

A year ago I started this column with one word. "WOW!" I was "wowed" by what I had seen and experienced within the previous month. I can utter that same word again and for many of the same reasons!

Ponder with me for a moment...

- G**od's communication in people's lives
- O**ur availability versus our capabilities
- D**eveloping an attitude of expectation
- S**ensing the presence of God

- C**ourage
- A**wareness
- L**istening
- L**oving

Today, I'm pondering God's call for Oakland Baptist Church as we majestically branch out in ministry and mission. A year ago this month, we considered the idea of growing from an "Acorn to an Oak Tree." As our youth passed acorns to our worshippers, I had looks that seemed to say, "preacher, you are crazy!" Especially when I challenged folks to plant your acorn and see what would develop!

God's calling each of us to ministry and service... He wants us to listen for His voice, make ourselves available while not worrying about our skills, expect Him to lead and guide, and all the while know that as we seek Him we'll see Him.

Following God's call takes courage to go, an awareness of His presence while we listen to His voice and being intent on Loving Him with all our Heart and our neighbors as ourselves.

So what state are your acorns in? I have oak tree seedlings in my yard right now. They will be saplings next year, and in a few years they should produce acorns themselves. God calls us to bloom where we are planted and majestically branch out in ministry, fulfilling God's purpose in our lives.

So grow my friends as you understand **GOD'S CALL** in your life...

Welcome with me to our fellowship, Debbie Minor and welcome back Wendi Atwood who joined with us in September... Please pray for our Service of Baptism and Lord's Supper on October 2 as we consider the symbols of our faith. Remember the family of Barry Troch, who began to see Jesus in a new way on September 12...

It's a joy to serve Jesus as your Pastor,
Rev Kev

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**HARVEST PARTY - Saturday,
October 29th - 4-7pm.** Come out
and join us for a fun filled
afternoon complete with a free
dinner, Trunk or Treating, horse

rides, donut eating contest, costume contest,
games, great fellowship and much much more!

This is a FREE event to all of our community! We
need volunteers to help - please see Kim Rosson
(556-4231) or Sandy Harper (556-3694).

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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804.366.5672 – Kevin's cell phone
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.



Happy Anniversary!

Stephanie Murphy	10/1
Julie Lloyd	10/5
Gwen Saunders	10/5
Judy Sharpe	10/6
Joyce Hawk	10/8
Margie Gonzalez	10/9
John Ware	10/11
Debbie Cutchin	10/12
Virginia Dorey	10/12
George Groome	10/12
Benjamin Hart	10/12
Susan Henley	10/12
Louise Ware	10/12
Polly Hart	10/13
Wallace Snead	10/14
John Summitt	10/14
Kim Rosson	10/15
David Ware	10/15
Tiffany Ladd	10/17
Brandon Wagner	10/17
Pat Groome	10/19
Heather Hodges	10/19
Kevin Osborne	10/20
Elizabeth Buie	10/21
Grayson Grant	10/21
Kevin Moen	10/21
Rebecca Able	10/23
Gail Brooks	10/26
Kathy Pope	10/26
Elijah Justiniano	10/27
Robert Parrish Jr.	10/27
Frank Moran	10/28
Alma Salazar	10/28
Adam Saunders	10/28
Brock Marks	10/29
David Ware Sr.	10/29
Kelli Groome	10/30

Stephen & Stacey White	10/2
Kevin & Jessica Osborne	10/7
John & Jacqueline Matysek	10/15
Michael & Tammy Brooking	10/16
Timothy & Cassandra Jarrell	10/16
Jeff & Gail Brooks	10/18
Tom & Claire Parrish	10/18
Jim & Faris Hamrick	10/25
Ricky & Terry Smith	10/26
Martin & Alma Walton	10/30

WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

FALL FESTIVAL - - October 8 - - The Youth will lead games in this amazing outreach opportunity at Oakland Baptist. We are hoping to do a cake walk this year. All bakers are invited to donate their best goodies. Money raised will support the Youth's summer mission.

YOUTH SUNDAY - - October 23 - - The OBC Youth will lead the worship service on Sunday, October 23. This is great opportunity for these young Christians to share their gifts with their church family.

FALL/WINTER MISSION - - MARINES IN AFGHANISTAN - - The OBC Youth will be sending packages to the Marines of Fox Company deployed in Afghanistan. Many books have been saved from last year to be sent, and new items list has yet to be determined. That being said we will hold off on items collection, though a monetary donation is still needed. Monetary donations will be used to send the packages. Please contact Ali Marks is you feel led to donate.

