



**From The Pastor's Pen:
February 2012**

During the month of January we have been exploring God's purpose in our lives by looking at lives as a gift from God and the opportunity we have to manage our lives as stewards of our lives. As we walk the pathways of our lives we ask questions about the purpose of our existence in the world. God has created us, chose to redeem us, and have called us to serve Him in special ways with our time, talents, and treasures. He calls us to do the best we can with all that we have for His glory. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, said, "Get all you can, save all you can, give all you can." We say "Get all you can, can all you get, and sit on the lid."



God is calling us to make an impact in the lives of those we come into our pathways. We do that prayerfully, purposefully, and powerfully as we engage in conversations that lead to a deeper knowledge of God's love, acceptance, and forgiveness. God's call comes individually and also corporately as a church. It gives me great joy to share with you that our financial records for 2011 reflect that our mission gifts were greater than anticipated because our giving was above budget needs! In addition, our 2012 budget reflects an increase in percentage of mission giving. It is my desire that all of our mission gifts will increase throughout the year with the ultimate desire of more than doubling our Christmas Offering at the end of 2012. We are making a financial impact around the world.

Leading towards Easter I will be sharing a series of messages on the word IMPACT as we consider being a church that makes IMPACT in our community, commonwealth and the whole creation. When we think of IMPACT let's consider:

- I- Instruction in God's word** - getting it into our heart, heads, & lives
- M- Mobilizing for Ministry**- seeing fruit, fulfillment, & fortification
- P- Praying with Faith**- And God WILL answer
- A- Adoring God in Worship**- Seeing God in reverence as we rejoice
- C- Caring for other Believers**- Treating others as we'd want to be treated
- T- Telling others the Gospel**- being courteous, contemporary & courageous

I believe that as we devote ourselves to the 6 key lifestyles as individuals on IMPACT and as a church on IMPACT that God be doing some amazing things in our church and community... I hope you will join me...

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

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Please sure to submit your announcements or articles for the newsletter, bulletin, website or Goshen News according to the schedules listed below. We will only publish items that are submitted through the communication@oakland-baptist.com email. For those of you without email access, please call or submit your written request to Sherry Alston (804) 855-7446.

Deadlines:

Bulletin – 12 noon of each Thursday
Newsletter – 18th of each month
Website – 12 noon of each Thursday
Goshen Newsletter – 15th of each month



REFERENCE INFORMATION

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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.

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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.

Happy Birthday!

Michael Sherrill	2/1
Debra Hollenberg	2/2
Jamie Lloyd	2/2
Wayne Troy	2/2
Brian Hollenberg	2/3
Lonnie Kincaid	2/3
James Wright	2/3
LaWana Huff	2/5
Tommy Murphy	2/5
Eunice Walton	2/5
Diana Wagner	2/9
Crystal Sharpe	2/11
Sandy Harper	2/12
Harry Barlow	2/13
Robert Dorey	2/13
Joshua Barlow	2/15
Christina Erdt	2/15
Sharon Marker	2/15
Gunner Marks	2/15
Faris Hamrick	2/16
Jena Bath	2/17
David Hawk	2/17
Travis Harrow	2/19
Daniel O'Rourke	2/20
Nathan Alford	2/21
Jerry Gammon	2/21
Tony Wade	2/22
Lillie Rosson	2/23
Alex Justiniano	2/25
John Matysek	2/25
Becky Hicks	2/27
Hazel Morgan	2/27
Danette Moen	2/28
Julie Proffitt	2/28
Justin Hicks	2/29

Happy Anniversary!

Allen & E Grant Perkins	2/4
Mike & Linda Dillon	2/25

WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON - - February 5, 2012 - - The OBCY will be hosting the Souper Bowl Luncheon again this year on February 5 following our worship service. All are invited to enter their best soup or chili into the contest for a Super Bowl prize. All are also invited to come and partake in the soups and vote after for the winner. Votes are by money donation. Donations will be used to fund the Youth's summer mission to XFuge. This will be a perfect pregame event for all to share!

YOUTH VALENTINE'S PARTY - - February 8, 2012 - - The Youth will be making Valentines for the Envoy at the Meadows, a home for the elderly, during their regularly scheduled meeting. They will also share in fellowship over refreshments.

BASKET BONANZA - - March 3, 2012 - - The Youth will be conducting the Basket Bonanza once again at the Fish Fry on March 3. This event consists of participants buying tickets to place in containers to receive goody baskets. The winner's ticket will be drawn from the container at the end of the Fish Fry. The Youth is in need of prepared baskets. If you feel led to donate a prepared basket, please contact Ali Marks.

XFUGE 2012 - - June 25-29, 2012 - - The Youth will be traveling to the University of the Columbians in Williamsburg, KY this year for their summer mission. They will be challenged individually as Christians as well as a group. This is a great opportunity to grow in faith and love. If you are interested in XFuge, please contact Ali Marks for information and commitment letter. Commitment letters and deposits are due **February 1, 2012.**



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Do you facebook? Did you know that Oakland Baptist Church has a facebook page? Did you know that Goshen Baptist Association has a facebook page? We would love to have you "friend" us and follow us on facebook! We post upcoming events to the facebook page as well as our website. We'd love to hear your comments and suggestions!

