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SHARING THE JOURNEY

October/November 2019

Happy fall season to you. Enjoy the blessings of the special beauty of this season of the year. Take time to appreciate and enjoy many blessings in Christ.

What will you and I do to help others in a crisis, a time of need today? How do you and I share in the ministry of the church in the place we live? Take time to ask someone soon about how you can help them and pray for them.

Thank you for your praying and giving to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. This is a wonderful opportunity to work together as Virginia Baptists to share the love of Christ across our state and with the whole world.

Please remember a local missions opportunity here at church on Thursday, October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Trunk or Treat is scheduled here in our parking lot. Your help is needed as we meet people in this area, the children as well as their families. Let us remember to invite someone to church when they come for this special event. Come and enjoy the fellowship and make new friends.

Sunday, November 3, is a day of prayer for the persecuted church. Many Christians live in danger today. It is our responsibility to pray for them and to encourage others to support them in prayer daily. I read the tragic news about Pastor Han who was killed by North Korean agents in China. Let us be faithful to pray for Christians risking their lives for Christ.

Sunday, November 10, is shoebox collection day for the Operation Christmas Child Missions project. You can show the love of God to needy children as you give simple gifts in a shoebox. Each shoebox gift is an opportunity for a child to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Shoebox gifts are given to hurting children in more than 100 countries around the world.

May we remember to always give thanks for our material and spiritual blessings in Christ. Thanksgiving season is in November, but every day is a great day to pause and say "Thank You, Lord for your blessings on me." 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Psalm 107:1

Happy Thanksgiving! Let's help someone to have a wonderful Thanksgiving this year as we share our blessings with them.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Joe



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. 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
Nov. 30 Zachary Turner

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

*Avis Gray - Room 364

*Shirley Tobler - Room 341

*Bill Young - Room 264

Sue Meeks - Room 213

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

*Wanda Stone

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

Grady Snead - Room 312

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Robert and Susan Gillespie and family in the death of his mother, Mary Gillespie. Mary passed away on Monday, August 19, 2019.

Sincere sympathy is extended to James, Sherry, Rhonda, Ronnie, and family in the death of their wife and mother, Edna Seay. Edna passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2019. She was a beloved member of OLBC and will be missed by all.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Victor Addison Cannaday, who passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2019. He was the brother of Mary Hodges.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Barbara Wilson, who passed away on Friday, September 13, 2019. Barbara and Bob were former members of OLBC for several years and remained friends with many from the OLBC family.

THANK YOU

The family of Edna Seay would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, visits, cards, flowers, and food that were given to us during Mama's illness and passing. There are no words that seem adequate enough to express how much we love you all. We appreciate how you all have shown your love for our family. James, Ronnie, Rhonda, Sherry and John



A SPECIAL INVITATION

Everyone is invited to participate in a special study entitled, "Who I Am In Christ" beginning **Wednesday, October 2**. Plan to meet in the church fellowship hall Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

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 9**, at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to **plan and coordinate** events for the church calendar to April 2020. 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.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, November 2nd!**

SHADY CREEK FARMS

All older children, youth, and adults are invited to attend Shady Creek Farm's outreach ministry judgment drama hayride. Shady Creek Farm is family owned, located in Pelham, NC, it has been operating since 2003. They raise black Angus cows, miniature donkeys, turkeys, and miniature cows. They give horseback riding lessons, offer birthday parties, group tours, board horses and sell hay. Their website states, "It is our goal to put God first and to share His glorious creation with all who visit our farm!" Watch the bulletin for the date and time.

HENRY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the HCBA will be held on **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, at Starling Avenue Baptist Church. 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 Rev. Tony Beach, Associate Pastor of Fort Trial Baptist Church. Messengers representing the church are Betty Jo Foley, Joe and Kim Glass, Peggy Morris, Martha Sue Meeks, Donna Winebarger. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2020 BUDGET REQUESTS

The Stewardship Committee is beginning the process of working on the 2020 OLBC budget. All committee and organizational chairs are asked to submit their budget requests for the 2020 calendar year by **Sunday, October 20**. Place your requests in the Stewardship box in the Sunday School office or give them to Ben Morris, Ken Turner, or Donna Winebarger. The 2020 budget will be presented on the first Sunday in November. Any changes to the budget will need to be addressed at the November 13th business meeting. The 2020 budget will be presented for adoption on Sunday, November 17th.



