

# Oak Level Baptist Church

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## SHARING THE JOURNEY

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Greetings in the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ! I pray that you are doing well during these hot days of summer. I pray that since our last newsletter you have had a happy Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day!

This morning, I was thinking about the song "My Jesus" by Anne Wilson. You have probably heard this song. The lyrics to the chorus are: *He makes a way where there ain't no way. Rises up from an empty grave. Ain't no sinner that He can't save. Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus. His love is strong and His grace is free and the good news is I know that He can do for you what He's done for me. Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, and let my Jesus change your life.*

This song gives music and words to a notion that I have been repeating at every opportunity: we serve a God that "Still Can!" Folks, we serve a God that is still capable of the kind of miracles that we see in Scripture. For example, we serve a God who is still able to completely heal as He did the woman with the issue of blood in Mark 5. We serve a God who is still able to save 3,000 souls like He did on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2. We serve a God who is still able to deliver from a (literal or figurative) burning fiery furnace like He did with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Daniel 3, just to cite a few.

A lot of people get discouraged and through that discouragement will be tempted (and sometimes fall to the temptation) to say things like, "Good luck getting 20 men here on Sunday morning." Or "What good is it to have an online presence with worship?" Or one of my favorites, "I just don't think it's worth the trouble."

Christian, we are not called to look at the world around us and

bellyache about how nothing will happen. Better than that, it's not our job or our calling to just give up when things seem hopeless. Instead, these are the times that we need to be giving God the glory and trusting Him through the "storm", because we serve a God that "Still Can!"

One night the disciples were out in the boat on the sea; Jesus had gone to the mountain to pray (we could call this Jesus' "prayer closet"). Suddenly, Scripture tells us that a great storm arose and then around 3AM on our clock, Jesus walked on the water toward the boat. You remember the story, the disciples were fearful, thinking they were seeing a ghost. Jesus says to them, "Don't be afraid, it's Me." Peter called out to Jesus and said, "If it's You, command me to get out of the boat and come to You." Jesus says, "Come to Me." Peter gets out of the boat and walks on the water to Jesus. But something significant happens: Peter takes his eyes off of Jesus, the fear takes hold, and Peter begins to sink. He cries out to Jesus, "Lord, save me!" Jesus catches him and says, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" Could it be that Jesus says the same thing to us when we take our eyes off of Him and begin to sink? Keep your eyes on Jesus; trust a God that "Still Can!"

God bless and keep you!

Daniel

*Phil. 4:13*



Church Office will be closed Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.



### 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 20	Kristen Collins
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. 4	Victoria Lynn Chaney
Aug. 09	Matthew Thompson
Aug. 10	Cheryl Newman
Aug. 11	Breanna Lawson Lilah Baumgardner
Aug. 12	Shirley Ramsey Gilbert
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



#### PLEASE NOTE:

The church has several wheelchairs and a couple of rollators, if anyone needs them.

## WITH SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of James Seay, who passed away on Monday, April 29, 2024. James was a humble servant of God, who always had a smile for everyone.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Joan Frith, who passed away on Monday, June 3, 2024. She was a dear sister in Christ and served several years ago with the Youth and Adult choirs.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, July 3**, at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar through December 2024. 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.



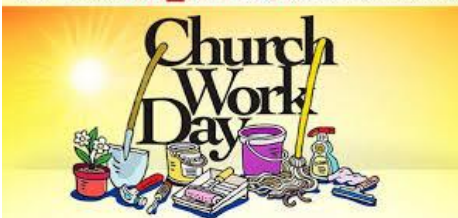
On **Sunday, July 28**, we are celebrating Family and Friends Day. We will be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers after the worship service for lunch in the fellowship hall. Bring your loved ones,

bring your neighbors, and bring your favorite side dish or dessert to go with the hotdogs/hamburgers provided by the church.

## BUSINESS MEETING

The next Business Meeting will be **August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**. A new slate of Officers, Teachers, and Committees will be presented for the church's approval. The Nominating Committee is beginning to work and needs each member to consider where they can serve. God has certainly gifted everyone with something that they can do in His service. Prayerfully consider where you want to serve and be ready to let the committee know.

It's Your **Ch\_rch & u** are needed!



**Saturday,  
August 24**



## WMU MEETINGS

**Tuesday – July 23 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday – August 27 - 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**. Our items to donate in July are pasta, toilet paper, feminine products, and deodorant. Tracy Hinchcliff, director of Grace Network, states that they are seeing a 20% increase in their food needs. Of course, you can donate any non-perishable items, such as canned vegetables, soup, potato products, pancake mix, spaghetti sauce, or apple sauce. You can also make a monetary donation. Please have your items in by **Sunday, July 21**.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to the WMU Missions Project for the Pregnancy Care Center in May. The church donated **\$730** to this effort.



Thank you to those that came out to sort and begin packing our anticipated 60 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We still need several items to complete the shoeboxes. While you are shopping, please purchase a few of

the following:

Pencils, pens, glue sticks, rulers, calculators, composition books, crayons, colored pencils, markers, scissors, paint sets, toothbrushes, underwear, combs, hair brushes, hairbows, washcloths, tools, sewing kits, coloring books, jump ropes, yoyos, balls, matchbox cars.



There are two WMUV events upcoming that may be of interest to you. Join us as we celebrate 150 years of women on mission in Virginia at CrossRoads on **Saturday, September 7, 2024**.

The Ladies Getaway is **Friday, November 1 through Saturday, November 2, 2024**. Both events require advance registration. See Donna Winebarger for more information

# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Church Council 5:30 PM  PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	<b>4</b>  Church Office Closed Independence Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Dr. Daniel Collins – Reserve Weekend
<b>14</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker Jack Surma	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Brown Family Reunion Fellowship Hall	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>24</b> PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Deacons' Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Stultz Family Reunion Fellowship Hall
<b>28</b> Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Family & Friends Day Lunch following service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.			

Deacon of the Month – Lance Frith

Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Lance Frith

# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Daniel Collins – Reserve Duty Weekend  Metz Family Reunion – FH 10:30 am – 4 pm
4 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker Jack Surma	5	6	7 PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10
11 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Young/Pearson Reunion Fellowship Hall	12	13	14 Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Vote on Officers, Teachers & Committees	15	16	17
18 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Newsletter Info Due	19	20	21 PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	22	23	24 Church Clean-Up Day 8am – 12pm
25 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	26	27 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	28 PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.  Deacons' Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31

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