

Oakdale Messenger

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April 2009

CELEBRATING OUR RISEN LORD!



“He is not here, but is risen...”

Luke 24:6

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

**Children’s Easter
Celebration
4:00 PM**

**Adult Choir Cantata
“Eyes of Faith”
6:00 PM**

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

Sunrise Service 7:00 AM

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM



UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

Thanks to all Oakdale for another great Upward Season. This year marked our 10 Year Anniversary. It took a lot of our church family to make it happen (along with our sister churches). A special thanks to everyone for the painting and gifts given to Trina and me on Upward Awards night. We feel so blessed to be a part of Oakdale. We'll never forget it. We had about 15 decisions for Christ made on Awards night. Glory to God!

STRAIGHT WAY T-BALL

Don't forget, Straight Way T- Ball is just around the corner. Practices begin the week of April 6th. The first game is Friday, April 17th. If you are willing to umpire, do devotion, or work in the concession stand, see Aaron or Trina. Let's have a great year and give Jesus all honor and glory!

In Christ,
Aaron Rhodes

FROM THE CREATORS OF **FACING** the **GIANTS**

FIREPROOF

NEVER LEAVE YOUR PARTNER BEHIND

**"FIREPROOF" the movie, coming to Oakdale in April
Watch for details!**

**“Jumping for Jesus”
Michelle Marks, Director,
Oakdale Childcare Ministry**

Happy Birthday!!

Richie Flory	4/4	Jalon DeSheers	4/20
Ashton Frazier	4/9	Savanna Proctor	4/22
Lane Hodge	4/9		
		Ms. Amy	4/7

Spring is in the air...

We are looking forward to much warmer weather to come. We all love the outdoors, seeing the flowers bloom and everything getting more colorful. This month’s Bible focus will be The Easter Story, Sharing the Good News and Doing What Is Right. The children will be planting seeds to see what grows and how long it takes (may be a little lesson in patience for some). They will all be so excited when their seeds have grown into a beautiful flower. This will also help the children with their understanding of how to Share the Good News, we can plant seeds by sharing the Word with others and as they grow in the word, they will grow into a beautiful flower to God. I would like to thank the parents that attended our workshop on kindergarten transition, I believe it was very informational and will help parents know what is expected of their children and of our center. Each child is different therefore each child learns at different levels. They learn and grow in academics as well as spirituality based on their maturity level. I am glad to know that we have parents that want the best for their children and continue to be active in their growth.

Upcoming Events:

April 10 Good Friday Childcare & Church Office closed
April 23 Spring Picture Day

Train a child how to live the right way then even when he is old, he will still live that way. Proverbs 22:6
Ms. Michelle
Childcare Director

Children’s Corner

Children’s Easter Celebration



What: A celebration of Jesus’ resurrection, including: refreshments, crafts, egg hunt (babies-2nd graders) scavenger hunt (3rd-6th) and the story of the **empty tomb**

When: Sunday, April 5th 4pm

Where: Oakdale’s Fellowship Hall

Who: all children, babies-6th graders



Summer Camp

Space is still available for summer camp.
August 9th – 13th --- 1st-6th graders (current grade)
Call Jennifer for more info. 985-0456



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you, church family for attending and supporting the spaghetti supper and auction. We thank you for donating to the auction, buying tickets for the supper, and especially for lifting our children up in prayer. We ask that you pray for the children’s ministry team as we seek God’s guidance in the plans we make for His little ones.

Youth Ministry Update

the **REACH UP** tour

“God did this so that men would seek Him and Perhaps **REACH** out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.”

Acts 17:27

April 1st, 2009
Share Jesus Without Fear
Oakdale Baptist Church
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

April 26th, 2009
Reach Up Tour Rally
Northern Nash High School 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Next Youth Fundraiser Supper Wednesday, April 29, 2009



JOY GROUP NEWS

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH
JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
9:30 AM

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH
BREAKFAST
8:00 AM

**CHURCH
MAILROOM**



I would like to thank my church family for their prayers, expressed concerns, cards, visits, and telephone calls during my illness and hospitalization in early February. I would also like to again thank everyone that brought food as this helped so much with not having to worry about meal preparations. Jeffrey and I have spoken several times regarding just how blessed we are to have such a wonderful, kind, and supportive church family. You are all an earthly gift that Jeffrey and I treasure. To my Sunday school class, I would like to thank you for my lovely devotion book. I was so pleased to receive it because I had actually been looking for a new devotion book and this one is perfect!!! Last, I would like to thank everyone who donated medical supplies for the free clinics. The amount of supplies that was donated was unbelievable. This again demonstrated the kindness and generosity of Oakdale Church.

