April Birthdays

1 Robin Hart
2 Harry Jones
3 Anne Damon
4 Shanel Tsuda
5 Mike Scarce
6 Stephen Duraliswamy
7 Jaylan West
8 Forrest Frakes
9 Tina Morrison
10 Jason Singarayer
11 Doug Jenkins
12 Lonnie Kadir
13 Katie Raab
14 Mark Cedeno
15 Mike Wolf
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From the Pastor’s Pen...

By Dean Majette, Senior Pastor

Frank Woodruff Buckles was buried in Arlington National Cemetery a few days ago on March 15. A super-centenarian, Mr. Buckles was 110 years old when he died. At his death, he was the last surviving American soldier who served in World War I.

Frank Buckles deserved all the honors he received in the last years of his life for his service to his country and is representative of all the men and women who have so faithfully served their country. We honor him as we honor all who serve and have served.

When asked about the secret of his long life, Buckles replied: “Hope,” adding, “When you start to die... don’t.” Perhaps without realizing it, Mr. Buckles touched on the major theme of this Easter season.

We still have a few weeks to go before Easter Sunday, but it’s not too soon to reflect on the meaning of our Lord’s resurrection.

Like Mr. Buckles, all of us would like to live as long as we can, and “When you start to die... don’t!” But we know that death is inevitable. Not long ago I was visiting Arlington Cemetery. Walking among the graves of those buried there, I noticed that each tombstone had two dates and a dash.

The dash represents a person’s life between birth and death. For some, the dash is long. For others it is short. For the Christian, that dash is filled with hope — the hope of Christ’s resurrection from the dead. The hope, that through Christ our sins are forgiven. The hope, that when the circle is broken by death it will be made complete once again in the heavenly mansions.

That is a hope worth living for, even if we should live to be 110!
Churchwide Announcements

Welcome to your new, monthly Tie newsletter!

Designed to include a month’s worth of information about activities at Ox Hill, the new Tie still needs your help in the way of input. Please submit information about your group's upcoming events and activities to anne@oxhillbaptist.org by the 30th of the month.

Easter Lilies
Orders are due by April 4
If you would like to order an Easter Lily for the Sanctuary, please use an offering envelope, marked “Easter Lily” along with your loved one’s name. (Be sure to tell us if your lily is “in honor of” or “in memory of” your loved one.) Or, please place your order online at www.oxhillbaptist.org and drop your payment by the church office. The cost per plant is $11.50.

Easter Activities
Palm Sunday April 17 Service at 11:00 AM
Maundy Thursday April 21 Service at 7:30 PM
Easter Egg Hunt April 23 10:00 AM
Easter Services April 24 at 7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Please note: The Church Office will be closed on Friday, April 22.

Update your Directory Info
New Church Directories will be coming soon. Please update your contact information at www.oxhillbaptist.org if it has changed since the last directory.
If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the church office.

Prayer List
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 contact the church office or send a prayer request by visiting our website at www.oxhillbaptist.org/ store. To add someone other than yourself, please get their permission prior to notifying the office.
*Added to the prayer list this week.

Congregational Needs
Elizabeth Aguilar
Mike Dailley
Pat Friend
The Elder Family*
Tammy Davis-Gilmer
Barbara Hoge
Chinine Nwosu
Mary & John Williams

Family Concerns
Wendell Barney (B. Marshall)
Heidi Bellairs (A. Pearson)
Marsha DiVenere (DiVenere)
Diana (D. Roots)
Carol Snider* (Moss)
Amy Granville-Smith (Groves)
Beverly Sprouse (D. Hutcheson)

Continuing Care
Annie Creed (Mathis)
Kylie Ezzel (Williams)
Jane Hardrick (Anderson)
Helen Hayes (Hayes)
Ruth LaCourse (Bena)
Aaron Lenzs (Williams)
Gene Lockard (Knicklebein)
Curtis Myers (Frisie)
Edith Nolan (Perry)
Pat Nordenbrook (Williams)
Jean Pascual (Epperlein)

Church Missions
Rebuilding Together
Saturday, April 30
Ox Hill is partnering with Omniplex once again in this wonderful missions opportunity. We will be working on a home in Fairfax that needs repair/cleanup. Information meeting for this project to be Sunday, March 27th following the 11:00 AM service in the Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATES!
Extreme Makeover: Ox Hill Baptist Church Edition
Monday, July 18 thru Saturday, July 30
Our church building is in desperate need of some TLC! Please save the dates and make plans to join in some home-style renovation and restoration projects. Plans and scope of work are currently being formulated...more information to come soon.

Outreach

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 AM
Lots of Plastic Eggs and individually-wrapped candies are needed! Collection bins are located at all entryways. For more info on ways you can help this exciting community outreach event, please contact Jeremy Peterson.
Registration opens March 23.
Children’s Clothing Collection
As you pack away your winter clothing, please consider setting aside any clothing that your children have outgrown for the Children’s Clothing Give-Aways scheduled for August 27, 2011. For more information, please contact the church office.

Children
Winners of the RA Racers Competition and Mother/Son Chili Cook-Off
This fun annual event was held on February 26, 2011.
The winners of the RA Races were: Crusaders (4-6 grade) races 1st – Ryan Drum 2nd – James Wu 3rd – Daniel Saunders “Best in Show” – Daniel Saunders Lads (1-3 grade) races 1st – Sam Jones 2nd – Tanner Moonjian 3rd – Brendan DiVenere “Best in Show” – Kyle Beene
For the Mother/Son Chili Cook-Off: Best Tasting Chili: Kathy & Ryan Owens Hottest Chili: Anne & Daniel Saunders

Youth
“Rent-a-Teen” Day
Saturday, April 2
This Youth fundraising effort helps our Youth to defray the costs of summer missions trips like Centrifuge. Please contact Garrett Wolf or Carol Harsh if you have a specific job that you would like to “rent-a-teen” to do.

Youth Musical, “Living on the Edge”
April 30 and May 1 at 7:00 PM
Make plans to attend one of these special performances from Ox Hill’s talented group of Youth. The musical features skits and songs.

Women
Generations Luncheon & Fashion Show
“Think Pink”
Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 AM
Girls, Teens and Women are invited to attend this fun fellowship celebrating the seasons of life. To register, please visit www.oxhillbaptist.org/women or call the church office.

Women’s Mid-Week Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
After Spring Break, the group will participate in a discipleship huddle, using “shapes” to guide our bible study of what it means to be disciples of Christ. Please contact Katie Harding if you would like to take part and order your copy of “Building a Discipling Culture.”

Men
Softball Teams Practice Schedule
April 3 & 10: 1:30 - 3:00PM
Southside Park • Vienna, VA
The regular season starts on Monday April 11. To sign up, please contact Kenny Gould or John Majette.

Cake-Baking Contest Winners
The annual Men’s Cake-Baking Contest was held on February 26 in conjunction with the RA Races. The runners are as follows:
Best Tasting Cake: Jack McKenney
Best Decorated Cake: Mike Mandigo

Senior Adults
DearOXHILL Silver Threads,
Thank you so much for choosing to support FACETS by making your monthly gifts. That you care for the people served by FACETS speaks volumes about your compassion. Your gift helped us open doors for people in our community who struggle daily with poverty. On behalf of all who benefit from your gifts, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

With gratitude, Amanda Andere

Silver Threads Potluck Luncheon
Monday, May 9 at 11:00 AM
Featuring Mary Ann Jung as “Rosie the Riveter.”
The price per person is $4 to help defray the expense. Additionally, if each person could then donate $1, for a total cost of $5, it would help better manage the Silver Threads budget. Pat Taylor will collect your “Rosie” money.

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