

# Oak Level Baptist Church

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## SHARING THE JOURNEY

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Greetings and salutations in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer!

As I sit here writing this piece for our newsletter I am reflecting on how fast time moves along. Most of you who've been here know that I am fond of using the statement, "Time flies when we're having fun, we must be having a blast!" It's unreal how time seems to fly nowadays. Seems like we were just celebrating a brand-new year and now we are more than halfway through that year. The days of summer are waning. As of right now, school is back in for another year. Soon it will be fall again, time to go hunting, all the stores will have Christmas decorations for sale, and time keeps marching on. I sure am glad that none of it takes our God by surprise; He knows exactly what He's doing. It sure is a good thing God's in control. If we were in control, we'd have long since messed it all up. We serve a powerful God, a sovereign God, and all-knowing, all-present God; a God who STILL CAN!

Sometimes we can kind of get a little bit sad or depressed when we think about how fast time flies; we think about the things that maybe we didn't get to do, about things we forgot to do, you name it. It makes perfect sense that we would think that way because we like to accomplish things, we like to get things done, and we want plenty of time to do them. What better reason for us as children of God to give God the trust that He's due? I remind us of a couple verses that I continually turn to and continually encourage others to remember. The first is Proverbs 3:5-6: *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.* Solomon, the wisest of all men (aside from Jesus Himself), under inspiration, wrote in this passage that if we want direction, we need to trust God. Reminder, he tells us that we need to trust God with EVERYTHING we have. He doesn't tell us to trust God with a few things. Secondly, we consider Philippians 4:6-7: *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* Paul, under inspiration, who lived hundreds of years after Solomon, exhorts us with the same wise advice: trust God with everything. Child of God? Do you want

direction and peace in the midst of time flying by and maybe it finds you wondering where time went or perhaps stressed or depressed that time flew by before you had the opportunity to finish something or do something? Trust God with all of it. Enough said.

I pray God's blessings on all as we enter into this the latter few months of the year. Looking forward to wonderful blessings as we preach, pray, study, and see what God has in store. We will be celebrating Homecoming Sunday on September 28, World Communion Sunday on October 5, to name a couple of upcoming celebrations. Be sure to be in prayer for these and most important, to come and be a part of these celebrations. Step number 1 is to SHOW UP!

God bless and keep you,  
Daniel  
Phil. 4:13

### September Birthdays

Sept. 4 Elmer Stone  
Sept. 5 Esther Hanks  
Sept. 6 Maury Miles, Jr.  
Kimberly Wingfield  
JR Foley  
Sept. 8 Ken Turner  
Sept. 9 Abby Tilley  
Sept. 11 Kaylee Pettit  
Sept. 13 Callie Baumgardner  
Sept. 14 Jim McMillan  
Sept. 16 Dennis Ferguson  
Sept. 17 Joseph Howell  
Sept. 22 Nicholas Martin  
Sept. 24 Ashley K. Stanley  
Sept. 26 Miranda Burek  
Sept. 27 Chuck LaBounty  
Sept. 29 Lenzie Erin Boswell  
Sept. 30 Amber Foley

### October Birthdays

Oct. 1 Sherry S. Taylor  
Oct. 5 Benny Young  
Shirley Spencer  
Oct. 10 Jody Underwood  
James Keaton  
Oct. 12 Linda Whitten  
Oct. 14 Rhonda Seay  
Oct. 15 Moir Foley  
Oct. 16 Rosa Stone  
Oct. 20 Shirley Tobler  
Ryan Wingfield  
Oct. 24 Joanne Hurd  
Caleb Howell  
Oct. 29 Pat Gusler  
Oct. 31 Jed Coleman



### RHETT WALKER

Henry County Fair and Spirit FM presents Rhett Walker on **Friday, September 26, 7:00 PM** at the Henry County Fair at Martinsville Speedway. His song, "Man On The Middle Cross" was nominated Bluegrass/Country/Roots Song of the Year for the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Dove Awards in 2024.



Spread the word and invite your friends and neighbors to Oak Level Baptist Church Homecoming Celebration on **Sunday, September**

**28**, beginning at 10:30AM (No Sunday school). Special music will be presented by April Neal of Vandola Baptist Church, Danville, VA. Dr. Len Keever will be our Guest Speaker. Lunch to follow; bring your favorite covered dish and/or dessert. Join us for a morning of music, worship, and fellowship as we celebrate God's blessings on this church past and present.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, October 1**, at 6:00 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar through March 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.

### **2026 BUDGET REQUESTS**

The Stewardship Committee is beginning the process of working on the 2026 OLBC budget. All committee and organizational chairs are asked to submit their budget requests for the 2026 calendar year by **Sunday, October 12**. Place your requests in the Stewardship box in the Sunday School office or give them to Ben Morris, Ken Turner, or Jim McMillan. The 2026 budget will be presented on the **first Sunday in November**. Any changes to the budget will need to be addressed at the **November 12<sup>th</sup> business meeting**. The 2026 budget will be presented for adoption on **Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

### **HENRY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the HCBA will be held on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025**, and hosted at McCabe Memorial Baptist Church. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by a meal at 5:00 p.m. The messengers that were voted on were: Ben & Peggy Morris, Lance Frith, Betty Jo Foley and Daniel Collins. Doug Ramsey, Pat Gusler, and Brenda Ferguson are alternates. **A head count is needed for the meal before September 30.**



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A MOVEMENT OF WOMEN ON MISSION SINCE 1874

**Tuesday - September 23 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday - October 28 - 6:30 p.m.**

### **ALMA HUNT OFFERING**

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions was named for Alma Hunt, a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. This annual state missions offering is a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). "In every season, God calls us to a faith that lives-one that moves, gives, serves, and loves. In a world full of challenges and change, faithful followers of Jesus continue to embody the gospel through word and action. This is what it means to have a **Living Faith**. The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions helps make that faith visible-meeting real needs, offering hope, and transforming lives in communities across our state and beyond. Collected year-round, with a special emphasis each September, the offering equips Virginia Baptists to live out a vibrant, working faith as we serve together on mission with God." **The OLBC 2025 Goal is set at \$1000.** A special ingathering of this offering is **Sunday, September 14.**



In October, please consider donating toward the shipping cost of \$10 each. If you have not given to this worthwhile project and would like to you can mark your donation "Shoebox Shipping".

### **GETAWAY WITH US THIS FALL!**

Sometimes we all need to get away. But what if your weekend away could have a lasting impact on your faith, mental health, relationships, and community? Join us in person this fall at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center in Lynchburg. There will be worship, bible study, dozens of breakout opportunities, and space for you to rest and reconnect with God and others. Save the date to attend **Friday-Saturday, November 7-8**. Registration for Getaway 2025 is now open via [Eagle Eyrie's website](#). If you are interested, please let Donna Winebarger know before September 22.

# September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Labor Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Daniel Collins – Reserve Duty Weekend <div>Installation of New Exec. Director of HerMission at CrossRoads</div>
<b>7</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> SDARM 8 am – 1 pm - FH
Week of Prayer for Alma Hunt State Missions – OLBC Goal - \$1000						
<b>14</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Ingathering of Alma Hunt Offering	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> SDARM 8 am – 1 pm - FH
<b>21</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>24</b> Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  Deacons' Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Set up for Homecoming in FH
<b>28</b> Homecoming Service Special Music beginning at 10:30 am Luncheon following Worship Service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

Deacon of the Month – Lance Frith

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris and Lance Frith

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Deacon of the Month – Brenda Ferguson

Counters of the Month – Jim McMillan & Linda Poore