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From the Pastor's Pen...

They happen every year. When they come, they may be celebrated or even be traumatic. They may involve songs that are sung, necks that are hugged, gifts that are given and even food to be eaten. Sometimes they can be relatively private, yet at other times they are major celebrations! **BIRTHDAYS!!!** 1, 13, Sweet 16, 18, 21, 25, and then those "decade years" are all special birthdays to celebrate.

August 21 is another one of those special days as Oakland Baptist Church celebrates Homecoming 2011. It's like a birthday party for the church. We've been having them for 157 years. I am really looking forward to this one... because it's the first one I've ever been to. I've been told that, "you've never been to a homecoming until you've been to an Oakland Homecoming!"

Homecoming 2011 also kicks off our revival with Rev. Randy Newsome from Round Oak Baptist Church in Corbin (a "suburb" of Fredericksburg). I've had the privilege of knowing Randy and his family for the past 12 years. In May of 1999 I went to serve as Pastor of his home church, Bethany Baptist, in Callao. At that time, his father in law was battling cancer. It was a tough time for his family... Through that experience and many others, I've watched Randy bring a great love of Jesus to his ministry and message. Be praying for Randy and his wife Beth as they are preparing to share with us in revival, but also in the fact that on August 6th they will be "marrying off" their only daughter Kristi. I know we'll hear about that! It's going to be a great time together with the Newsome's for Homecoming and Revival services.

So, when you go to a birthday party, what do you do? You set the date on your calendar and you contact the other invitees. When the invitation says, "bring a side dish or two," then you make your dish to impress. Lot's to do for this special party.

Have you thought about a special gift that you could bring with you to the party? At our quarterly business meeting in July, we heard the need we have to weatherize the foundation of our old fellowship hall and education building. We heard an estimate of over \$50,000 to complete this job. When we heard that amount we all took a very deep breath, yet knew that God can supply all of our needs! We also heard the desire to build a covering for our church bus, protecting a \$40,000 investment. Hearing about these very special needs may be just the encouragement you need to give a very special birthday gift to Oakland Baptist Church on her 157th birthday!

Homecoming is a time for thinking back to those special days and special people. As I've listened, learned, loved, and laughed during the past months, I've come to the realization that there have been some very special times around Oakland Baptist Church. There's been pastors who preached, missionaries who were sent, victories that have been won, and hurdles that have been overcome. Let's never forget the sacrifice and service given to make us who we are today.

Happy Birthday Oakland! See you at the party! It's a joy to serve Jesus as your pastor,
Rev Kev

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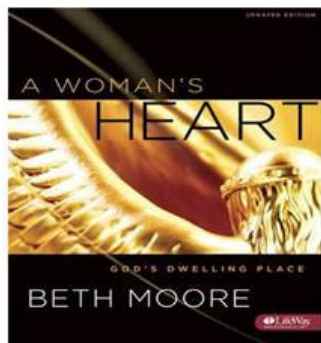
Remember our Nursing Home Members:

Evelyn Grimes, Envoy at The Meadows, 2715
Dogtown Road, Goochland, VA 23063

Ellis Holloway, Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Health
Care,
1601 Broad Rock Blvd., Room 123, Richmond,
VA 23224

Bernice Peasley, Parham Healthcare &
Rehabilitation Center, 2400 East Parham Road,
Richmond, VA 23228

Eunice Walton, Envoy at The Meadows, 2715
Dogtown Road, Room 212, Goochland, VA
23063



Join us Monday evenings
for the next Beth Moore
Study, "A Woman's
Heart; God's Dwelling
Place" a study of the
parallels of the
Tabernacle's building
and your life as a chosen

vessel of God. We will begin on Monday,
August 15th at 6:45pm. The study guide is
available at Lifeway Christian Book Store.



Anyone who would like to share a message
in song or in a reading or drama for our
special music time in the worship
service during this summer. Solos,
duets or groups would be wonderful. See Lesley or
Sharon to sign up.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Deadlines:

Newsletter – 18th of each month
Bulletin – 12 noon of each Thursday

Submit **articles** to communication@Oakland-Baptist.com

Prayer requests should be e-mailed to
communication@Oakland-Baptist.com or call the
church office and leave a message (804) 556-
3550.

Website requests should be sent to:
webmaster@Oakland-Baptist.com

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE #, BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CHANGES:

Please notify YOUR DEACON with ANY
CHANGES to your personal information. This
will assist in assuring birthdays and anniversaries
are correct and included in the newsletter at the
appropriate time. The changes include: name,
address, phone # changes, new births, deaths,
weddings and divorce information for name
changes or anniversary deletions to keep the
church database updated for newsletter and
other mailings to members and non-members.
When we don't have your correct mailing
address, your mail is returned to the post office
and the church is charged return postage.

