



*From The Pastors Pen*

*Why? Why? Why? How many times have we heard that question? How often have we asked the very same question? Asking "why" is how we learn. The answers may not make sense, yet when the research is done it finally comes together. The five year old asks, "why does  $2 + 2 = 4$ ?" So we show one finger at a time and ask, "how many do I have showing?" "Four," we hear. We hold up two and then another two, and ask again, "how many do i have showing?" " $1+1 = 2$ .  $2+2 = ?$ " "Well 4!  $2+2=4$ . Mom, I can do math!!!" So it is in the simplistic world of a five year old. So, it all makes sense, until, you hear, "Why, daddy, why?" In exasperation we say, "Well, why not?"*

*There are some things in life that are easily understood, yet so easily overlooked, or even taken for granted. As we read this, Easter was March 31. By the week after Easter, the chocolate bunnies are gone, the basket has been discarded, and the colored eggs may begin to change their aroma. The magic of the day is gone.*

*That's kind of like The Resurrection for many folks. Easter quickly fades like Christmas did. The decorations are put away for a year and you try left over "Peeps" for s'mores. Yet, Jesus lives on. The time following His death was dark, but Joy came in The Morning as the world was forever changed! Please don't pack away Jesus like the Easter decorations, but allow His resurrected life to direct your path to a deeper and richer walk.*

*As you walk life's path this month, please don't forget to participate in one of our attractional events to the life of Oakland Church. Our Spring/Summer Consignment Ministry is in full swing and your Consignment Ministry team would love to have your help. The sale itself is a small part of the ministry that goes on year round as clothing, shoes, toys, and equipment are shared with families in need in our community. We utilize a large team to make this happen, so please consider your personal and prayerful involvement.*

*Why do we do what we do? Jesus said, "Upon you, I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not defeat it." We are like Peter, carrying on ministry to the world today. So let's take Jesus words seriously and share His resurrected life to the world...*

*Blessings to you today and every day! It's a joy to serve Jesus as your pastor. Rev Kev*

*Praise God for His Blessings*

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## Address Changes...Keep in Touch!

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12401 Gayton Road, Apt. 442, Richmond, VA 23238

### Remember our Nursing Home Members:

Evelyn Grimes, Envoy at The Meadows, 2715 Dogtown Road, Goochland, VA 23063



I want to say thank you to all of those for prayers given to me during, after and now since my surgery, my shoulder is doing well and hope to be back to all activities by end of March, God is wonderful and so are his disciples at Oakland, God Bless. Love, Kathy Pope



Just want to say thank you to everyone who has prayed for my Grandma Lola. Thank you to everyone who sent cards or called during this stressful time. I definitely feel like a family member of Oakland and for that I'm thankful.....Alisha Fields & Family



### 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.

## 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:

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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!

Ruth Coleman	4/1
Harry Smith	4/2
Jeannette Klaty	4/4
Betty Stanley	4/4
George Comstock	4/6
Jeni DeRusha	4/8
Donald Amick	4/9
Richard Adcock	4/10
Jim Lear	4/12
Glenn Wright	4/13
Carol Summitt	4/14
David Gammon	4/15
Joan Lloyd	4/15
Gladys Nester	4/17
Gabby Traw	4/18
Jim Hamrick	4/19
John Bagby Jones	4/23
April Grant-Dickerson	4/24
Russell Hicks	4/27
Ellie Osborne	4/27
Kathy Alvis	4/29
Len Archer	4/29
Glenn Williams	4/29
Emily Hawk	4/30
Jenny Smith	4/30

# Happy Anniversary!

Robert & Virginia Dorey	4/7
Loren & Betty Stanley	4/11
Gerald & Mabel Pleasants	4/13
Shannon & Amy Fields	4/17
Kent & Karen Nicely	4/20
Mark & Denise Brooking	4/23
James & Julie Lloyd	4/25
Glenn & Sandi Williams	4/25
Steven & April Dickerson	4/26
Alex & Virginia MacDonald	4/28
Rob & Gerry Strebel	4/28
Donnie & Louise Ware	4/28



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

**SPRING BREAK MISSION - April 6, 2013** - The OBC Youth will be cleaning up the yard of Tracy Kilpatrick. With the winter storm, there is much to be done. We will meet at Oakland at 9am and travel to Troy, VA for a day of yard work and fellowship.

