





### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Betty Simms** comes to OBC by transfer of letter. Betty writes . . . Well, I'm baaaaack! I grew up in Orange and was baptized here at OBC where my mother taught Sunday School and my father was a Deacon. After graduation, I went to nursing school in Richmond and worked until moving to Florida in 1970. I quickly became homesick and returned to Richmond, where I resumed my education at the Community College and worked at my old alma mater, St. Luke's Hospital.

After 7 years, I decided to move back to Florida and got a job teaching in a small hospital in Jacksonville. In 1985 it became a Mayo Clinic, their first satellite clinic. I was fortunate to have been a Director of Nursing there and saw many of the changes needed in the healthcare system. I retired in 2005, but worked part time for 7 years.

I became involved with my high school class planning our 50th reunion and returned to Orange for some of the meetings. As I reconnected with so many friends, I was drawn back to my home town. At the reunion, I met Harrison

Simms, who had been a widower for 6 years. I had a brief marriage but had been by myself since 1969. Harrison and I got to know each other better and in 2012 we got married at OBC. My feeling is that this marriage was made in heaven, not for the reasons most people think, but because of the twists and turns in my life that brought me here. I know God has guided me in so many ways and that He has led me back here. I feel fortunate to be back at OBC and look forward being involved in all that I feel can be accomplished here.

Mary Mason comes to Orange Baptist Church by transfer of letter. Mary writes . . . I am a city girl who grew up in



Springfield, Virginia and moved to to the county. I have the wood stove to prove it. I was born in Rome, New York, and spent my childhood in Germany and Albuquerque before my family moved to Northern Virginia when my dad retired from the Air Force. I have two older brothers, the oldest went to be with the Lord in March of 2009.

I went to Mary Washington College, which became a University my senior year. While at UMW I majored in Studio Art with a focus in Fine Art Photography and Oil Painting. After college I moved to Fredericksburg where I met my husband, Wayne Mason. We have two beautiful daughters Evelyn (4 yrs) and Caroline (4 months). At this time I am a stay at home mom with the occasional art show or photography job. When I am not running after Evelyn or cuddling Caroline, I am working on a photo project, painting a water color, knitting something, working on some counted cross stitch, reading a book, or just sitting on the sofa drinking coffee thinking that it is much too quiet in the house. We have two dogs, two cats, a rabbit, and maybe a fish in the near future. We live in a small farm house in Orange with nothing around us but cows. Thank goodness I don't have to do anything with the cows but enjoy them.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS continued .....



### Josef and Jennifer Mauller

Joe comes to OBC by profession of faith, and Jennifer by baptism.

Joe and Jennifer have been involved with OBC since last August, attending on Sundays, Evensong and MOPS. They live in Gordonsville with their two boys, Dylan and Owen. Joe and Jennifer met in Charlottesville through work at J. Crew after Joe was honorably discharged from the Army. They remained good friends for several years before settling down in Charlottesville and having a family. They have been at their Gordonsville house for 7 years.

Joe grew up in Elkins, WV with his brother, Davin, and sister, Tania. When Joe was in middle school, they moved to Earlysville, VA. Joe's mother recently moved from there to Gordonsville to be with Joe and his family. (The kids are thrilled! And their parents, too.) Joe currently works at the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety prepping the vehicles for test crashes.

Jennifer was raised in Annandale, VA, with her two brothers, Jonathan and Jeremy, and her sister, Joanna. Her parents are still in Annandale. Her siblings are near by in Arlington, Alexandria, and Fredricksburg. Jennifer currently works with online programs at UVA's School of Engineering. She is blessed with an abbreviated and flexible work schedule that allows her to be with their children. Jennifer also enjoys her volunteer work with the Gordonsville Planning Commission and Gordon Barbour Elementary School.

### Leland-Madison Park Work Day Sat., August 22

Goshen Baptist Association is looking for men, women, and youth to help clean up and get some projects done at Leland-Madison Park on Route 20 between Orange and Unionville from 8 AM till Noon.

