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February - Celebrating Love and the Ministry of Women The Greatest Love

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no price, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35; 38- 39 (The Jerusalem Bible)

From their certainty of the love of Christ and the commitment to share that love, women in the past and present know that love is a verb. True love means to show it, to act upon it, to help make it real in our lives. This month we have two areas of focus on ministry and will include guest speakers, historical information and opportunity to be involved now and in the future.

WMU Focus Week

On Sunday, February 12, The Rev. Maria Lynn will be our guest speaker in worship. She will share about her most recent trip to The Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Many of us have gone to Standing Rock and it's a place that is dear to our hearts. During the service, we will also recognize our CIAs and present them with badges they have earned so far this year. *Continued on pg. 3.*

Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching

On February 26, 2017, our own youth leader, The Rev. Shelby Jones, will be the preacher of the day in honor of Martha Stearns Marshall. Shelby is a graduate of VCU and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. She was ordained by Lakeside Baptist Church in Richmond, in 2012. *Continued on pg. 4.*

Book for Sale

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God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs



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 as you want it to appear in the bulletin, newsletter or website, by the deadlines listed below to: communication@oakland-baptist.com email. For those of you without email access, please call or submit your written request to Sharon Kincaid.

Deadlines:

- Bulletin** - 12 noon of each Wednesday
- Newsletter** - 15th of each month
- 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 any member of the Deacon Fellowship 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.

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**Woman's Missionary Union Focus Week
February 12-18, 2017**

The Woman's Missionary Union, the "largest body of organized laity in the Southern Baptist Convention," achieved its goal to be a national organization in 1888. Because the men of the SBC, meeting at First Baptist Church, would not support them, they met at Broad Street Methodist Church in Richmond. About two hundred women representing 12 states, two men, a missionary and a prominent orator were in attendance. Even though their purpose was to support missions, the men feared they would join in the 19th century movement for woman's rights. In response, one woman declared: "We have our rights, the highest of which is for service." (*Strength for the Journey*, 47)

From the first mission society meeting in 1810 in North Carolina, the women's main purpose was to reach out to people at home and abroad with the gospel message by supporting missionaries with their prayers and money. Their work was interrupted by the Civil War, but the newly formed Ladies Aid Societies rescued many local congregations financially by paying off mortgages and helping repair buildings as well as leading in worship on occasion. After the war they resumed their work of organizing local and state groups. With their great commitment and inspired ways of raising money the WMU rescued the SBC mission boards from bankruptcy and crippling debt in 1933.

The WMU controlled the mission offerings from the beginning, partly to be sure that single women would have the necessary support. The Christmas offering originated in 1888 and was named for Lottie Moon in 1918. The Easter offering originated in 1895 and was named for Annie Armstrong in 1934. The two offerings remained women's offerings until 1956, when WMU agreed to promote the offerings churchwide. By the end of 1998, WMU had helped lead Southern Baptists to contribute nearly \$2.5 billion to the two offerings.

WMU developed mission organizations and materials for all ages and founded the WMU Training School to train female missionaries in 1907. Then in 1957 the women gave the school to the SBC (property valued at \$1, 146,000) and it eventually became part of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as the Carver School of Social Work.

Through the years the girls (and boys) nurtured in mission groups to listen for the call of God in their lives have provided inspired leadership in the churches as laypersons, missionaries, pastors and denominational employees. The tradition continues at Oakland Baptist Church.

At Oakland, we have two Women on Mission's Groups. The morning group meets at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of each month and the evening group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. During our meeting, we study God's word, learn about and pray for our missionaries, and plan and participate in mission projects.

Our Children in Action (CIA) group meets every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. This group is for ages PreK (4 years old) through fifth grade.

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Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching

Beginning in 2007 Baptist Women in Ministry invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This annual event has been a deeply significant source of joy for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. This annual preaching month is named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth century Separate Baptist woman.

Separate Baptists emphasized evangelistic preaching, boisterous worship services, and emotional conversion experiences. They were also known for greater openness to women's leadership, and some Separate Baptist women served as deaconesses and elders. Others preached and prayed in public worship. The best-known Separate Baptist woman is Martha Stearns Marshall.

