

# Oakdale Messenger

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August 2011



As we come to the close of another church year we pause to give God praise. We thank Him for the new believers who have come into the Kingdom. We thank Him for all the prayers He has answered. We thank Him for being a Refuge for many families during the loss of loved ones. We thank Him for just being God, a Wonderful and Awesome Redeemer. Like the Psalmist, we magnify Him and exalt His name together (Psalm 34:3). Right now, while reading this article, will you stop and take a minute to praise our Mighty God? As Pastor, I want to give God thanks for you. It is an awesome privilege to serve with you in the Lord's work. I so look forward to what God has in store for us as we focus on Him and reach out to those around us.

Wednesday nights in August are going to be exciting and challenging for us here at Oakdale. We are going to take the opportunity to live out our mission statement: Know Jesus, Serve Jesus, Share Jesus. Below is the Wednesday night schedule for August:

August 3- Church Conference

August 10- KNOW JESUS (Worship Service)

August 17- SERVE JESUS (Service Projects in the Community)

August 24- SHARE JESUS (Block Party and Outdoor Worship at River Run)

August 31- VISION BANQUET

Pastor Joe

## WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY

**August 3rd**  
CHURCH  
CONFERENCE

**August 10th**  
KNOW JESUS  
Worship Service

**August 17th**  
SERVE JESUS  
Service Projects

**August 24th**  
SHARE JESUS  
Block Party &  
Outdoor Worship  
at River Run

**August 31st**  
VISION BANQUET



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

July 22, 2011

Dear Church Family,

We are very excited to introduce to you, Oakdale's After School All-Stars Program; an outreach of the children's ministry.

Our prayer is that through this ministry we will enhance children's learning and educational experience, and provide the opportunity for children to develop into well balanced, self-confident young people.

Our goal is to fulfill our church's mission - "Know Jesus, Serve Jesus, Share Jesus." We will intentionally partner with the other ministries of our church in order to provide the best possible care for the children God will send to us. We believe that God has given us opportunity to minister through caring, and sharing the love of His Son, Jesus Christ. The basis of The After-school All-Stars program is to ensure that each child experiences the love of Jesus which is always safe, always nurturing, and always dependable.

This ministry will offer many opportunities for you to be involved. Most importantly, we ask that you pray for the after school program. Pray for the children and their families, and the staff. Pray that the Word of God will be put in action. We covet your prayers. From time to time, we will need volunteers from our church family to assist in the operation of this ministry. Perhaps you could help children with homework, or prepare a meal when the children attend all day. Would you be available as a backup van driver? We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this ministry. Please share this flyer with your friends and family members who have elementary-aged children. We look forward to great things from our Lord as we seek to impact the next generation.

Because HE First Loved Us,

Jennifer & the Children's Ministry Team



# AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS

"Shine as lights in the world"  
Philippians 2:15

**After-School Program  
Grades K-5**



**Oakdale Baptist Church**

**Transportation provided from Bulluck School**



Open until 6:00 PM



\$60.00 per week



All Day Program on Teachers workdays  
& School Holidays



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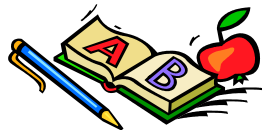
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SPORTS & RECREATION



BIBLE TIME



HOMEWORK TIME

## “Steppin’ Up, Divin’ In, and Reachin’ Out”



The Sunday School “Reachin’ Out Award” is a traveling award that is presented at the end of Sunday School around 10:45am. Each class competes with the entire Sunday School. The award goes to the Sunday School Class that has the highest number of guests during Sunday School as it is recorded in the attendance envelopes that are collected from each classroom. The class holds onto the award and gets to hang it up anywhere in the classroom until 10:45am the next Sunday when Sunday School time ends. If the same Sunday School class has the most amount of guests, they get to hold onto the award. So far the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have been able to hold onto the award for 3 weeks straight. It is exciting to have new guests each week to share in learning enriching Sunday School lessons that we all can apply to our lives. The web site administrator then updates the Home Page indicating the Sunday School Class that had the most amount of guests. Guests normally don’t arrive unless someone invites them to Sunday School. They are prospects that have accepted an invitation to come out and learn with you in Sunday School.

**What is a prospect?** The class without a prospect list does not really want to grow. Without a target for prayer, care, and reaching, there is no focus or direction. There is no ownership. At most there is a vague hope that someone might show up. A prospect list is list of people in the assigned age group of the class who are not enrolled in Sunday School anywhere. These are friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors. Some are church members not enrolled in Sunday School. Some are family members of Sunday School members. For a class to grow numerically, a class needs guests and new members. There are very few situations where guests show up constantly without any need for prayer, care, or invitation. This is where a prospect list comes in handy as a way to encourage and assign contacts to be made with the prospects. These contacts may be emails, cards, calls, or visits. They may include an invitation to a home or restaurant for a meal, a ball game, a class fellowship or project, or to class. But not all will be invitations. Some will be for relationship-building, care, and prayer. (Source: <http://kybaptist.org> MIA Sunday School Prospect)

FOR HIM!  
Mark Ream  
Sunday School Director

### 3.30 STUDENT MINISTRY

It has been an awesome month for the student ministry with an amazing week spent at camp. God showed up in a big way and we were wowed. We are looking forward to the sustained change and future of the student ministry. Please continue to pray for the students and all the lay leaders.