Tools that would be helpful to bring: chain saw, shovel, grubbing hoe, wheelbarrow, and/or rakes. Please come and help keep this historic park beautiful.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thur., August: Ruth Kersey circle will NOT meet.

**Mon., Aug 3:** Valirie Payne circle will meet at 11 AM in the Pine Room. Bring a sandwich and your school supplies.

**Mon., Aug. 10:** Kay Culpeper circle will meet at 11 AM at the church and then travel to Shirley Gooding's. Bring a sandwich.

Tues., Aug. 11: Finance meeting, 6:45 PM.

**Sun., Aug. 16:** Deacon ordination during morning worship.

Business meeting following morning worship.

Tues., Aug. 18: Church Council meeting, 7:30 PM.

Tues., Aug. 25: 7 PM Deacons meeting.

**Sun., Sept. 27:** WMU Semi Annual meeting will follow morning worship in the Pine Room.

### Motion from Main Street Team

We move to contract with R. W. Kilby to renovate the Pine Room and add three restrooms at a cost of \$80,000.

- This motion will be introduced at the August 16 Business Meeting.
- An ice cream social and a churchwide meeting will be held on Wed., August 19, 6 PM to discuss the details of the work to be performed by the contractor.
- The motion will be voted on at the September 20 Business Meeting.

### HAPPY AGERS

Food Lion/Wells Fargo parking lot is the meeting location for all events listed.

Aug. 18--Meet at 10 AM for our annual picnic and boat ride on Lake Anna with Pastor Rick. Important that you call if you plan to go as the box lunches must be ordered prior to the day of event. Total cost is \$18 for lunch and transportation.

Sept. 29 - (Note date change) 9 AM meet to go to the Virginia State Fair in Doswell. Concerned about the walk? A tram is available from start to finish. You may stay on through the ride or get on/off as desired. Cost is \$12 including admission, tram and transportation. Lunch is on your own.

October is our scenic ride and lunch.

All are welcome to go with the Happy Agers. Call Cornelia, 672-4705 or Doris, 672-4139 if you wish to attend any of the above events or have questions.

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### **STEWARDSHIP - JUNE**

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#### Unified Budget: Receipts \$ 20 987 65

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Paid Expenses\$ 24,359.48Unpaid Expenses\$ 469.33

Unpaid Mission Partners for 2015 \$ 5,975.03

Capital Campaign: Receipts \$ 2,280.00

### NURSERY

Aug. 2	Patricia Salyers, Sarah/Raphael Sydnor
Aug. 9	Lovedy Papproth and Mayira Cluff
Aug. 16	Ashley/Whit Jacobs, Karen Jarrell
Aug. 23	Vicky Schafer, Jennifer Mauller, Greg Hines
Aug. 30	Bryan & Erin Seale, Tracy Henry

### **Children's Church Volunteers**

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Aug. 9 Brenda Morris

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- Aug. 16 Amy Fitch
- Aug. 23 Cindy McDaniel
- Aug. 30 Meador & Brian Horne



# Not one, not two, but lots more Babies!

David & Jesse Batton along with their 8 yr. old daughter are proud to announce the arrival of **Christopher Lee** on June 19. Proud grandparents are Jan & Gayle Batton.

It's a GIRL for Charles & Mary Carpenter. **Courtney** 

**Elizabeth** was born on July 11 and weighed 5 lbs. Proud grandma is Pam Carpenter and great-grandfather, Gene Wagner.

It's a GIRL for Buddy, Jessica and big brother Heath Snyder. **Lucy Mae** was born on July 17 and weighed 9 lbs, 7 ozs.

Whit, Ashley and big brother Landon Jacobs welcome **Lawson Stephen** to their family on July 20 and he weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs. Proud grandparents are Barry and Marsha Jacobs and great grandparents Carter and Martha Jeen Jacobs.

Brian, Erin and big sister Addyson Seal welcome **Ashby Claire** to their family on July 27 and she weighed 8 lbs., 13 ozs.