Love,
Patty Collins

*The honour of your presence
is requested at the marriage of
Miss Amanda Dawn Johnston
To
Mr. Ernest Eugene Clark II
Saturday, the eighteenth of April
Two thousand nine
at three o'clock
Oakdale Baptist Church*

Our Sympathy to:
Jane Pridgen and family in the passing of Bill Whitley

ClerksCorner

Welcome New Member : Anna Rhodes 3/22/09

The Constitution and By Laws Committee has proposed two changes to our constitution. (1) one is that we amend the statement of Basic Beliefs adopting the 2000 Baptist Faith and message over the 1963 version. (2) the second is a change in the dates of our quarterly Business Conferences.. Copies of these proposed changes are available in the racks at the front of the church & the racks between the nurseries. The date for discussion and vote is **Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM.**



The Relay for Life team is busy trying to raise money "for the cure". The Relay is at Tarboro High School on May 1-2. Thank you for all you have done to support this team. If you plan to purchase a luminary in honor or memory of someone and you would like for their name to appear in the program, it must be turned in by the next team meeting which is April 6th. The forms are in the office, or you can request one from a team member. If you are interested, you can

purchase a torch, which is a larger form of luminary, for \$50. The paper bag luminaries are \$10 for each one. This is the first year we have offered torches. For \$1 donation you may win a repit. See team members for more information. Ideas for decorations are welcome with the theme being "Happy 25th Birthday Relay". If you are a survivor and have not received any information on the activities for survivors, please advise Pam Gould or Linda Ruffin. The survivor banquet will be held on April 28th at 6:00 PM- at which time you will get a shirt to wear at the relay in the survivor relay.

**NEW SESSION STARTS
APRIL 19, 2009**

SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 6:00 PM

APRIL BIRTHDAYS 2009

**SECURITY TEAMS FOR
APRIL**

April 5 Deryl Lewis & Kevin Marks

April 12 James Walston & Tim Engelking

April 19 Barry Robbins & Stacy Nicholas

April 26 Pat Tess & Tony Lassiter

4/1 Janet Daughtridge	4/13 Martha Sullivan
4/1 Devon Gooden	4/15 Danny Calhoun
4/4 Janice Brake	4/17 Jennifer Engelking
4/4 Jeffrey Collins	4/18 Brandyce Sugg
4/4 Richie Flory	4/20 Sharon Webb
4/5 Jason Lovell	4/21 Lynn Eason
4/6 Ruth Daniels	4/21 Jessica Price
4/6 Sharon Prince	4/22 Cheyenne Raffensperger
4/7 Aidan Powell	4/23 Denise Pridgen
4/8 Sydney Gould	4/25 Mike Howard
4/8 Krystle Shifflet	4/25 Andy Nusbaum
4/10 Tammy Lindsey	4/26 Kim Jones
4/10 Janet Pollard	4/26 Bobbie Reynolds
4/10 John Whitehurst	4/26 Barry Robbins
4/11 Michelle Rackley	4/26 Ashton Williams
4/11 Ella Williams	4/28 Angie Manning
4/12 Vicky Lynch	4/30 Lori Edmondson
4/13 Kelly Fisher	4/30 Jane Smith

USHER TEAM FOR APRIL

James Johnson

Dennis Rose

Allen Harrelson

Phil Wood

Stacey Nicholas

APRIL NURSERY SCHEDULE
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM Worship

4/5 Thelma Horchler, Jennifer Walston
Linda Davis, Judy Walston

4/12 April Eason, Dianne Rackley
Chrissy & Bruce Rhodes

4/19 Patty & Jeff Collins, Billie Holder
Mary Brown, Ann Rhodes

4/26 Mavis Bradshaw, Theresa & Tony
Lassiter, Trina & Aaron Rhodes



APRIL NURSERY SCHEDULE
8:30 AM WORSHIP

4/5 Kelly & Renee' Holloman

4/12 Easter

4/19 Linda Davis, Marcia Walston

4/26 Barbara Whitehurst, Ann Rhodes



MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

WMU NEWS

March 20-22 was a very exciting time for WMUNC as it was the Missions Extravaganza at Ridgecrest, NC. Almost 1000 ladies and men were on hand to witness some wonderful missionary experiences, music, exhibits, bible study, prayer, conferences, and fellowship with worldwide people. The only mishap was during check in as the entire ceiling of the porch fell from 4 floors up all the way to the bottom...God must have been there because as busy as that porch always is, no one was seriously hurt.

The WMU, here at Oakdale, is still going strong with the 4 different groups, GA's, Mission Friends, and all. The HIS group made a trip to the Kennedy Home for a visit.

The North American Mission Study week is being observed and the Annie Armstrong Missions Offering collected. Our goal is \$2000.00. Heck-Jones offering was collected during the Month of February and can be accepted anytime during the year.

