

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

October/November 2017

Have a wonderful fall season as we give thanks to the Lord for our many blessings. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make the 80th Anniversary Celebration and Homecoming a wonderful occasion. There were many memories shared on this special day.

Thank you, Lord, for the many years of ministry and missions here. Let us continue with the help and wisdom of the Lord strive together to be on mission for Him. May we be faithful to pray, witness, serve, and give in Jesus' name and power.

Let us work together to help meet the local needs and also around the world. There are many people who still need to know and love Jesus Christ. Will you be available and willing to tell someone today?

Invite friends and neighbors to come to Trunk or Treat on October 31st at OLBC. This will be a safe, fun time for everyone.

Thanksgiving Day is November 23rd on the calendar. Remember to give thanks by how we live each day. Let us rejoice in the Lord always. We must set a good example for Christ every day. Be willing to give a helping hand, an encouraging word, a prayer note, or a visit soon.

Enjoy this beautiful season of the year as we pause to give thanks. Let us always give thanks to the Lord.

Love and prayers,
Pastor Joe
Psalm 107:1
Ephesians 5:20

**Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Psalm 100: 1-5

October Birthdays

Oct. 01 Sherry S. Taylor
Oct. 05 Benny Young
Oct. 07 Paul McKee
Oct. 10 Jody Keaton Underwood
James Keaton
Oct. 12 Linda Whitten
Oct. 14 Rhonda Seay
Oct. 15 Moir Foley
Oct. 16 Rosa D. Stone
Oct. 20 Shirley Tobler
Ryan Wingfield
Oct. 24 Joanne Hurd
Caleb Howell
Oct. 30 Betty S. Sparks
Oct. 31 Jed Coleman

November Birthdays

Nov. 02 David Hurd, Sr.
Nov. 03 Gary Thomas
Nov. 04 Marcia Miles
Barbara Mabe
Nov. 08 Jason Howell
Nov. 10 Nancy Turner
Nov. 11 Jordan Gilley
Nov. 13 Brandon Keen
Nov. 17 Bunny Thomasson
Nov. 20 Kristi Thomas Carter
Nov. 21 Emily Sara Boswell
Nov. 24 Dolores Thompson

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mary Hodges, family and friends of Christine Cannaday, who passed away on Monday, September 18, 2017. Mrs. Cannaday was Mary's sister-in-law.

THANK YOU

Thank you, Christian family, for all the prayers for the family and for Hudson Douglas Giarla, who was born free from Menke's Disease. Hudson was born July 27, 2017, at Roanoke Memorial, weighing 6 lbs, 11 oz. and 19 inches long. He is the son of Jon and Kristen Giarla. Hudson has one brother, Matthew Giarla and one heavenly brother, Konner Reed Giarla. He is the great-grandson of Glen and Shirley Gilbert.

Thank you for your prayers that were on our behalf. We felt each and every one of them. We appreciate all the cards, food, and phone calls while both of us were sick and going through medical tests.

Much love, Glen and Shirley Gilbert

Dear Oak Level Baptist Church, I would like to thank the church for the generous graduation gift I received. I am so blessed to have such great people think about and care for me. Oak Level has always been a place I can call home and a place that I love dearly. Thank you again for everything.
Love, Megan Thompson

We would like to extend a Great Big **THANK YOU** to all the people who helped make the 80th Anniversary such a huge success. It took a lot of people working collectively for this to come together and we just want to express appreciation to everyone who helped. A special Thank You goes to the 80th Anniversary Committee for planning and working diligently to make sure everything ran smoothly!



NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

*Avis Gray - Room 364
*Thelma Nolen - Room 105
*Shirley Tobler - Room 341
*Mildred Ramsey - Room 211
Sue Meeks - Room 213

Fork Mtn. Rest Home, 2925 Fork Mtn. Rd. Rocky Mt, 24151

*Wanda Stone
Shelbern Meeks

Hanson Home, 162 Krontz Drive, Bassett, VA 24055

*Betty Sue Sparks (Sister of Shirley Tobler)

King's Grant, 350 King's Way Road, Martinsville, VA 24112

Grady Snead - Room 312

The Laurels, 72 Chatham Business Park Dr., Pittsboro, NC 27312

*Lovelene S. Lewis (Sister of Shirley Tobler)

TLC Adult Home, 880 Lillian Naff Dr., Henry, VA 24102

*Louise Vipperman
*Josephine Ferguson

BFF IN CHRIST

Beginning **Sunday, October 8th**, the Youth Coordinating Committee is sponsoring a contemporary service with praise and worship music to reach the children, youth, and their parents for Christ. BFF stands for Believe, Faith, and Fellowship. "The purpose for this program is for a way to let our children grow in Christ in a way that is best for them to understand." This special service will be **every 2nd and 4th Sunday** for one hour, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Oak Level Baptist Church will again collect shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Start collecting your items to go into the boxes and begin praying for the child that will receive your box. Go the website at



www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/ or ask a WMU member for appropriate items to put in the shoe boxes. **THANK YOU** to those that have been giving items throughout the year for the shoeboxes!! The dedication and ingathering of the boxes will be **Sunday, November 13th**.

2018 BUDGET REQUESTS

The Stewardship Committee is beginning the process of working on the 2018 OLBC budget. All committee and organizational chairs are asked to submit their budget requests for the 2018 calendar year by **Sunday, October 8**. Place your requests in the Stewardship box in the Sunday School office or give them to Ben Morris, Ken Turner, or Donna Winebarger. The 2018 budget will be presented on the first Sunday in November. Any changes to the budget will need to be addressed at the November 15th business meeting. The 2018 budget will be presented for adoption on Sunday, November 19th.

