

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

May/June 2026

Greetings and salutations church family!

Here we are at the threshold of another two months. We've endured the cold and snow of January and February, endured the complete schizophrenic nature of the weather of March and April, now we look toward May and June. Time certainly does fly but we can rest assured that even in the midst of these fast-moving days, we have the love of God through our Savior Jesus Christ!

Think about this phrase if you will: "The only way out is through." I have used this phrase with countless Soldiers and "regular" people in the context of pastoral counsel. It speaks to the fact that we are not going to be able to avoid some (or most) difficulties of life. The best blessings come when we go through the difficulty and come out on the other side and see the blessings. Case in point: during my April Army Reserve weekend I took the last physical training test of my military career. Every time I have taken a PT test, I have always had quite a bit of nervousness because I've never been one who is very strong or good at running and I've failed a couple PT tests in my Army career. But I think about the process as it (thankfully) happened most often: I had nervousness, but I toughed it out knowing there's no way around it, went through it, succeeded, and looked at it from the other end and saw the blessing. Christian, this is exactly what Jesus is teaching us in Matthew 16. He had just

finished telling the disciples that His betrayal and crucifixion was coming. Peter rebuked Jesus and told him that it wasn't so. Jesus had to rebuke Peter and then He said those words: *If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me* (Matt. 16:24). Friend, the path that we take in the Christian life will not always be easy. We will endure difficulty (ref: John 16:33) but we have something wonderful that the unsaved can't claim: we have the promise that God will walk with us the entire way. The only way out is through. May this truth give you encouragement as we enter these next two months. God bless.

Daniel
Phil. 4:13



May 10, 2026

(ladies in worship attendance will receive a special gift)

BUSINESS MEETING

The quarterly business meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 13, 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 24, 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
	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

M/HC NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Join us on **Thursday, May 7, 2026**, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm for the 3rd annual Martinsville/Henry County Night of Prayer and Worship at HJDB Event Center (3289 Riverside Drive, Bassett, VA) featuring guest speakers and worship music led by Waterway Revival from Southport, NC. This year's theme is "Show Us Your Glory."



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WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - May 26 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday - June 23 - 6:30 p.m.



There will be Deacon Nominations on **Sunday, June 14**. 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: Lance Frith (rotates off), Brenda Ferguson, Debra Brown, Doug Ramsey and Donna Winebarger (rotates off).



June 21, 2025

(men in worship attendance will receive a special gift)



On **Sunday, June 21**, we are celebrating Friends and Family 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.

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 **\$645** for this worthy project.



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 10**. Every cent donated helps save babies and helps mothers facing crisis.

DISASTER RELIEF FOCUS

Through the month of **June**, the WMU will be sponsoring a missions offering to support Disaster Relief through BGAV. 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."

CROSSROADS VOLUNTEER WEEKEND

As we look toward the 2026 Camp Season, that mountain air is calling for a community of hands and hearts to help prepare CrossRoads for a summer of impact. From **Friday, May 15, through Sunday, May 17**, we are inviting volunteers of all generations to "join us on the mountain" for a weekend dedicated to stewardship, service, and connection.

Our anticipated projects for the weekend include:

- **Structural Care:** Deck and porch repairs to keep our facilities safe and welcoming.
- **Trail Stewardship:** Clearing and maintaining the paths that wind through our gorgeous property.
- **Operational Prep:** Organizing equipment and relocating supplies to ensure the summer staff can hit the ground running.

Cabin accommodations are provided free of charge. All meals—from Friday's kickoff dinner to Sunday's farewell lunch—are provided for our volunteers.

Contact Donna Winebarger on how to register for this service weekend.



MISSION EMPHASIS
Crisis Pregnancy Center
Goal- \$750

May 2026

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

Deacon of the Month – Doug Ramsey

Counters of the Month – Betty Jo Foley & Lance Frith

MISSION EMPHASIS
Disaster Relief – Goal \$750

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Note: Need to clean Picnic Shelter	1	2	3 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	4	5	6 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
7 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	8	9	10 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	11	12	13 Dr. Daniel Collins – Reserve Weekend SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm OCC Meeting at Picnic Shelter 11 am – 1 pm
14 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker – Jack Surma Deacon Nomination Newsletter Info Due - Jul/Aug	15	16	17 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	18	19	20 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
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Counters of the Month – Jim McMillan & Linda Poore