# DEACONS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

Rea Cooper William Chewning Larry Lloyd Jeff Moubray Tom Woolfolk Vicky Schafer Sharon Chewning Julia Lloyd Amy Fitch

# PRAYER LIST

Illness within church family: Shirley Reynolds Mary & Courtney Carpenter Mary Strickland Claire Lonergan Bobby Seal Karen Wheeler Carolyn Styers James Arthur Faye Cooper Connie Sardina Madeline Reeves **Bob Reeves** Bart Daniel Spurgle Herndon **Doris Samuels Charlene Schweikert Phyllis Saintclair** Joe Mauller

Other: Sparrow Mission Team Samantha Clarke

### Illness of friends & family:

Sue Brown Lisa Muller Cook Nadia Anderson Brooke Wheeler Betty Landrum Sherri Brown Rev. Bruce Hunter Edgar Perkins Xan Spotswood Lee McKennon David Hohman Jen Garnett Linda Hopkins Susan Birdsong Tammi Waters Joyce Bosworth Charles Arruda Savannah Cox Allen Shands Jennifer McLamb Ellen Robinson Susan Hunter Doris Haney Tommy Beal Patricia Stone Skeeter Lutz Joe Austin Palmer Waugh Ann Marie Smith Sarah Biber

**LOVE OUTREACH** - **August**: dish washing detergent. (small and large bottles). When donating food please check the expiration dates.

### My Orange Baptist Church family,

I cannot thank everyone enough for all of the calls, cards, prayers, and visits since my shoulder surgery. Everything is going well and I should be back to normal in the near future. But, it would not be possible without family, friends, and God's blessings.

> Fondly, Barry Jacobs

### **MISSION FOCUS**

### **OBC's partnership with Moldovan church starter**

We are in the third year of a five year partnership. Pastor of the church is Gheorghe Rudi. Following are some excerpts from a recent newsletter he sent:

- We meet as a church family twice a week.
- We... used the Christmas season to spread the Gospel message to the people of our village (Obreja Veche, Moldova). They were inviting us into the house and were serving us sweets. On the third day, we invited them to attend an evangelistic service at our church. No one repented, but they told us that they had enjoyed very much.
- Two young people who attend our Sunday worship are very promising. I tried to visit them at home to build closer relations, but it seems that they still remain distant. Unfortunately, they do not attend yet our Bible study during the week.
- We have also run a social project for the village and offered shoes to 10 children, a sack of flour to vulnerable families, and firewood to 15 families.
- On March 8, we bought flowers and invited mothers from the village to the church. They usually come to church on holidays, but on Sundays they do not attend regularly yet.
- This spring we had a small sowing seeds project and besides seeds we also distributed Easter brochures to 10 familes. The families gladly accepted and were very thankful.
- A new family has started attending. The husband told me that he had no time for church as he had much work and then I decided to offer my help. Thus, I helped him to work in the garden for 2 days and we became friends. As a result, he started attending my church.
- A problem we have is that I planned to start several small groups and after our first meeting, the men went abroad to work. Consequently, I can't continue this ministry with their wives who are left home alone.
- My future plans have slightly changed. God willing, I would like to have a meeting with the pastors from our neighbor churches and try to serve together and with the help of their churches as well. We pray and we will see how the Lord will guide us. I would also like to extend our children's ministry so that we can grow from Sunday school to a Day Center. Currently, I am reading the Bible only.
- Please, pray for my wife who is pregnant and has high blood pressure. Pray also for our 3 children who get colds quite often and need a lot of care.

Thank you very much! May God reward you! Gheorghe Rudi Orange Baptist Church P O Box 167 Orange, VA 22960

### MEN'S GROUP



Group will meet on Sat., Aug. 8, 7:30 AM Country Cookin'.

For more information contact Bill Hager, 804-400-6809 or whhager@comcast.net.

#### CRAFT VENDORS WANTED ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH OCTOBER 2015

Antioch Baptist is looking for artisans and crafters for their 1st Annual Octoberfest.

Cost is \$30 per 10 x 10 space. Call Michael, 540-226-0341 or Joann at 540-972-2680 for information or <u>www.antiochbaptist-unionville</u>,org

Registration deadline is Sept. 1, 2015.

#### Sparrow Mission Team Richmond International Airport Departing for Honduras Sunday, July 26

