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SHARING THE JOURNEY

September/October 2026

Greetings and Salutations in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Here we are at another newsletter; the newsletter for September-October. What a privilege and blessing we have to see September and October again! September is the beginning of the church year. That being said, I thought I would kind of do a "wrap-up", a "year in review."

Over the past year we have been so very blessed by God! I often reflect that even though we have a small congregation (at this time anyway), we still experience the rich blessings of God. We are not drowning in debt, we have met and exceeded all goals for our mission giving, and we have had wonderful messages, Bible studies, musical guests, fellowships, etc. I pray that this trend will continue and increase over this next year! Unfortunately, we have had to bid "farewell for now" to Bro. Ben Morris and Sis. Daisy Barnes. We love them and their passing did leave a great void in our fellowship, and we continue to lift their family and friends up in our prayers. We get great comfort in knowing that they now reside at the throne of God and there are no more worries, no more health woes, and no more sorrow! Praise be to God! In my own personal life, I am getting ready to retire from military service after 20 years, my daughter is going into her senior year of college, many other things. I'm sure that each of you reading this can look to your own personal "year in review". My prayer is that you look to where you've been and what you've come through and see that God has been faithful through it all.

Lamentations 3:21-23 is such a wonderful resource from Scripture to encourage us in God's faithfulness. Lamentations was written by Jeremiah - "the weeping prophet" weeping over the state of rebellion by the nation of Israel. The word "Lament" which means weeping, sorrow, is the root of "Lamentations." Jeremiah, in the midst of lamenting, gives the following affirmation: *This I recall to my mind; therefore I have hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassion fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness.* Look to your own personal "year in review", through it all, see how God has been merciful and faithful to you!

Let us be encouraged by God's faithfulness and His blessing!

I pray that everyone has a wonderful September and October. Everyone stay safe and healthy and may God's rich blessings rest on you all!

Daniel

Phil. 4:13

September Birthdays

Sept. 4 Elmer Stone
Sept. 5 Esther Hanks
Sept. 6 Maury Miles, Jr.
Kimberly Wingfield
JR Foley
Shirley Spencer
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
Oct. 10 Jody Underwood
James Keaton
Oct. 12 Linda Whitten
Oct. 14 Rhonda Seay
Oct. 15 Moir Foley
Oct. 16 Rosa Stone
Oct. 20 Ryan Wingfield
Oct. 24 Joanne Hurd
Caleb Howell
Oct. 29 Pat Gusler
Oct. 31 Jed Coleman



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, October 7**, 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.

DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

Join us on Wednesday evenings for Bible study from 6:00- 7:00 pm. We are close to finishing up the **Doctrine of God** and will move to the **Doctrine of Jesus Christ**. This is a comprehensive study that will equip us to present the gospel and answer questions with the people that we come in contact. Boldness has been a constant theme throughout these studies. **JOIN US** this Wednesday!



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A MOVEMENT OF WOMEN ON MISSION SINCE 1874

Tuesday - September 29 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - October 27 - 6:30 p.m.

ALMA HUNT OFFERING

The annual Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions is September 13 - 20. It provides essential funding for HerMission (WMUV) initiatives, BGAV special ministries, community outreach projects, and mission efforts not supported through regular church giving. Join us in prayer and giving as we witness **Hope Rising** through lives transformed daily by the hope and love of Christ. Each day that week will emphasize a prayer focus that you can pray for specific needs:

- Community Missions - Pray for planting of Dinner Churches
- Disaster Response - Pray for those affected by storms this year
- Camp Piankatank - Pray for the retreat groups coming to Camp Piankatank this fall
- Chaplaincy - Pray for our chaplains as they serve on the front lines of spiritual care in Virginia and around the world
- Renewal - Pray for new HerMission groups across the state
- Hope - Pray for the HOPE Ministry Team as they support churches and organizations
- Leadership - Pray for the women and men who serve in churches across the state as they encourage others to live on mission in their communities

The OLBC 2026 Goal is set at \$1000. A special ingathering of this offering is **Sunday, September 20.**

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 6-7.** Registration for Getaway 2026 is now open via [Eagle Eyrie's website](#). If you are interested, please let Donna Winebarger know before **September 27.**

2027 BUDGET REQUESTS

The Stewardship Committee is beginning the process of working on the 2027 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 Ken Turner, Doug Ramsey or Donna Winebarger. The 2027 budget will be presented on the **first Sunday in November.** Any changes to the budget will need to be addressed at the **November 11th business meeting.** The 2027 budget will be presented for **adoption on Sunday, November 22nd.**



Items have been flowing in for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Now we need YOUR help packing these boxes. On **Sunday, October 18,** please plan to stay after worship for lunch (provided by the WMU ladies) and pack your shoebox. You get to pick a boy or girl and what age group you would like to send a box. Everything will be set up for you to make your choices and pack your box! Remember shipping is \$10 per box, and donations will be needed by the end of October to cover that cost. If you have not given to this worthwhile project and would like to you can mark your donation "Shoebox Shipping".

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to the WMU Missions Project for the BGAV Disaster Relief ministry in June. The church collected **\$610** for this worthy project.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who was the high priest who questioned Jesus during His trial before the Sanhedrin?
2. Which Old Testament book tells the story of a queen who saved the Jewish people from destruction?
3. Who was the prophet who confronted King David about his sin with Bathsheba and Uriah?
4. In the New Testament, who was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the twelve apostles?
5. What is the shortest book in the Old Testament with only one chapter?

Contact Sheila by email olbc@comcast.net or by phone 276-629-7973 to check your answers.

MISSION EMPHASIS

Alma Hunt Offering

Goal - \$1000

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	3	4	5 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
6 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	7 Labor Day	8	9 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
13 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	14	15	16 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	17 Church Secretary on Vacation	18	19 Daniel Collins – Reserve Duty Weekend SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
Week of Prayer for Alma Hunt State Missions – OLBC Goal - \$1000						
20 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker – Jack Surma Ingathering of Alma Hunt Offering	21	22	23 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24 Church Secretary on Vacation	25	26 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
27 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	28	29 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	30			

Deacon of the Month – Debra Brown

Counters of the Month – Gordon Metz & Lance Frith

MISSION EMPHASIS
OCC Shoeboxes – Goal 60
Boxes; \$600 for Shipping

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
4 Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	5	6	7 Church Council 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
11 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	12	13	14 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	15	16	17 SDARM – FH 8 am – 1 pm
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Deacon of the Month – Doug Ramsey

Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Linda Poore