



UPWARD BASKETBALL

The awards ceremony was held on Sat., March 9 with 119 youth being presented an Upward basketball and medal. Following the presentations "Jesse the Juggler" presented an entertaining performance.

Your gifts to OBC support this ministry.

HAPPY AGERS

Tuesday, April 16, 9 AM-meet at FOOD LION ready to leave for Spotsylvania for a tour of the INN AT STEVENSON RIDGE. We will visit 18th and 19th century homes. This will be a real treat-not to be missed!! The servants quarters and the Post Office are just two buildings that our own Craig Jacobs erected, and Craig will be our tour guide.

Lunch is on your own at Golden Corral in Fredericksburg. Cost is your lunch plus \$3.00 for gas. SIGN UP NOW with Cornelia Craun, 672-4705, or Doris Shumake, 672-4139.

Tuesday, May 21, 11 AM will be our yearly picnic with Otis and Shirley Gooding.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kaitlin Phifer was recently crowned "2013 Miss Orange County". Proud parents are Ray & Barbara Ezell.

Kaitlin will represent the county in the Dogwood festival in April in Charlottesville.

Ray Ezell was recently selected to receive the 2013 Monticello District Award of Merit. The award is conferred annually to registered scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level, as well as to youth in scouting and/or outside scouting.

The Monticello District is comprised from Albemarle, Orange, Louisa, Madison, Fluvanna, Culpeper and Greene counties with approximately 2500 youth and 1100 leaders.

NEW BABIES!

Chris, Li, Tristen and Mady Barnes are pleased to announce the arrival of Samuel Paxton Barnes (Pax) born: Feb. 28, 2013, 12:28 PM, weighing 7 lbs. 13 ozs., 19 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Don & Vicky Schafer.

Emily & Josh Herndon are pleased to announce the arrival of Jared Wesley Herndon born on March 5, 2013; weighing 5 lbs. 13 ozs.. Proud great-grandparents are: Royce & Betty Hughes.

What Are Your Spiritual Gifts?

The Bible tells us that all who believe in our Lord Jesus Christ possess at least one spiritual gift. *What is a spiritual gift you ask?* Spiritual gifts are special abilities given by the Holy Spirit and distributed to every believer according to God's design and grace for the common good of the body of Christ. Jesus commanded his disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations." God does not command us to action without enabling us first. Gifts of the spirit and call to discipleship go together. The church is primarily and fundamentally a body designed to express through each unique, individual member the life of the indwelling Lord. Every member of the body is equipped by the Holy Spirit with gifts designed to express that life. Once you become fully aware that God Himself has uniquely equipped you with spiritual gifts, and that He has strategically placed you exactly where he wants you in order to use those gifts, then you enter a whole new dimension of exciting possibilities for ministry service!

How do I know what gifts I have? One method to know where your giftedness lies can be measured through a spiritual gifts survey. No single survey can claim or be the authoritative answer to the question of where our giftedness lies; however, careful discernment of available surveys based on the "focus" of the gifts being measured, including the type and number of questions asked and the type and number of responses evaluated can be useful tools in helping Christians understand their prominent spiritual gifts.

Many of our members participating in the Spiritual Gifts study series have completed a survey prepared by LifeWay Christian Resources. The OBC leadership evaluated this particular survey to be closely aligned with the mission and ministry focus of our church. This survey focuses on those gifts enumerated in scripture throughout the New Testament. They include:

Leadership, Administration, Teaching, Knowledge, Wisdom, Prophecy, Discernment, Exhortation, Pastoring, Faith, Evangelism, Apostleship, Service/Helps, Mercy, Giving and Hospitality

The survey can be taken online and requires no more than 20 minutes of your time. Simply Google or search "spiritual gifts survey with online results" and select the line that includes www.cotr-d.org/survey.php in the topic list. Select that topic and follow the instructions. Ensure you have enough time to complete the survey without interruption. Remember, this is not a test. There is no wrong answer. Be honest and spontaneous, and don't skip any questions. You will receive a real-time, numerical analysis of your survey when complete. Your dominant gift will be listed first.