**SPRING CONSIGNMENT - Ongoing through April** - The Youth will be helping out with the Spring Consignment Ministry at OBC. For each hour the student works, they receive \$8/hr toward their mission trip tuition. This is an amazing outreach ministry to the community.

**YOUTH SUNDAY - April 14 @ 11am** - The Oakland Youth will be conducting the worship service in its entirety on April 14, 2013, from sermon to song. Please come and worship with us.

**YOUTH TALENT SHOW - May 4 - Dinner @ 5pm; Show @ 6pm** - It's that time again to showcase your talent at Oakland Baptist. The Youth will be hosting a spaghetti dinner followed by its annual talent show. God blessed us all with talent, and the talent show wouldn't be complete without the showcase of your gifts. If you feel led to perform your talent, please contact Ali Marks or sign up outside her office. The winner will be selected by the audience's votes in the form of donations. Donations received will go toward the cost of the Youth's mission trip to MFuge in Ridgecrest, NC. Dinner will be \$3 per person to cover the cost of the meal.

Much love and many blessings, Ali Marks

## NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS



Throughout the year, the Oakland Baptist WOM Groups will be collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Specific items have been designated for each month. **For April, we will be collecting Small Bible, Story Books, Coloring Books, Word Search & Crossword Puzzle Books.** The collection boxes will be on the tall table across from the old kitchen. Please place your items in these boxes. If you need assistance getting your items downstairs, please see a member of the WOM Evening Group - Teresa Groome, Pat Groome, Lesley Alford, Sherry Alston, Shirley Bath, Angie Wright or Sharon Kincaid.

In November, we will sponsor a Church-wide packing party. Information regarding this event will be posted as we get closer to the date. Thank you for supporting our on-going mission project.



### **MORE THAN NETS**

Virginia Baptists have entered into a 2 year agreement with the Ghana Baptist Convention to complete the "More Than Nets" project. Our goals are simple yet significant. We want to significantly reduce the cases of malaria in a northern region of Ghana known as Yendi. We will do so by distributing 100,000 chemically treated mosquito nets within the Yendi municipality. We will also provide vital education for the proper use of the mosquito net as well as additional education on health, awareness and prevention of malaria.

At the same time we will assist the Ghana Baptist Convention in meeting one of their visions by planting a church in each village in the Yendi municipality. There are approximately 454 communities in Yendi with 145 already have a church so we would need to plant 309 new churches.

**For the low cost of \$10, you can provide an entire family safety from deadly malaria and help plant churches. For more information, please see the Goshen November newsletter or speak with any WOM member. May God bless this ministry.**



Last year Oakland was the recipient of a gift from the Estate of Pat Barnette. Her gift was a tremendous blessing to us as we had the opportunity to use it in several ways. Believing that stewardship is a calling of God, and that as a church family, we need to model it, we chose to save some of the gift, give some away, and use some for special projects around the church. A portion of the bequest was used in our Alma Hunt Mission Offering for Virginia Ministries through the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. Pat's commitment to our music ministry is reflected in the new risers and choir chairs. We also have finally furnished our parlor in a beautiful way. We now have a quiet and very comfortable place for gathering in a small group. We are thankful for Pat's commitment in remembering Oakland Church in her will. Can you follow her example in your post living giving?



Last month we had our 11th annual fish fry. In evaluation and follow-up we have concluded that that following expenses and overhead, that there is around \$7500 for ministry and mission use. Thank you team for your hard work!!!



## NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS - continued

For the last several months a small team of volunteers have been diligently at work, putting together a church media center/library for your use. Donations of books, tapes, time, talents, and energy have made our media center become a reality. Thank you Paula Archer, Jenni DeRusha, Pat Groome, Kathy and Tony Wade, Angie Wright, and others who have helped to provide for us a place for reflection, research, and inspiration. We hope to have internet access there very soon. You are encouraged to come by on Wednesday Evenings or Sundays before Bible Study or following worship to peruse the collection or check out something for your enjoyment at home.



### **Children's Spring / Summer Consignment Sale Ministry**

It's almost here! Thank you to all who worked the last sale. Your support with the last sale helped over 20 children at Christmas, clothes donated to 2 local elementary schools, books to another local elementary school, stuffed animals to Louisa Sheriff's department; over 3,000 items went to support

Goochland Family Services Clothes Closet! A BIG THANK YOU to Hilda Harper for having the most hours worked; she will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to use at the spring sale. Congratulations & Thank you Hilda!

Come, see and experience the impact this ministry makes on our community and our church. Everyone is welcome and there is something everyone can do to be a part of this important ministry. Please see Sherry Alston, Denise Brooking, Sandy Harper, Kim Rosson, or Angie Wright if you have questions. This ministry can only be successful if we have volunteers. Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer before, during, and after the sale. Please see Sandy Harper (556-3594) to sign up for one of the work days we have scheduled below:

- 4/10 Rack set up after Business Meeting
- 4/11 11:59pm Cut off to enter items
- 4/12 6:30-9pm Drop Off
- 4/14 1pm - until? Set up & worker shop\*
- 4/16 6:30 - 9pm Consignor Night
- 4/18 6:30 - 9pm Public sale
- 4/19 6:30 - 9pm Public sale
- 4/20 9am - noon  $\frac{1}{2}$  price Public sale
- 4/20 1pm - until? Move all to old fellowship hall
- 4/23 6:30 - 9pm Resort #1 - Dinner by CCSM Team (please sign up)
- 4/26 6:30 - 9pm Resort #2
- 4/28 1:30 - 3pm Pickup
- 5/17 6:30pm - until? Set up donation room



## NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS - continued



SAVE THE DATE---APRIL 7th at 3pm  
at South Anna Baptist.  
Did you realize that 500 children and  
teens are disappearing every month in  
Atlanta? Human trafficking is no  
longer confined to Overseas and has  
become a real threat here in the  
United States. Come learn about  
Human Exploitation and what our  
churches can do about it. See Teresa  
Groome for details.

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## Baptist Buzz

*Excerpts from*

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

**What is Operation Inasmuch?** Operation Inasmuch is a national nonprofit that employs proven **models** to motivate, train, and equip churches to move more congregants out of the sanctuary seats and into the streets to serve the neediest in their communities. **Operation Inasmuch** is also a **movement** of churches across America, a Compassion Revolution. Over 1600 churches in 21 states have joined the Revolution. 405 of these churches reported that they collectively sent out more than **22,000 volunteers in 2011 to minister to 116,000 people** in their communities, representing \$3M in labor hours and material costs. Lives within and without these churches changed!

**What Operation Inasmuch - Virginia?** Operation Inasmuch - Virginia is a statewide hands-on missions opportunity sponsored by the Virginia Network of Associational Workers. The goal is for 80% of Associations to have 80% of their churches committed to involving 80% of their average Sunday School attendance across Virginia. These Inasmuch Day events will serve more than 300,000 people in need.

**When Is It Happening?** Between September 13 and October 11, 2014

**How does my church get involved?** Contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540 894-8440 or by email at [goshenba@nexet.net](mailto:goshenba@nexet.net). We can help you maximize your potential to impact your community as the hands and feet of Jesus.

