

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

March/April 2021

Happy Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. My prayer is for you and your family to enjoy the blessings of Spring time and Easter. Let us strive to be faithful and available to serve Christ each day. Join with me as we pray for churches often.

Let us strive to deliver the Gospel message to others as often as we have the opportunity. Remember the Great Commission in Matthew 28: 16-20. Take time to read and decide to obey this most urgent message. There are times and circumstances when I have called 911 on my phone. I can remember the reasons I called 911. It was because I needed medical or other help quickly. Do you remember when you have needed to call 911 for yourself or someone else? I am sure you felt helpless until the rescue squad, fire department or police arrived to help as best they could in the situation. It has been true with me as a pastor as well. When I hear the urgent request on the phone to come quickly to a member's home because of a desperate need.

We are reminded often that we need to tell the good news about Jesus Christ in a manner that is most urgent. Only Jesus Christ can transform lives and He gives good spiritual health to all who decide to call upon His holy name.

We are very thankful for our physical health especially since experiencing Covid-19 personally for a few weeks in late 2020 and early 2021. Praise the Lord for the blessing for good health after having Covid-19.

We must also thank the Lord for our spiritual health because of faith in Jesus Christ. Think back to the time you committed your life to Jesus Christ. It may have been recently or many years ago that you prayed to ask Jesus to forgive your sins and you invited Him to be your Savior.

How do you plan to share the love, hope, joy, and peace of Jesus Christ with someone soon? Here are several Bible verses in the book of Romans to help you in the power of the Holy Spirit to share Christ: Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:13; and 10:10.

Grey Laurie wrote this statement, "When I was a kid, I had a paper route. My job was to deliver the news. That's what we are as Christians. We're people delivering the message of the Gospel, the message God gave us." Amen.

How well are you and I doing at delivering the Easter message of the Gospel to others where we live?

Blessing of Easter,
Pastor Joe



Sunday, April 4, 2021

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	Mischelle Carter Roger Young
Mar. 22	Kevin Baumgardner
Mar. 23	Sommer Carter
Mar. 25	Lee W. Pettit
Mar. 26	Lee Boswell
Mar. 28	Shannon Wright Sue Young Christy Hunley
Mar. 29	James Edward Joyce

April Birthdays

Apr. 3	Shirley Draper
Apr. 5	April Gammons
Apr. 7	Meaghan Poore
Apr. 8	Christopher Howell Deborah Thomas
Apr. 11	Brittany Flannagan
Apr. 15	Alexandra Gill
Apr. 16	Kim C. Dickerson Joseph Pierce Jonathan Pierce Sherry Y. Stone Melissa Thompson
Apr. 17	Dana Young
Apr. 18	James Griffith
Apr. 20	Virginia Metz
Apr. 23	Robert Gillespie
Apr. 26	Carroll Draper
Apr. 28	Caroline Snead
Apr. 29	Bruce Thompson

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

*Shirley Tobler – Room 341
*Mildred Ramsey – Room 201
*Bill Young – Room 264
Sue Meeks – Room 213

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



WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - March 16 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday - April 27 - 6:30 p.m.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS 
OLBC 2021 Goal - \$2,000.00
Offering Received - \$.00

Extend Hope & Hospitality
Special offering emphasis
March 1-7



Children's Ministry Day had to be postponed due to bad weather. **March 6th** from 9-12:00 noon, we want to invite all the young people of the church and the young at heart to join us in making craft items for

the shoeboxes. We will have craft supplies for everyone to be socially distanced in the fellowship hall. Children ages 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

COME TO THE TABLE CONFERENCE

Whether you're serving in missions leadership or just passionate about what God is doing in your community, join us at the virtual table on **Saturday, March 13 from 10-11:30 a.m.** to learn about WMUV and how to "Move by Mission" in an unpredictable time. This event will feature regional missions spotlights, breakout sessions with our mission strategists, door prizes, and a panel to help reenergize your mission. If you are interested in this meeting, please let Donna Winebarger know. If we have a group, then we will plan to do a zoom meeting in fellowship hall on the large screen.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, March 13th!**

RAMS CARE PROJECT

The WMU at Oak Level Baptist Church are planning to collect items again for the Rams CARE Cupboard (Creating Access, Reaching Everyone). We will collect non-perishable items to help stock this food pantry on the campus of Bluefield College with single-serve microwavable food items, snacks, and toiletries. We will collect these items through **March 28th** in the box marked Rams CARE in the foyer. Thank you for all your help again!

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, 2021.**

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of David Seay, who passed away on Saturday, January 16, 2021. David was the husband of Teresa Draper Seay and Treva Shively's brother.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bunny Thomasson, who passed away on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Bunny was a faithful member of OLBC and served in many areas of ministry over the years.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sebrena Draper. Sebrena passed away on Friday, January 29, 2021. She was the daughter of Carroll and Shirley Draper.

STUDY OF JOHN'S EPISTLES

An exciting study of John's epistles coming soon on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Topics include: Fellowship with God, Living as God's Children, and Faithful to Truth. This study will be inspiring and good discussion of First John, Second John and Third John. The date for this study to begin will be announced soon.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6 Children's Missions Day 9-12 noon in Fellowship Hall
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> CBF Offering Emphasis – Extend Hope & Hospitality -- March 1 - 7 </div>						
7 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m. Ingathering of CBF Offering Church Doctrine Study – 6:30	8	9	10 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Come to the Table Virtual Conference – 10-11:30 am Church Fellowship Hall
14 Daylight Saving Time Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	15	16 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20
21 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	22	23	24 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	25	26	27
28 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am  Pennies for the Precious Church Doctrine Study – 6:30	29	30	31 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.			

Deacon of the Month – Robert Gillespie

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris & Lee Pettit

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Church Secretary on Vacation