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August 2010

WEDNESDAYS IN AUGUST

AUGUST 4TH
7:00 PM
“A Call to Prayer”



AUGUST 11TH
7:00 PM
QUARTERLY
CHURCH
CONFERENCE

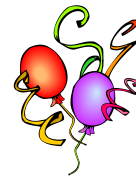
AUGUST 18TH
7:00 PM



Jordan Wooten will
report on his recent
mission trip to China.

Special music by Wooten Family

AUGUST 25TH
“CELEBRATION BANQUET”



6:00 PM
Meal catered by Hunter Hill Cafe

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

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

Happy Birthday!!

8/8 Jimmy H.

Wow! It has been a HOT summer. The children have been enjoying a lot of fun indoor activities because our outdoor playtime is so limited this time of year. This month’s Bible focus is “Elijah’s Faith”, “God Shows His Power”, “Daniel’s Faith”, “Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego”, and “Jonah Runs From God”. The themes for the month are “Wacky Olympics”, “Sports Mania”, “Camping Time”, “All American Foods” and we have many fun activities planned each week. If you would like to be added to our e-mail notifications, please go to obcbaptist.org and go to subscribe to childcare google group. If you are interested or know someone looking for childcare please have them contact us at 252-442-4005.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 @ 11:00 AM

In two decades of writing and performing, Kyle Matthews has emerged as one of Christian music’s most outstanding and unique song writers. He has won numerous music industry awards, including The Dove award for traditional gospel song of the year, the Steller Award for Song of the Year, and ASCAP 2002 Christian Song of the Year. Kyle works to motivate people to serve others in a way that allows them to meet Christ in “the least of these”.



JOY GROUP NEWS

**AUGUST 7
9:30 AM**

JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**AUGUST 14
8:00 AM
BREAKFAST**

Youth Ministry Update

Attention all youth and parents!

Jeff Collins will be holding a “teen driver” class at Church on Sunday Aug. 8th. This is a class for all youth ages 13 – 19 and their parents. The youth class will be at 4:00, we’ll be eating supper at 5:30, and the parents will have their class after the meal. This is a great program sponsored by the NC Highway Patrol, and something every teenager and parent should see.

Also, don’t forget about the Back to School Pool Party at the Denton Street Pool, Sunday August 15th from 6 – 9. We will not be meeting at the Church, so just meet at the pool and be ready for fun!

Buie Holder
Jude v.2

**CHILDREN’S CORNER
Jennifer Engelking, Children’s Minister**



**CHILDREN’S CAMP
AUGUST 8-11
CAMP MUNDO VISTA**

Please be in prayer for the children and the staff.



**BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY
AUGUST 15TH
6:00 PM—9:00 PM**

We will meet at Denton Street Pool.

PRAYER PATRIOTS



Join us Thursday, August 12th at 7:00 PM as we gather to pray for our Nation. We will meet at the home of Ethel Pitt. Let’s join our hearts together as we pray for a spiritual awakening in America.

CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Oakdale Family,
The Vester family wishes to extend many thanks to all who gave of themselves in order to make the passing of Mrs. Dahlia "Caramel Cake" Vester so much easier to accept. The prayers and kindness were felt by the whole family and we may know that Ms. Dal is looking down and smiling at all her friends and loved ones.

In God's Hands,
Randy & Becky Vester & Family

Dear Oakdale Baptist Church Family,
Your endless prayers, support, and sweet "I'm thinking of you" are humbly appreciated! Although Daddy's last year here on earth was a daily struggle, we can all rejoice in knowing Daddy is celebrating in Heaven with Jesus and we will one day see him soon! A big thank you to the hostess committee,. The food was awesome & so comforting. Again, thank you OBC Family. We know each & every one of you were praying us through!

Humbly Grateful!
Christie Joyner, Melissa Causey & Family

Dear Church Family,
We would like to thank everyone for your prayers and anonymous financial support during our time of need. God bless each one of you in a special way.