**Is training available?** A training session for an Inasmuch Day will be held on April 27, 2013 from 9:00 am to Noon. Location: Oakland Baptist Church, 2965 Oakland Church Road, Gum Spring, VA. 23065, Telephone: 804 556-3550

**Where can I learn more?** To learn more about the ministry and models of Operation Inasmuch, go to [www.operationinasmuch.org](http://www.operationinasmuch.org). To learn more about Inasmuch United Virginia, go to <http://operationinasmuch.org/churches/inasmuch-united-virginia/>.

**WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – APRIL 2013**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Deacon of the Week</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Kid's Korner</b>
07	Ricky Harper	Pat Sheets	Kathy Wade
14	Frank Smith	Shirley Shelton	Bill Groome
21	Sherry Alston	Peggy Bartley	Sharon Kincaid
28	Pat Groome	Carolyn Grant	Shirley Bath



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Youth Committee 6:30pm	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 7pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 Deacons Meeting	<u>8</u> 10:00am WOM Morning Group	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice  Consignor – Rack Set up after bible study	<u>11</u> 7:15pm WOM  Consignor – Cut off for entering your items – 11:50pm	<u>12</u>  Consignor – Drop off 6:30pm 9:00pm	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship  Consignor – Final Set up 1:00pm until ?	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>  Consignor Shopping Night 6:30pm – 9:00pm	<u>17</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>18</u> 10am Seniors  Consignor Preview Sale 6:30pm – 9:00pm	<u>19</u>  Consignor Preview Sale 6:30pm – 9:00pm	<u>20</u>  Consignor Preview Sale 6:30pm – 9:00pm
<u>21</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15 Children's Worship	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>  Consignor Resort 1 - 6:30 - ?	<u>24</u> 6pm WNS 7pm & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>  Consignor Resort 2 - 6:30 - ?	<u>27</u> J. Sergeant Lunch for Master Gardeners 9:00am – 2:00pm  Operation Inasmuch 9:00am – 12:00pm
<u>28</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship  Consignor Pick Up 1:30pm – 3:00pm	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>				

# The Acorn

P.O. Box 99  
Gum Spring, VA 23065

Church Office: 804-556-3550  
(please leave a message)

web address:

[www.Oakland-Baptist.com](http://www.Oakland-Baptist.com)

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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:**



Lesley Alford  
Sherry Alston's friend & her daughter  
Joyce Anders Family  
Lillian Armstrong  
Lou Brooks  
Gary Clarke  
Ruth Coleman  
Elizabeth Collins  
Kelly Cook  
Cliff Cosby  
Jennifer Cullinan  
Dockum Family  
Ricky Dodson  
Virginia Dorey  
Alisha Fields Cousin  
Louie Frango  
Ruby Gentry  
Warren Green  
Griffith Family  
Evelyn Grimes  
Allen Harper  
Ricky & Diana Harris  
Joann, Bob, & Daniel Hudson  
Chris & Kelly Jacobson  
Michaela Kandrotas

The Family of Rosalee Keitch  
Sylvia Kirk  
Warren Lloyd  
Danette Moen's friend, Darlene  
Frank Moran  
Steve Nicholas  
Tom & Clair Parrish  
The Family of Tammy Price  
Tim Price & Family  
Kathy Pope's friend  
Betty Smith  
Mary Lou Stanley  
Alice Troy  
Kathy Wade's daughter  
Alma Walton  
The Family of Freeman Walton  
  
Families experiencing strained  
relationships  
4 year old with brain tumor  
Children's Consignment Sale Ministry

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

**Our Christian Love & Sympathy:  
The Family of Melvin Kirk**

**Remember our Servicemen &  
Their Families:**  
Joey Berlin-Stateside  
Chris Durham, Stateside  
Gabe Edwards, Deployment  
Sully Edwards, Out on Deployment  
Sgt. Allen Gordon (Deployed)  
Daniel Gregory, Army - Stateside  
Chris Humphrey-Stateside  
Ethan Payne, USMC Stateside

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.