HOME ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER:

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Bowling Green, VA 22427
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Kevin's email: pastor@oakland-baptist.com

If you would like to receive information by e-mail
from Kevin, our pastor, email him to be added
and you will be added to his Oakland Church list.



YOUR OBC website

is constantly being updated. Please check it
often for updated information: www.oakland-baptist.com
and please click the "contact us" to
give us any suggestions on what you'd like to
see included. Thank you.



Tammy Ware	8/2
Callie Battle	8/4
Raleigh Battle	8/4
Wayne Battle	8/4
Ashley Bath	8/6
Louise Grubbs	8/6
Arlene Perkins	8/7
Pedro Carrasco	8/8
Alan Rosson	8/9
Betty Dunivan	8/12
Michael Hicks	8/12
Norman Snead	8/12
Grayson Atkinson	8/13
Tiffany Bowen	8/13
Dean Hamblen	8/13
Kerstin Bradshaw	8/14
Doris Atkins	8/16
Gabe Willis	8/17
Alisha Fields	8/21
Betty Jane Smith	8/21
James Simpson	8/22
Gerald Pleasants	8/24
Hilda Harper	8/25
Ricky Smith	8/25
Dorothy Gammon	8/26
Katie Nixon	8/26
Bailey Atwood	8/28
Melissa Smith	8/28
Joyce Hamblen	8/29
Bernice Peasley	8/31

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Happy Anniversary!

Tommy & Debbie Murphy	8/5
Brandon & Alisha Fields	8/10
George & Teresa Groome	8/12
Warren & Jill Harrow	8/16
Jim & Dot Lear	8/17
Doug & Staci Harpster	8/21
Wayne & Robin Battle	8/25
Frank & Jenny Smith	8/26
Robert & Mary Gammon	8/30
George & Frances Groome	8/31
Warren & Jean Hicks	8/31

WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

LOCK IN - - August 12-13 - - 7:00pm-8:00am. Instead of heading to VA Beach we will spend a night of fun and fellowship at OBC. There will be movies, games, and of course, Christ. Each Youth should bring a side and a drink to share. They should also come prepared to compete in a relay of sorts. Youth members are invited to bring a friend. Please have the event consent form filled out for all Youth members and friends attending. Contact Ali Marks for forms at alidora87@yahoo.com. NOTE: We will not be going to VA Beach the next day.

WELCOME NEWBIES

-- September 7
This will be the first meeting for rising 7th graders. How exciting!

FIELD DAY OF THE PAST

-- September 16, 17 and 18
The OBC Youth will work the Old Country Store at the Field Day of the Past. They will sell cheese and crackers, cokes and candy. This is a great opportunity for the Youth to raise funds for their future endeavors while growing together.

FALL CONSIGNMENT SALE

-- The last week of September
The Youth will work sorting children's clothes and toys to help out their church and community.

FALL FESTIVAL

-- October 8
The Youth will contribute to the annual Fall Festival by leading games and selling tickets to participants. It's a great time to work together as a youth group and a church for the joy and outreach of others.

MEGA OVERNIGHTER

-- tentative date: October 14
This will be an awesome event for OBC Youth to make connections with other young Christians in the area through worship, friendly competition and food. It will be a lock-in that includes multiple youth groups. We will grow together as a group as we grow with others in the body of Christ. Details are to follow.

Many blessings,
Ali

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hunger Mission Project: Perkins Baptist, a sister Goshen Association church, distributes food items to those families in our community who have been affected by this continuing Recession and time of high unemployment. Between 20 and 25 families are helped every month, and thanks to Oakland Baptist Church, they have 15 heavy bags of supplies to put on their pantry shelves for the next distribution. Perkins is overwhelmed by the generosity of our congregation. They are so thankful for our support. Let's keep generously giving so that those who are struggling will have food on the table tonight. Suggested items are:

Packaged meals	Mac & cheese	Dried beans
Canned veggies	Canned spaghetti sauce	Oatmeal
Grits	Pasta	Rice
Cookies	Crackers	Canned meats & fish
Pancake mix	Syrup	Peanut butter
Jams / jellies (store bought)	Cereal	Soup
Toilet Paper	Paper Towels	

For more information, please contact one of the Goshen representatives or WOM member. Thank you!

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE: We need everyone's help! We have positions still available for the 2011 - 2012 year! Thank you to all that have already signed up. Please prayerfully consider where you can serve Oakland next year; there is something for everyone. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Adult Sunday School hallway. If you have any questions, please see Michelle Alford, Sherry Alston, Virginia Dorey, Teresa Groome, or Sharon Kincaid.

