

Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

September/October 2021

Who are we as Christians, as followers of Jesus Christ? Are you surprised to read this question in our church newsletter? There are many blessings that we need to be reminded about as members of the body of Christ. Please read Peter 2:9-10. We read in these verses about who we are as Christians. As followers of Jesus Christ, our relationship with Him is extremely important. We are helpless and weak without Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Remember to always be thankful that we have been chosen by God as His very own people.

As Christians we are ambassadors for Christ. You and I must be on mission for Christ every day. Have you shared your Christian testimony with at least one other person in the last month? Have you shared a kind deed or encouraging words with someone in the last twenty-four hours? Our mission as a church and each of us as members of the church is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

Our great value comes from being the children of God. We are created in the image of God. (Genesis 1:27) We can come directly into the presence of God now since Christ has won the victory. We are blessed to pray in the name and power of Christ.

These two verses we read in 1 Peter teaches us who we are in Christ. The Bible teaches us that as believers we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people who belong to God. Our personal relationship with Christ is more important than anything else in this world. It is who we are in Christ that makes the positive difference in our lives.

Matthew 6:33 teaches us an important truth to obey in our daily living. Are you and I involved in the important work of reconciling God and people: The command is given to us in Matthew 28:19-20. This command is for all believers for all time. Will you do what you can to share Christ with others so that 1 Peter 2:9-10 becomes a reality for them? Will you tell the unbeliever the wonderful news about Christ who is the only Savior for all people?

Let us rejoice that as believers now we are the people of God and we have received mercy. We are called to walk in the light of Christ and His love. We must never forget who we are as the body of Christ (the church). (Numbers 6:24-26)

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Joe

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY

Everyone is invited to participate in a study of the seven churches of Revelation which begins **Wednesday, September 1**, at 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Read Revelation chapters 2 & 3 to prepare for the first session. Remember the message in John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

September Birthdays

Sept. 4 Elmer Stone
Sept. 5 Esther Hanks
Sept. 6 Maury Miles, Jr.
Shirley Spencer
Kimberly Wingfield
JR Foley
Sept. 7 Don Barnhart
Sept. 8 Ken Turner
Sept. 9 Abby Tilley
Sept. 11 Kaylee Pettit
Sept. 13 Callie Baumgardner
Sept. 14 Jim McMillian
Sept. 16 Dennis Ferguson
Sept. 17 Joseph Howell
Sept. 22 Nicholas Martin
Sept. 24 Ashley K. Stanley
Sept. 26 Miranda Bousman
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. 7 Paul McKee
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. 31 Jed Coleman



Don't forget to pray for our Nursing Home Residents:

Mulberry Creek Rehab Center,
300 Blue Ridge St., Martinsville, VA 24112

*Avis Gray - Room 364
*Shirley Tobler - Room 341
*Mildred Ramsey - Room 201
*Bill Young - Room 210
Sue Meeks - Room 213

Stanleytown Health & Rehab Center,
240 Riverside Dr., Bassett, VA 24055

*Carroll Draper Iris Joyce

HENRY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the HCBA will be held on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021**, at First Baptist Church, Ridgeway. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by a meal at 5:00 p.m. There are still two messengers needed to represent OLBC. See Donna Winebarger for details and to register. A head count is needed for the meal.



Buy tickets now to the first annual Legacy Conference for Men and Boys! On **Friday, October 22 through Saturday, October 23** in Roanoke at Bonsack Baptist Church join with others for worship, teaching from Experiencing God speaker Richard Blackaby, and enriching breakouts and activities for boys. Visit legacyformen.org for details and more resources.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

Our new year of Sunday School launches on **September 19th**. Seeking to grow our Sunday School, we will initiate new, useful and exciting things. First, a new format: Sunday School will begin at 9:30 am: 15 minutes earlier than in the past. We will gather as a plenary session (everybody in one place) in the Sanctuary. Fifteen minutes or less will be spent in this session where we will: sing a song, take an offering, announce contests that will involve all ages-give weekly updates and end in prayer. Then everyone will go to their classes. Second, teachers will be announced and then the pastor will offer a prayer of dedication for teachers. So, come. Anticipate new things to encourage spiritual growth in all our students and teachers. "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

