

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

May/June 2025

Greetings in the name of the risen Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ!

What a wonderful first few months of the year we've had by the grace of God! We have had powerful messages, inspiring Bible studies, great times of fellowship, and of course, a marvelous celebration of the price paid for our salvation and the victory of the resurrection during the Easter season. Now we're on the threshold of May and June, where we'll celebrate Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day and our annual Friends and Family Sunday on June 21st. I can't speak for anyone else, but I am very much looking forward to these special celebrations! If you've not been with us to worship, fellowship and celebrate let me invite you to be with us for our worship times. You'll get a blessing from the praise, the fellowship, and of course the written and spoken Word! Just to give some previews: we are currently studying the Fruit of the Spirit in our Wednesday Bible studies and there will be a sermon series on Victory following on the heels of the original victory: the victorious resurrection!

How often, Christian, do you think of the victory you have in Christ? I know that difficult times will beat about us just as much as the wind beats about the building (more so now than years past). I know we have sickness, heartache, hurt, etc. But I also know that through our faith in Christ, we've already won the victory over these things. I remind you of Jesus' words in John 16:33: *...in the world you will have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.* Christ desires that even though we may have to deal with difficult things on this side of eternity, we have joy (one of the

fruits of the Spirit) and cheer because He overcame all of this through His death and resurrection. We who know Christ have overcome all these things with Him. So be of good cheer Christian, when the summer gets here and we're all complaining about the heat. Be of good cheer, Christian, when it gets dry and we wonder if it will ever rain. Be of good cheer, Christian, when it sets in to raining and we wonder if the rain will ever stop. Bottom line: Christian, be of good cheer! Why? Because we've overcome it all with Christ!

Daniel
Phil. 4:13



May 11, 2025

BUSINESS MEETING

The quarterly business meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 14, at 6:00 PM.** Please plan to attend this important meeting because a quorum is needed and your input is vital to the routine business of the church.



Sunday, May 25, will be Memorial Day Sunday. The worship service will center around honoring all who gave their lives on the field of battle for our freedom!



May Birthdays

May 5	Audie Atkins
May 8	Mearl Boswell
May 10	Debra Brown
May 12	Carolyn S. Fardell
	David Hurd, Jr.
May 14	Michael Snead
	Hazel Harrison
	Nancy Felter
May 15	Erma McKee
	Kasey Viars
	Kelly Collins
May 18	Patricia Handy
	Teresa D. Seay
May 19	Regina Atkins
May 22	Allison Snead
May 23	Logan Coleman
May 24	Marie F. Anderson
	Jeanette Crum
May 25	Tyler Tilley
May 30	Whitni Wright Luna
May 31	Treva Shively

June Birthdays

June 2	Penny Martin
	Andrew Thomas
	Chad LaBounty
June 5	Lisa Slate Ackerman
June 6	Ben Workinger
June 7	Linda Poore
June 11	Tammy Lynn Reel
June 17	Brendon Strawbridge
June 18	Jeffrey Ferguson
June 19	Brittany Hausley
June 23	Kenneth Keen, Jr.
	Allen Beach, Jr.
June 24	Alice S. Brown
June 27	Daisy Barnes
June 28	Heather Piel

HOMETOWN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**THURSDAY,
MAY 15, 2025
7:00PM - 8:30PM**

**ENERGIZE MINISTRIES
AMPHITHEATER**
1315 Serenity Dr., Martinsville, VA

**SPECIAL GUEST MIKE DILLON
WITH RICHARD CHILDRESS
RACING**

**WORSHIP WITH
GUILFORD**

**FEATURING
NASCAR
CUP DRIVER
TY DILLON**

FREE EVENT!

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RACING PACKAGE FOR 2 WITH HOT PASSES
AT CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY.
YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

**HOMETOWN
FOUNDATION**

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Ministries**



There will be Deacon Nominations on **Sunday, June 15**. Start now to prayerfully seek God's guidance on who He is calling to serve you at Oak Level Baptist Church. Current deacons serving are: Ben Morris (rotates off), Lance Frith, Brenda Ferguson, Debra Brown, and Donna Winebarger.



June 15, 2025



On **Sunday, June 22**, we are celebrating Family and Friends Day. We will be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers after the worship service for lunch in the fellowship hall. Bring your loved ones, bring your

neighbors, and bring your favorite side dish or dessert to go with the hotdogs/hamburgers provided by the church.



WMU MEETINGS

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

Tuesday - June 24 - 6:30 p.m.



OPPORTUNITY FOR MISSION GIVING

In May, the WMU of OLBC will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle fundraiser to help support the **Pregnancy Care Center of MHC**. By filling this bottle with loose change, cash, and/or checks, you are supporting an organization that will do all it can to reach mothers and protect the unborn in our community. If writing a check, make it payable to OLBC and designate your envelope for PCC of MHC. Return the bottles to the church by **Sunday, May 11**. Every cent donated helps save babies and help mothers facing crisis.

Through the month of June, the WMU will be sponsoring a missions offering to support Disaster Relief through BGAV. Storms in February brought historic flooding to Kentucky and several other states, including Virginia. Impact Disaster Response is currently deploying teams for cleanup to Hurley and rebuild to Damascus. The week of April 21 through April 26, HCBA sent a team of 16 to Damascus, VA to help rebuild 74 homes damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Helene. You can give to support the response knowing that 100% of your gift will go to the response. Our goal is \$750. Be sure to designate your envelope or check as "Disaster Relief."

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to the WMU Missions Project for the Pure Water, Pure Love ministry in April. The church collected **\$580** for this worthy project.

Martinsville – Henry County National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1

**6:00 to 7:00 pm at the HJDB Event Center
(The old Bassett High School)**

Bring the entire family and join the Body of Christ in one voice to worship and to pray for our community and our country.

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 National Day of Prayer	2	3 Dr. Daniel Collins – Reserve Weekend
4 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker	5	6	7 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 pm	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Collect Baby Bottles	12	13	14 Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.	15	16	17
18 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	19	20	21 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	22	23	24
25 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	26 Memorial Day	27 WMU Meeting 6:30 pm	28 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 pm	29	30	31

Deacon of the Month – Brenda Ferguson

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Lance Frith

MISSION EMPHASIS
Disaster Relief – Goal \$750

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	Daniel Vacation			Daniel Reserve Duty Thursday - Sunday		
8 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker	9	10	11 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Father's Day Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Deacon Nomination Newsletter Info Due - Jul/Aug	16	17	18 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	19	20	21
22 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Family & Friends Day – Hotdog/Hamburger Meal after service	23	24 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	25 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 pm	26	27	28
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