

Dear Church Family,

Finally! Spring is on its way for which we all rejoice. We look forward to nature's rebirth from the dead of winter to the blooming of spring. In March we enjoyed another annual Fish Fry, Bake Sale and Auction that was well attended and appreciated by all who came. Thanks to all who pitched in to give of their time, talents and resources to make this event happen. This was my first opportunity to take part in the annual fish fry, bake sale and auction... and it lived up to its reputation. It was a great day of good food, fantastic fellowship and wholesome fun in spite of the late snowstorm we experienced just a couple of days before.

This month we will be celebrating Easter. For the early church, the celebration of Easter was by far their greatest celebration each year. It actually took several centuries before Christians even begin to celebrate what we now call Christmas. Easter was their main focus because Easter was what changed everything. In today's language, we would say that Easter was the "game changer." Why? That's a good question. We often think of Easter as the time when Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Yes... that is true. We often think of the resurrection and the hope of our own resurrection in Christ. That too is also true. But what is the deeper reality of Easter. Why did Jesus come? Did he come to change God's mind about us? Did he come to correct something so that God could now love us?

Certainly not! God loved us and chose us before the foundation of the world. As Ephesians 1:4 puts it... we are "chosen in Christ before the world was made." God does not need his mind changed, but we do. Jesus came to reveal the love of God for us and to change our minds about God. So many people think that God is mad at us because of our sin and somebody has to be punished. Yet Jesus proclaims and reveals just the opposite at Easter. "For God so loved the world that he sent his one and only son," it says in John 3:16. Jesus did not have to come because of our sin. He had to come because of God's love. Jesus came as the revelation of God to show us how much we are loved, and have been love, from the foundation of the world.

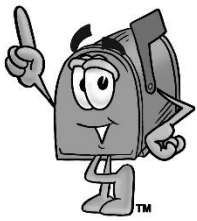
Now that is Good News! That is a message worth celebrating and that is what we celebrate at Easter. We don't have to be good so that God will love us. God already loves us because he is good. He has revealed that plainly and clearly to us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ – the one we follow.

He is Risen... He is Risen Indeed!

Randy & Betty Rains

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**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** – 15th of each month at noon
- Website** – 12 noon of each Thursday
- Goshen Newsletter** – 15th 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, Bobby Fields, Bill Groome, Ricky Harper, Frank Smith, Glenn Williams, or Angie Wright. Thank you.



**Easter Schedule**

- 7:30 am Sunrise Service
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Morning Worship

## Happy Birthday!

Ruth Coleman	4/1
Harry Smith	4/2
Jeannette Klaty	4/4
Betty Stanley	4/4
George Comstock	4/6
Jenny DeRusha	4/8
Donald Amick	4/9
Glenn Wright	4/13
Carol Summitt	4/14
David Gammon	4/15
Joan Lloyd	4/15
Gladys Nester	4/17
Gabriell 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!

Ruben & Angie Justiniano	4/6
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
Alex & Virginia McDonald	4/28
Donnie & Louise Ware	4/28



### Annual Children's Easter Celebration

Come Join the Fun!!

April 4, 2015

10am – 12pm

Games, Crafts, and Easter Egg Hunt

Don't Forget Your Basket!!!!

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

SPRING CONSIGNMENT SALE - - starting April 8th - - All Youth members are invited to work the OBC Spring Consignment Sale. It is a wonderful opportunity to reach the community. For each hour a student works, they receive \$8 toward tuition for their summer mission.

TALENT SHOW - - April 18, 2015 - - The Youth will host their annual talent show on April 18th. This year will be a bit different, because talent entries are open only to students from infant to 6th grade. This will certainly be an event of fellowship and fun!

Much love and many blessings,

Ali Marks

## NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

On Sunday, March 22, 2015, the ladies of Oakland gathered for their annual Ladies' Tea. Laura Guest, friend of the South Asian Peoples, was our guest speaker. She shared about her work as a Stateside Strategy Liaison and among the people of Nepal and India. While serving in Nepal, her husband, Bruce, started a wheelchair/tricycle factory for handicap people. The factory is still in production and they visit yearly to touch based with the manager of the factory. Currently, they serve in leadership and are responsible for traveling throughout India to disciple nationals. They also hold a yearly music writing conference. We then had a time of prayer for Sherri. It was a wonderful time of fun and fellowship.



### Coeburn Lunch Project

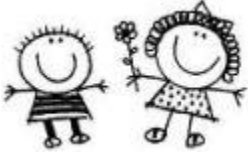
We will collect the following:

- Jars of peanut butter and jelly
- Single serving fruit & pudding cups
- Single serving bags of chips
- Juice boxes

Please place items in box provided under table outside the copy room. Questions? See Sharon Kincaid.

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### Consignment Ministry News:



Would you like to be a consignor or know someone who would? Maybe you just want to know what's involved in being a consignor. We have set the dates for our **Spring Consignment Sale** and the system is ready for you to register and start entering your items. Never consigned before? It's easy, visit our website: [www.oakland-baptist.com](http://www.oakland-baptist.com), click Children's Consignment Sale Ministry (CCSM) link for all information regarding registration, what we will accept, hanging clothes, etc. Last day to enter items for the upcoming sale is, Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 11:59pm. Important dates to remember: DROP OFF - Friday 4/10/15 - 6:30-8:30pm; CONSIGNOR SHOP - Tuesday 4/14/15 - 6:30-8:30pm; PUBLIC SALE - Thursday 4/16/15 & Friday 4/17/15 - 6:30-8:30pm; Saturday 4/18/15 & Saturday 4/25/15 - 9am -noon; and PICK UP - Sunday, 5/3/15 - 1:30-2:30pm. Feel free to forward this information to your friends and family that would be interested in consigning. We always welcome new consignors!