Along with her husband Daniel, Martha converted to Christianity during the First Great Awakening. The couple migrated from New England to Virginia where they were introduced to Baptist beliefs; and believing that the scriptures taught believer's baptism, they were baptized and joined a Baptist church. Daniel was licensed to preach. But both Marshalls were preachers, and Martha's zeal apparently equaled that of her husband. In 1755 the couples moved to North Carolina where they established a Baptist church at Sandy Creek, which became the most influential Separate Baptist church in the South. The couple continued to establish churches in Abbotts's Creek, N.C. and in Kiokee, Georgia.

In the words of Baptist historian Robert Semple: "Mrs. Marshall, being a lady of good sense, singular piety, and surprising elocution, has, in countless instances melted a whole concourse into tears by her prayers and exhortations?" (Garnett Ryland, *The Baptists of Virginia, 1699-1926*), 50.

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Happy Birthday!

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Debra Hollenberg | 2/2 |
| Nancy McKinney | 2/2 |
| Jamie Lloyd Sprouse | 2/2 |
| Wayne Troy | 2/2 |
| Brian Hollenberg | 2/3 |
| Lonnie Kincaid | 2/3 |
| James Wright | 2/3 |
| LaWana Huff | 2/5 |
| Tommy Murphy | 2/5 |
| Diana Wagner | 2/9 |
| Crystal Sharpe | 2/11 |
| Sandy Harper | 2/12 |
| Harry Barlow | 2/13 |
| Robert Dorey | 2/13 |
| Sadie Edwards | 2/14 |
| Joshua Barlow | 2/15 |
| Christina Erdt | 2/15 |
| Sharon Marker | 2/15 |
| Gunner Marks | 2/15 |
| Jena Bath | 2/17 |
| David Hawk | 2/17 |
| Travis Harrow | 2/19 |
| Daniel O'Rourke | 2/20 |
| Nathan Alford | 2/21 |
| Jerry Gammon | 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 |
| Julie Proffitt | 2/28 |
| Justin Hicks | 2/29 |



Happy Anniversary!

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| Allen & E. Grant Perkins | 2/4 |
| Mike & Linda Dillon | 2/25 |

Youth News...

“He has told you, human one, what is good and what the LORD requires from you; to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8 (Common English Bible)

To celebrate Martin Luther King Day and to encourage our youth to put their faith into action, we spent the morning helping out at the RuraLove Warehouse. Despite not knowing we would be working outside, the boys and I worked hard and had fun raking leaves, picking up sticks, and tidying things up around both the warehouse and the Association building. Our willingness to help with this task allowed the regular volunteers to continue to focus on preparing items inside the warehouse. Before we left, we were given a tour and information about the ministry that takes place there. We may have left a little soggy from the drizzle, but our hearts were full knowing we made a difference. Our tummies were full, as well, after stopping for pizza before returning to church.

The annual “Souper” Bowl lunch and fundraiser is coming up on Sunday, February 5. I can’t wait to try all the yummy soups and see who wins! We do plan on taking a group to camp this summer, so your contributions are appreciated! Be on the lookout for camp info coming out in the next couple of weeks.



The Virginia Baptist Women’s Chorale’s 1st concert of 2017 will be at Dover Baptist Church on Saturday, March 11th at 7 p.m. The church is located at 635 Manakin Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA. Our theme this year is “The Love of God.” Join us for this beautiful service through song.

Notes, Mission Opportunities & Announcements

Missions Committee...



Brunswick Stew & Bake Sale

Saturday, February 4th

12 - 2 pm

Cost is \$7 per quart

Pre-order for 300 quarts are being taken. Sign-up sheet is in church vestibule or contact Sandy Harper at 804.514.3871 (cell) or 804.556.3694 (home).

Stew must be picked up at the church between 12 - 2 pm.

Proceeds to benefit the Missions Committee and work in our community.

Attention all Bakers! Along with the Brunswick Stew Sale, we are holding a bake sale. If you would like to donate baked goods (rolls, cornbread, cookies, brownies, cakes or pies), please bring your baked goods to the church by 10 am on Saturday, February 4th. Questions? See Hilda Harper.

WMU Happenings...

Mark your calendars!

Goshen WMU Spring Meeting is April 2nd from 3 - 5 pm at Oakland Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mother/Daughter Tea is scheduled for May 7th from 2 - 5 pm. More information to follow.

CIAs on the move...