In Christ's Love,
Randall & Cheri Mills

Dear Jan & Oakdale Baptist Church Members,

Thank you for coordinating a blood drive on Monday, July 12, 2010. The blood that we collected at your drive could be used to help premature infants, people with cancer, patients undergoing bone marrow transplants and emergency surgeries as well as *hundreds* of others in our community who need blood.

Every day, we need to collect 600-700 units of blood to keep up with the needs of local patients and hospitals. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. The recent blood drive at Oakdale Baptist Church collected 29 pints on a goal of 35. Thank you for your help with our lifesaving mission.

Again, thank you for your contributions and ongoing support of the local blood program. It comes at a time when we really need your help.

Sincerely,
Ellen West
Senior Account Manager

Our Sympathy to:

Family of Rev. Gerald Riggs

Tim Hollifield in the passing of his grandmother

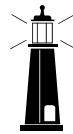
NURSERY NEWS

MY TURN IN THE NURSERY

Last Sunday was my turn in the nursery to work.
My heart wasn't in it; my feelings were hurt.
A child from its mother did not want to part
And it cried a lot with its broken heart.
I prayed that soon the hour would end
That I could relax—no more children to tend.
Soon the hour was over; it felt good to be free.
I said, "Once a quarter was too much for me!"
That very next Sunday as I sat in the pew
A very good sermon, but visitors were few.
But down came a woman and her soul was saved.
She was the mother of that crying babe!
Then it dawned on me that I had been a part
Of one being saved—giving God her heart.
From that day on I would never dread
Working in the nursery while souls are fed.
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The new nursery schedule is being compiled. Please consider being a part of this important ministry.

Linda Ruffin-pending member of Nursery Team



"SHINE THE LIGHT FOR JESUS"

The "Lighthouse" is an on-going project to make payments toward debt on the beautiful addition to our worship facilities. Many more house bricks (\$520) are available. The foundation bricks are also available for \$2,500. If you have been notified about engraving a brick or if you have any questions, please call the church office.

ON VACATION?



YOUR CHURCH ISN'T! KEEP YOUR TITHE UP TO DATE

JULY OFFERINGS

General Fund offerings	\$25,430.80
Childcare transfer	\$2,400.00
	\$27,830.00
July expenses	\$24,482.54
	\$3,348.26

Designated Building fund income: \$3,645.00

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

SECURITY TEAMS FOR AUGUST

- 8/1** Shawn Webb & Eric Stott
- 8/8** Aaron & Collin Rhodes
- 8/15** Jamie & Brandon Mullins
- 8/22** Michael & Alex Batts
- 8/29** Jonathan Cobb & Bill Lamm

USHER TEAM FOR AUGUST

JAMES JOHNSON
 DENNIS ROSE
 ALLEN HARRELSON
 PHIL WOOD
 STACEY NICHOLAS

AUGUST NURSERY SCHEDULE
11:00 AM WORSHIP

- 8/1** Phillip & Lynn Eason
Joe & Tammy Williams
- 8/8** Steve & Susan Sturgill
Bert & Jan Peele
- 8/15** Shawn & Susie Webb
Dennis & Cathy Rose
- 8/22** Bernice & Elton Pridgen
Sharon Brantley, Vickie Sledge
- 8/29** Linda & Clifton Ruffin, Brent Griffin
Gwen Harvey, Paulette Ream