THE PROMISING FUTURE OF SMALL CHURCHES

Help Your Small Church Thrive! Join in for an honest discussion about The Promising Future of Small Churches with guest speaker Chuck Warnock. Dr. Warnock is an author and pastor of Chatham Baptist Church and currently serving as BGAV's Minister in Residence for Small Churches. He comes well-equipped with expertise in small to medium sized church issues. Chuck will spend the day explaining the cultural, demographic, and technological changes that are currently affecting our religious climate; the question churches should be asking in response to these changes; and how even the smallest congregation can discover a renewed mission and approach for engaging with their community. See Pastor Joe or Betty Jo if you would like to register for this seminar to be held on **Saturday, October 26** from 10 am to 2:30 pm at Fort Trial Baptist Church. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch.



The church is hosting "Treasures in the Bible" Trunk or Treat this year outside on the church parking lot weather permitting on **Thursday, October 31st from 5:30 - 7:30 PM**. Everyone is invited to decorate their trunks and wear costumes depicting Bible stories or characters. Please sign-up on the sheet located in the church foyer if you can decorate a trunk.

THANKSGIVING MEAL



A covered dish Thanksgiving meal will be held on **Sunday, November 17**. 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.

"Each day is a gift from God. What you do with it is your gift to Him." - T.D. Jakes

WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - October 29 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - November 19 - 6:30 p.m.

HURRICAN SEASON IS HERE

In 2018, Virginia Baptist Disaster Response empowered 545 volunteers who served 29,522 hours after 9 disasters in communities across the US, providing high quality services to meet human needs in feeding, clean up, recovery, and Crisis Care. Your support of disaster response through the Alma Hunt Missions Offering helps volunteers respond strategically and increase our capabilities to respond after disaster. A robust fleet and advances in technology help our volunteers work more efficiently to serve more people which is evidenced by the 54,814 individuals served after disasters in 2018. Your giving now insures training for volunteers and equipment ready to go when a disaster hits. If you make a donation to BGAV during a specific disaster, 100% of that donation goes to that disaster relief.



OLBC Goal - \$900.00

Amount Received To Date - \$850.00



Collection and blessing of the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be **Sunday, November 10**. If you have any items to be donated, please have them to the church by November 3rd. Any monetary donation can be

given to Betty Jo Foley. These will help defray the cost of shipping the shoeboxes. If you would like to pack your own shoebox, there are shoeboxes, a list of shoebox gift items, and labels to adhere to your box located in the church foyer. Don't forget to include a \$9 donation per shoebox for shipping cost.



OLBC 2019 Goal - \$2,000.00
Offering Received - \$1,305.00



WOMEN'S GET-AWAY

Nov. 1-2 and 2-3, 2019

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

Be sure to register for the Women's Get-Away in November. The theme for this year is **MAKE ME MINDFUL**. Get Away promises to be a wonderful time of fellowship with other Christian sisters. A time of inspiration. A time of equipping for missions. A time of personal development and a time for fun! Our keynote speaker is Sylvia DeLoach and Teresa Harmening will be the worship leader. The link to register is <http://wmuv.org/getaway>. There will be over 20 breakout sessions and much more! Contact Donna Winebarger for more information.

HORNE HOME

Thank you, Esther, for promoting and collecting the funds for the Horne Home. OLBC gave a total of \$150!

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Dear OLBC Congregation: Thank you for your passion and perserverance for the Pregnancy Care Center! Your loyalty and support are an incredible encouragement to us. You raised **\$289.48** in the Baby Bottle Boomerrang of 2019! That money will go directly towards offering medical, educational, and material assistance to women facing unplanned and unprepared for pregnancies. Thank you for allowing God to use you in bringing mothers, fathers, and babies to Him. You are appreciated!

Blessings, The Pregnancy Care Center of MHC, Inc.

WMUV inspires and equips women to influence the world for Christ.

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm SS Officers, Teachers, CC Workers Mtg. 4:00 pm Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 pm	7	8	9 Church Council 5:30 PM PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12
13 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	14	15	16 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19
20 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm Budget Requests Due	21	22	23 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	24	25	26
27 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm  Pennies for the Precious	28 Stewardship Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	29 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	30 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	31 "Treasures in the Bible" Trunk or Treat 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.		

Church Secretary on vacation this week

Deacon of the Month – Betty Jo Foley

Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Brenda Ferguson

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24 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Choir Practice – 12:30 pm	25	26	27 No Church Activities Church Secretary on vacation	28 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	29	30



Pennies for the Precious

Deacon of the Month – Brenda Ferguson

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Lance Frith