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## *From The Pastor's Pen-- February 2014*

**Transformed!** I am, you are, and the world needs to be as well. We are agents of transformation. Transformers, change before our eyes into something special and nearly supernatural. From Clark Kent to Superman; Cinderella who goes from a lowly house maid into a Princess, a skinny weakling turns into Captain America.

If Christ dwells in our lives, then He calls us to touch the world with His love, acceptance, and forgiveness. I imagine we all may know a Scrooge or an Ugly Duckling in need of transformation. Is there a word of encouragement you can express, a sorrow to share, or a burden you can bear in the lives of your family, neighbors, friends, or co-workers? Transformers look out for those "one anothers" in life. Scripture tells us that we are to pray for, care for, welcome, greet, offer hospitality to, comfort, and love one another-- even if they are different than we are.

Praying for each other is the least we can do. I challenge you my friends, during this stage in the life of Oakland Baptist Church to do that. You should have heard by now that God has led me to accept the pastoral responsibilities of the Concord Baptist Church in southern Caroline county. It was one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make. It grieved me to announce my resignation, yet, I knew that it was something that had to be done if I was going to be in the center of the will of God. I strongly believe that if I am not doing the will of God, then you as the church, may not be following Him as well. God puts pastors in place to give guidance to believers. When He calls, I must follow with the recognition that something special is on the horizon... not just for me, but for you, as well. We will never say "good-bye" because we are all part of the body of Christ. It is appropriate to say, "see you soon," not knowing when that will be, but knowing with certainty, that believers WILL meet again, whether here or in the heavenlies.

So please begin praying that God would give clear direction as to the future of leadership at Oakland. Truly, He has plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to bless you, reward you and give you hope. You will know His plans and blessings if you find Him by seeking Him. Pray for your deacon ministry team who have already begun praying for direction in the process. Pray for Bill Groome as the chairman and Frank Smith as the vice-chairman as they prepare to lead you in the days ahead while awaiting the leader God has for you.

It is our intent to make our final Sunday with you to be Sunday, February 16. Please pray for us as we walk our journey of life with our savior.

It truly is a joy to serve Jesus as your pastor,

**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.



## Keep in Touch!

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*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)

*We still have room on our team for you! Please contact Gill B... to*

## REFERENCE INFORMATION

**Do you want to put something in the bulletin or newsletter? Do you want to put something on our Website or in the Goshen News?** If so,

please submit the information exactly as you want it to appear and where you want it to appear, BY the deadlines listed below to: [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



**Have you moved??? Has your name changed? Do you have an update to a birthday or anniversary in your family? If you answered YES to any of these questions...** 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. **If you don't know who your deacon is,** please contact any member of the Deacon Fellowship: Len & Paula Archer, Lesley Alford, Sherry Alston, Bill & Pat Groome, Hazel Morgan, Frank Smith, or Glenn Williams. Thank you.

### HOME ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER:

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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!

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Debra Hollenberg | 2/2  |
| Jamie Sprouse    | 2/2  |
| Wayne Troy       | 2/2  |
| Brian Hollenberg | 2/3  |
| Lonnie Kincaid   | 2/3  |
| James Wright     | 2/3  |
| Tommy Murphy     | 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 |
| 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  |
| Mr. & Mrs. Todd Hicks   | 2/10 |
| Mike & Linda Dillon     | 2/25 |

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

**Souper Bowl Luncheon** - - February 2, 2014 @ 12:30pm - All Oakland church-goers are invited to enter in our Annual Souper Bowl Luncheon! Prepare your best soup or chili and have the church vote on the best recipe. Votes will be based upon donation. The contender who raises the most money for their recipe wins the grand prize! Money raised will be used for the Youth's summer mission.

**Valentine's Party** - - February 12, 2014 @ 7pm Matthew 22:37-39 – "Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.' "Let's love just as Jesus would have us at the Oakland Youth Valentine's Party, scheduled during regular meeting time.

**Basket Bonanza** - - March 1, 2014 @ 2pm It's time for Fish Fry at Oakland! With the Fish Fry comes the Youth Basket Bonanza. We will be accepting basket donations to be given by ticket purchase, so please don't hesitate to enter if you feel led. Money raised will be used for the Youth's summer mission trip.

Much love and many blessings,  
Ali Marks



Reserve your space NOW! Two Faith Nights for the 2014 Season; Saturday

May 10 (vs. Erie SeaWolves) & Thursday August 7 (vs. Birmingham Mets). Join us for pregame faith based bands along with player testimonials. Contact Sherry Alston (804.855.7446) to reserve your spot! Group (20+) rate is \$5.00. Spaces

fill up fast for these events.