8/1	Trina Rhodes	8/20	Robin Joyner
8/4	Emily Edmondson	8/21	Dora Harrell
8/4	Steven Hopkins	8/21	Van Broux Manning
8/5	Randy Vester	8/21	Jean Reynolds
8/6	Meghan Rhodes	8/22	Tyler Joyner
8/7	Wayne Calhoun	8/23	W. R. Bulluck
8/7	Jenna Fisher	8/23	Evelyn Freeman
8/9	Madison Nicholas	8/23	Allan Harrell
8/11	Henry Bulluck	8/23	Kimberly Scott Jones
8/12	Vernon Rhodes, III	8/24	Jeff Gould
8/12	Brenda Woodall	8/24	William Harrell
8/13	Duncan Jones	8/24	Mike Holloman
8/13	Melvin Ruffin	8/24	Evan Joyner
8/14	Lewy Price	8/25	Jimmy Perry
8/14	Robert Pridgen	8/26	John Edmondson
8/15	Jennette Cantrell	8/27	Patricia Everette
8/16	Bricen Duff	8/27	Logan Webb
8/16	Cheryl Williams	8/27	Kim Wells
8/17	Julian Powell	8/29	Donna Kerman
8/17	Robin Rhodes	8/30	Tina Cobb
8/17	Matthew Weston	8/30	Robbie Pearce
8/18	Debra Calhoun	8/30	Grant Waters
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		





MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

WMU NEWS

Karen Murray, WMU Director/Missions Coordinator

As the church year comes to a close, we all look back over this past year and see things that we could have done differently or better and reflect on all the changes that have happened this year. As WMU Director I've done the same but I know that Oakdale will rise and stand firm in Christ and we will persevere in these troubling times.

This coming year brings new challenges, but also hope that we as Christians will stand up and be Christ like in all that we do. We have so much to offer the world if we only use what we have available such as GA's, RA's and now Acteens for our young ladies. WMU offers a variety of ways to share Christ and do missions all at the same time. If you are from the ages of 0 to 100, WMU has a place for YOU! We have 3 ladies groups that meet during the month and all are invited to attend no matter your age. If you're not currently participating in WMU please consider joining and start the new church year out right.



**ACTEENS KICK-OFF
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH
2:00 PM-4:00 PM
(In Fellowship Hall)**

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT

LifeBox mission project was a success. I put all the boxes together and sent 7 LARGE boxes to the unit. They have received them and here's the response...

We received them yesterday and thanks a lot. Everything will be disbursed out for everyone to use. Our unit is so thankful for what your church members and you have done for us. It means so much when people send you things over here. Trust me, some people have not received any packages or mail since we've been here and it's sad. The items they will receive will hopefully lift their spirits. Thanks once again! Sgt Earl Williams 849^h Quartermasters

In keeping with community missions, our Christmas In August project will be collecting items for the homeless shelter. We will be putting together bags to pass out to the clients at the homeless shelter. Starting August 1st you will find a Christmas tree full of ornaments. Printed on the ornament will be the item needed and the quantity needed. Take an ornament or two and bring the items back to place under the tree. On Wednesday, September 1st we will have the GA's, RA's and youth put the bags together. Thank you in advance for making our last mission project of this church year a SUCCESS!

BAPTIST MEN

OPERATION INASMUCH

Dear Faithful,

As we transition into a new church year, I humbly ask each of you to be in prayer for our Sunday School Teachers, committee members and ministry teams. We also need your prayers for the leaders, Deacons, and Search Committee as we diligently ask God for his guidance in making the decisions as a new Pastor is selected. Thank you all for your much needed prayer support.

I also want to issue a "challenge" to all of the members in our church to pray for our youth and young men and women who are such an integral piece of the fabric that makes Oakdale a beacon for our community. I ask the men to "step up" and become a leader and role model to our youth; especially, our young men as we move into the coming year. If you are interested in serving as a RA Leader, Youth Leader, or Sunday School Youth Leader, please search your heart and ask God to give you guidance to serve. Please let me, Mark Ream, Jeff Collins, or Pastor Price know and I am sure that there is a place for you!

We will also begin working on the children's Sunday School classrooms very soon and could use your help in many different ways. Please help us if you so feel lead.

Upcoming Events :

NC Missions Celebration for Region 2, Thursday August 26th at 6:00PM at First Baptist Church in New Bern (Please let me know by August 19th if you plan to attend. The program will begin after supper (no charge) and will include emphasis on Haiti Earthquake Response, National Missions, NC Mission Camps, Testimonies and more ...