UPCOMING FALL EVENTS TO KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR . . .

YOUTH BONFIRE

YOUTH OVERNIGHTER

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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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MISSION OPPORTUNITY - A request for the following SPECIFIC ITEMS ONLY are being collected for a mission in far SW Virginia: Queen, double and twin size sheet sets, pillows and FLEECE blankets of all sizes. Please ensure any used items are clean & in usable condition. Also needed are household cleaning products, clothes detergent & softener, and dish detergent. Clothes ARE NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME. Hold items until Consignment Sale is over for collection area. Items will be collected through Sunday, Oct. 23. Direct questions to Rhonda Lloyd at rln2jesus@netzero.com or 804-687-0713 after 7 p.m. M-F, weekends between 9 a.m. & 10 p.m.



Fall Consignment sale time, we need volunteers to help. If you can please sign up and help with the sale, during, and after the sale. We are not going to be able to put on the sale without your help. Please see Sandy Harper (556-3594) to find out the dates and to sign up. The schedule is as follows:

Oct. 1- Open to the public sale, (½ price for items that are marked 9am-noon)

(After sale need - move all items to old fellowship hall)

Oct. 8- Open to the public sale, (½ price for items that are marked 9am-noon)

Oct. 14 - Consignment resort day 6:30pm-until

Oct. 16 - Consignment resort day if needed 1pm-until

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The Chrismon Committee and WMU are having a fellowship workshop on October 16 at 4:00pm. Everyone is invited, especially if you have never made a Chrismon. At this worship everyone will get a chance to make one to take home. Hopefully, we will get volunteers to make additional Chrismons for our tree. Refreshments will be served. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - continued



NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE: Please help us fill positions for the upcoming year by signing up for one (or more) of the open areas listed: SS Director, Media Director, Librarian, Historian, College & Career teacher, CIA's Leader, Beth Moore (Early Group) and Beth Moore (Evening Group). The following committees also have vacancies: Audio / Media Team, B&G, Cemetery, Christmas 2011, Nominating, Revival, VBS Assistant Director, Visitation / Outreach, & Youth If you have any questions, please see Michelle Alford, Sherry Alston, Virginia Dorey, Teresa Groome, or Sharon Kincaid.

Baptist Buzz...

Excerpts from

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



Fall Missions Celebration

Sun., Oct. 9, 2:45 Registration; 3 until... packing meals

For Stop Hunger Now

Place CHANGE: Family Life Center of Mineral Baptist Church

Disaster Funding for Earthquake victims

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management will be sending personnel to Louisa to assist in our damage assessment of residential structures, working with our emergency services and other county staff. I have been assured that if we can get a list of uninsured, affected properties (and values) to the state, we may be eligible for disaster funding to help. If you have anyone needing assistance, please have them call the emergency services at (540) 967.3491 to get their information catalogued.



Goshen Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 10:00 am

Louisa Baptist Church

"The Hands of Christ: Serving, Growing, Cooperating"

Devotional: Rev. Larry Hoyle; Special Music: Mr. Steve Comer; Annual Sermon: Rev. Lowell Wright

Mission Message: Chaplain Karen Powell



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.

Baptist Buzz...continued

Excerpts from

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

Ordinary Life Extraordinary God

It's a beautiful exchange

Women's Get-Away

November 4-5 and 5-6, 2011

**Eagle Eyrie Conference Center
Lynchburg, Virginia**

wmu.org/getaway

FEATURING:



Jo Saxton



Sally Breen

REGISTER ONLINE beginning August 1 at wmu.org/getaway for online registration or mail-in registration form.

WMUV Annual Meeting will be held in between sessions, Saturday 2:00-3:30 p.m. Wanda Lee & Debby Akerman

Schedule (for both Sessions)

Evening	
4:00	Registration
5:00-6:30	Dinner
6:45-8:15	Worship
8:30-9:30	Conferences
9:30	Fellowship
Morning	
6:30-8:00	Breakfast
8:15-9:45	Worship
9:45-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Conferences
11:30-12:30	Conferences
12:30-1:30	Lunch

Costs for BGAV churches:

Hotel (and three meals)- \$78.00
Lodge (and three meals)- \$60.00
Commuters (day) - \$20.00
• For registration forms or information, call WMUV office at 800-255-2428, ext. 8267, email wmuw@wmu.org or check the website at wmu.org/getaway
• For specific information on lodging or meals, contact Eagle Eyrie directly at 1-434-384-2211.