Thank you for your participation, support, and prayers in our consignment sale and making this a very successful ministry. Questions: email us at [consignment@oakland-baptist.com](mailto:consignment@oakland-baptist.com)

Oakland Baptist Church Children's Consignment Ministry Team To sign up, see a member of the CCSM Team: Sherry Alston, Denise Brooking, Sandy Harper, Kim Rosson, or Angie Wright.

### News from Goshen...

Goshen Spring Missions Celebration will be held on Sunday, April 12, from 3 - 5 pm at Smyrna Baptist Church, 1470 Rock Castle Road, Goochland, VA 23063. Join us as we hear about what our Goshen churches are doing to share the gospel and Jesus' love.

Goshen Spring Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, from 3 pm - until at North Pamunkey Baptist Church, 15110 Pamunkey Lane, Orange, VA 22960. Call Joy at (540)894-8440 to register for this event.

Camp Counselors Urgently Needed! You will work in the beautiful mountainside camp in Romania working with the Roma children of the Ruth School. Camp counselors need to be at least 19 years old. The approximate cost will be \$2,000 per volunteer counselor. If interested, contact John Miller for more information at 540.894.8440 or 540.229.5366. Please respond now! The camp will be held June 22 - 26.

We are thrilled to share this exciting news ... the new Mineral Christian School is now accepting applications for kindergarten enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year!

At Mineral Christian School, we are committed to providing a challenging, time-tested, academically rigorous program that integrates Christian faith and learning in a safe, structured, and loving school environment. Our approach to instruction is different from that which is offered in the public schools or in other private schools in this area.

Mineral Christian School is a Classical Christian School. Here's a video that explains Classical Christian education: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaMWJlmE0ew>

Thank-you for your support and continued prayers!

The Mineral Christian School Board



## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – April 2015

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery	Ext. Session
05	Len Archer	Brandy Hutchinson	Kathy Wade	Denise Brooking	Michaela Kandrotas
12	Paula Archer	Cassidy Hutchinson	Bill Groome	Michelle Alford	Sarah Blair
19	Angie Wright	Hazel Morgan	Shirley Bath	Sandy Harper	Kim Rosson
26	Lesley Alford	Ann Taylor	Lesley Alford	Cheryl Klaty	Brandy Hutchinson



# April 2015

			<u>1</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>2</u> 7pm B & G Committee	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 10am – 12pm Children's Easter Celebration
<u>5</u> 7:30am Sunrise Service 8:00am Breakfast 9:15am SS 10:30am Worship	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Quarterly Business Meeting, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 6:30 – 8:30pm CCSM Drop Off	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u> 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Kathy 12:30 pm Youth Committee	<u>13</u> 10am WOM Morning Group	<u>14</u> 6:30 – 8:30pm CCSM Consignors Shop	<u>15</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>16</u> 10am Seniors 6:30 – 8:30pm CCSM Public Sale	<u>17</u> 6:30 – 8:30pm CCSM Public Sale	<u>18</u> 9am – 12pm CCSM ½ Price Sale
<u>19</u> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Shirley 12:30 pm VBS Planning Meeting	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>23</u> 7pm WOM Evening Group	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
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# The Acorn

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(please leave a message)

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*Changes to your name, address, birthday, or anniversary?  
Please contact your deacon or call the church office at  
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Len Archer  
Audrey Brown  
Janice Burkhead  
Ruth Coleman  
Lou Dodson  
Robert Dorey  
Charlene & David Eshleman  
Cary Lynn Fields  
Eddie Garrett – Praise!  
Leon Goode  
Velma Goodwin  
Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
Pat Groome  
Ricky Harper  
Emily Hawk  
Hallie & Stewart Hicks  
Gayle Hoyle  
Kim Jennings  
Leonard Jones  
Ruby Lent  
Joan Lloyd – Praise!  
Debbie Minor

Frank Moran  
Gladys Nester  
Louise Parrish  
Claire & Tom Parrish  
Gerald Pleasants  
Betty & Randy Rains  
Heath Rains  
Bubba Rosson  
Betty Stanley  
Tom Sutterfield's mom  
Gabby Traw  
Evelyn Wade  
Kathy & Tony Wade  
Skylar Waldrop  
Sandi & Glenn Williams  
Our Country  
Our Church & Youth

**Our Christian Love & Sympathy:**  
**The Family of Jimmy Jack Bradshaw**  
**The Family of Lynn Brooking**  
**The Family of Virginia Dorey**

**Our Nursing Home Members; see  
"Keep in Touch" section.**

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

Joey Berlin, Stateside  
Tennis Bradshaw, Stateside  
Chris Durham, Stateside  
Gabe Edwards, Deployed  
Sully Edwards, Deployed  
Sgt. Allen Gordon, Deployed  
Daniel Gregory, Army, Stateside  
Ethan Payne, USMC, Deployed

**The prayer concern is 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 15th of each  
month**