HENRY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting and 60th Anniversary of the HCBA will be held on **Tuesday, October 17, 2017** at FBC, Martinsville. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by a meal at 5:00 p.m. The evening session will begin with pre-service music at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be John Upton, Executive Director, BGAV. Messengers representing the church are Betty Jo Foley, Joe and Kim Glass, Ben and Peggy Morris, Wilbern and Martha Sue Meeks. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Raceway Ministries Weekend At Martinsville Speedway

Saturday, Oct 28, 2017
Texas Roadhouse 200, Truck Race

Sunday, Oct 29, 2017
First Data 500



Volunteers needed to provide and distribute refreshments, hand out gospel tracts, drive handicapped shuttles, and **PRAY** at the upcoming Race Weekend events. **Call the HCBA Office at 276-638-2951.**



TRUNK OR TREAT

The church is hosting Trunk or Treat this year outside on the church parking lot weather permitting on **Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to decorate their trunks, wear a costume, and give out candy to the children. If you are unable to attend Trunk or Treat, please donate individually wrapped candy. For more information, see Peggy Morris.

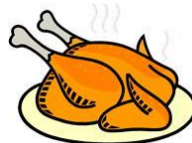
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The purpose of the Church Council is important to the operational activities and programs of the church. The responsibilities of the council are:

1. Recommend to the church suggested church objectives and goals.
2. Recommend to the church action plans for reaching church goals.
3. Provide on a quarterly basis a calendar of events for church activities.
4. When necessary, appoint a Pastor Selection Committee with the advice and assistance of the departing pastor, and recommend the committee to the church.
5. Assist the Nominating Committee in filling vacancies in leadership positions during the year.

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, October 4**, at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to **plan and coordinate** events for the church calendar to April 2018. Those on the church council include: Pastor, Deacons Chairperson, Music Director, Stewardship Chairperson, Sunday School Director, WMU Director, and Youth Coordinating Chairperson. Other committee chairpersons are encouraged to attend if they have items to add to the calendar.

THANKSGIVING MEAL



A covered dish Thanksgiving meal will be held on **Sunday, November 19, 2017**. After a service of sharing about blessings from God during the year, we will gather together around the table in the Church Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dish to share as we celebrate this Thanksgiving season.



WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - October 24 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - November 28 - 6:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S GET-AWAY

Nov. 3-4 and 4-5, 2017

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

Be sure to register for the Women's Get-Away in November. The theme for this year is **JOY IN THE JOURNEY**. Teresa Harmening will be the keynote speaker and worship leader. Get-Away begins with dinner at 5:00 p.m. and ends following lunch the next day. The link to register is <http://wmuv.org/getaway>. There will be over 20 breakout sessions, missionary speakers, music, fellowship and much more! Sandy Wisdom-Martin, Executive Director, National WMU, will be the speaker at the WMUV Annual Meeting at 2:00 p.m. Contact Donna Winebarger for more information.

WADE CENTER & HURRICANE HARVEY

The WMUV in partnership with BGAV, Bluefield College, and CBFVA are sponsoring a collection of items to be given to The Wade Center in Bluefield, WV. The Wade Center provides fun and safe afterschool programming and summer camp for elementary and middle school children. OLBC WMU will collect these items **through the month of October** and take them to the Women's Get-Away on November 3. Join us as we collect these needed items. There will be a box in the church foyer where the items can be placed.

- New tennis shoes (no toddler sizes)
- Breakfast Bars
- Individual size cereal boxes
- Individual size Ravioli
- Individual size Mac & Cheese
- Crackers
- Individual size chip bags
- Fruit gummies

OLBC WMU is also collecting VISA and MasterCard gift cards in any amount to be given to the Texas WMU. They will work through pastors, directors of missions and Texas Baptist staff to get the gift cards to families in need. We want to support our WMU in Texas as they will engage in outreach ministry related to Hurricane Harvey for a long time!

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS 

OLBC 2017 Goal - \$2,000.00
Offering Received - \$837.00

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

Special "Beloved Community" emphasis

December 3 - December 10

Please plan to give to this offering during this time and **help us reach our goal for 2017!**



OLBC Goal - \$900.00
Amount Received To Date - \$520.00



HC WMU FALL FLING

The Henry County WMU will have a Fall Fling on **Saturday, October 21** at Mount Vernon Baptist Church. The meeting will start with a continental breakfast, door prizes, and more. Ann Robertson will be the guest speaker. Watch the bulletin for a time to gather and leave the church as a group.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, November 4th!**

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	2	3	4 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Church Council 5:30 PM PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7
8 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm BFF in Christ – 5:30 pm	9	10	11 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	16	17 HCBA Annual Mtg. FBC, Martinsville 60 th Anniversary	18 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21
22 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm BFF in Christ – 5:30 pm  Pennies for the Precious	23	24 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	25 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	26	27	28
29 Sunday School Social – 10:00 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	30	31 Trunk or Treat 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.				

Deacon of the Month – Lance Frith

Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Brenda Ferguson

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			1 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Women's Get-Away at Eagle Eyrie </div>	4
5 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Johnny & Ludia Young Family Reunion – 12:30 pm in FH Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	6	7	8 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm BFF in Christ – 5:30 pm Samaritan Purse Shoebox Collection	13	14	15 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18
19 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Vote on 2018 Budget Thanksgiving Luncheon following worship service	20	21	22 NO PTS Meeting	23 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	24	25
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Deacon of the Month – Elmer Stone

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Lee Pettit