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JOIN US FOR HOMECOMING AND REVIVAL! August 21 - 24 with Dr. Randy Newsome, pastor of the Round Oak Baptist Church in Corbin, VA. Randy will be with us for our Homecoming Service as we kickoff revival that morning in an extended service and fellowship time together... more information to come. In the meantime, pray and pray some more!

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"It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life... [so] use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows." - Galatians 5:13 (The Message)

The [annual offering for Virginia missions](#) was named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. Churches and individuals may contribute at any time.

The offering provides funding for all WMUV missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists).

2011 Offering Goal: \$1, 167, 500 **Week of Emphasis:** September 11-18, 2011

When you give to the [Alma Hunt Offering](#) for Virginia Missions, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve.

Please visit [AlmaHunt.org](#) more information about "Ms. Alma" and answers to frequently asked questions about the offering.

Baptist Buzz...

Excerpts from

News from the WMU, Goshen Baptist Association, & Virginia Baptist...



Stop Hunger Now responds to crisis around the world.

Stop Hunger Now is committed to the mission of providing life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable and responding to those affected by natural disasters. Our organization fosters relationships among our network of partners to mobilize the most amount of relief aid possible in the shortest amount of time. Stop Hunger Now not only provides our meals packaged by our dedicated volunteers, but facilitates shipments of in-kind aid such as medical supplies, water, and food and

provides cash grants to support construction projects and medical treatment clinics. [Click here to learn more about our response to recent crisis in Haiti, Japan and the Philippines.](#)

Stop Hunger Now volunteers have packaged more than 44 million meals since the programs' inception.

Stop Hunger Now meals have been shipped to developing countries all over the world and have made an immeasurable impact on the lives of those that receive the meals. [Click here to see an interactive map with number of meals received in each country served.](#)

With your continued support Stop Hunger Now can continue provide sustainable solutions to the more than 925 million people who face the everyday crisis of hunger while also serving as first responders to areas dealing with the devastating affects of natural disasters.

Did you miss the first Stop Hunger Now packing event? Mark your calendar now so you won't miss this time! October 9 at 3pm at Craigs Baptist.

All ages needed—especially Youth to help carry things, Adults to help pack, Seniors to weigh and seal the packets, Musically inclined to sing along, and everyone who can enjoy fellowship and a good time. The best part is that you will be helping hungry people receive a nutritious meal. The assembly process combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix including 21 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packets. Each meal costs only 25 cents. The food stores easily, has a shelf-life of five years and transports quickly.

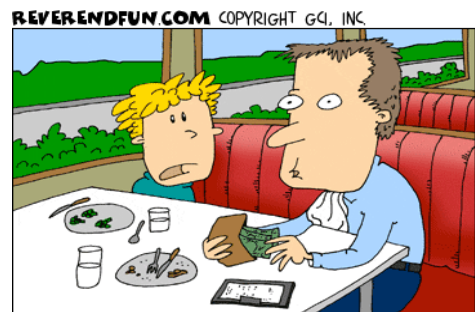
To prepare for the Stop Hunger Now event, WOM will sponsor collection of Quarters (and any other monies) to purchase the supplies during March to August. Goal for Goshen is to purchase \$10,000 worth of supplies. **Let's see if OBC can help contribute by sending \$1,000 to purchase 4,000 meals!**



Sports & Rec Plus invite you to meet and talk about fall softball. From the beginning, this league was designed as an outreach tool for churches in the Goshen Baptist Association and neighboring associations, including Fredericksburg. Most of these churches are too small to enter a team in other leagues. To accommodate their desire to play and their need to put together a team in any way possible, the league began as **family oriented and included**

men, women, and children. Obviously playing ability could not be a major consideration. We have gradually changed over the years, and the family dynamic is losing out. At this time, I would like to return to the original purpose.

LEAGUE MEETING: The meeting will be Tuesday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. at Zoan Baptist Church on Rt. 3. Hope to see you there. Rick 571 278-5987



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

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BGAV Connect:2011 Annual Meeting

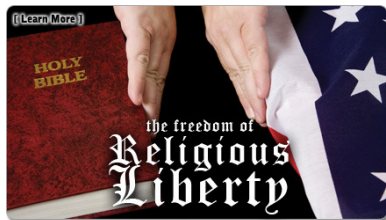
"ReJoyce. ReClaim. ReJesus."

November 8–9, 2011, Greater Richmond Convention Center



Mark your calendar now so you won't miss this opportunity to connect with other Virginia Baptists at the 188th Annual Meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. This year's guest speaker will be Alan Hirsch, author of *ReJesus*, and our worship leader will be Annie Moses Band. Visit the [BGAV Connect](#) website for more details as they are finalized.

Registration packets will be sent out in September.