In His Service,

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 News – August 2010

Step In Up, Divin' In, and Reachin' Out

What an exciting year we were blessed with at Oakdale's Sunday School. One of the highlights for me was the excitement and energy created during the "Power to Win" sermon series led by Pastor Joe Price. The Sunday School supported HIS efforts by creating friendly competitions between each classroom by department. During a 4 week period over 400 contacts were made to prospects and several became new members at Oakdale. It was A LOT of fun for everyone. Look for more activities like this next year!

If the church votes to accept it, Oakdale has been blessed again by creating a new Middle School Department. This upcoming year, 2010-2011, will mark the new formation of a "Middle School", grades 6 and 7 (Totally separate from all Youth activities. Youth will be grades 8th – 12th for this year.) The Sunday School Department has rallied behind this decision by making some adjustments. Starting with Kindergarten all the way up to the 12th grade, each class will "age" one year. Existing children and students will actually STAY in the same physical classroom and NOT move like they usually do in September. HIS Sunday School teachers have the opportunity to teach and build on lasting relationships this past year for yet another year. Most years, one group of kids move up to make room for the younger kids to move into the class. Each class will have the same kids for 2 years in a row.

Below is the class materials sourced from LIFEWAY Sunday School (Backed by the Southern Baptist Convention) for the upcoming year: (For more detailed information see LifeWay online at <http://LifeWay/SundaySchool>)

1 & 2 yrs.	Bible Teaching for Kids
3 & 4yrs.	Bible Teaching for Kids
K-1 st Grade	Bible Teaching for Kids
Grades 2 & 3	Bible Teaching for Kids
Grades 4 & 5	Bible Teaching for Kids
Grades 6 & 7	Everything You Need to Know to Be a Teenager
Grades 8 & 9	KNOWN
Grades 10-12	FUEL2

Middle School

Grades 6 and 7 - **Everything You Need to Know to Be a Teenager is a DVD enhanced Audio Visual class** Led by Brent and Tammy Wooten.

(A brand new TV/DVD Combo has been donated to the new Middle School Department. It is now possible to present this particular Sunday School material.) Other groups in the church will now be able to expand their teaching materials as well.

This Early/Pre-Teen study makes that difficult preteen-to-teen transition just a little bit easier. It's an entire year's worth of Bible study that helps them move from Bible stories to life-changing Bible studies. <http://www.lifeway.com/article/165381/>

Developed especially for preteens

Includes Baptist doctrine

Helps preteens shape a biblical worldview through life application

Teaches preteens the ABCs of being a Christian

Helps preteens learn how to live out their faith

Junior Varsity

Grades 8 and 9 – **KNOWN** – Back by popular demand for the 1st quarter. Led by Steve and Susan Sturgill. (Kelly and Renee Holloman will rotate quarterly.) We will continue the KNOWN series. KNOWN is a holistic approach to spiritual development helping students Know Christ, Own their Faith, and make their faith Known. KNOWN has its own website full of extras for both the leader and students. <http://www.lifeway.com/known/>

Balanced, Biblical approach to student spiritual development

Comprehensive approach with Bible study

Customizable teaching plans with options based on specific demographics

Interactive student pages for use during and after the session

Student devotions that reinforce the session truths

Innovated graphic design approach that is vibrant and visually appealing to students of all demographics

Varsity

Grades 10 – 12th – **FUEL2 – OWNING YOUR OWN FAITH** – Led by Jeff Collins. **Video driven Bible Study**. Merging video, music, and technology, Fuel2 creates a Bible study experience that is revolutionary! Thought-provoking, high-energy videos draw your students into essential doctrines of the Bible. The video opener transitions smoothly to serious life-changing discussion that challenges and directs students to God's Word. <http://www.lifeway.com/fuel/>

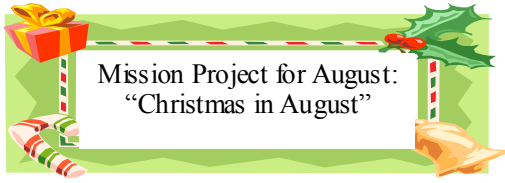
DVD videos, commentaries, teaching plans, reproducible student handouts.

