



### From The Pastor's Pen-- November 2013

**"Blessed beyond belief"** are words that you may have heard me utter in recent days and weeks as I continue to be amazed in how God works. For truly, "He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." (Eph. 3:20).

**To know that you are blessed, you must look around.** If for some reason you have been unable to see the activity around Oakland during the past month or so, then you have missed something special. I would love to know how many hours were invested in our Consignment Ministry Sale and our Fall Festival. You may have not been able to attend either of these events, but I assume that you prayed for them. Thankfully **your prayers were answered!** Both of these events allowed us to create atmosphere's where conversation were easy as we served others in the name of Jesus. It was our 15th year of Consignment and 33rd year of the Harvest Festival... and it was good. **Thank you teams members for your dedication and commitment.**

**I looked recently into the eyes of one our men** and saw the tears of unexplainable joy, as he experienced the confirmation of God's leadership through a phone call from a long-time friend. "Rev, we prayed for wisdom and discernment, and when my friend called, I knew immediately that God was doing what I thought He was leading me in!"

**I saw uncontainable joy in the life of a spouse** as she shared with me the growth that her husband has made in recently years, even to the point of praying in public... with fear and trepidation!

**I look around and see many who appear to ungrateful for their blessings...** There are some who are "self-made" and don't feel necessary to thank anyone, much less God, for their achievements. Others seem to have lost their simple manners, like, "thank you, ma'am or sir." What is our country coming to? There are times that I feel like God has turned His head away from us... but let me tell you, I want to be like the one out of ten lepers who gave thanks for his healing... I look down and realized that I'm different today than before my encounter with Jesus...

Let's look around, then cock our heads back and rejoice saying, **"Thank you Jesus for all you've done!!!"**

Rev. Kev

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### **YOUR OBC website**

Is constantly being updated. Please check it often for updated information:  
[www.oakland-baptist.com](http://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.



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## REFERENCE INFORMATION

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](mailto:communication@oakland-baptist.com) email. For those of you without email access, please call or submit your written request to Sherry Alston.

### **Deadlines:**

Bulletin – 12 noon of each Thursday

Newsletter – 15<sup>th</sup> of each month at noon

Website – 12 noon of each Thursday

**Goshen** Newsletter – 15<sup>th</sup> of each month



**IMPORTANT: New Newsletter Deadline - the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. This change is necessary because of last submissions. Notices must be submitted exactly as you wish them to appear in the newsletter. Thank you.**

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

Please notify YOUR DEACON with ANY CHANGES to your personal information; 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 & other mailings to members & non-members. When we don't have your correct mailing address, your mail is returned to the post office & the church is charged return postage.

### **HOME ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER:**

Kevin & Danette Moen  
P.O. Box 1342  
Bowling Green, VA 22427  
804-633-2873 – home  
804.366.5672 – Kevin's cell phone  
Kevin's email: [pastor@oakland-baptist.com](mailto: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.

# Happy Birthday!

Leonard Jones	11/2
Shirley Bath	11/3
Shirley Bowyer	11/3
Sally Hodges	11/3
Beth Parrish	11/5
Sandi Blair	11/7
Sam Pleasants	11/8
Ryan Erb	11/9
Ben Pillsbury	11/10
Loren Stanley	11/10
Christopher Hodges	11/11
Amy Jarrell	11/11
Eric Majka	11/12
Les Bradshaw	11/13
Pam Bradshaw	11/13
Mikayla Brooks	11/13
Horace Crowder	11/14
Tori Klein	11/16
Jim Bartley	11/18
Bill Groome	11/18
Jennifer Dabney	11/19
Betsy Young	11/19
Tennis Bradshaw	11/21
Ruby Lent	11/21
Luke Parrish	11/21
Amanda Alston	11/22
Charly Durham	11/22
Emily Ryland	11/22
Brenda Carrasco	11/23
Barbara Atkinson	11/24
Christina England	11/24
Steven Klein	11/25
Ashley Saunders	11/25
Derek Blair	11/26
Carolyn Grant	11/27
Vance Willis	11/27
Shearin England	11/29
Stan Majka	11/30

