

Oakdale Messenger

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April 2010

LAY RENEWAL WEEKEND

April 9-11, 2010

“Soaking Up the Son”

A weekend experience designed so laypersons can speak to laypersons about the reality of Christ in their daily lives.



EASTER SCHEDULE

April 4, 2010

Sunrise Service 7:00 AM
(Front Lawn)

Sunday School 8:45 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM

Breakfast following Sunrise Service
(each family bring their favorite breakfast food)

Our mission is to KNOW Jesus, SERVE Jesus, and SHARE Jesus.

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

Happy Birthday!!

4/4 Tre' Warren 4/22 Savanna Proctor
4/9 Ashton Frazier 4/23 Journey Purvis
4/20 Jalon DeSheers

4/17 Ms. Amy

Spring is in the air along with a few leftover colds and allergies. You can help reduce illnesses by washing your children’s hands often and keeping your child home when they are sick. Our sick policy is to keep a child home until they are symptom free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. This month, we will continue talking about Spring. We will learn about baby animals, tadpoles, frogs, growing gardens, and going on picnics. Each class will be potting, planting seeds for our gardens to grow. The Bible focus this month will be “Sharing The Good News”, “Paul Follows Jesus”, “Doing What Is Right”, and “Just Say No To Satan”.

The academic focus will be on letters P,G,R,S. We will continue to review colors, shapes, numbers, etc.

Dates to Remember:

April 1-Easter parties @ 2:30 PM
April 2-Good Friday-CLOSED

If we do not have an email address on file for you, please contact me at oakdalechildcare@embarqmail.com. We have a messaging system that can update you on any activities coming up. This is another way to keep you informed.



**JOY GROUP NEWS
APRIL 17TH 8:00 AM
BREAKFAST**



UPWARD/T-BALL

UPWARD BLESSINGS: Oakdale’s eleventh year of Upward Basketball and Cheerleading was another season of reaching children with the gospel through sports. There were 25 children and adult professions of faith made during the season. Awards Night was held in Keihin Auditorium at Edgecombe Community College. A talent show of Upward participants was held at the Awards. Community leaders, not connected with Oakdale, were judges for the talent show. Congratulations to Emily Engelking, first place winner, second place went to Tyler Joyner and third place to Rachel Batts. What an awesome program! Most Christ-like participants were the following: Cheerleader: Grace Hollifield, Basketball: Elijah Sherrod and Samantha Wainwright, Coaches: Matt Sledge and Melvin Garrett, Cheerleader Coach: Shelby Webb. THANK YOU to all volunteers who helped make this a successful year.

On to Straightway T-Ball...Approximately 120 children are signed up to play. First game is April 23rd and last game is May 21st. Anyone interested in helping in concession stand, please contact Daphne Rhodes or Ann Rhodes.

Youth Ministry Update

March 12-14 the youth went to Washington D.C. for the "Planet Wisdom Youth Conference". We heard some great music, and were challenged in our faith as we heard messages about the last 14 hours of the life of Christ.

In April we're going to begin studying the book of Colossians. We'll be learning what Paul was trying to teach the Church at Colosse, and how it applies to us today as we strive to follow Christ and keep Him 1st in our lives.

Thank you for all your support during our BBQ Chicken fund raiser. The money we raised will go towards helping the youth go to Fort Caswell this summer. Please keep us in your prayers and thanks again for all the support you continually give.

Thank you,
Buie Holder
Jude v.2

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Jennifer Engelking, Children’s Minister

Church family,

Thank you for supporting our summer camp fundraiser. We raised over \$2,000.00. Please begin praying now for our children's summer camp experience. Ask the Lord to prepare their hearts as well as the hearts of the camp's staff. Thanks again for your support.

Because He First Loved Us,
Jennifer & the children's ministry team

**ClerksCorner Linda Ruffin, Church Clerk
Welcome New Member:**

Rachel Batts, 255 Harper Farm Lane, Rocky Mount 27801
Baptism 03-21-10

CHURCH CONFERENCE ON MARCH 3, 2010:

- Motion made & passed that Pastor Roy be paid 3 months salary
- Motion made & passed that if Pastor Roy is not employed at the end of 3 months, church will pay 3 months additional insurance.
- As a point of information, a letter of resignation from Rev. Brooks Wadsworth, Youth Pastor, was read to the congregation

CHURCH CONFERENCE ON MARCH 10, 2010:

- Motion made and passed to add Susie Webb as the Sunday School Youth Dept. Director
- Motion made and passed to try & sell donated property located in Wallace, SC
- Motion made & passed to spend \$3,100 for Youth conference (\$1,600 from the Designated Youth Fund)

CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Oakdale Family,

We thank you for all the love & support you have shown our families during this difficult period in our lives. All the food, cards, and emails meant a great deal to us and helped us remember that Oakdale was praying us through our loss.