Upcoming events this month:

Movie Night at Pastor Nate and Amberly's house (Tentatively for the 27<sup>th</sup> of August)

#### Ongoing events this month:

Saturday Night Student Service 6pm -830pm \*\*\*Will not be scheduled for the month of August. We will meet a couple times that will be put out in advance\*\*\*

Wednesday Night Services 7pm \*\*\*Please join us as we will be having mid-week evening services\*\*\*

Sunday School: Every Sunday morning starting at 945am We will be looking for you!

P.S. My family and I are looking forward to finally moving in and being part of the family full-time.

Pastor Nate

"He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:30



Enroll your child today!

Applications are available in the church office.

See Jennifer for more details.

## Children's Corner

Jennifer Engelking, Director



### Back to School Pool Party

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 6 - 9pm

*The children's ministry team would like to invite you to Oakdale's B2S Pool Party at Denton Street Pool.*

*Everyone's invited, so bring your neighbor, bring your friend, and your long lost cousin Ben!*

*Admission: We will be collecting food for the homeless shelter. Each swimmer needs to bring at least 3 non-perishable food items. The homeless shelter's food supply is very low.*

*We will meet at the pool. If you can't come at 6, that's ok. Join us when you can!*

*Girls: Please wear a one-piece swimsuit.*

*Don't forget your towel and a change of clothes!*

*Our entire church family is invited!*

*Supper will be served.*



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the tremendous support you gave in preparation for summer camp. We especially thank you for covering us with your prayers. We had a spirit-filled week in the Lord and we are delighted to share that 8 children gave their hearts to Jesus while at camp. Please pray for these children and their families. Thank you for investing in the future of Oakdale...the lives of HIS little children.

Because HE First Loved Us,  
Jen & the Children's Ministry Team



# CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Church Members,

I wanted to say "thank you" on behalf of the Sondra Hall family for the visits, calls, prayers, and the wonderful meal served to the family. Your thoughtfulness & kindness was truly appreciated!

Thank you again!

Mary, Royce, Nicholas, Nicole, & Daniel Wells

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for my luncheon and recognition during church. My Bible will be cherished for years to come and everything.

Andy Tess

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Dear Church Family,

Hope everything is going great at home. We miss all of you so much! Please keep us in your prayers.

Love.

Allen & Marie Harrelson

## Our Sympathy to:

Patty Collins and family in passing of her mother, Mary Frances Crickmore

Jean Price in the passing of her brother, Donald Narron

The family of Cathy Baker in her passing

The family of Mike Holloman in his passing

The family of Bobby Rackley in the passing of his brother-in-law

The John Edmondson family in the passing of his grandmother

The J. H. Whitehurst family in the passing of his sister-in-law

## ClerksCorner

### Welcome New Member

Brianna Lewis 517 Clover Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27801  
(Baptism)

### Conference of 7/10/11

First vote for deacons was taken

### Conference of 7/13/11

Motion to sell donated property located in SC by active Deacons for sum of \$7,500. Motion passed.  
Motion to add Mark Ream as SS Director and Nate Mace as DiscipleLife Director to Nominating Committee, Motion Passed.

### Conference of 7/24/11

Congregation called into conference for the final vote on deacon election.



## TREASURER'S INFO

JUNE 2011

### BUDGET, RECEIPTS & OFFERINGS

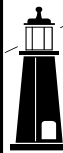
General offerings	\$24,810.47
Childcare transfer	\$ 2,400.00
Summer/After School	\$ 2,998.50
June expenses	<u>\$30,653.19</u>
Over/under	\$ <444.22>

### JUNE BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

Receipts	\$4,040.49
Monthly loan payment	<u>\$3,600.00</u>
Over/Under	\$ 440.49

### LOAN BALANCE as of 6/12/11

\$291,402.47



A contribution of \$520.00 to the Building fund will entitle you to place a plate on the lighthouse. Call the church office if you have questions.