The Freedom of Religious Liberty

Many people know that our Religious Liberty is protected by the First Amendment of the [Bill of Rights](#), but do you actually know what it says? Amendment 1: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." This amendment is also pointed to as the reason for supporting the separation of church and state, a principle that is very important to Virginia Baptists.

To find out more about the Virginia Baptist position on separation of church and state, read about it in the publication, [On These Truths We Stand](#).

The [Baptist Joint Committee](#) (BJC), a [VBBM ministry partner](#), is an education and advocacy organization operating in Washington, D.C., fighting to uphold the historic Baptist principle of religious freedom. The [Religious Liberty Council](#) of the BJC is an association of individuals that works to provide education about and advocacy for religious freedom and separation of church and state. Watch as Mercer University [President William D. Underwood](#) delivers the keynote address at the 2010 Religious Liberty Council Luncheon, ["A Christian Nation: But Which Christianity?"](#)

Hand and Hand - Heart to Heart

Three Native American girls (Alexandria, Brianne, Xenia-pictured) from the Standing Rock Reservation are in Virginia enjoying a week of camp at CrossRoads. They are having a great time!



Volunteers have been sorting items this week. The items will be taken to the Dakotas the end of the month on the Virginia trip to the Standing Rock reservation.

A very special "thank you" to those who sent monies for scholarships for the girls to come to camp and/or helped in gathering shoes and shades, plus the many other items that will go to Standing Rock.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Deacon of the Week</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Extended Session</i>
07	Betsy Young	Edith Wheedleton	Kim & Hayley Rosson
14	Bill Groome	Shirley Bowyer	Sherry Alston & Youth Helper
21	Lonnie Kincaid	Sherry Alston	Christina Clough & Youth Helper
28	Sandy Harper	Carolyn Grant	Michelle Alford & Youth Helper



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 Deacons Meeting 12:30 Youth	<u>8</u> 10am WOM Morning Group	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>11</u> 7:15pm WOM Evening Group	<u>12</u> Youth Lock-In	<u>13</u> Youth Lock-In
<u>14</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 Youth	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>18</u> 10:00am Seniors at Gum Spring UMC	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> 9:45am-Sunday School HOME COMING!! 11am Worship 11:15 Children's Worship 12:30 Youth	<u>22</u> <i>REVIVAL with Dr. Randy Newsom</i>	<u>23</u> <i>REVIVAL with Dr. Randy Newsom</i>	<u>24</u> <i>REVIVAL with Dr. Randy Newsom</i>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> 8am Men's Breakfast 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 Youth	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>				

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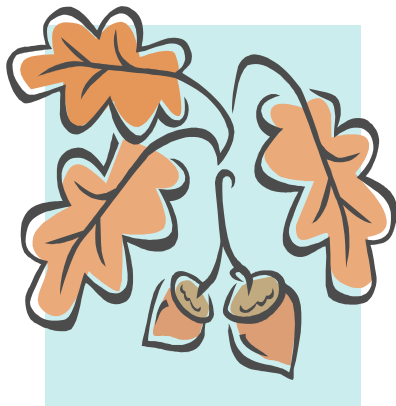
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Remembered in our hearts and prayers:



Steve & Lesley Alford
Lillian Armstrong
Shirley Bowyer
John Clayton
Ruth Coleman
Lucy Cook, Sandy Harper's mother
Virginia Dorey
Sully Edwards, Out on Deployment
Fields Family
Amanda George (Moldova Missionary)
Margie Gonzalez & her sister
Goodman Family
Velma Goodwin, Shirley Bath's mother
Sgt. Allen Gordon (Deployed) & Family
(Evelyn Wade's grandson)
Family of Agnes Grant
Daniel Gregory, Afghanistan
Lisa Hernandez
Ellis Holloway
Christopher Humphrey-Afghanistan
(Danette's nephew)
Dwain Jackson

Betty Jarrell, Tammy Brooking's
mother
Bruce & Erin LePointe
Jim Lear & His Family
Ruby Lent
Kelly Mims (Gladys Nester's cousin)
Aerial Moen
Angela Montgomery (Shirley Bath's
niece)
Frank Moran
Gladys Nester
Marie Nester's son & granddaughter
Harriett Osgood
Mary Pitts (Friend of Moen's)
Gerald Pleasants
Wanda Powell (Shirley Bowyers
daughter)
Monty Rose
Mike Sherrill
Daisy Showalter, Shirley Bowyer's niece
Preston Snead, Bobby Fields'
cousin's son

Betty Stanley
Guy Stillwell, Rhonda Lloyd's
cousin
Alice Troy
Kathy Wade
Tiny Willis

Homecoming & Revival

*Note: In order to keep the prayer
concerns current, please notify us of
any updates or changes. Thank you!*

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