

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

March/April 2026

Greetings and Salutations God's people!

What a wonderful thing it is when we come through the snow and ice of late winter and (hopefully) come into the early spring! Allow me to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy March and April. Isn't it amazing that time is flying so fast; it seems like we were just celebrating Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and New Years and now we are at the threshold of our celebration of Easter. We talk all the time about time flying but I think it still causes a great deal of wonderment and maybe some trepidation as we may want the clock and the calendar to slow down. It's not going to slow down but sometimes it would be nice, wouldn't it?

Part of the phenomenon of time flying so fast is that it includes difficulties of life swiftly coming along and we get caught up in that. That will tend to cause us to become worried, depressed, anxious, maybe sometimes angry or mean. Child of God, when we see that happening, may I challenge us to heed the words of the Psalmist: *But I trusted in Thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my God. My times are in Thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant: save me for Thy mercies' sake. Let me not be ashamed, O Lord; for I have called upon*

thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave. Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous. Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. Blessed be the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvelous kindness in a strong city. For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee. O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord (Psalm 31:14-24).

May we all face the fast-moving times praising God for His goodness! God's rich blessings as we enter these next two months!

Daniel
Philippians 4:13

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
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
Apr. 10	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
	Drake Winebarger
Apr. 23	Robert Gillespie
Apr. 28	Caroline Snead
Apr. 29	Bruce Thompson

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Blue Ridge Therapy Connection
105 Landmark Drive,
Stuart, VA 24171
Shirley Ramsey Gilbert

Brookdale Senior Living, 314 W.
Kings Hwy., Eden, NC 27288
*Eva Dale Searce

Tender Years, 2785 Figsboro Rd.,
Martinsville, VA 24112
*Shirley Young

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



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, March 7th!**

SPRING FELLOWSHIP

A covered dish Spring fellowship meal will be held on **Sunday, March 15**, after the worship service in the Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and bring your favorite dish to share as we take time to strengthen friendships and to celebrate God's goodness to us and OLBC.

SPECIAL MUSIC EVENT

On **Sunday, March 29**, at 6:00 PM there will be a special gospel concert presented by **Joyful Sound**. Be sure and spread the word! Flyers are located on the church foyer table for you to distribute.

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, stepchildren, 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, 2026**.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet on **Wednesday, April 1**, at 6:00 PM. 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.



**SUNDAY,
APRIL 5, 2026**

DO YOU HAVE ANYONE GRADUATING?

If you know someone that is graduating from high school or college this year, please call the Church Office at 276-629-7973 to give your information or email the church at olbc@comcast.net by **April 26th**. Graduates will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, May 17th.



WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - March 24 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - April 28 - 6:30 p.m.



Pure Water, Pure Love (PWPL) has a three-fold mission: to supply missionaries with water filters, to provide the people they serve with wells that offer clean water, and to supply missions teams with water filters for use on short-term missions trips. With your help and the help of hundreds of churches, PWPL provides thousands of water filters to missionary families and helps fund clean water projects. While PWPL awarded grants for water projects in several countries overseas in 2024, they also awarded grants to Texas on Mission to assist with drought and with North Carolina Disaster Relief, South Carolina Disaster Relief and Send Relief after Hurricane Helene. We will take a special offering for PWPL on **Sunday, March 22. Our goal is \$600.**

THANK YOU

On Souper Bowl Sunday in February, the church collected the items for Grace Network in Martinsville and canned food items for Heavenly Manna Foodbank in Rocky Mount. Thank you for your support of these two organizations. Remember to check the back of the bulletin for the Grace Network items needed and maybe as you grocery shop you can include a couple of these each month. In March, OLBC will be collecting dish detergent, deodorant, and laundry detergent.

MISSION EMPHASIS
Pure Love, Pure Water
\$600 Goal

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	2	3	4 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	5	6	7 Dr. Daniel Collins – Reserve Weekend SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
8 Daylight Saving Time Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker – Jack Surma	9	10	11 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	12	13	14 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
15 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Covered Dish Meal after Srv.	16	17	18 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	19	20	21 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
22 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	23	24 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	25 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
29 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Concert by Joyful Sound – 6PM	30	31				

Deacon of the Month – Brenda Ferguson

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Pat Gusler

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Church Council 6:00 PM	2	3 Good Friday	4 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
5 EASTER Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	6	7	8 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	9	10	11 Dr. Daniel Collins – Reserve Duty 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 Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Newsletter Info Due – May/Jun	20	21	22 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	23	24	25 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
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Deacon of the Month – Debra Brown

Counters of the Month – Doug Ramsey & Donna Winebarger