What do I do with my results? First of all, understand that no one gift is more important than another. They are just different! Discovering our gifts is not a means to an end. If we are genuinely seeking God's leading through prayer, fellowship, and studying God's Word our gifts will become obvious. It takes thought. It takes interaction with other Christians. If the Holy Spirit is speaking to you to find a place of service in our church, then I encourage you to take this survey and learn how God has gifted you. When you combine your gift, with your personal-style, with a ministry passion you will edify others and glorify God. Experience what true joy and fulfillment can be by serving in an area of your giftedness!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thur., April 4: Ruth Kersey circle, Noon at Dogwood Village with Alice Jacobs and Lib Brockman. Martha Jeen Jacobs will speak about the Jail Ministry. Bring sandwich and a beverage.

Sun., April 7: Goshen Missions Celebration, 3 PM at South Anna Baptist Church.

Mon., April 8: Valirie Payne circle, 11 AM at Gwen Taylor's. (Note change of date)
Kay Culpeper circle, 1 PM at Brenda Graves'.

Tues., April 16: Finance meeting, 6:45 PM.
Church council at 7:30 PM.

Sun., April 21: Business meeting following morning worship service.

Sun., April 28: Make & Bake Auction. Check bulletins for more information.

Tues., April 30: Deacons meeting.

Fri. May 3: Brahms Requiem, OBC Sanctuary, 7 PM, Madison Choral Society & Orange Community Chorus.

Sat., May 4: Brahms Requiem, OBC Sanctuary, 5 PM, Madison Choral Society & Orange Community Chorus.

UPCOMING AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS AT BUSINESS MEETING April 21, 2013

Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws (from the Church Council) will be voted on at the April 21 Business meeting. **A quorum of 56 is needed to approve.**

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NURSERY HELPERS

April 7 Carolyn & Mark Herndon
April 14 Cindy McDaniel & Montana Shifflett
April 21 Jessica & Buddy Snyder & Patricia Coleman
April 28 Karen Gent & Kim Bartley

Prayer Concerns

Patricia Coleman	Kim Coarsey
Betty Simms	Bea Powell
Carrie Webb	Gloria Cole
Lib Brockman	Michael Taylor
Graham Crouch (Afghanistan)	Berk Ellis
Fred Pugh	Joyce Norton
Doris Samuels	C. J. Sutphin
John Farrar	Samantha Clark
Shirley Reynolds	Olin Herndon
Charlene Schweikert	Rick Miller
Alice Lumsden	Y. Eusebio/CVRJ
Dorothy Martin	A. Brice/CVRJ
Phyllis Saintclair	Allen & Pat Shands
Wilmer & Carolyn Rogers	Betty Landrum
Paige Rogers Wilkes	Matthew Johnson
John & Carolyn Styers	Straley Family
Spurgle Herndon	Greg Morris
Bart Daniel	Marty Robertson
George Shifflett	Arlie Hager
Rick Wheeler	Margaret Walton
Tom Travers	Jay Garnett
Hank & Melinda Cunningham	Mike Critzer
Willie Amos	JoAnn Smallridge
Steve Shifflett	Ellie Blaine
Julia Thomas	Melody Clayton
Susan Hunter	Jo Styers

STEWARDSHIP - FEBRUARY

Unified Budget:	
Receipts	\$24,212.43
Expenses	23,409.48
Capital Campaign:	
Receipts	\$ 8,842.05
To Date	40,674.69

Things themselves do not remain, but their effects do. Therefore we should not be mean and calculating with what we have but give with a generous hand. Look at how much people give to players and dancers—why not give just as much to Christ?" —**John Chrysostom** (347-407), early Church father



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MISSION OUTREACH

Our February 2013 trip to Panama took us into the Ngobe Comarca region to help build a "temple" for the Ngobe people. We joined forces with Sue Smith, Virginia Baptist Mission Board/ Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and several Panamanian volunteers from David and the Ngobe. We completed a 23' x 36' structure that will serve as their house of worship. Located in the mountainous region of Panama, Cerro Dios is located 1 1/2 hours off road and only accessible by a narrow mountainous footpath. During the week we slept in tents at the construction site. Our diet consisted of beans, rice, small pieces of beef or chicken, and bananas on occasion. Our drinking water was always filtered and the granola or snack bars that we had packed sure filled the voids. We spent our days building the structure and worshiped by flashlight at night. We have many fond memories of the "temple on the mountain". We were blessed by our new found friends and will always cherish our time with the Ngobe.