# Happy Anniversary!

Ben & Gail Pillsbury	11/1
Dennis & Melinda Gammon	11/5
Lonnie & Sharon Kincaid	11/5
Eddie & Mary Bradshaw	11/10
Ron & Ann Taylor	11/17
Bill & Pat Groome	11/18
Grayson & Carolyn Grant	11/25
Michael & Theresa Hicks	11/26

## WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

### COMING CLOSER DINNER - - November 12, 2013 @ 6:30pm @ the Kandrotas' House

Coming Closer Dinners are a time to focus more intently on our relationships with Christ while sharing a meal. OBCY is blessed to have families willing to host and share their homes. November's dinner will be at the home of the Kandrotas family. If any Youth members are interested in attending the dinner, please contact Ali Marks.

### GYU TURKEY EVENT - - November 15, 2013 @ 7pm

Goochland Youth United (GYU) is an organization dedicated to bringing youth-aged students together to demonstrate their function as one body in Christ. The upcoming GYU event is dedicated to the turkey. The event will include turkey bowling! More details to follow.

### THANKS-FOR-GIVING LUNCHEON - - November 17, 2013 @ 12:30pm

Each year the Youth hosts their Thanks-for-Giving Luncheon. With this lunch, the Youth aim to show their appreciation for such a supportive church family. All are invited to attend the lunch following worship.

Please come join us.

Much love and many blessings,  
Ali Marks

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS



RELAY FOR LIFE GOOCHLAND 2014 IS OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY! WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR TEAM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR TEAM, PLEASE SEE ME. I HAVE SIGN UP FORMS OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO THE ONLINE REGISTRATION OUR LINK IS

[HTTP://MAIN.ACSEVENTS.ORG/SITE/TR?FR\\_ID=61333&PG=TEAM&TEAM\\_ID=1467226](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?FR_ID=61333&PG=TEAM&TEAM_ID=1467226)

HERE'S TO ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR WITH SOME WONDERFUL FOLKS!  
GAIL

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WOM News:

- Inmate Bags – info on WOM calendar – Due November 17
- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing – Join us immediately after the Youth's "Thanks for Giving" lunch on November 17 and help us pack shoeboxes. It will be a fun time of fellowship. Hope to see you then.

- Peru is a land of diversity. Home to the most ancient of civilizations and ruled for centuries by the Spanish Empire, Peru is defined by a mixture of cultural traditions. Her geography varies from Pacific coastal plains to the peaks of the Andes Mountains to tropical forests of the Amazon. Missionaries and their national partners, with help from United States churches, are reaching urban dwellers and indigenous villagers alike—with the ultimate goal of Peruvians reaching the nations! Join us on November 20 for our International Mission Study to learn more about Peru and how we can pray for the people and our IMB Missionaries. We will serve a Peruvian dinner at 6 pm and the study will follow at 7 pm.

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**Oakland Baptist Church is having a Wedding Shower for Arielle Moen and Jaron Williford on Sunday, November 24, 2013 at 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Sandy Harper (804.514.3871) for menu items needed or with other questions. The couple is registered at Khol's.**



**FREE PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST WITH  
SANTA**

**Oakland Baptist Church**

**December 7, 2013**

8 am – 10 am

Everyone is invited to come and  
enjoy breakfast and...

- Hear the story of the first **Christmas!**
- Decorate a **Christmas** ornament!
- Sit on **Santa's** lap and have your picture taken for **Free!**

Join us for this great time of fellowship and to  
remember that **Jesus** is the reason for the season!