*"The correct biblical concept of money is that God owns it all and allows us to manage it for Him"*

## JOY GROUP NEWS

August 6th

Johnston Community College



August 13th

Breakfast 8:00 AM

### HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE

The JOY Group is planning a trip to Florida September 26-28 to see the "Holy Land Experience" at Orlando. Anyone interested in going can contact Patsy Bulluck at 977-1317.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

### SECURTIY FOR AUGUST

8/7 Tony Lassiter & Deryl Lewis  
 8/14 Tim & Dillon Engelking  
 8/21 Jamie & Brandon Mullins  
 8/28 Joe & Tyler Williams

### USHER TEAM FOR AUGUST

DENNIS ROSE  
 ALLEN HARRELSON  
 PHIL WOOD  
 STACEY NICHOLAS  
 ADAM COLLINS

8/1	Rhodes, Trina	8/19	Frances Pollard
8/4	Emily Edmondson	8/20	Robin Joyner
8/4	Steven Hopkins	8/21	Dora Harrell
8/5	Randy Vester	8/21	Jean Reynolds
8/6	Meghan Rhodes	8/22	Tyler Joyner
8/7	Wayne Calhoun	8/23	Evelyn Freeman
8/7	Jenna Fisher	8/23	Allan Harrell
8/9	Madison Nicholas	8/23	Kimberly Scott Jones
8/11	Henry Bulluck	8/24	Jeff Gould
8/12	Tad Rhodes	8/24	William Harrell
8/12	Brenda Woodall	8/24	Evan Joyner
8/13	Duncan Jones	8/25	Jimmy Perry
8/13	Melvin Ruffin	8/25	Mark Ream
8/14	Lewy Price	8/26	John Edmondson
8/14	Robert Pridgen	8/27	Patricia Everette
8/15	Jennette Cantrell	8/27	Logan Webb
8/15	Daquan Mabry	8/27	Kim Wells
8/16	Cheryl Williams	8/29	Donna Kermon
8/17	Julian Powell	8/30	Tina Cobb
8/17	Robin Rhodes	8/30	Robbie Pearce
8/17	Matthew Weston	8/30	Grant Waters
8/18	Debra Calhoun	8/31	Danielle Clark
8/18	Jean Daniel	8/31	Richard Flory
8/18	Rodney Price	8/31	Ashley Rhodes
8/18	Robert Williams	8/31	Wayne Rhodes
8/19	Cody Howell		



### NURSERY NEWS

**August is here!!!** This is the final month of the church year of 2010-2011!! September 1st will be the beginning of **new** things, **new** people doing **new** jobs, **new** members, **new** deacons, **new babies** and hopefully **new** and additional caretakers for the children who will be in the nurseries. This past year has been good in the nursery because so many of you have been so willing to be a part of this ministry and with a smile on your face. It means so much to parents to be able to worship knowing their children are safe and happy. Most of the time when a child cries as the parents leave it will only last a few minutes before they are involved in playing and interacting with the other children. It is a joy to watch them grow. Thanks go out to the workers for the month of July to: Nancy Lamm, Gwen Harvey, Pattie Mullins, Cathy & Dennis Rose, Carroll & Mary Brown, Wayne & Debra Calhoun, Vickie Sledge, Bernice Pridgen, Jonathan Cobb, Judy Walston, Linda Davis, Cathy Rose, and Elaine & Taylor Lewis. The hostess for August is Rebecca Chadwick. It is hopeful that a schedule will be put in place by the start of the new church year so that we can be more efficient in our ministry. If your name does not appear on the schedule **do not hesitate** to point it out to the ministry team so that the schedule can be completed. **More willing workers** are always needed! If your child or grandchild has ever been cared for in the nursery you know how important it is to have someone waiting to care for them. Think of our young parents before you say “**no**” to this ministry. They too take their turn and someday will no longer need this ministry but I believe they will remember the joy they felt when they could leave their child comfortably and will step up and be willing, happy, nursery workers. **HAVE A HEART...DO YOUR PART...AND THANK YOU.**

### HOSTESS MINISTRY TEAM

The Hostess Ministry Team would like to take this opportunity to say a big **thank you** to all who contributed food and/or money to help with bereaved family meals in the church and community. You were so gracious in your response to this form of outreach of Oakdale Church. We have ministered to 14 families during this church year, some members and some residents of the community. As the new year begins the new members names will be added to a team so that they can become a part of this outreach ministry.



# MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

## WMU News

Thank you Oakdale for the support you've given WMU this year through your commitment to sending your children on Wednesday nights and teenagers on Sunday afternoons. It was wonderful to see so many adults participate in our mission studies and giving to missions. Oakdale has always been a mission minded church and I pray that we will continue to do the Lord's work in the community and around the world. I'd like to challenge each of us to make this upcoming church year BETTER than the past year. Shed all those things that hinder us from hearing God's voice and serving HIM. Get excited about serving HIM!

## REminder

### Women On Missions Retreat

September 31<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> at Ft. Caswell

Balances are due by September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will leave the church on Friday around 1pm. More information will be forthcoming so be on the lookout and come expecting to receive a blessing!