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Goshen Baptist Association

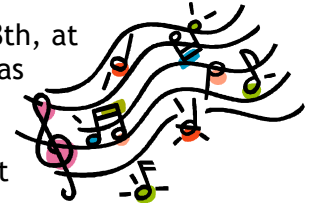
NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Cantata/Drama "Majesty" will be presented on EASTER SUNDAY, Sunday, April 8th, at 10 a.m. Please join us as we portray Jesus' last days. We need singers as well as individuals to portray Jesus, the twelve disciples, Mary, and towns people. The Cantata is narrated by Mary and John - I would like for the individuals who play them to memorize their parts. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Sharon Kincaid @ (804)439-1417 or grammykincaid@yahoo.com.



- Tickets to purchase or sell will be available 1/29 From Gerald Pleasants.
- Tickets for the drawing for the homemade afghan, gas card, & grocery card will be available on 1/29 from Shirley Bath.
- Vendor letters & fliers are ready—See Jerri Sherrill
- Auction items need to be at the church by 2/19. Also accepting Donated Services as auction items. See David Hawk if you have questions.
- Donations for door prizes also appreciated.
- Bake Sale items needed; see Hilda Harper.
- If you or your Sunday school class would like to donate a basket for the youth for their "Basket Bonanza", please see Ali Marks.
- We will start serving meals at 3:30pm until 6pm. Auction starts at 6pm.



Children's Spring / Summer Consignment Sale Ministry

It's almost here!

Mark your calendar now:

Sale Dates: March 29, 30, & 31

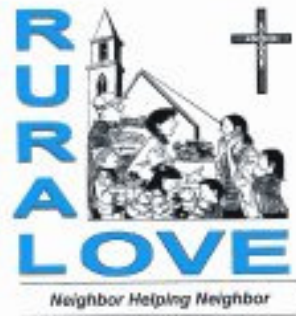
This sale is a great ministry for our church. We need everyone's help to set up, work the sale, and clean up after the sale!

We will hold a "Training Day", on March 18 immediately following worship, to cover all the volunteer jobs that are needed to make this ministry a success. Some functions have changed, so even if you've helped in the past, please plan to attend. Please see Sandy Harper to sign up so we'll have a head count for pizza! Thank you for your continued support.

Baptist Buzz...

Excerpts from

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



RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 16 families with financial help
- 9 families with household needs
- 2 families with a whole house
- 1 families with clothing
- 2 families with a project
- 1 families with a medical need

RuraLove is a ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis ~

540.894.8440

URGENT NEED: Silverware sets, mops, brooms, sofas, dressers, TWIN, FULL, QUEEN mattresses (separates or sets – we'll match), bed frames, pots and pans, electric stoves, washing machines, refrigerators, good vehicles, etc. Please make sure all donations work properly.

Also NEED VOLUNTEERS for pick-ups and deliveries, and to help sort Tues. or Wed. mornings or another by appointment. **REMINDER:** Requests should come from the church to help meet the needs in the community in the name of Jesus. Thus our motto "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" - meeting physical needs, developing trust through relationships and ministering spiritually. **PLEASE make sure to FOLLOW UP with families after they have been helped. This is key to making the most of opportunities to minister spiritually to families in crisis.**



If you haven't yet met our new BGAV President, Rev. Mark Croston, be sure to visit the VBMB page (see link) <http://www.vbmb.org/About/Baptist-General-Association-of-Virginia/BGAV-President/default.cfm> and watch the video to get a glimpse into his life and heart. In the video, he shares a bit about his upbringing, his personal tragedies as well as his triumphs over the years. Rev. Croston believes Virginia Baptists are doing good things and going in a good direction. He concludes by reminding us that the most important thing is declaring the message of Jesus and allowing others to see the love of Jesus in our lives.

Dr. Mark Croston is the Senior Pastor at East End Baptist Church in Suffolk, Virginia.



Many pastors and lay leaders are learning the value of having a life and leadership coach come alongside them in their journey and help them take the steps necessary to move forward in their spiritual journeys. So how do you become a coach? This class will help you begin the process of becoming a

life and/or leadership coach. For more information:

<http://www.vbmb.org/Networks/Leadership/Coaching-Institute.cfm#blocks>

Baptist Buzz...continued

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Free 2012 Virginia Baptist Calendar!

Being a Virginia Baptist means being part of a diverse family of believers who partner together with unity, purpose, and a common passion: missions and freedom in the Spirit.

We live out that passion day by day as we participate in God's work through Cooperative Missions—finding strength in our diversity and celebrating our unity of purpose. Start now, at the beginning of 2012, planning how you will connect with other Virginia Baptists throughout the year; the 2012 wall calendar can serve as a reminder of important dates, deadlines and events.

To get yours, email Rita Smith or call 800.255.2428, ext. 1204.



BGAV 2012-2013 Scholarship Applications Now Available!