Stephen Nash, Craig and Barry Jacobs



The volunteers from Orange Baptist Church helped to transform the office at our emergency shelter from a disorganized and cluttered work area into a functional and welcoming space to support clients and children in our shelter. This project would've taken staff weeks to complete, but the volunteers allowed us to complete this transformation in 2 days. We are so grateful for their support and what this will mean for both staff and residents. Thank you!

Leigh Busby
Development and Outreach Manager
YWCA of Richmond



MISSION FOCUS

Starting Over

In 2008 David and Angelic Jeanty received a call from the US Immigration Service telling them they must leave immediately. David, a youth pastor, and Angelic, a nurse, arrived in the US in 1992 as political refugees from Haiti. Despite multiple efforts the Jeantys had been unable to gain asylum in the US and now they were being forced to leave. David and Angelic knew it was unsafe to return to Haiti so they fled with their three children to Canada. They lost everything they had in the process.

Kim and Marc Wyatt, CBF field personnel in Canada, have heard numerous stories like the Jeanty's. The Wyatt's focus is being the presence of Christ among refugees and encouraging churches to do the same. One of their ministries is Mathew House which provides a safe place to live while refugees and immigrants like the Jeantys get settled in a new country and a new culture.

Nadera, a native of Afghanistan, fled to the San Francisco area in California with her three young daughters after her husband was murdered. Nadera was challenged to find a job, enroll her children in school and learn a new culture. Nadera said the toughest part in starting over was the loneliness. She did not know how to use the phone and did not speak English. She longed for her friends and family and her own way of life.

Rick and Lita Sample, CBF field personnel in the San Francisco area, minister to refugees and immigrants like Nadera. The Samples helped Nadera find a quiet safe apartment with better schools. They have helped the children with homework and social gatherings where new friends are made. The Samples minister among refugees and immigrants helping to meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Go to www.thefellowship.info/missionpersonnel or read their stories and others in the fellowship magazine. Copies are available in the church vestibule.

Give prayerfully and generously to the Offering for Global Missions to help sustain the ministries of the Wyatts and the Samples and other field personnel.

COUNTERS -- April

Dotty Bradley, Vicky Morris
Martha Jeen Jacobs

LOVE OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Month of April -- Body soap & shampoo. When donating food, please check the expiration dates.

DEACONS IN WORSHIP -- April

Whit Jacobs	661-7576
Dorothy Cluff	672-2860
Lovedy Papproth	672-2091
Rea Cooper	672-4568
Bill Hager	672-4147
Vicky Schafer	672-0890
Tom Woolfolk	672-4989

Metro Baptist Church of New York City thanks you for your material donations, financial contributions and encouraging words and prayers from the post-Sandy recovery.



CULPEPER WARMING SHELTER

The Warming Shelter had about 12 people a night, reaching a high of 20 during snow storms. We have checked in 80 individuals through this cold season. Your gifts to Orange Baptist Church support this ministry.



CROP WALK
RECEIPTS TO DATE:
\$5,033.75
OBC - \$445.00

MISSION MADNESS

sponsored by Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Virginia

14 youth and 2 chaperones from OBC recently attended the Mission Madness weekend held in Louisa.



Kelly Shifflett with other youth.

VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

We are at work on the following:

- redesigning our website to be more appealing to the public;
- seeking volunteers to provide child care during *Evensong*;
- praying about how we can be more intentional and effective in making disciples who make disciples.

Team members are Crit Bartley, Rick Clore, Jim Cluff, Molly Crouch, Joan Hager, Greg Hines, Mary Beth and Alan Miller.