### United Community Ministries

The homeless shelter is in need of the following list of items: canned meats, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, meal mixes (Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Rice-A-Roni), condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise), toilet paper, soap, baby wipes, diapers, shampoo, toothbrushes/toothpaste, shampoo, and wash cloths.

Drop off your gifts in the missions box. Your gift will mean a great deal to those less fortunate.

## BAPTIST MEN

Dear Church Family,

Our Baptist Men and Women continue to do God's work! Handicapped ramps are being built and also being refurbished by Bill, James, and Wayne. Linda Davis and Judy Walston have also helped as has Marcia Walston. I truly thank each of you for all of the work and support you have given our church. Nancy Lamm has also been a driving force in helping during time of need as has Mack Ruffin, Stacey Nicholas and Jameson Wooten. This proves that we rise to the occasion when God has plans!

The Pinewood Derby held for the RA's and GA's was a resounding success and Stacey really did a great job in coordinating and setting up the program. Thanks goes to Stacey, Tim Hollifield, Wayne and Sue Lassister, Christy Nicholas, Joe Armstrong, David Wells and all of the other men and women who volunteered to have this family oriented fun day at church.

The North Carolina Missions Celebration for Region 2 ( Our Region) will be held on Thursday, August 25 at 6:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, NC located on 1985 Gum Branch Road in Jacksonville. This celebration is free and is open to men, women, and youth. Registration for this event is required and must be done not later than Thursday, August 18. Please register online at [www.Baptistsonmission.org](http://www.Baptistsonmission.org) or contact me for help in registering. This promises to be a great opportunity for everyone to become more familiar with mission work and have fellowship with all who work for the Lord.

Thank you all for being so supportive and helpful... God Loves You!

Brother Carroll  
Romans 8:15-17



## HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

Thanks again to the entire Church family for all of your support as we've prepared for the Honduras mission trip. It's hard to believe that the trip we've planned, prayed, and waited for is here! As we go (Aug. 8 – 16) please be in prayer for us.....and here's some specific things you can be praying for: Safety as we travel and work in Honduras, that our team will rely on God's strength to get us through the week, that our luggage will arrive on time and not get "misplaced" by the airlines, that the kids and their families will be receptive to the gospel message, and the big one....that we would see God work as never before!

Thanks again for all your help, we couldn't have done it without you..... and I speak for the entire mission team when I say....."We can't wait to tell you all about it!"

Love God,  
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**MISSION EMPHASIS**

“Christmas in August”  
Canned food collection for United  
Community Ministries

# AUGUST 2011

**EVERY SUNDAY: SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																		
	1	2	3 7:00 PM Church Conference	4	5 6:30 PM Honduras Mission Team	6 J.O.Y. Group (Johnston Comm. College)																		
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# October 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>J.O.Y. Group (Johnston Comm. College)</i>  Tri-Church Choir 7:00 PM
9  7:00 PM <i>Deacons</i>  Tri-Church Choir 7:00 PM	10  6:30 PM <b>WMU Current Mission Group</b> 7:00 PM WMU <i>Bible Study Group</i> 7:00 PM <b>Youth Team</b>	11  7:00 PM <i>Children's Ministry Team</i>	12	13	14	15 8:00 AM <i>J.O.Y. Group Breakfast</i>
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Nathaniel Mace, Youth/Associate Pastor  
Mrs. Jennifer Engelking, Children's Minister  
Miss Angie Ruffin, Music Minister  
Mr. Aaron Rhodes, Upward Director  
Mrs. Michelle Marks, Childcare Director  
Mrs. Sharon Lynch, Secretary



DEACON BEACON—News from Deacon Ministry Team  
A guiding light to the rock

Oakdale Family,

It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of another church year! As a body of believers we face many challenges in the months ahead, challenges that may pale in comparison when measured against the effects of a recessed economy and a housing market that appears to be bloated and very little hope of a quick recovery. As a country we find ourselves in the midst of a political system in turmoil where our government is threatening to only make matters worse and leadership resolve seems to be a trait of days gone by. Yes, we have challenging days ahead, but we have a promise that transcends the promises of political parties and financial advisors, we have the promise of a loving Father and gracious Savior who comforts us with the words "...I will never leave you nor forsake you...Heb 13:5"

The deacons would like the church family to know that we are praying for you and we welcome the opportunity to partner with you in the challenges that you may be facing personally or as a family. Please contact your Deacon of the week if you have prayer concerns or any other need for that matter, so that we can begin praying with you and for you.

Please be in prayer for our newly elected Deacons, Brent Wooten, Tim Hollifield and Aaron Rhodes as they begin a three year rotation as servant leaders within the church. We want to also take a moment to say 'Thank You' to Robert Chadwick and Carroll Brown for the last three years in service to the church as they rotate out of active service on the deacon board.

In His Service,  
Tim