## News from your Deacon Fellowship:

Your Deacons met on Sunday, January 19, 2014 to discuss and took action on the following items:

- We have decided to seek a pulpit supply preacher beginning on February 23, 2014 through Easter. During this time, we will seek resumes for an interim pastor and make a recommendation to the membership for a vote at a business meeting to consider the candidate after Easter.
  - A Town Hall Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 to get input from all members of Oakland to decide where we are as a church, discussing any concerns, conflicts, successes and strengths. This meeting is also to seek individuals who are willing to volunteer to serve on the Pulpit Supply Committee.
  - On Sunday, March 2, 2014, immediately after church services, the Deacons will have their regular monthly meeting to discuss how things are progressing along with other spiritual needs of the church.
  - A special called business meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, for the purpose to elect a Pulpit Committee.
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### Pulpit Committee Expectations:

The job of the Pulpit Committee is to find one pastoral candidate to submit to the Oakland Baptist Church membership. The committee will typically go through many candidates using their resume' submitted to the committee by the Goshen Association, The Virginia Baptist Board, and sometimes individuals or friends will submit the committee an application of potential candidates.

### Who should serve on this committee?

- They are spiritually mature, people of prayer, and seeking the Lord's will.
- They set a Godly example in the congregation.
- They are active in the church; not just casual attenders.
- They are active at Oakland for more than a year. It is good to have a mix of people with varied age differences.
- They can understand the pressures of pastors.
- They have a clear understanding of Oakland's values, mission, and goals.
- They shall be available 3 or more days a week and meet long ours to go over resume's, plan trips to churches, and have a family willing to share them with Oakland during this important task for God's family.

We must all remember as the body of Christ, God has some exciting things in store for Oakland Baptist Church as we week His will and elect the pastor He has for us.

In Christian Love,

## NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Words from Women on Missions....**

WOM is collecting individual bars of soap and wash clothes for Operation Christmas Child. Please place in tub outside copy room.

In conjunction with Goshen Association, we will collect peanut butter, jelly, individual fruit cups and pudding cups, single serving bags of chips for Coeburn. This project will run through May. Please drop off your donations in the boxes provided outside the copy room.

February 16 will be WMU Focus Sunday and our guest speaker will be IMB Missionary, Robin Covington. She is currently on stateside and serves with our European peoples. The men will prepare breakfast and serve breakfast for the ladies at 8:30. Hope to see you there!

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### **Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia...**

You are cordially invited to a Called Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia for the election of Valerie Carter as Executive Director/Treasurer.

Valerie will be presented to the WMUV membership at a Called Meeting on Saturday, February 8 at 1:00 p.m. at Mount Tabor Baptist Church, 2011 Fairmount Avenue, Richmond, VA. This will be a special time of celebration and commitment as we together give thanks for the ministry of WMUV and anticipate a bright future in the midst of changing times. Reception to follow.

We want you to be a part of this important time in our history. Also please encourage the women of your church and association, as well as the children and youth involved in missions to join us on February 8 to celebrate God's calling for us individually and corporately in the days ahead.

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**FISH FRY** - We need everyone's help selling tickets and in various positions during the event. Please see the following people: Betty Fields for meal tickets; Shirley Bath for \$1.00 donation - Quilt / Gas Card; Hilda Harper - Bake Sale Items; David Hawk - Auction Items needed (Antiques, Collectibles, Jewelry, etc.); Jerri Sherrill to volunteer. Thanks for your continued support.

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## **Baptist Buzz**

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

### **RuraLove Ministry Update**

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 13 families with financial help
- 12 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole household



- 6 families with clothing
- 3 families with loads of wood
- 3 families with prescriptions

**NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS - continued**



**Oakland Baptist Church**

# Annual Fish Fry,

## Auction & Bake Sale




# Saturday, March 1, 2014

**Cost of Admission:**

|                         | <u>Advance</u> | <u>Door</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Adults</b> (11 & up) | <b>\$9</b>     | <b>\$11</b> |
| <b>Children</b> (4-10)  | <b>\$3</b>     | <b>\$4</b>  |

*Children 3 & under are free*

**For Advance Tickets,**  
**Contact Mary Bradshaw at 556-6996**  
 Advance tickets on sale until Feb. 28

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**Great Food & Fellowship:**

**Meals served 3:30pm – 6:00pm**

**Meal includes:**  
 2 Pieces of fish  
 Homemade hushpuppies  
 Homemade coleslaw  
 Baked beans  
*(Take out meals are also available)*

