

# Oak Level Baptist Church

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SHARING THE JOURNEY

September/October 2022

Dear Oak Level Baptist Church Members,

On behalf of both Judy and me, allow me to thank you for your welcome, kindness, and encouragement. The 6 months as your Interim Pastor seems to have flown by. We have prayed for you daily, and I have done my best to faithfully fill your pulpit.

From the beginning, my goal was to encourage and build your faith. I believe this is to be done by choosing a Bible passage and simply explaining what it says and means, and how I understand it applies to our daily lives in 2022. Whether or not I succeeded, that was my target each week. I hope at least a few of the messages were meaningful for your life and helpful in your daily journey with Jesus.

Judy and I have grown to love you and have weekly looked forward to being with you on Sundays and Wednesdays. As we go our separate ways, I pray God's richest blessing on you as you obey Him and serve your community in His name. May our Lord guide the church as you continue your pastoral search. Please pray for us when we cross your mind.

Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.  
Blessing and love,  
Tim Christian

## **PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Pastor Search Committee is under way and our first order of business is to determine what YOU want in a future pastor. We are currently compiling a survey for our congregants to complete. These will be available the first of September for you to pick up and prayerfully complete. If you need one mailed to you, please contact the church office or a member of the committee. The surveys will need to be returned by the end of September. As we begin this search, the committee would covet your prayers for God's leadership, clarity, and unity in this process and as we meet bi-weekly.

Debra Brown, Heaven Brown, Jesse Cannaday, Lance Frith, and Donna Winebarger

### **September Birthdays**

Sept. 4 Elmer Stone  
Sept. 5 Esther Hanks  
Sept. 6 Maury Miles, Jr.  
Shirley Spencer  
Kimberly Wingfield  
JR Foley  
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. 13 Tim Christian  
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**

\*Bill Young - Room 210      \*Shirley Tobler - Room 341  
Virginia Christian (In Assisted Living)

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

\*Carroll Draper      Iris Joyce

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

## **NEW CHURCH PHONE SYSTEM**

We are changing phone systems, BUT the number will remain the same. While in the transition, if you call and get a "mailbox full", please call one of the deacons.

## GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY

Mark your calendar for October 11, 6:30 p.m. for the Celebration Banquet for the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry benefiting the ministry in Martinsville and Henry County. Tickets are \$20 and the event will be held at the New College Institute at 191 Fayette Street, Martinsville. They have much to celebrate this year. For details contact Chaplain Joe Collins at 276-618-7179 or [joe.collins@goodnewsjail.org](mailto:joe.collins@goodnewsjail.org).

## HENRY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the HCBA will be held on **Tuesday, October 18, 2022**, at First Baptist Church, Ridgeway. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by a meal at 5:00 p.m. The messengers that were voted on were: Ben & Peggy Morris, Lance Frith, and Donna Winebarger. Anyone can attend and there is room left for voting messengers if anyone else can attend. See Donna Winebarger or Brenda Ferguson for details and to register. A head count is needed for the meal.

## 2023 BUDGET REQUESTS

The Stewardship Committee is beginning the process of working on the 2023 OLBC budget. All committee and organizational chairs are asked to submit their budget requests for the 2023 calendar year by **Sunday, October 16**. Place your requests in the Stewardship box in the Sunday School office or give them to Ben Morris, Ken Turner, or Donna Winebarger. The 2023 budget will be presented on the first Sunday in November. Any changes to the budget will need to be addressed at the November 16<sup>th</sup> business meeting. The 2023 budget will be presented for adoption on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.



WOW! A BIG THANK YOU for all the donations to the Samaritans Purse Shoebox collection. We are still in need of toys to put into the shoeboxes. Items to include are: balls, jump ropes, soft dolls, small stuffed animals, Yo-yo, small Frisbee, small kite, Etch A Sketch, harmonica or woodwind recorder, marbles, toy cars, etc. The final collection date for boxes will be November 13<sup>th</sup>. Again, thank you for your tremendous support.



**Tuesday - September 27 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday - October 25 - 6:30 p.m.**

Give to the  
CBF *Offering for*  
GLOBAL MISSIONS   
**OLBC 2022 Goal - \$2,000.00**  
**Received To Date - \$2,245.00**

**Because Presence Matters**

## ALMA HUNT OFFERING

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions was named for Alma Hunt, a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. 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). We invite you to give to the Alma Hunt Offering - joining your gifts with those of many other Virginia Baptists as we seek to Be Light - and to share the love of Christ across the Commonwealth and with the whole world. **The OLBC 2022 Goal is set at \$900.** A special ingathering of this offering is **Sunday, September 18, 2022**, 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? 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 4-5**. The WMUV annual meeting will take place the afternoon of November 5. Registration for Getaway 2022 is now open via [Eagle Eyrie's website](#). If you are interested, please see Donna Winebarger for more details.

# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker: Daniel Collins Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>5</b> Labor Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Samaritan's Purse Leadership Meeting – FH 2 – 7 PM
<b>11</b> Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Guest Speaker: Joey McNeill	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m. Pastor Search – 7:00 p.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Tom Young Reunion –
Week of Prayer for Alma Hunt State Missions – OLBC Goal - \$900						
<b>18</b> Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Ingathering of Alma Hunt Offering	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>28</b> PTS Meeting 6:00 p.m. Pastor Search – 7:00 p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

Deacon of the Month – Brenda Ferguson

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris and Lance Frith

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