



**THE
CHRONICLE**
DECEMBER 2014

SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE



Sat., Dec. 13 - 5 & 7:30 PM
Sun., Dec. 14 - 5 & 7:30 PM
No tickets required!
First come, first served.

The serving committee needs help preparing food for the choir members during the two days of performances. If you would like to volunteer please contact Dotty Bradley, 661-0206.

If you would like to donate food there is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

Nursery volunteers are needed during the Singing Christmas Tree performances and for the Christmas Eve service.

Please contact Carolyn Herndon, 672-2387 or cherndon@mailcity.com if you are available to volunteer.

**Ladies Night In:
A Christmas Cookie Exchange**

All ladies are invited to a Christmas Cookie Exchange on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7PM at OBC.

The Plan:

1. Bring 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies and a copy of the recipe.
2. Wrap up a 1/2 dozen of the cookies to give away. (these are included in the total of 3 dozen of the same cookie!)
3. All cookies should be homemade; no plain chocolate chip, cookie mixes, or No Bake cookies (no cheating!). If you don't have time to bake, or you have burnt your cookies, you may go to a bakery and pick up 3 dozen cookies.

Everyone will receive 1/2 dozen cookies to take home, all the recipes from the Cookie Exchange and maybe a prize. Please RSVP to Mary Beth Miller at mebsmiller@gmail.com or [434.249.5303](tel:434.249.5303).

**CRAFT BAZAAR
DEC. 6, 9 AM - 1 PM
OBC PINE ROOM**



OBC Christmas Post Office

The Youth are hosting the 2nd Annual OBC Christmas Post Office as an opportunity for them to contribute to the Capital Campaign. Participate in the Post Office and save the cost of postage on cards normally sent to members and attendees of OBC. The Christmas Post Office will open on Sun., Nov. 30 and will be open every Sunday in December. If you would like to participate, please clearly print the recipient's full name in the center of the envelope and your name in the top left corner. Each card will cost \$.25 to "mail." Deliver your cards to the Christmas Post Office, located outside the Pine Room, before or after the 11am service. The youth volunteers will be at the Post Office to greet you and answer your questions.

All OBC members and regular attendees are encouraged to stop by the Post Office to pick-up your Christmas mail!

MISSION TEAM REPORT

The mission team is pleased to report that our OBC family contributed enough food and money for turkeys to fill 18 boxes for Thanksgiving families and two boxes for Christmas families.

A Christmas tree with paper ornaments will be placed in the vestibule during the first week of December. Each ornament has an item listed with an age and gender for that gift.

1. Choose an ornament,
2. Purchase the gift,
3. Wrap gift, place ornament from tree on the gift,
4. Return wrapped gift to church or office no later than Mon., Dec. 15.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Dec. 1: WMU circles, Noon, Pine Room.

Thur., Dec. 4: Ruth Kersey circle, Noon, Dogwood Village with Alice Jacobs. Bring lunch.

Wed., Dec. 10: No music and missions. Dress rehearsal for Singing Christmas Tree.

Tues., Dec. 16: Finance meeting, 6:45 PM.

Tues., Dec. 30: 7 PM Deacons meeting.

NURSERY HELPERS

Dec. 7 Vicky Schafer, Brenda Graves & Greg Hines

Dec. 14 Christa Edmonds, Katy Wilkerson & Terry Connell

Dec. 21 Christina Bowles & Sara Whiteside

Dec. 28 Tracey Newman, Tiffany Graves and Jason Swim

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

Dec. 14 Meador & Brian Horne

Dec. 21 Tracey Newman

Dec. 28 Meador & Brian Horne

UPWARD BASKETBALL

Registration will be held on Sat., Dec. 6 at Orange Elementary School, 9-Noon Cost is \$55 per child.

Coaches and other volunteers are needed to provide devotionals during half time. Please contact the church office.

HAPPY AGERS

Fri., Dec. 5:

- "Little Women" at Barboursville's Four-County Players
- 7 PM meet at Food Lion parking lot
- Total cost is \$15 per person, due Dec. 1.