**Where are we?**  
**Oakland Baptist Church**  
 2965 Oakland Church Road  
 Gum Spring 23065  
 Off Broad Street - 1.6 miles East of Route 522  
 (Gum Spring Exit 159)

**Bake Sale:**

**End your meal off with a great dessert from our Bake Sale!**  
 The Bake Sale will continue through the entire event.

**Auction:**  
**Starts at 6:00pm**  
 You'll want to stay for this!  
 Lots of antiques, gifts and collectibles!

**Missions Donation:**  
**Donate \$1 to missions and you may take home:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Handmade quilt  
 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$100 gas card  
 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$50 gas card



**Donate \$1 to Missions and you could take home a Handmade Quilt or Gas Card valued at \$100 or \$50!**

Drawing to be held  
**March 1, 2014 at Oakland Baptist Church's Annual Fish Fry, Auction and Bake Sale.**



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**Need not be present to win.**

**WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – February 2014**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Deacon</b>  | <b>Greeter</b> | <b>Kid's Korner</b> | <b>Nursery</b>  | <b>Ext. Session</b> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 02          | Hazel Morgan   | Paula Archer   | Kathy Wade          | Alisha Fields   | Michaela Kandrotas  |
| 09          | Lesley Alford  | Peggy Bartley  | Bill Groome         | Peggy Bartley   | Ali Marks           |
| 16          | Glenn Williams | Betty Dunnivan | Sharon Kincaid      | Kim Rosson      | Hayley Rosson       |
| 23          | Frank Smith    | Carolyn Grant  | Shirley Bath        | Denise Brooking | Lillie Rosson       |



| <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>1</u>        |
| <u>2</u><br>9:45am-Sunday School<br>11am Worship<br>12:30 Souper Bowl Luncheon<br>1:30 Deacon's Meeting | <u>3</u><br>6:4 pm Beth Moore Bible Study                               | <u>4</u><br>Youth Committee<br>6:30pm    | <u>5</u><br>6pm WNS<br>7pm Bible study<br>8pm Choir Practice        | <u>6</u><br>7pm B&G Meeting        | <u>7</u>      | <u>8</u>        |
| <u>9</u><br>9:45am-Sunday School<br>11am Worship<br>Luncheon for the Moen's after Worship               | <u>10</u><br>10:00am WOM Morning Group<br>6:45pm Beth Moore Bible Study | <u>11</u><br>6:30pm VBS Planning Meeting | <u>12</u><br>6pm WNS<br>7pm Town Hall Meeting<br>8pm Choir Practice | <u>13</u><br>10am Seniors          | <u>14</u>     | <u>15</u>       |
| <u>16</u><br>WMU Sunday!<br>9:45am-Sunday School<br>11am Worship<br>11:15 Children's Worship            | <u>17</u><br>6:45pm Beth Moore Bible Study                              | <u>18</u>                                | <u>19</u><br>6pm WNS<br>7pm Bible study<br>8pm Choir Practice       | <u>20</u><br>7pm WOM Evening Group | <u>21</u>     | <u>22</u>       |
| <u>23</u><br>8am Men's Breakfast<br>9:45am-Sunday School<br>11am Worship                                | <u>24</u><br>6:45pm Beth Moore Bible Study                              | <u>25</u>                                | <u>26</u><br>6pm WNS<br>7pm Bible study<br>8pm Choir Practice       | <u>27</u>                          | <u>28</u>     |                 |

**Beth Moore Bible Study!**  
 We will begin "Sacred Secrets" on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:45pm through Monday, March 3, 2014 (5 wks.). Contact Paula Archer to sign up 804.305.5019. Bring a snack to share.

We will be having a "See you later" luncheon for Kevin & Danette after worship on Sunday, February 9, 2014. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Thank you.

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



Paula Archer  
Audrey Brown  
Ruth Coleman  
Bailey Grant Dickerson  
The Englands  
Charlene Eshelman's mom  
Hali Goad (Mission Trip)  
Rufus Grant  
Pat Groome  
Bernard Hawk  
Chris Humphrey  
Kevin James (Kevin's pastor friend)  
Marty Johnson  
JC Lloyd  
Joan Lloyd  
Leroy & Geraldine Parrish  
Connie Paulette  
Karen Ware  
Billy Walton  
Admiral Bird Pete Williams

### ***Our Christian Love & Sympathy:***

*The Family of Gary Corker  
The Family of Gregory Kane  
The Family of Evelyn Grimes  
The Family of Warren Lloyd*

**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*