Our CIAs will be participating in the WMU Children's Ministry Day on Sunday, February 19th. This year's theme is "Love Your Neighbor and encourages children to reach out to their community. We will be delivering baked goods, specifically muffins, cookies and brownies, to Goochland County Sheriff's

Department, Goochland County Fire & Rescue Company 5, Bruce Alford and Craig Jones. When we deliver the items, we will thank them for their service and hopefully have an opportunity to pray with them. If you would like to donate one of the suggested baked goods above, please bring them to church on Sunday, February 19th, and put them on the counter in the old kitchen.

We are collecting bags of hard candy and gum (5 stick size) to package bags for the Trucker and Seafarers Ministry along the Eastern Shore. We also need sandwich zipper bags to package the candy and gum. Place donations in tub outside the copy room. Deadline to donate is Sunday, March 19th.

Blessing Bags for the Homeless will be an on-going project for the year. We will fill gallon Ziplock bags with deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, snack items, soap, washcloths, etc. Once the bags are filled, we will give them to River Road Church, Baptist to hand out when they host Caritas in the fall. If you would like to donate items for the bags, place donation in tub outside copy room.

If you have questions regarding any of the above projects, contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439.1417 or grammykincaid@yahoo.com.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – February 2017

| Date | Deacon | Greeter | Kid's Korner | Extended Session – Babies to 2 years | Extended Session – 3 years to PreK |
|------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 05 | Bill Groome | Hilda Harper | Sharon Kincaid | Cheryl Davis | Janet Hawk |
| 12 | Pat Groome | Wanda Miller | Pat Groome | Kim Frank | Alisha Fields |
| 19 | Lonnie Kincaid | Ann Taylor | | Sandy Harper | Becky Sutterfield |
| 26 | Sandy Harper | Peggy Bartley | Bill Groome | Rhonda Lloyd | Sarah Blair |



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| | | | <u>1</u> 6 pm – WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> ?? Brunswick Stew Prep | <u>4</u> 12 – 2 pm Brunswick Stew Sale & Bake Sale |
| <u>5</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 pm “Souper” Bowl & Deacon’s Meeting | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> 6 pm - Dinner 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir | <u>9</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>11</u> |
| <u>12</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship | <u>13</u> 10 am – WOM Morning Group | <u>14</u> | <u>15</u> 6 pm – WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir | <u>16</u> 10am Seniors @ Holly Grove 6pm WOM Evening Group | <u>17</u> | <u>18</u> 12 pm – Pastor Appreciation Luncheon @ Mineral Baptist |
| <div style="border: 2px dotted pink; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> February 12 – 18: WMU Focus Week </div> | | | | | | |
| <u>19</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 pm Children’s Ministry Project | <u>20</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>22</u> 6 pm - WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir | <u>23</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> |
| <u>26</u> 8 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship | <u>27</u> | <u>28</u> | | | | |

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*Changes to your name, address, birthday, or anniversary?
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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Henry & Vernell Amos
Patsy Anderson
John & Jacob Barber
Virginia Beach-Cook
Don Beatty
Shirley Bowyer
Dee Buchanan
Ruth Coleman
Lucy Cook
Lu Dodson
Alisha Fields
Betty Fields
Cary Lynn Fields
Margie Gonzalez
Velma Goodwin
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Jimmy Grant
Pat Groome
Trisha Groome
Alan Harper
Cary Kincaid
Babs Lane
Julie Lloyd

Bryan McCallister
Frank Moran
Dale Nester
Gladys Nester
Virginia O'Neal
Ethel Osterbind
Louise & Robert Parrish
Callahan Phillips
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants
Betty Rackley
Riley Saunders
Betty Smith
Nita Snead
Betty & Loren Stanley
Tommy Tyler
Cecil & Pete Watson
Glenn & Sandi Williams
Betsy Young
Our Nation
Our Church
Interim Pastors: David & Judith Bailey
Youth Leader: Shelby Jones
Pastor Search Committee: David
Hawk, Bill Groome, Sam Pleasants,
Kim Rosson & Ann Taylor

Expressions of Sympathy to the families of
Ann Brown
Paul Magyar
Frances Marsh
Mary Lee Moxley

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

Remember our Servicemen & Their Families:

Joey Berlin, Stateside
Tennis Bradshaw, Stateside
Gabe Edwards, Stateside
Sully Edwards, Deployed
Sgt. Allen Gordon, Deployed

The prayer concern is completely revised monthly through mentioned prayer concerns, website submissions, email (communication@oakland-baptist.com) or by contacting Sharon Kincaid by the 15th of each month.