The Families of Larry Sawyer

Dear Hostess Team,

Many thanks to all who provided such wonderful desserts when we celebrated the life of our mother, Louise Ezzell Moore. Our mother was a charter member of Oakdale, and Oakdale was where our family worshipped. You will always be an important part of our lives. Thank you for helping make this occasion so special.

Rita Elliott & Dorothy Pitt

*****Dear

Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, acts of kindness, cards, and love shown to us during the time of Laura's illness and death. Laura was truly blessed by so many and she loved her church family.

A special thanks to Pastors Roy and Joe, and Brent, Mark, and Matt for the wonderful service and music. The meal served was delicious and greatly appreciated. Your love has been an encouragement to us during this sad time.

Bob, Catherine, and Family

Dear Family of Oakdale Baptist,

Rosa and I would like to express our deepest appreciation for the reception at Oakdale on March 21st. The food and desserts were delicious and as usual, too many to choose from. But the fellowship and being able to speak to everyone and tell them all just how much we love them was the best part. We truly do love all of Oakdale and will miss being pastor and first lady, Ms. Rosa. The church has been more than kind and /or just good to us over the years. Words cannot even express the love and care we have felt from our church family. My family and I have been far more blessed and received far more than we have given. We could never show our gratitude for all the love and kindness shown to us. Simply, thank you Oakdale for allowing us to serve you this many years.

Although we are not sure what God has planned for us or whether or not we will move anytime soon, we want the church to know that we are here if you need us. Certainly, we do not want to hinder the go forward plan or the future of the church, but if we can help or just pray for Oakdale, that is what we will do.

Please pray for us that we will be obedient and follow Christ wherever He leads us.

Love in Christ,

Roy & Rosa Porter

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, & visits and for all the love shown to me by all of my church family since my accident on January 4th. I am so blessed and grateful for each of you. I love you one and all and I pray I will be able to be with you soon.

Rochelle Clark

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and flowers that I received during my illness. It is so nice to know you are a member of such a caring church when you need them.

Otis Bulluck

To Whom It May Concern

Upward, Oakdale Baptist Church

It was my privilege on Sunday afternoon and evening to be a judge for the Upward Talent Show. I had heard about Upward for several years, as our back door neighbor's boys have been a part of it, as well as their parents, who were coaches. Until Sunday I had no idea of the scope of Upward! I am most impressed, and want to commend all who have a part in this wonderful program.

To work with over 375 boys and girls, to have so many adults involved as coaches, concession workers, parents, organizers and on and on-how great it is! To ground these young people with Bible verses, character building, and the ability to get along with peers in a Christ-like manner- - outstanding!

Also, how good to give to these young people an opportunity to perform! I was pleased to see the first graders participating along with the older students. Most of the students we judged had poise and knew how to work with a mike, and to enter and leave the stage. As a former music educator, I feel this is such good training for all students!

Please let the talent participants know that all of them performed well. Some, when introducing their selection, need to speak more slowly and more clearly. This is often difficult, but with the practice they are receiving it will soon become natural to them. The first place winner gave a most convincing introduction to her song-well enunciated and very pertinent. She also sang well, and it was obvious she was "into" what she was doing. Costume added!

If this UPWARD program inspired me, just think what it does for your congregation and for all associated with it! I commend all of you for this great achievement. To fill Keihin Auditorium is a feat in itself! The group filling it, wanted to be there and be a part of your wonderful program. Please let all connected with UPWARD just how much Sunday evening meant to me.

Thank you for the gift certificate to LifeWay books. I surely did NOT EXPECT ANY COMPENSATION!

Again, thank you for inviting me.

In Christ,

Ann Cobb

Dear Pastor Price,

Thank you for the gracious reception that your congregation extended to me on Sunday, March 14th, when I was privileged to represent the Gideons in your church. It was a joy for me to be a part of your worship service.