CHURCH DOCTRINE STUDY

Church Doctrine Study will resume on **September 19th**. The class meets in the fellowship hall every **Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.** We invite everyone to come and learn the basic doctrines the Bible teaches us. Enjoy fellowship with everyone else who attends. The format of the class is not straight lecture: much time is given to questions from the class and seeking a Biblical answer to the questions. On the 19th we will be studying what the results of Adam's fall into sin are: How does it affect our daily lives? The following week we will study the worst result of Adam's fall into sin: death both physical and spiritual. How dead was Adam and are we: we know the result to our physical bodies. But what of our spiritual life: are we completely dead or does a spark of goodness linger in us? What difference does it make? So, come and study Church Doctrine with us. Study material is supplied for each week's lesson for you to keep for future reference

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet **Wednesday, October 6**, at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to plan events for the church calendar through March 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.

2022 BUDGET REQUESTS

The Stewardship Committee is beginning the process of working on the 2022 OLBC budget. All committee and organizational chairs are asked to submit their budget requests for the 2022 calendar year by **Sunday, October 17**. Place your requests in the Stewardship box in the Sunday School office or give them to Ben Morris, Ken Turner, or Donna Winebarger. The 2022 budget will be presented on the first Sunday in November. Any changes to the budget will need to be addressed at the November 17th business meeting. The 2022 budget will be presented for adoption on Sunday, November 21st.



Tuesday - September 28 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - October 26 - 6:30 p.m.

Give to the
CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS 

OLBC 2021 Goal - \$2,000.00
Received To Date - \$1,390.00

"Extend Hope & Hospitality"

ALMA HUNT OFFERING

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions will look different in the coming year, reflecting the changing world in which we live as we face the challenges of a global pandemic. 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). As always, this critical offering seeks to meet real needs of real people by funding ministries in a variety of specific areas. **The OLBC 2021 Goal is set at \$900.** A special ingathering of this offering is **Sunday, September 19, 2021**, but you can continue to give throughout the year.



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? Save the date to join us this November for 24 hours of retreat, bible study, worship and a variety of breakouts at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, Virginia. Choose your dates: November 5-6 or 6-7, 2021. The WMUV annual meeting will take place the afternoon of November 6. Registration for Getaway 2021 is now open via [Eagle Eyrie's website](#). A number of WMU ladies have registered. If you are interested, please see Donna Winebarger for more details.



WOW! A BIG THANK YOU for all the donations to the Samaritans Purse Shoebox collection. We are approaching 30 boxes and are now in the process of looking for donations for the shipping of \$9 each. If you have not given to this worthwhile project and would like to you can mark your donation "Shoebox Shipping". Again, thank you for this tremendous support.

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4
5 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Deacons’ Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	6 Labor Day	7	8 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11
12 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	13	14	15 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18 Tom Young Reunion –
Week of Prayer for Alma Hunt State Missions – OLBC Goal - \$900						
19 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Ingathering of Alma Hunt Offering Church Doctrine Study – 6:30	20	21	22 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	23	24	25
26 HOMECOMING Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 10:30 am Catered Lunch Following Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	27	28 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	29 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	30		

Deacon of the Month – Donna Winebarger

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris & Lee Pettit

October 2021

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					1	2
3 Communion Sunday Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Deacons’ Mtg. - 5:00 p.m. Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	4	5	6 Church Council 5:30 PM PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9
10 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	11	12 HCBA Annual Meeting at FBC, Ridgeway – Meal at 5:00 p.m.	13 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14	15	16
17 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Newsletter Info Due Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	18	19	20 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22 Men’s Conference At Bonsack Baptist Church Doors open at 5:30 p.m.	23 Men’s Conference At Bonsack Baptist Church Doors open at 7:30 a.m.
24 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	25	26 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	27 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	28	29	30
31 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm						
Deacon of the Month – Betty Jo Foley Counters of the Month – Donna Winebarger & Brenda Ferguson						

HOMECOMING SERVICE

WHEN

September 26
10:30 AM

WHERE

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FEATURING · THE WHITE FAMILY

Through Praise, Worship & Testimony



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ANNIVERSARY

GUEST SPEAKER

REV. STEVE MANUEL
FORMER INTERIM
PASTOR FROM
VINTON, VA

CATERED LUNCHEON

The church is
providing a catered
lunch following the
morning service

DESSERTS

Please bring your
favorite dessert to
share

INVITE

Spread the word and
invite family, friends
and former members