Through Cooperative Missions offerings, the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) provides four options for scholarships and ministerial education funds for students from cooperating churches of the BGAV:

- [Achievement Scholarships for BGAV Academies](#)
- [Achievement Scholarships](#)
- [Ministerial Education Funds](#)
- [Nontraditional Ministry Education Scholarships](#)

The completed application deadline for Achievement Scholarships and Ministerial Education Funds is April 1, 2012. The completed application deadline for Achievement Scholarships for BGAV Academies is October 1, 2012. Nontraditional Ministry Education Scholarships are currently being accepted for the Spring 2012 semester.

Go to the [SMEF webpage](#) for more information and online applications, or contact [Alicia Parker](#) at 800.255.2426 ext. 6225.

Mom & Me 2012 - April 27-28 and April 28-29 - for girls (1st-5th graders) and their moms. Look at the link for more information. Registration opens January 2, 2012. Register online here!



**Women's Silence Retreat - March 30-31 or September 21-22, 2012
CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center**

**COST: \$80 includes single occupancy and three meals. REGISTER:
call 800.255.2428, ext. 8267
or online at wmuv.org/silenceretreat**

Retreat is limited to 30 participants

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Deacon of the Week</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Extended Session</i>	<i>Kid's Korner</i>
05	Betsy Young	Shirley Shelton	Sandy Harper	Kathy Wade
12	Sherry Alston	Evelyn Wade	Christina Clough	Bill Groome
19	Pat Groome	Edith Wheedleton	Ashley Selden	Sharon Kincaid
26	Lonnie Kincaid	Peggy Bartley	Michelle Alford	Shirley Bath



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>1</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> 9am Beth Moore SS 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30pm Youth Souper Bowl Luncheon Deacons Meeting	<u>6</u> 6:45 PM Beth Moore Evening Group	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>9</u> 7:00pm WOM Evening Group	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u> 9am Beth Moore SS 8am Women's Breakfast 9:45am-Sunday School 11am WMU Focus - Speaker, Cheri Wise	<u>13</u> 6:45 PM Beth Moore Evening Group	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
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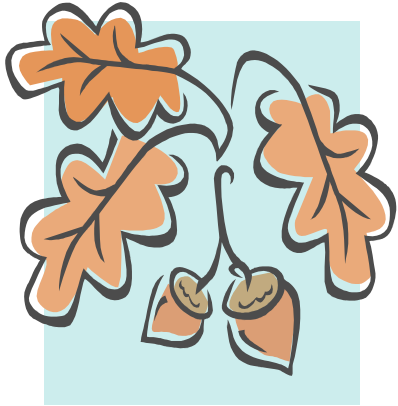
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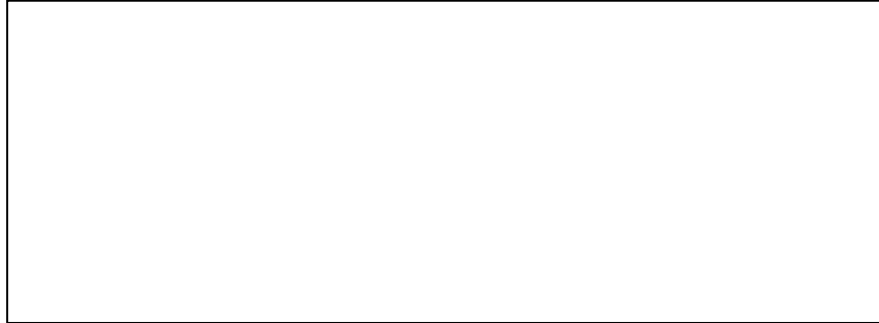
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Remembered in our hearts and prayers:



Sherry Alston's friend, Lisa
Jim Bartley
Sandi Blair's godson
Ruth Coleman
Ken Custalow
Jean Grant (Grayson's sis-in-law)
Sallie Hart
Bernard Hawk
Jim Hawks (Gladys' cousin)
Hallie & Stewart Hicks
Boyd Hodge's Wife (C4C)
Michaela Kandrotas
Sharon Kincaid's co-worker
Mary Leistra (Gladys' sister in law)
Luca Liesfeld & Family
Rhonda Lloyd
Rhonda Lloyd's Cousin - Scott
Pastor John Mentor (Kevin's friend)
Frank Moran
Tommy Nester (Gladys's nephew)

Louise Parrish
Primo Parrish Family
Kathy Pope
Wanda Powell
Tonya Kay Robbins (Danette's
cousin)
Harry Rosson
Fred Shoemaker
Jerry Simpson (Friend of the Alstons)
Frank Smith's co-workers infant &
family
Joe Stanley (Rhonda's niece's
grandfather)
Alice Troy
Sandi Williams

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

Our Christian Love & Sympathy:
The Family of Margaret Lawson
The Family of Ackey Layne
The Family of Jimmy Lear
The Family of Steve Snead
The Family of Wallace Snead

Remember our Servicemen & Their Families:

*USMC 2/4 Fox Company
(Afghanistan)*
Chris Durham, Stateside
Sully Edwards, Out on Deployment
Sgt. Allen Gordon (Deployed)
Daniel Gregory, Army - Stateside
Chris Humphrey-Afghanistan
Ethan Payne, USMC (Stateside)