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



Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers to help with the 5 current routes in Louisa and they are in need of adding additional routes if they have the people to work them. This is a terrific opportunity for those of you with home schoolers to volunteer and include your children. If you are interested please let me know and I will give you the contact information. Laurien Jeffers, Director Volunteers of Louisa, 540.967-6095

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## Inmate Bag directions

*(Deadline November 26)*

**2013 list of items to place in GALLON zip lock bag:**

- |                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 14 oz shampoo/conditioner     | 1 14 oz lotion                    |
| 1 solid deodorant               | 1 individually wrapped toothbrush |
| 1 reg sized toothpaste (in box) | 1 flat comb - no rat tail combs   |
| 1 chap stick                    | 1 bar soap                        |

1 small pack of tissues

Christmas scripture card with name of your church or your name.

Liquid items not to exceed 14 ounces (NO travel sizes)

Also Collecting:

colored marble comp books

#2 pencils

blue or black bic pens

small sized puzzle books

forever stamps

2014 wall calendars

Christmas, All Occasion, and Note Cards with envelopes.



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## RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 10 families with financial help
- 12 families with household needs
- 3 families with a whole household
- 4 families with a medical need
- 8 families with clothing
- 2 families with a layette

***WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – November 2013***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Kid's Korner</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Ext. Session</b>
03	Pat Groome	Ann Taylor	Kathy Wade	Rhonda L. / Brenda D.	Chelsey Stout
10	Bill Groome	Hazel Morgan	Bill Groome	Sandy Harper	Sarah Blair
17	Len Archer	Marie Nester	Sharon Kincaid	Alisha Fields	Lillie Rosson
24	Paula Archer	Shirley Shelton	Shirley Bath	Peggy Bartley	Michaela Kandrotas



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 Deacon's Meeting	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Business Meeting 8pm Choir Practice	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>11</u> 10:00am WOM Morning Group	<u>12</u> <b>7pm Planning Meeting Santa Breakfast</b>	<u>13</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>14</u> 10am Seniors At GSUMC	<u>5</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship <b>Youth Thanks-for-Giving Luncheon after Worship</b> WOM – Shoe Box Packing after Luncheon	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>21</u> 7:15pm WOM	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship <b>Arielle Moen's Wedding Shower after Worship</b>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>

# The Acorn

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*Changes to your name, address, birthday, or anniversary?  
Please contact your deacon or call the church office at  
804.556.3550 & leave a message*



## **Remembered in our hearts and prayers:**



Barbara Allen  
Sherry Alston (Job Search)  
Len Archer  
Linda Beene  
Shirley Bowyer's son in law  
Gail Brooks  
Audrey Brown  
Wesley Carter  
Ruth Coleman  
Sean Dickerson  
Betty Dunnivan  
Chris Durham's mom  
Gabe Edwards  
4 month old, Eliana (surgery)  
Pat Groome's friend, Ellen  
Cary Lynn Fields  
Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
Doug Haley  
Scott Hunley  
Michael Kate  
Sharon Kincaid's Mom  
Rhonda Lloyd's Co-Worker  
Warren Lloyd

Danette Moen  
Janet Murphy  
Gladys Nester  
Braedon Smith  
Frank Smith's brother  
Alice Troy  
Our Healthcare  
Our Leaders  
Pastor's in Richmond  
Unspoken with Job Issues

**Our Christian Love & Sympathy:**  
*Family of Lula Butler*  
*Family of Karen Tucker*

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

## **Remember our Servicemen & Their Families:**

*Joey Berlin-Stateside*  
*Michael Berry, Deployed*  
*Chris Durham, Stateside*  
*Gabe Edwards, USN, Stateside*  
*Sully Edwards, Out on Deployment*  
*Sgt. Allen Gordon, Deployed*  
*Daniel Gregory, Army - Stateside*  
*Chris Humphrey - Stateside*  
*Ethan Payne, USMC - Stateside*  
*Kelby Sutterfield, Army, Deployed*

Going forward, the prayer concern list will be completely revised monthly through mentioned prayer concerns, website submissions, email ([communication@oakland-baptist.com](mailto:communication@oakland-baptist.com)) or by contacting Sherry Alston BY the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.