On behalf of the Gideons of the Tarboro Camp and the Gideons International, I want to express my sincere thanks to you and your congregation for your support of the Gideon work. The offering of \$249.00 that was given is tangible evidence of the love your congregation has for making the Word of God available to those who otherwise may not have a copy. This offering will enable 50 Bibles or 192 Testaments to be purchased and placed. We can pray that many precious souls will come to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as a result of these Scriptures being distributed.

Bro. Price, we especially appreciate your prayerful support for this ministry. Thank you again for the privilege of representing the Gideons in your church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

David Crockett

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**SECURITY TEAMS FOR
APRIL**

Apr. 4 Jonathan Cobb & Wayne Walston
 Apr. 11 Tim & Dillon Engelking
 Apr. 18 Shawn Webb & Bill Lamm
 Apr. 25 Pat & Andy Tess

USHER TEAM FOR APRIL

James Johnson
 Dennis Rose
 Allen Harrelson
 Phil Wood
 Stacey Nicholas

**APRIL NURSERY
SCHEDULE
11:00 AM WORSHIP**

4/4 Tony & Theresa Lassiter
 Linda Davis, Judy Walston
 4/11 Chrissy & Bruce Rhodes
 Dianne Rackley, Johanan Armstrong
 4/18 Jeffrey & Patty Collins
 Gwen Taylor, Peggy Johnson
 4/25 Trina & Aaron Rhodes
 Mavis Bradshaw, Misty Flory



**APRIL NURSERY SCHEDULE
6:00 PM**

4/4 NO EVENING SERVICES
 4/11 Kelly & Renee' Holloman
 4/18 Kelly Bentley, Judy Costello
 4/25 Sue & Wayne Lassiter

4/1 Janet Daughtridge	4/15 Danny Calhoun
4/2 Cherie Mills	4/16 Codey Whitley
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
4/8 Sydney Gould	4/23 Denise Pridgen
4/9 Taylor Joyner	4/24 Joe Price
4/10 Tammy Lindsey	4/25 Mike Howard
4/10 Janet Pollard	4/26 Kim Jones
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
4/13 Martha Sullivan	

Our Sympathy to:

Bob Van Scoik and Catherine Arnold in the passing of Laura

Catherine Arnold in the passing of her sister-in-law, Tula Smith

Congratulations to Randall Mills:

Completed Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Training with North Carolina Baptist Men

Completed Entry Level Certified Chaplain with St. James College

**RELAY FOR LIFE
May 14-15, 2010**

Fundraiser Breakfast Sunday, April 25th
 Luminarias available through team members
 Stacey Nicholas is selling Friendship bread for Relay.
 Cost is \$6.00 per loaf. If interested, call Stacey at 903-3321, or sign-up on bulletin board outside church office.



MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

WMU NEWS

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

We have started our Annie Armstrong offering with a goal of \$3,000. Do you have any idea just how important this offering is for North American Missions? Can you believe that in Idaho there is not one county with more than 10% of the people living there that actually go to church?? We think about the International Mission field and all the foreign people groups that need to be reached and exposed to Christ love but what about here...

North America is a mission field like no other with a smorgasbord of faces representing all different language, culture and belief. There are more than 5,300 missionaries on the mission field in North America trying to "Live With Urgency: Share God's Transforming Power."

How can you help them Share? Did you know that \$5 buys the missionaries Bible study materials for children's on-site weekly Bible lessons or that \$10 give a gas gift card for GED student to attend class and mentoring session in a ministry meeting.

Please pray for our North American Missionaries and the work they do but also pray for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and your contribution. Not everyone can go to the mission field but everyone CAN pray and give so that those who can go have the financial support available to minister to the lost in our nation.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek" Romans 1:16

MILITARY MISSIONS PROJECT (LIFEBOX)

Our quarterly missions' project will begin April 11, 2010. We'll be handing out boxes after the service on Sunday morning. The deadline for all boxes to be returned is Sunday, May 9th. Please include \$13 (envelope provided) for shipping per box you fill. Below you will find a list of suggested items to fill your box with.

