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SHARING THE JOURNEY

July/August 2023

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As I write this newsletter message, I'm thinking about the time of year we are looking at: July and August. It seems like the year just began and now it is more than halfway over. I think the year 2023 has been going faster than the year 2022 and all the years before it. Next thing you know I'll be writing a piece close to Christmastime for that newsletter.

In any case, since our last newsletter I hope everyone has had a good Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day (I think that's all the special days that happened in May/June). Now I pray that everyone will have a good Independence Day and whatever other special days will come up in July/August. In my family and household, my daughter will celebrate her 18th birthday on July 20th and my parents will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary a month later on August 20th.

I've heard it said (I'm sure you've heard this quote as well), "The only constant in life is change." What a true and profound statement. Two short years ago I was still on active duty and didn't have a clue what my future would be. Now, in the blink of an eye, I'm blessed to serve this church. Some of you over the past half year have endured different changes; some good, maybe some not so good. You know something that brings me a lot of comfort during this constant that we call change? The fact that, yes, things can and will change in our lives, but God does not change! Malachi 3:6 tells us: *I am the Lord, I change not...* Hebrews 13:8 says: *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.* God never changes, nor does His Word. 1 Peter 1:24-25 tells us: *All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the*

flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower fadeth away: But the Word of the Lord endureth forever... Take joy and comfort in the fact that in an era of change, God and His Word doesn't.

I hope and pray that your July and August are blessed. Reach out if there are any needs. Blessings to you, and if you haven't been to church in a while, come and be with us. You'll get a blessing!

Daniel
Phil. 4:13

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, July 5, 2023**, at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar through December 2023. 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.

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The deadline for information that you would like to be included in the upcoming Sept/Oct Newsletter is **August 13**. Please place the information in the Church Office door, call the church at 629-7973 or e-mail your information to olbc@comcast.net.

Sick & Shut-in

Don't forget to pray for our sick and shut-ins.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2	Tracey M. Foley
July 3	Brenda Ferguson
July 9	Sharon M. Hall Della Chapman
July 13	Tamie Foley
July 17	Jesse Cannaday
July 18	Brandi Barrett
July 21	Imogene McMillian
July 22	Betty R. Martin
July 24	Jean Swain
July 25	William Turner
July 26	David Keen
July 27	Sherri Mason
July 29	Betty Jo Foley Beth Howell
July 31	Mike Weaver

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 1	Ken Meeks Addis Mabe
Aug. 2	James I. Seay, Jr.
Aug. 4	Victoria Lynn Chaney
Aug. 09	Matthew Thompson
Aug. 10	Cheryl Newman
Aug. 11	Breanna Lawson Lilah Baumgardner
Aug. 12	Shirley Ramsey Gilbert
Aug. 14	Joan Frith
Aug. 16	Dwayne Wright
Aug. 17	Sarah Surratt
Aug. 19	Michelin Hall Joshua Rodgers Louise Webb
Aug. 23	Mary Stegall
Aug. 24	Wayne Miles
Aug. 26	Austin Boggs
Aug. 28	Allison Seay
Aug. 29	Darnell Boyd

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to: Meka Gillespie, great-granddaughter of Betty Jo Foley, who graduated from Franklin County High School. Meka will be attending Radford University in the fall; Kristen Collins, daughter of Daniel and Kelly Collins, who graduated from high school. She was homeschooled. Kristen will be attending Patrick & Henry Community College in the fall; William Clark, grandson of Betty Jo Foley, who graduated from Emory & Henry; Makayla Felts, granddaughter of Kaye Cannaday, who graduated from Radford University; Ethan and Evan Zangari, twin sons of Brandi Barrett and Mike Zangari, grandsons of Roger and Brenda Woods, and great grandsons of Ira Seay, who graduated from Bassett High School.

WITH SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Roy Brown, who passed away on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Roy was a member of OLBC and will be missed by all.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Peggy Foster, who passed away on Friday, June 2, 2023. She was a dear sister in Christ and will be missed by all.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Lewis Turner, who passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Lewis was a long-time member of OLBC and attended as long as he was able.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Monica Frith Greer, who passed away on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. She was a former member of OLBC.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bill Young, who passed away on Friday, June 23, 2023. Bill was a member of OLBC and will be missed by all.

BUSINESS MEETING

The next Business Meeting will be **August 16th at 6:00 PM** and we need 13 members in attendance to have a quorum to make any votes official and to not have a business meeting on Sunday morning. A new slate of Officers, Teachers, and Committees will be presented for the church's approval.



WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday – July 25 – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday – August 22 - 6:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MISSION GIVING

In July, the WMU of OLBC will be sponsoring a food pantry fundraiser to help support the **Grace Network of MHC**. Tracy Hinchcliff, Executive Director, has shared that they have exceeded their estimates of how many clients they would be serving. In 2022, they served clients with \$82,638 and in 2023 so far, they have served clients with \$88,484 in food alone. We would like to have a little fun with our food collection. Oak Level Baptist food item for this quarter is Canned Fruit. Located in the church foyer you will find a Grace Network box with Food Lion grocery bags for your purchases. Let's see who can come up with the best bag of groceries and toiletries. Put your expert grocery knowledge to good use to fill your grocery bag with a good variety of things to eat for a local family in need. Our goal is to receive at least 12 full bags of groceries.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to the WMU Missions Project for the Pregnancy Care Center in May. The church donated \$393 to this effort.

COMMUNITY IMPACT DAY

Six members from Oak Level attended the Community Impact Day at Jack Dalton Park on May 6th. They had a great time handing out snacks and drinks and sharing Christ's love with the kids and parents coming to play baseball. They were blessed interacting with the young people as much as the kids were eating the snacks!



If you purchase school supplies for the Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes, some items to include are: pencils, pens, crayons, paint sets, color pencils, pencil sharpeners, color markers, glue, scissors, and notebooks. Check out the displayed shoebox in the church foyer for ideas!

July 2023

MISSION EMPHASIS
Grace Network

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	3	4 Church Secretary Off (Independence Day)	5 Church Council 5:30 PM PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	6	7	8
9 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	10	11	12 PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	13	14	15
Daniel Collins – Reserve Duty through the 16th						
16 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker Brown Family Reunion Fellowship Hall	17	18	19 PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	20	21	22 Stultz Family Reunion Fellowship Hall
23 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	24	25 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	26 Deacons' Meeting 5:00 p.m. PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	27	28	29
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Deacon of the Month – Brenda Ferguson

Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Lance Frith

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	3	4	5 Daniel Collins – Reserve Duty through the 6th
6 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker	7	8	9 PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12
13 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Young/Pearson Reunion Newsletter Info Due	14	15	16 Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vote on Officers, Teachers & Committees	17	18	19
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Deacon of the Month – Betty Jo Foley

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Brenda Ferguson