Fuel2 guides youth through a systematic, yet highly innovative study of the key doctrines of the faith.

Fuel2 asks 96 key doctrinal questions, ranging from the nature of God to the study of end times. Each doctrinal question was written from the perspective of a teen who is seeking answers.

For HIM

Mark Ream, Sunday School Director



August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>11:00 AM Kyle Matthews</p> <p>No PM Service</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 Outreach</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 PM "A Call to Prayer"</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM J.O.Y. Group Johnston Comm. College</p>
<p>8</p> <p>3:00 PM Deacon's Meeting</p> <p>4:00 PM Drivers Safety</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 PM Current Mission Group</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer Group</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Conference</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 PM Prayer Patriots (Ethel Pitt's Home)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast</p>
<p>CHILDREN'S CAMP AUGUST 8-11</p>						
<p>15</p> <p>6:00 PM-9:00 PM Back to School Pool Party (Children & Youth)</p> <p>No PM Service</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM Sisterhood of the Cross</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 PM Outreach (Deacons)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM China Mission Report</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 AM Baptist Men</p>
<p>22</p> <p>No PM Service</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00 PM Celebration Banquet</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Group</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>2:00 PM-4:00 PM Kick-off Acteens (WMU)</p>
<p>29</p> <p>No PM Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NURSING HOME MINISTRY</p> <p>8/3 Brekenridge 10:30 AM 8/3 IHS Nursing Home 11:30 AM 8/4 Somerset Ct. 10:00 AM 8/6 The Albemarle 10:30 AM</p>			

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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

An Ordinary Person

Matthew 4:18-20

The apostle Peter was an ordinary person who lived in an extraordinary time. His was the generation during which Jesus lived on the earth and died for the salvation of mankind. Peter (who was originally called Simon) met the Lord through his brother Andrew (John 1:40-42). When Jesus invited him to become a disciple, he immediately left his fishing trade and placed himself under Christ's authority (Matt 4:20). He became a passionate follower who consistently demonstrated an eagerness to be near the Savior and in the middle of whatever was going on. Whether meeting Jesus on the water during a storm (Matt. 14:27-29) or speaking to Him during His transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-5), Peter was devoted to his Master's service. In the beginning, the former fisherman was quick to speak and to act, and this impulsiveness created problems for him. For example, when Jesus was talking about His imminent suffering and death, Peter objected, as if he knew better than the Lord. Christ's rebuke was swift and direct (Matt. 16:21-23). The apostle learned from his mistakes and was later given great responsibility. He's a good example of how we should let go of personal desires, wholeheartedly embrace Jesus' way, and walk closely with Him (Mark 8:34).

As Peter was chosen.... I was chosen by Oakdale to serve in a capacity that I will cherish the rest of my life. As my tenure draws to a close I wanted to give many thanks to the men who have served along by my side. I can truly say that each man has a heart for our church. We have walked through many valleys together but God has blessed. I wanted to say thank you to my church family who have supported me during some of the most difficult times in my Christian walk. I love each of you and pray God's blessings upon each of your families.

As I close, my prayers are with the newly elected deacons Jeff Collins, Elton Pridgen and Joe Williams. I know you as a church will pray for the entire deacon ministry team. As with time things change...with that being said Shawn Webb has resigned from the deacon ministry team. Shawn's leadership will be missed on the team. Aaron Rhodes will be filling his term.

Thank you again for your prayers....and keep them coming!!

In HIS Service, Hugh Brent Wooten