Personal note to service member LifeWay magazines and devotionals, Christian CD's and DVD's, Bible, Chewing gum, Tube/crew socks, LifeSavers candy, gummy bears/worms, Stationary supplies, writing tablet, envelopes, Homemade goodies, Wet wipes, Sunscreen, Aloe lotion, Lip balm, Word searches, Batteries, Phone calling cards

Please know that your participation in this project will mean a great deal to someone who is a LONG way from home. Your prayers for their safety and for their family left behind will help them do the job that we have asked them to do in order to keep us safe here at home.

Thank you in advance for sharing God's love to others through this mission project!

Karen Murray Missions Involvement Coordinator

WMU Associational Events...

GA Mother/Daughter Overnight Camp April 30-May 1st
@ Camp Mundo Vista

We at Oakdale have several Mother/Daughter's going this year. We are praying for travel mercies for them and also that they will have a wonderful time together with other mother's and their daughters in Christ.

BAPTIST MEN OPERATION INASMUCH

Dear Church Family,

The month of March was exciting as well as rewarding. We have almost completed all of the painting and the beautiful renovation and dedication of the church has been accomplished. There are so many of you to thank for all of the work and sacrifice that went into this project and I know that God will bless you all for your efforts.

Our focus for the month of April will be on Operation In As Much (OIAM). The dates for the OIAM Blitz will be April 24th and May 1st. We will need Team Leaders to supervise our work efforts and if you are interested in being a Team Leader, please let me know. The work will include helping members of our congregation in doing small work projects and also being a presence in our community.

We will also put a team together to visit a rest home in our area. Much emphasis will be placed on youth involvement on each team.

May God Bless You All,
Brother Carroll

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Matthew 25 vs. 40

SUNDAY SCHOOL

My Story – Margo from Texas, used by permission

I was raised in an agnostic home. God knew that my parents would not teach me his word in the home so he sent several people into my life when I was growing up to plant seeds. I had friends who would take me to **Sunday School**, and **Vacation Bible School**, and **revivals**.

I went through a period of time when I was 12 and 13 when I began to rebel against my parents. I will not go into exactly what I did, but I will tell you that I was no Angel. But through the entire time I continued to pray, I felt if there was a God I had better be talking to him.

I feared Hell most of all. I tried different logic to convince myself that I would not go to Hell if I died. I said, "maybe there is no Hell, only Heaven" and "I haven't done anything bad enough to go to jail, and Hell is much worse than jail, so I must be safe". I prayed for God to show me the "secret formula" for getting to Heaven.

When I was 16, I was working as a telephone solicitor selling portraits. I made a call to a woman, she purchased the portrait package, I was just about to end the conversation when she said "Do you mind if I ask you one question"? I said "no" and I thought "oh no. She asked "If you were to die today, do you know if you would go to Heaven or Hell? She then told me about how Jesus came to the earth, died on the cross, took my punishment for my sins and I could be forgiven and KNOW that I would go to heaven when I die.

I understood from our conversation that I am a Sinner. I deserve punishment for my sins, My sins separate me from God and I cannot build a bridge to God no matter how many good deeds I do. But God sent his Son, Jesus, who took my punishment on the cross. All I have to do is accept this, believe it and I will live with God for eternity.

In the middle of that conversation I realized that God had given me the "**secret formula**" and it was as if a burden had been lifted from my shoulders, a light was turned on and I finally understood. The next step was for my life to be straightened out. The Holy Spirit cleaned up my life, and it was painless.

The Lord has blessed my life abundantly and I can only look back at the point which I accepted him and see that as a crossroads in my life. I had a choice of which road to travel, I praise God that through the Holy Spirit I was able to choose the right road.

Here's the "not-so-secret" formula

Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" In other words- We are all sinners and cannot measure up to what God is.

Romans 6:23: "for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is Eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." In other words-We deserve death for our sins, but God gives us the gift of life with him in heaven because of what his Son Jesus did for us on the cross.

Romans 5:8: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." In other words-God loved us so much that even though we were sinners and did not deserve his love he sent his Son to die and pay the price for our sin.

Romans 10:9: "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved". In other words-speak the words, and believe them in your heart that Jesus IS God's son, and He died and was raised again, to pay for your sins.

Romans 10:13: "for, Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved". This speaks for itself. The key word is Everyone, it does not matter the extent of your sin if you call on the name of the Lord you will be saved.

NEVER FORGET THE IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Church-wide Mission Project for April:
LIFEBOX
 Delivering encouragement to the men
 and women of our Armed Forces.

