

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

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NEWS FROM GRACE AND MAIN FELLOWSHIP IN DANVILLE!

We are so grateful for your prayers and partnership with our ministry over the years, and want to make sure you know that we could not do this work without you.

Ministry in a global pandemic has been a challenge for us, as I'm sure it has been for everyone else. While we have had to stop most of our in-person gatherings in order to protect the most vulnerable among us, we certainly have not taken a break from the work of bearing witness to the love of Jesus and cultivating His beloved community in Danville. During this season, we have been working to provide hundreds of masks to our friends, neighbors, and community members, most of which were stitched together by Grace and Main leaders and community partners. These masks are washable and reusable, which was particularly helpful in the beginning of this crisis when protective equipment was difficult to find.

In addition to masks, Grace and Main has been providing transportation for folks to grocery stores, medical appointments, the local food pantry, and many other places. The many hours spent riding in the car with some of our friends has created much needed time to check in with folks that we can't see every week. We have also continued our community meals as a "take-out" and "delivery"

dinner, giving us even more opportunities to see how people are doing. In a time of profound anxiety and isolation, these check-ins have been life giving for me, as I hope they have been for the folks I'm checking on.

The Grace and Main Urban Farm and Tool Library have continued to move forward this year. We received several mowers, trimmers, and a chainsaw, as well as other tools from some of our supporters this year. These tools are consistently being borrowed, as working outside still seems to be pretty safe. We were glad to have a group of ladies from Oak Level in August who toured the farm and helped us start some cabbage seeds for the fall. This year was a catch-up year at the Farm as we sought to clean up from leaving several beds fallow last year during the stay-at-home order. Even though we only planted about half of our beds, we still produced over 100 pounds of food, and we began experimenting with some new, low-cost ways to create our own fertilizers.

The most exciting news from Grace and Main this year is also what we are looking forward to in 2022. This year, thanks to a grant from the CBF of Virginia and an award from the Danville Regional Foundation, Grace and Main was able to purchase a 4-unit apartment building in one of our neighborhoods. For many years, G & M has been providing radical hospitality in our homes, as well as supplementing rent and utilities as needed to help people stay in safe, reliable shelter. With

this apartment building, as well as a small house that was recently donated to the community, we are expanding our housing work to include transitional shelter and a cooperative ownership program that will help people who have not had access to home ownership begin to build equity toward permanent housing. This is one piece of a larger plan to try to reduce homelessness and make housing more affordable in Danville. Keep an eye out for more news on this exciting new ministry!

We cannot thank you all enough for your support through prayers, volunteering, and giving over the last several years. We truly could not do this work without the faithfulness of partners like Oak Level Baptist Church. If you would like to read stories and regular updates about our work, please visit our websites: www.graceandmain.org and thirdchanceministries.com.

Jessica Hearne, CBF Field
Personnel, Danville, VA

THANK YOU! With your giving to the CBF Offering this past year, Y O U had a part in the ministry detailed by Jessica. Let's make 2022 an even better year with our G I V I N G and G O I N G and D O I N G !





Make your New Year's Resolution to join us for Sunday School in 2022 at 9:30 AM on Sunday morning. We have teachers ready and prepared for ALL age groups. We have switched our literature to Lifeway and the *Explore the Bible* series for all age groups and we start with a study in Daniel and

Ezekiel. We have room for Y O U!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council will meet **Wednesday, January 5, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar to June 2022. 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.

BUSINESS MEETING

The quarterly business meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 12, at 6:30 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January Birthdays

- Jan. 02 Shirley C. Young
Heaven Brown
Eliza LaBounty
- Jan. 05 Ben Morris
- Jan. 08 Donna Winebarger
- Jan. 10 Ann Stone
Hayden Robertson
- Jan. 11 Lori Keen Pruitt
Kyrie LaBounty
- Jan. 12 Lewis Turner
Grover Harrison
- Jan. 14 James Wray
Gloria Keen
- Jan. 16 Ryan McKee
Hannah Glass
- Jan. 17 Lance Frith
- Jan. 18 Kelly Webb
- Jan. 19 Tommy Thompson
- Jan. 20 Jacob Gray
Eva Dale Searce
- Jan. 21 Amy F. Jarrell
Heidi Hodges
- Jan. 28 Frances Barnes
- Jan. 30 Geraldine Williams

February Birthdays

- Feb. 01 Jon Mark Atkins
- Feb. 02 Joe Glass
- Feb. 05 Tena B. Cassady
- Feb. 06 Holly Thompson
- Feb. 08 Sara Seay
Toby LaBounty
- Feb. 09 Dennis Wray
- Feb. 10 John K. Ramsey
- Feb. 13 Sheila Ramsey
- Feb. 14 Martha Sue Meeks
- Feb. 16 Jean Martin
Lydia Baumgardner
- Feb. 18 Sara Gill
Martha Jane Gunter
- Feb. 19 Cierra Underwood
- Feb. 20 Marvin Seay
- Feb. 24 Amy Lawson
- Feb. 25 Arthur Foley
Linda McMillan
- Feb. 26 Mildred Ramsey
- Feb. 27 H.L. Snead
- Feb. 29 Jacob Glass

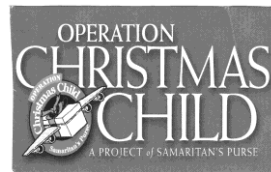


WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday - Jan. 25 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Feb. 22 - 6:30 p.m.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS

OLBC 2022 Goal - \$2,000.00



We will continue to collect items for the Shoeboxes throughout 2022 again. Below is a monthly list for your consideration.

- JAN Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Socks, Underwear
- FEB Stuffed Animals
- MAR Soap, Washcloths
- APR Combs, Brushes
- MAY Toothbrushes
- JUN Girl Toys
- JUL Boy Toys
- AUG Accessories
- SEPT School Supplies
- OCT Monetary Gift



February 19th is Children's Ministry Day and from 10 AM-1:00 PM on that day, we want to invite all the young people of the church and the young at heart to join us in making craft items for the shoeboxes. We will have craft supplies for everyone in the fellowship hall. If you have a craft idea in mind, please share so we can make sure we have enough supplies on hand. Children ages 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

WMU EMPHASIS 2022- RELENTLESS

But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved (Heb. 10:39 NIV).

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2 Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	3	4 Church Secretary – Off (New Year's Day)	5 Church Council 6:00 PM PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8
9 Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Deacons' Mfg. -5:00 p.m.	10	11	12 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15
16 Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	17	18	19 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22
23 Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	24	25 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	26 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	27	28	29
30 Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	31					
Deacon of the Month – Lance Frith		Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Lance Frith				

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5
6 Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	7	8	9 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12
13 Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Newsletter Info Due	14	15	16 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19 Children's Mission Day 10 – 1 PM in FH
Focus on WMU Week February 14 - 20						
20 Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	21	22 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	23 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	24	25	26
27 Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	28					

Deacon of the Month – Donna Winebarger

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Brenda Ferguson