All costs include play and transportation, but not a meal. We suggest that you eat before leaving home.

Please call Doris Shumake, 672-4139, or Cornelia Craun, 672-4705, if you want to go.

Tues., Jan. 20, 2015 is Soup Day in the church Pine Room at 11:30 AM. It is also "Bring a Blanket Day" for the Clothes Closet.

MEN'S GROUP

Group will meet on Sat., DEC. 13, 7:30 AM Country Cookin'.

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



LOCAL MISSIONARY TO SPEAK

Local missionary, Brittany Garton, who works with the Ruth School and Roma children in Romania, will be at Orange Baptist on Mon., Dec. 1 at Noon in the Pine Room to speak about the Ruth School and the Sleep Away Camp, June 22-27, in Romania.

This program is sponsored by the Kay Culpeper circle of OBC. Come to meet Brittany and join them for soup and sandwiches. Everyone is invited.

BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL

For the third year the ladies of the Bethany Sunday School Class filled 11 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse and blessed others through this mission.

The boxes will be sent to children in other countries.

LOVE OUTREACH - December: Tunafish & canned chicken. Please check the expiration dates.

POINSETTIAS

Those wishing to place poinsettias in the sanctuary in memory or honor of loved ones please contact Brenda, 672-5705, or Sharon, 672-8766 or the church office.

Order deadline is Dec. 1.

NEW DAUGHTER

Jason Swim, Tiffany and Hope Graves announce the arrival of Adalynn Gail Swim on Fri., Nov. 14 at 2:47 PM. She weighed 7lbs and 3 ozs. and was 18 1/2" in length.

Dear Church family,

Connie and I are currently reading through the Book of Revelation, of the 7 churches presented only 2 are acceptable, as they are, to the Lord: The 'Persecuted Church' and the 'Faithful Church'. Why the Faithful Church? Because the Lord says: "You have kept my Word and have not denied My name."

By your gift of food and prayers for us, you have demonstrated your love and faithfulness to us and to our God.

We could have just said "thank you" but we wanted you all to know where that came from. We pray a blessing on your compassion and ask that you continue such a good work, as unto the Lord, for others in need.

Brother & Sister in Christ,
Frank & Connie Sardina

P.S. Whoever the Chef is ...Kudos!

Emanating Christ's Love for Children

Columbia Heights is one of the most economically and ethnically diverse areas in Washington, DC. Despite growth in their local economy in recent years, low-income members of the Columbia Heights community continue to be neglected.

Columbia Heights is also the location of National Baptist Memorial Church. Kasey Jones, the current CBF Moderator, is senior pastor. A few years ago the congregation recognized that many of the children in Columbia Heights did not have a safe, nurturing place to go during the summer while their parents worked. In 2009 National Baptist Memorial Church, in partnership with CBF and CBF Partner churches realized a dream and founded Explorer Camp for children between the ages of 5 and 12. Explorer Camp runs from 8 AM to 6 PM for 6 weeks during the summer. The Camp provides 3 meals a day and encourages children to grow through team building, missions and Bible study activities. The mission of the Camp is to "show Christ's love and teachings to children and youth by providing a safe, stable, encouraging and fun environment."

Your financial gifts to the Offering for Global Missions will help support Explorer Camp, including camp scholarships. Give prayerfully and generously. Our goal is \$3,000.

DAWNINGS LEADERSHIP QUESTION/RESPONSES

"What are the top 3 things that keep you coming back to OBC?" (Over the next few weeks you will see several of the 40 plus responses. All were very positive.)

1. To learn about God and how he wants me to live.
2. Good programs for my kids (Sunday School, Upward, Music & Missions).
3. To see friends I have made at O.B.C.

Salvation Army Kettle Ringing

The Christian Emergency Council of Orange County is asking area churches for volunteers to ring the bell at the Salvation Army Kettle during the upcoming holidays.

