



From the Pastor's Pen

We've heard it said many times that *"Time Flies When You are Having Fun."* I can utter those words from every part of my life as one of the quickest years of my life has come to an end. I have spent the year doing the "Leadership L's: *Listening, Laughing, Loving, and Learning.*"

Following a short "courtship," a year ago, you extended to me a "call" to be your Pastor. We had spent time talking to people and doing our "homework." You had talked to my references, and I had talked to people who knew Oakland Church. You had talked to former church members and I had talked to former Pastors. During our courtship we began to see that God might be up to something... something special. We found ourselves entering into a relationship of faith, hope, and trust.

Unlike some church leaders who enter like the proverbial "bull in a china shop," with disregard to the past, nor the feelings of the present, I chose to take some special time to listen to you, laugh with you, love on you, and learn about you. It has been a special time for me and I hope for you, too.

As I was led to believe and have come to genuinely understand, you are easy to love! We have shared some special times and some difficult ones, too! It is never easy to walk with loved ones through the sunset of their lives; it is never easy to see fractures develop in family relationships; it is never easy to say good-bye to folks as they head off to college or ministry settings...

On the other hand, it is wonderful to welcome old friends back home while hearing, "Oakland has a special place in my life, and it's great to be back!" Or, spending time with people in ministry settings like the Carpenters for Christ, students in Greenville, SC at MFuge, or our very own on-campus Consignment and Fall Festival Ministries.

One of my very favorite times this year has been reconnecting with former pastors like David and Judy Bailey, Darrell and Cheri Wise, Steve and Maureen Smith, Joe Stanley, and 92 year-old Henry Lankford. We have the privilege of their "Ministry DNA" on the life of Oakland Baptist Church and are true beneficiaries of their sacrifice and commitment as far back as 65 years!

One of my most wonderful recollections of the past year was hearing the words, "you sure make it fun to go to church!" That blessed my heart as church should be a fun place... a place to enjoy, a place to bring your friends, and a place to worship God!

So... another year is dawning in our lives... may the joy of the Lord be evident in our lives as we learn from one another while looking to God for our direction towards ministry in the future...

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

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### Calling all 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders!

The new Sunday School year starts on **September 4<sup>th</sup>** and we've got a new curriculum - **The Amazing Grace** - where we will look at God's Word to discover how loving our God is and hear about God's goodness. Lesson stories include Abram and Lot, Ruth, Hannah, Zacchaeus, the Samaritan woman, Peter, and more. **Come for fun, music, crafts and games and find out what the "Buzz" is all about!** Questions? See Kim Rosson or Denise Brooking.



Stop Hunger Now update--We are half way there--Thanks to Evelyn Wade and friends that helped with the Yard and Pizza Sale in August which earned \$558.00!

## REFERENCE INFORMATION

### Deadlines:

Newsletter – 18<sup>th</sup> of each month  
Bulletin – 12 noon of each Thursday

Submit **articles** to [communication@Oakland-Baptist.com](mailto:communication@Oakland-Baptist.com)

**Prayer requests** should be e-mailed to [communication@Oakland-Baptist.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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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](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.



# Happy Anniversary!

Kaitlyn Hawk	9/1
Allen Perkins, Sr.	9/3
Deborah Murphy	9/4
Allen Perkins, Jr.	9/4
Charles Smith, Jr.	9/4
Janet Hawk	9/5
Alma Walton	9/6
Tom Parrish	9/8
Ralph Pleasants	9/8
Sonny Sheets	9/8
Brian Hodges	9/9
Chelsea Atkins	9/10
Westley Atkinson	9/10
Evelyn Grimes	9/10
Mary Southall	9/10
Grayson Proffitt	9/11
John Shelton	9/11
Daniel Strebel	9/11
Teresa Miles	9/13
Lori Carrasco	9/14
Dabney Barber	9/15
Tony Gordon	9/15
A. J. Nester	9/15
Robert Atkinson	9/16
Dalton Nixon	9/16
Teresa Groome	9/19
Sabrina Kirkines	9/20
Frank Southall	9/21
Stuart Ritchie	9/22
Donald Bowmaster	9/23
Monica Grooms	9/23
Frances Groome	9/25
Matt Barlow	9/26
Michael Brooking	9/26
Stephen White	9/26
Thomas Reid	9/27
Stacy White	9/28
Brandi Goff	9/29
Lorraine Majka	9/29

Bobby & Betty Fields	9/5
John & Dabney Barber	9/6
Charles & Diana Wagner	9/6
Gregory & Leslie Comstock	9/14
James & Peggy Bartley	9/16
Pedro & Brenda Carrasco	9/17
Ephiram & Ruby Gentry	9/22
Robbie & Margo Parrish	9/23
Dana & Nancy Franklin	9/27

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

### WELCOME NEWBIES - - September 7

This will be the first meeting for rising 7<sup>th</sup> 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 - - Sometime in October

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

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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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**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, 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.

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**ALMA HUNT STATE MISSIONS OFFERING** free to live--- 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.

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). Since 1976, this offering has been a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) and Virginia Baptist Mission Board (VBMB). The annual goal and allocation of funds are directed by a committee composed of equal representation from the WMUV Board of Trustees and the BGAV Executive Board.

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.

The 2011 Prayer Guide places emphasis on our very own RuraLove Ministries and Warehouse sponsored by the churches of Goshen. We helped 706 families in our area last year. A portion of the Alma Hunt State Missions Offering will be supporting this thriving and necessary ministry, especially in our community's time of need.

