully, many will choose to receive their newsletter electronically, and we will save on printing and postal costs. If you are willing to get your newsletter in this fashion, **please contact the Church Office** at 276-629-7973 or at olbc@comcast.net to let us know your preference.



LOG SUNDAY



Log Sunday is the day we observe the beginning of Oak Level Baptist Church. At that time, Sunday Services were held outside under the trees and the congregation had to sit on logs and wooden benches.

Log Sunday will be **Sunday, July 14**, with **Sunday School starting at 9:45 a.m.** and the **11:00 a.m. Worship Service will be at the Church Picnic Shelter.** For a special treat, the **Vacation Bible School Youth** will have a special presentation. Everyone is invited! Bring a covered dish, drinks or dessert and we can share them together. Dress is casual, bring a lawn chair, invite your family, neighbors and friends to come and enjoy wonderful Christian Fellowship as we celebrate this special day together.



Vacation Bible School

Date: Saturday, July 13

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sign-up begins at 8:30 a.m.

For Children ages 4 and up

**Children under 4
must have an adult with them**

**For more information call the
Church Office at 276-629-7973**

With Sympathy

Christian sympathy extended to Dennis & Brenda Ferguson and their family and friends on the death of Brenda's sister-in-law, Patricia Ayers, who passed away Friday, April 19, 2013. Please be in prayer for Brenda and the Ayers family.

Christian sympathy extended to Wanda Stone and her family and friends on the death of her first cousin, Earl Rape, who passed away Monday, April 22, 2013.

Christian sympathy extended to the family and friends of Rev. Glenn Greenway, who passed away Monday, May 13, 2013. Rev. Greenway served as pastor of Oak Level Baptist Church from 1960-1965.

Christian sympathy extended to Bob and Barbara Wilson and their family and friends on the death of Bob's mother, Christine D. Wilson, who passed away Tuesday, May 21, 2013. Christine was a past member of Oak Level Baptist Church.

THANK YOU

A Special **Thank You** to Garry Barrow, Elmer Stone, and Jesse Cannaday for removing the fallen sticks and limbs on the church and parsonage grounds. They work very hard to keep our church building repaired and in good working order and the grounds clean and neat. We appreciate them so much.

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers and cards during this time. I really have appreciated them. I hope to continue to get better and hopefully, soon I will be able to walk again. Megan Thompson.

Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship from the Jones Educational Fund. It is my honor to have you invest in my future. Tyler Stone



June Meetings

June 13- Youth Meeting - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

June 27- Youth Meeting - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

July Meetings

July 11 - Youth Meeting - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

July 25 - Youth Meeting - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



2013 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Congratulations to **Rosa Stone**, who graduated from Bassett High School. She will be attending Patrick Henry Community College in the fall. She is the daughter of Danny & Sherry Stone and the granddaughter of Norman Young and the late Shirley K. Young. Rosa is a member of Oak Level Baptist Church.

Congratulations to **Jordan Gilley** who graduated from Franklin County High School. He is the son of Jessica Donovan. Jordan is a member of Oak Level Baptist Church.

Congratulations to Mary Joanne Hurd graduated from Patrick Henry Community College on Saturday, May 11, 2013, with an Associate Degree in Applied Science and Technology Specialization, a Major in Administrative Support Technology. And a Minor in Medical Office Administration. She was on the Dean's list during the Fall and Spring semesters, 2012-1013. Joanne is the daughter of Ersie Hurd and the late Joel Hurd and is a member of Oak Level Baptist Church.

Congratulations to **Jared Matthew Keever**, who graduated from Triton High School in NC. Jared is the son of Rev. Len & Cathy Keever.

If you would like the addresses of any of our graduates, please call the Church Office at 276-629-7973.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY THE JONES EDUCATIONAL FUND



Oak Level Baptist Church Jones Scholarship Committee met on April 25, 2013 and awarded five college scholarships for 2013. Congratulations to the following Recipients of the fund.