Pray that we will become more aware of what is happening on the mission fields, even in our own back yard, and have the desire to have a part in spreading the "God News" to everyone on this planet.

BAPTIST MEN OPERATION INASMUCH

Dear Faithful,

Our God has again blessed us with opportunities to serve Him and glorify His name during the month of March. Since our last newsletter we have removed the appliances from Mrs. Fannie Johnson's house and placed them in storage until her new home is in place. We have also completed a handicap ramp for Mrs. Mary Frances Crickmore (Patty Collins' Mother) with the help of Jeff Collins, CT Worrell, Bill Lamm, James Walston, and Wayne Walston. I am just totally amazed with the precision and professional building expertise of these men! They are truly blessed by God with the talent to build and the desire to serve and we are truly blessed to have them in our congregation. I just thank them so much for responding to the needs of the many people they have served and their many hours of dedication and sacrifice.

Thanks to all who supported the Terry Marks Memorial Skeet Shoot fund raiser for the Relay for Life which was held on March 21st at the Rose Hill Shooting Preserve. We had a "GREAT" day of fun, food and fellowship and helped raise money for the Relay for Life.

There will be many more opportunities for us all to serve God when He calls us and we look forward to being His servant. Please support the Brotherhood and the Baptist Men of our Church when you can.

If you want to serve our God, we want to help you! Please contact me at 252-382-1766 if you need more information or access our website at obcbaptist.org. Thanks to everyone for keeping Jesus in your hearts.

In His name and for His sake,
Carroll

Luke: Chapter 12 vs. 48 (NIV)

" From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."



April 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 6:00 PM Youth "Reach Up" Tour</p> <p>7:00 PM Regular Schedule</p>	2	3	<p>4 9:30 J.O.Y. Group Johnston Comm.. College</p>
					<p>WMU Prayer Retreat</p>	
<p>5 4:30 PM Children's Easter Celebration</p> <p>6:00 PM Adult Easter Cantata</p>	6	7	<p>8 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Regular Schedule</p>	9	<p>10 Good Friday Church Office & Childcare Closed</p>	<p>11 8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast</p>
<p>12 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>No PM Services</p>	<p>13 10:00 AM Mission Group</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study Group</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team</p>	<p>14 10:00 AM Prayer Group</p>	<p>15 7:00 PM Regular Schedule</p>	<p>16 6:30 PM Childcare Ministry Team</p>	<p>17 T-Ball Games</p>	18
<p>19 Regular Schedule</p> <p>6:00 PM DiscipleLife</p>	<p>20 7:30 PM H.I.S. Group</p>	21	<p>22 7:00 PM Regular Schedule</p>	23	<p>24 T-Ball Games</p>	25
<p>26 Regular Schedule</p> <p>6:00 PM—8:00 PM Youth "Reach Up" Tour</p> <p>6:00 PM DiscipleLife</p>	27	28	<p>29 5:45 PM Youth Fundraiser Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Regular Schedule</p>	30	<p>Nursing Home Ministry</p> <p>4/1 Somerset Ct. 10:00 AM 4/3 The Albemarle 10:30 AM 4/7 Brekenridge 10:30 AM 4/7 IHS Nursing Home 11:30 AM</p>	

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Mrs. Sharon Lynch, Secretary



DEACON BEACON—News from Deacon Ministry Team

A guiding light to the Rock.

April 2009 Deacons of the Month: Brent Wooten, Aaron Rhodes, Matt Sledge

The Key to Financial Blessing

Malachi 3:7-12

We could all use our own personal financial adviser to help us navigate the economic turmoil of our times. And according to the prophet Malachi, we have one--God Almighty. He has a plan worked out for our financial security.

His key to financial blessing is the simple principle of Exodus 23:19: "You shall bring the choice first fruits of your soil into the house of the Lord." In offering God the first of our earnings, we acknowledge that He is the source of everything and we are completely dependent upon Him. Old Testament believers were asked to set aside merely a tithe--or ten percent--of all that the Lord generously gave. Malachi equates keeping God's portion for oneself to robbing the Almighty of what belongs to Him (Mal. 3:8).

The Lord doesn't need our money, but He knows that we need to give. Doing so with a generous and willing heart displays the character of Christ in our lives. Remember, Jesus is a giver who gave His life for our salvation.

Generosity is a way to honor and worship the Lord. If our only expression of worship comes from the lips, we are missing the opportunity to demonstrate our love and gratitude for all that God has given us.

You can never out-give your loving heavenly Father. As you obediently offer Him the first part of your income, you'll find that He is faithful to His Word: He will open the windows of heaven and pour out blessing until it overflows (v. 10). In reality, there is greater financial risk in keeping than in giving.

I pray that God's blessings will be abundant in your life.

In His Service,
Brent Wooten