April 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Church Office & Childcare Closed</i>	3
4 <i>Easter</i> 7 AM <i>Sunrise Service</i> 8:45 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 10 AM <i>Worship</i> No PM Activities	5	6 7:00 PM <i>Outreach Night</i>	7	8	9	10
					Lay Renewal April 9-11	
11 Weekend 6:00 PM <i>DiscipleLife</i>	12 6:30 PM Current Mission Group 7:00 PM <i>Bible Study Group</i> 7:00 PM <i>Youth Ministry Team</i> T-Ball Practice	13 T-Ball Practice	14 5:45 PM <i>Youth Fundraiser Supper</i>	15 6:30 PM <i>Childcare Ministry Team</i> T-Ball Practice	16 T-Ball Practice	17 8:00 AM <i>J.O.Y. Group Breakfast</i> 8:30 AM <i>Baptist Men</i>
18 6:00 PM <i>DiscipleLife</i>	19 7:30 PM <i>H.I.S. Group</i> T-Ball Practice	20 7:00 PM <i>Deacon's Outreach Night</i> T-Ball Practice	21	22 T-Ball Practice	23 T-Ball Games	24
25 <i>Relay for Life Breakfast</i> 6:00 PM <i>DiscipleLife</i>	26 T-Ball Practice	27 T-Ball Practice	28	29 T-Ball Practice	30 Mother-Daughter Retreat T-Ball Games	
					NURSING HOME MINISTRY 4/2 The Albemarle 10:30 AM 4/6 Breckenridge 10:30 AM 4/6 IHS Nursing Home 11:30 AM 4/7 Somerset Ct. 10:00 AM	

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 6:00 PM DiscipleLife	3 T-Ball Practice	4 T-Ball Practice	5	6 T-Ball Practice	7 T-Ball Games	8
9 Mother's Day PM???	10 6:30 PM Current Mission Group 7:00 PM Bible Study Group 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team T-Ball Practice	11 10:00 AM Prayer Group T-Ball Practice	12 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Supper 7:00 PM Church Conference	13 T-Ball Games	14 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Edgecombe Relay for Life</div>	15 8:30 AM Baptist Men WMU Blitz
16 Truth Project Leaders Session 6:00 PM DiscipleLife Celebration	17 7:30 PM H.I.S. Group T-Ball Practice	18 T-Ball Practice	19	20 T-Ball Practice	21 T-Ball Games	22 T-Ball Awards
23 Truth Project Leaders Session 6:00 PM Children's Music Program	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Truth Project Leaders Session PM ?????	31 Memorial Day Church Office & Childcare Closed					

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

5/4	Breckenridge	10:30 AM
5/4	IHS Nursing Home	11:30 AM
5/5	Somerset Ct.	10:00 AM
5/7	The Albemarle	10:30 AM

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Mrs. Michelle Marks, Childcare Director
Mrs. Sharon Lynch, Secretary



DEACON BEACON—News from Deacon Ministry Team

A guiding light to the rock.

Apr. 2010 Deacons of the Month: Brent Wooten, Tim Engelking, Matt Sledge

When God Doesn't Seem Just

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Have you ever felt that a situation in your life was an exception to the promises of Scripture? Moses declares that the Lord is faithful and all His ways are just, but we have all been in circumstances that seemed wrong and blatantly unfair. And because God did not intervene, we've struggled to reconcile our experience with Moses' statement about Him.

Scripture is filled with examples of godly people who faced hardships that seemed totally unfair. Joseph was sold as a slave, David was hunted like an animal by King Saul, and the apostle Paul suffered with a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Cor. 12:7-10).

Situations like these can cause us to question whether God is good and just. If left to fester in our minds, these doubts may give way to discouragement. We can easily start thinking, *What is the use in serving the Lord? Look what it has gotten me--suffering!*

It's important to remember that what we know about God from His Word is more accurate than what we feel. Scripture tells us that God is good and just, so we can know with certainty that He has a fantastic purpose for us in whatever we experience.

God allows each of us to face some trials that we won't understand to our satisfaction this side of heaven. Our job is not to comprehend everything He does and permits, but to know how to respond. He'll make all things right in eternity. In the meantime, trust the Rock when all else is shaky.

Thank You Lord!!

In His Service,

Hugh Brent Wooten