- **Christopher Pate**, son of David & Kim Pate and grandson of Jesse & Barbara Cannaday. Christopher will be attending Appalachian State in NC.
- **Brianna N. Rouse**, daughter of Karen & Greg Rouse and granddaughter of Jesse & Barbara Cannaday. She will be attending the University of NC - Willmington.
- **Rosa Stone**, daughter of Danny & Sherry Stone and granddaughter of Norman Young and the late Shirley K. Young. Rosa will be attending PHCC.
- **Tyler Stone**, son of Elly Stone and grandson of Ken & Nancy Turner. Tyler will be attending UVA-Wise
- **Bradley Turner**, son of Mitchael & Shelly Turner and grandson of Betty Jo Foley. Bradley will be attending Virginia Tech.



is an effort to get as many church members as possible involved in a one-day missionary event to be held on **Saturday, October 12, 2013**. We are supposed to love our neighbors, but it isn't enough to say **WE** love our neighbors. It is when our actions prove it to our neighbors and **THEY** say that **WE** love them.

The goal is to provide opportunities for **EVERY** member of the churches to become a missionary by serving in their community for one day. We want to demonstrate through missionary activities that the churches love their neighbors and their communities.

Operation Inasmuch

For Oak Level Baptist Church:

1. We need everyone to sign up on the poster in the Church Foyer to volunteer in whatever way (help work on projects; pray; feed workers; etc.)
2. We need ideas for projects - **Dream Big** - We would rather have many projects to select from, than hunt around for projects to do. If you know of a project that would benefit someone in the neighborhood, write it on the poster.
3. If you know a need - share it with us. If it is something urgent, that will not wait until October; let us know so we can see about getting it done.
4. For more information on **Operation Inasmuch**, contact Donna Winebarger, Sue Young, or Esther Hanks. The one day event will be on **Saturday, October 12, 2013**.

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 CBF *Offering for*
 GLOBAL MISSIONS

OLBC 2013 Goal - \$4,000.00
Offering to Date - \$1636.00

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100 percent of your gift to CBF Offering for Global Missions will help people hear and experience the gospel of Jesus Christ.



All ladies are invited to join in our WMU meetings. Come and see what Oak Level Baptist Church WMU is all about.

Check out the dates and times of our meetings. You will have a great time of Christian fellowship while you give back by being involved in local church, state and world missions. See Donna Winebarger or any WMU member for more information.

WMU MEETINGS FOR JUNE & JULY



June 25 - WMU Meeting - 7:00 p.m
July 23 - WMU Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Engage

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
 Graduation					 WEDDINGS		1
2 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Young Reunion	3	4	5  Men's Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	6 PTS Meeting - 6:15 p.m.	7	8	
9 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Brown Reunion 12:30 p.m.	10	11	12 Youth Meeting - 5:30 p.m. PTS Meeting - 6:15 p.m.	13 Youth Meeting - 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting - 6:15 p.m.	14	15 Young Reunion	
16 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.  FATHERS DAY	17	18	19	20 PTS Meeting - 6:15 p.m.	21	22 Ozzie Young Reunion	
23 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  In Concert Timothy Mark 11:00 a.m.	24	25 WMU Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26	27 Youth Meeting - 5:30 p.m. PTS Meeting - 6:15 p.m.	28	29	
30 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. (Pennies for the Precious) Fellowship Hall Reserved Tammy Franklin 	Vacations						

July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3  Men's Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.	4  Independence Day (Church Office Closed)	5	6
7 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.	8	9	10 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	11 Youth Meeting 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. PTS Meeting - 6:15 p.m.	12	13  VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
14 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. At Fenik Shelter  LOG SUNDAY	15	16	17	18 Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.	19	20
21 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Brown Reunion (Fellowship Hall Reserved) (Naomi Pilson)	22	23 WMU Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24	25 Youth Meeting 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. PTS Meeting - 6:15 p.m.	26	27 Stulz Reunion (Fellowship Hall Reserved) (BJ Foley) Janine Franklin Wedding 5:00 p.m. 
28 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.  Pennies for the Precious	29	30	31	Deacon of the Month - Barbara Cannaday - 276-629-2708 		