



The Tie

OX HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Prayer List

Congregational Needs

Kevin and Sarah Donovan
(and unborn baby Donovan)*
Pat Friend
The Jenkins Family*
Betty Mathis*
The Place Family
Mary Sims
Laurie Wagner
Mary Williams
Carol Zhao

Family Concerns

Sterling Hale (W. Hale)
Barry Ribble* (J. Jones)
Laura Knickelbein (Knickelbein)
Lisa Lynch (Mandigo)
Randy Riddle (Fitzgerald)
Kathy Sheets (Harding)

Continuing Care

Shelby Baribeau* (C. Bradley)
Annie Creed (B. Mathis)
Kylie Ezzel (J. Williams)
Jeanette Haggard (Haggards)
Steve Haggard (Haggards)
Jane Hardrick (K.Anderson)
Ruth LaCourse (B. Bena)
Margaret Ledford (C. Pearson)
Aaron Lentz (J. Williams)
Doris/Gene Lockard (S. Knicklebein)
Eleanor Malone (K. Anderson)
Mary Meyer (Frise)
Curtis Meyer (Frise)
Porter Neese (D. Jenkins)
Edith Noel (M. Perry)
Pearl Nordenbrook (M. Williams)
Janet Pascual (Epperts)
Judy Pearson (A. Pearson)
Margaret Pearson (C. Pearson)
Marcella Sanders (C. Laxton)
Dolores Stevers* (B. Groves)

*Added to the list this week.

Except for those under Continuing Care, names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested. To be added to the list, please call the church office. To add someone other than yourself, please get their permission prior to notifying the office.

Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy are sent to the Jenkins Family in the death of Sandy Jenkins' father, who passed away June 11. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

FROM THE DEACONS...

By Ron Mathis, Outgoing Deacon Chair

As this Deacon year ended, I had the opportunity to reflect on the roles of the dedicated men and women that you elect to serve as Deacons. I would like to share some of my thoughts.

The Deacons are first and foremost **servants**. In some churches, the Deacons serve in an oversight role of the church's ministries and programs; in some churches, they are referred to as a Board, but that suggests a Board of Directors or Board of Governors, which implies some degree of supervision. We do things differently here at Ox Hill. We are servants first, last, and always.

Second, the Deacons serve as examples by being involved in almost every program of the church – Worship, Sunday School, ESL, Missions, Jail Ministry, Women's Ministries, Music, Silver Threads, and others. It is required by our by-laws that all Deacons be involved as leaders or participants with the life and programs of the Church; look around and you will see that your Deacons are actively involved.

Third, the Deacons support the pastoral staff and leaders by being "Aaron and Hur." In the battle in Exodus 17, as long as Moses had his hands raised toward heaven, the Israelites prevailed; when he tired and lowered his hands, the Amalekites won. So Aaron and Hur held Moses' hands up until Israel won the battle. It is an important role of Deacons to support the pastors and our leaders.

This past year we were organized into four ministry teams: **Clara Moss** led the Family Ministry Team; **Steve Putnam**, In-reach; **John Taylor**, New Members; and **John Edwards**, Fellowship. This past year, these teams accomplished the following:

- **Family Ministry** made over 1000 contacts to members and others on behalf of Ox Hill.
- **In-reach** made numerous contacts to many members of Ox Hill, and personally delivered unclaimed



On Saturday, June 13, TGIF (Teen Girls in Fellowship) made the first food drop to the WFCM food pantry in Chantilly, VA. We delivered 242 food items to the appreciative staff. We learned that the WFCM serves 300 families in our area. 23 families were to visit the food pantry that day. The director told us that all of the food would be emptied off the shelves by the time the 23 families had finished shopping. We were able to see looks of relief and thankfulness on some the faces of the families obtaining food. We toured the facility and got to see the new area which will facilitate easier shopping.

WFCM has updated their urgently needed items as follows:

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| Canned Meat (please, no tuna) | Beef Stew |
| Vienna Sausages | Canned Chicken |
| Canned Turkey | Canned Fruit |
| Hamburger Helper | Flavored Rice |
| Pasta (please, no whole wheat) | Baby Food |
| Cake Mixes | Frosting |
| Flavored Noodles | Ramen Noodles |
| Pancake Mix | Pancake Syrup |
| Canned vegetables (please, no green beans) | |

On behalf of TGIF, I would like to thank Ox Hill for your generous food donations thus far and remind you that we have another food drop on June 27.

—Julia Jamison

TEEN GIRLS IN FELLOWSHIP

Christmas Cards from the RA post office.

- **New Members** worked to incorporate every new member into the life of our church.
- **Fellowship** sponsored our 5th Sunday Fellowship hours; Fellowship nights; and a Fellowship Dinner program began. In addition to the Ministry Teams, your Deacons worked with the Search Committee to call **Joleane Presley** as Minister of Youth and Children; we also worked with the Missions Council to call **Wilson Maca** as Minister of International Missions. As a result of the 12 Keys Long Range Strategic Plan, the Deacons were asked to develop a Mission Statement for Ox Hill, which was approved by the congregation. We also led the planning for the 25th Anniversary Celebration for **Dean and Tate Majette**.

As I wrote in *The Tie* last June at the beginning of the 2008-2009 Deacon year, one of our goals was to continue to improve our wonderful fellowship at Ox Hill. Howard B. Foshee, who is an expert on Deacon Ministry and has written classic books, says, "Building and maintaining Christian fellowship is at the heart of the deacon's task today." At the first meeting, I asked each Team Leader what the mission of their team was, and each one's answer supported Mr. Foshee's quote, even though none of us had discussed it. I believe that today our fellowship is stronger than last year, due in part to your Deacons' efforts, and I hope and pray that it will be even stronger a year from now.

Please continue to support our Deacons with your prayers as they begin another year of service.

Thanks!

Words are not adequate to express my heartfelt gratitude for the expressions of sympathy, the prayers, the cards, and gifts during the recent illness and death of my brother, **Gene Elder**. Thank you for all that you did during that trying time!—
Johnnie Elder

Thanks to all who made Senior Recognition a very nice day! What a wonderful way to send our seniors off to a new beginning in their lives. We enjoyed the sermon, the luncheon and laughed so much at the roast! It will be a memory we cherish. We can't say thank you enough for all the hard work put into this special day! Special thanks to **Paul Brill, Kenny Gould, Jim Hixson and Joleane Presley!** They could take their act on the road! What a great church!—
The Barsanti Family

To the congregation of Ox Hill Baptist Church: We appreciated so much the cards, calls, prayers, and the plant during the time of loss after my sister passed away. In Christian Love,
Jim and Pat Rollins

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

—Jeremiah 29:11