Goal for Oakland--\$500 Website-- [almahunt.org](http://almahunt.org/) <<http://almahunt.org/>>



## NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS - continued



Fall Consignment sale time, we need volunteers to help. If you can please sign up and help with the sale before, 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:

- Sept. 7 - Rack set up after Bible study (8pm)
- Sept. 10 - 11:59pm – Cut off to enter items into the system
- Sept 11 - Consignors drop off day 1-4pm
- Sept. 25 - Final set up day (1pm – until)
- Sept 27 - Consignors shop 6:30-9pm
- Sept 29 - Open to the public sale 6:30-9pm
- Sept 30 - Open to the public sale 6:30-9pm
- 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
- Oct16 - Consignment resort day if needed 1pm-until

Our Wednesday night dinners will be starting up again on Wed. Sept. 7th along with the Bible Study. Everyone is invited to come out and join us each Wed. night for great fellowship, dinner, and bible study. The dinner is at 6pm and bible study is at 7pm. The cost of the dinner is only \$3.00 and we ask that you sign up for the dinners by the Sundays before so that we know how much to prepare. Any question please contact Sandy Harper, 556-3694.



## Baptist Buzz...

*Excerpts from*

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



Stop Hunger Now. Only one quarter per meal!! Goal is \$10,000 for 40,000 meals. We will be packing meals again at the fall Missions Celebration October 9 at 3 p.m. at Craigs Baptist Church. It takes many hands, both young and old, to bag and prepare for shipping 40,000 meals. So mark your calendar and become a part of this effort which will touch lives around the world. **Urgent need for food in Somalia!!! Help Stop Hunger Now feed these starving people!**

## Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall Meeting on September 18 at 3 p.m. at the Goshen Ministry Center. We are asking that every church be in attendance and please bring at least one person from your church between the ages of 25-45. If you have any questions please call John at 540.894.8440.

# Baptist Buzz...continued

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## **BGAV Connect:2011 Annual Meeting**

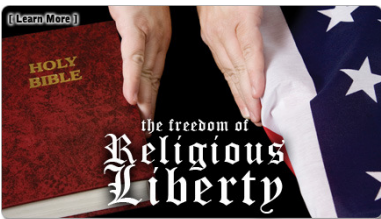
**"ReJoyce. ReClaim. ReJesus."**

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 [VMBM 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?](#)"



### **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.



Hope your plans include coming to the Women's Get-Away on November 4-5 or 5-6. **Registration opened August 1.** Check out the website for online registration at [wmuv.org/getaway](#)

**WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Deacon of the Week</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Extended Session</b>
04	Mike Sherrill	Marie Nester	Teresa Groome & Amanda Alston
11	Frank Smith	Shirley Shelton	Robin Battle & Youth Helper
18	Ricky Harper	Ann Taylor	Cheryl Klaty & Youth Helper
25	Jerri Sherrill	Jeni DeRusha	Christina Clough & Youth Helper

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 Deacons Meeting	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice <b>8pm Consignment - Rack Set up</b> 	<u>8</u> 7:15pm WOM Evening Group	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> <b>11:59pm – Cut off for entering your Consignment items</b> 
<u>11</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship <b>1-4pm Consignor Drop Off</b> 	<u>12</u> 10am WOM Morning Group	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>15</u> 10:00am Seniors at Oakland	<u>16</u> <b>Field Day of the Past</b>	<u>17</u> <b>Field Day of the Past</b>
<u>18</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15 Children's Worship <b>Field Day of the Past</b>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u> 8am Men's Breakfast 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship <b>1pm Consignment – Final set up</b> 	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <b>6:30-9pm Consignors Shop</b> 	<u>28</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>29</u> <b>6:30-9pm Consignment – Public Sale</b> 	<u>30</u> <b>6:30-9pm Consignment – Public Sale</b> 	

# The Acorn

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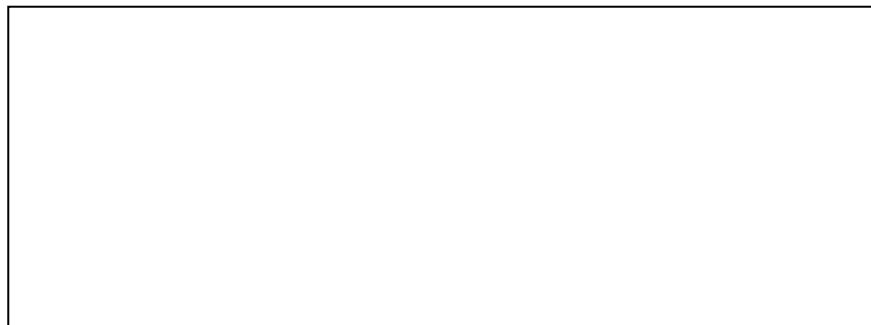
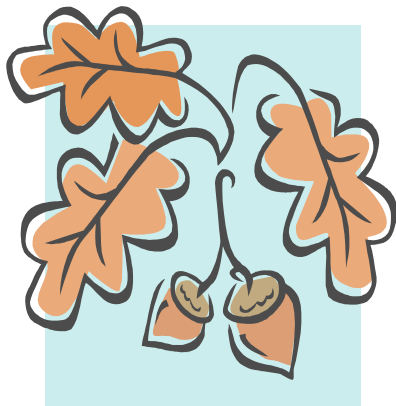
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## **Remembered in our hearts and prayers:**



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)  
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  
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  
Preston Snead, Bobby Fields'  
cousin's son

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

Field Day of the Past,  
Consignment, & Fall Festival

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

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Members. Their names and  
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