Jo Saxton is a director of 3DM, a movement/organization helping church leaders make discipleship and mission the heartbeat of the local church. **As for the rest of her ordinary life?** She is a Nigerian Londoner living in Southern California, married to Chris who is a pastor. They have two gorgeous, fabulous hilarious young girls who keep them entertained, amazed, and a little bit tired. She is passionate that people from every walk of life encounter the transforming power of God's love. **Extraordinary God.**

Sally Breen, a partner of 3DM, enjoys photography, interior design, crisp autumn days and spending time with her family. She particularly passionate about seeing people thrive wherever they are, with whatever baggage they currently have, in whatever circumstances they find themselves in. **Ordinary Life.** She loves to bring simplicity to complex theology so that people can live it out practically every day. **Extraordinary God.**

Annual Meeting & Conference Leaders



Wanda Lee
Executive Director
National WMU



Debby Akerman
President
National WMU



Keith Tan
Worship Leader
He's coming back!!



Holy Land Experience

November 26-December 4, 2012

Would you like to have a life-changing and never to be forgotten experience? It is our joy to invite you to join us on a trip to the Bible Lands where you will find a new dimension in understanding Christian history and the life of our Lord. We will visit places where Jesus walked, lived, taught, performed miracles, where He was crucified and raised from the dead. We will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, worship in the Garden of Gethsemane, and much more. Contact Mike Durham for more information at 540.894.4234.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Deacon of the Week	Greeter	Extended Session
02	Schedule Not Currently Available	Peggy Bartley	Teresa Groome & Amanda Alston
09		Carolyn Grant	Sandy Harper & Youth Helper
16		Hazel Morgan	Kim Rosson & Youth Helper
23		Marie Nester	Rhonda Lloyd & Youth Helper
30		Shirley Shelton	Michelle Alford & Youth Helper

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<u>1</u> 9am-Noon Consignment – Public Sale 
<u>2</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 Deacons Meeting	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice 8pm Consignment – Rack Set up	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Fall Festival (8am -2pm) Consignment – Public Sale 9am-Noon 
<u>9</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>10</u> 10am WOM Morning Group	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> 7pm Quarterly Business Meeting 8pm Choir Practice	<u>13</u> 7:15pm WOM Evening Group	<u>14</u> Consignment – Resort 6:30pm until ? 	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15 Children’s Worship 1:00 Consignment – Resort (if needed)	<u>17</u> 7:00 PM Goshen Association Council Meeting	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>20</u> 10:00am Seniors at Providence	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> 8am Men’s Breakfast 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> 10:00 AM Goshen Annual Fall Meeting – Louisa Baptist	<u>26</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>31</u> 8am Men’s Breakfast 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship						

The Acorn

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Gum Spring, VA 23065

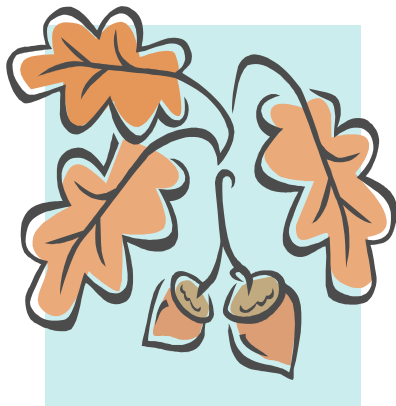
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Remembered in our hearts and prayers:



Steve & Lesley Alford
Lillian Armstrong
Shirley Bath
Shirley Bowyer
John Clayton
Ruth Coleman
Lucy Cook, Sandy Harper's mother
Virginia Dorey
Capt. Chris Durham, Iraq
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)
Daniel Gregory, Army - Stateside
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
Ethan Payne, Marines
Mary Pitts (Friend of Moen's)
Gerald Pleasants
Wanda Powell (Shirley Bowyers
daughter)
Monty Rose
Mike Sherrill
Daisy Showalter, Shirley Bowyer's niece

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

Consignment, & Fall Festival

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

**Remember our Nursing Home
Members. Their names and
addresses are listed under
"Keep in Touch" section.**