Please contact Tom Pitz, 672-3189 or tompitz@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer. Dec. 6 & 13 ringers are needed at Walmart at Locust Grove. Plan on two hour time slot for ringing the bell. There also may be an opportunity to ring the bell in front of OBC.

STEWARDSHIP - OCTOBER

Unified Budget:

Receipts	\$ 22,132.43
Paid Expenses	\$ 25,017.43
Unpaid Expenses	\$ 2,243.75
Unpaid Mission Partners for 2014	\$ 6,747.57
Capital Campaign:	
Receipts	\$ 4,146.00

Prove the Tithe report

The average contributions for the fourth Sunday of each month is \$ 3,843.30.

Prove the Tithe contributions were an additional \$1,644.70, 43% of an average for a Fourth Sunday of contributions.

If this kind of giving were year long God's mission at OBC would be funded by an additional \$85,524.

Thank you for tithing!



CELEBRATIONS

Music and Missions will have a Christmas party following missions on Wed., Dec. 17, the last meeting before the holidays.

Homemade sugar cookies are needed for this party. Please bring your cookies on Sun., Dec. 13 or Wed. Dec. 17. The children and youth will be decorating the cookies at the party.

The **middle schoolers** are invited to a party on Fri., Dec. 19 from 7-9 PM at the Hagers, 104 Mimosa Lane, Orange. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share! Contact Amy Fitch by Dec. 16, 540-661-6100 or amyhfitch@verizon.net.

CARRIE WEBB CIRCLE

The Carrie Webb Circle will be selling baked goods, and wrapping gifts for a donation. The money earned will go towards local missions.

Our next mtg. will be held at Barbara Ezell's home (382 Piedmont Street) on December 1, contact Barbara for more detail.

House of God Tabernacle is pleased to announce the opening of Good Samaritan, Inc.

Good Samaritan, Inc. is a Bread Box & Clothes Closet for citizens in Orange County who are in need of assistance with food and clothing. The hours of operation are Thursdays and Fridays from 10 AM to 1 PM and they are located at 105 N. Madison Road, Orange beside UVA Community Credit.

Good Samaritan, Inc. partners with Love Outreach Food Pantry and Clothes Closet to help when they are not open.

Orange Baptist Church
P O Box 167
Orange, VA 22960

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE DEC. 24, 2014 AT 5:30 PM

PRAYER LIST

Illness within church family:

Bobby Seal
Fred Pugh
James Arthur
Clivie Cluff
Faye Cooper
Connie Sardina
Sue Dofflemoyer
Madeline Reeves
Tom Travers
Bart Daniel
Mary Wright
Erma Boyles
Raymond Strickland
Spurgle Herndon
Doris Samuels
Shirley Reynolds
Charlene Schweikert
Phyllis Saintclair
Paige Rogers Wilkes
George Shifflett
Mary Stephen

Other concerns:

Samantha Clarke
Dawnings Leadership Team:

Mary Beth Miller	Alan Miller
Karen Jarrell	Vickie Morris
David McRae	Rick Clore
Martha Jeen Jacobs	Dotty Bradley
Carolyn Rogers	Meg Camp
Barbara Ezell	Craig Jacobs

Bereavement:

Page Durham and Family
Teresa Hall and Family

Illness of friends & family:

Roger & Liz Lloyd
Sue Brown
Joyce Bosworth
Lisa Muller Cook
Charles Arruda
Rosalie Modena
Nadia Anderson
Savannah Cox
Brooke Wheeler
Allen Shands
Robin Banas
Sherry McGhee
Rev. Olin Herndon
Betty Landrum
Sherri Brown
Kari Brown
Rev. Bruce Hunter
Susan Hunter
Tammy Waters
Mike Critzer
Matt Woods
Virginia Long
Tom Weetman
Mary Agnes Harlow



*Merry Christmas and
a Healthy New Year!*

Rick Clore

*Melinda
Cunningham*

*Danielle
Scott*

Alan Miller