

# Oakdale Messenger

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August 2009

## W.D.W. 2009

### WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY



*August 5*

7:00 PM

Special Speaker  
Dr. Mike Garrett,



*August 12*

7:00 PM

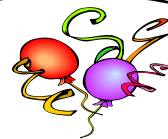
Special Speaker  
Rev. Billy Crabtree



*August 19*

7:00 PM

Youth & Children's  
Camp Reports



*August 26*

6:00 PM

"Celebration Banquet"  
Featuring:

## Children's Corner

### Please Pray for our Campers!

The children will be leaving for camp on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for safe traveling, good weather, but most importantly, for our children to commit themselves to our Lord. Several of our children already know Him as their Best Friend, so pray that these children will grow in their relationship with Christ. Thank you Oakdale for the tremendous support you give to the children of our church. Our future is in their hands, so we must cover them in prayer!

Because HE First Loved Us,

Jen

**Children's and Youth camp  
report night:  
Wednesday,  
7pm**

**August 19<sup>th</sup> @**



Please come out and support our young people as they share their camp experience.

**B2S Pool Party  
Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## Youth Ministry Update

### Upcoming Events:

**August 2** (No Youth Sunday Night)

**August 3-8** Youth Camp at Fort Caswell

**August 9, 16** Youth Sunday Night 7:00 PM— 9:30 PM

### YOUTH PASTOR'S NOTE:

Thanks to all of those who participated in the SLAM-Summer Life and Missions projects during the month of July. God will bless your service and I pray that God will use it in your life and give you a heart for other people.

### COLLEGE PREVIEW DAY

ATTENTION rising H.S. Juniors / Seniors (and those high school graduates who are college searching).

September 24-25: College preview day at Columbia

International University - a great Christian/Bible College (my alma mater). You will have the chance to visit,

participate in fun activities, ask questions, and interview for scholarships (seniors). See Pastor Brooks to sign up for the trip to Columbia, SC (links on Youth web Page-Coming Events).

Pastor Brooks



## Sunday School Teacher's Meeting

**Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

If you teach a **children's Sunday school class**, or an **adult Sunday school class**, please plan to attend this very important meeting.

## "Jumping for Jesus"

**Michelle Marks, Director,  
Oakdale Childcare Ministry**

### Happy Birthday!!

8/19 Cody Howell    8/20 Austin Smith    8/24 Evan Joyner    8/31 Ms. Ashley

We have temporarily moved our nursery and toddler rooms to the fellowship hall during the construction project. Thank you to the volunteers that came out to help us get all the furniture moved. We have also hired Ms. Kayla Smith to work as a temporary through this transition. She attends West Edgecombe Baptist Church and will be joining the Army in the fall. Our Bible focus this month comes from 1 King 18:36-37, Daniel 1:8, Daniel 3:16-18, Jonah 2:8-9. There will be many activities teaching to obey, be faithful, honor, love, trust God, and that you cannot hide from God.

# CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Pastors,

The kids and I would like to thank each of you as well as the membership of the church for your thoughts, prayers, and food. I also greatly appreciate each of you speaking at her service.

Pat always spoke highly of Oakdale, it's members, and the experiences that she had at Oakdale. She brought a great deal of those experiences into our lives for which we were blessed.

Please keep the kids and I in your prayers.

Douglas Daniel

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Dear Oakdale Family,

We want you to know how much we appreciate all the prayers, food, cards, calls, and visits at the time of our loss. There was such an outpouring of love.

Thank you Pastor Roy and Pastor Joe for being there when we needed you. We are blessed to be part of such a loving church.

Randolph, Theo, Kim & Toni

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My Church Family & Choir Family,

Thank you all so very much for the prayers, the love, and the cards you've sent since my fall. I appreciate all of you so much. You've been the best blessing anyone could have hoped for. Love you all so much! God bless.

Rochelle

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Call2Fall Churches,

To God be the glory for His marvelous kindness in allowing multitudes across America the privilege of kneeling before Him in humility and repentance on the first **Call2Fall National Day of Humility and Repentance**. Initial reports center upon the theme of God's Presence with His people on this special day. Reports from churches with 60 in attendance to over 10,000, indicate that God's hand is upon Call2Fall. We estimate that over one million people were on their knees in churches in all 50 states. Surely God will bless the prayers of His people. Based on the overwhelming response, our President, Tony Perkins, has prayerfully decided that Call2Fall will continue for another year, with Sunday, July 4, 2010 set as the next day for national humility and prayer. Details about expanding this all-important effort are forthcoming. **Thank you for participating and we give unbounded praise to God for His mercy and guidance.**

Family Research Council

Our Sympathy to:

Elton Pridgen on the death of his sister, Melba Carlisle.

Thanks to everyone who came out and donated blood on Tuesday, July 14th. It was a great success. Our goal was 30 pints and we collected 42 pints. Thanks also to Sarah Gay, Carrie Manning, Joe Price, Ann Rhodes, and Linda Ruffin for helping with the drive. Congratulations to Justine Wells for winning the \$25.00 gas card. Let's do it again next year.

## ClerksCorner Linda Ruffin, Church Clerk

Welcome New Member :

Joshua Tyler Rose (Son of Dennis & Kathy Rose)

114 Myers Road

Rocky Mount, NC 27801

### Business Conferences:

7/15/09

Called into conference for one item of business

Motion to recommend Amber Williams for a class at Southeastern Baptist Seminary was made and passed.

*Please join us for a*

## *Floating Bridal Shower*

*In honor of*

*Terin Rhodes*

*Sunday, August 23, 2009*

*2:00 pm-4:00 pm*

*West Edgcombe Baptist Church*

*(Due to construction at Oakdale Baptist Church)*

*13821 NC 43 North*

*Rocky Mount, NC*



### JOY GROUP NEWS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

9:30 AM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

BREAKFAST

8:00 AM

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

8/1	Trina Rhodes	8/20	Robin Joyner
8/4	Emily Edmondson	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	W. R. Bulluck
8/7	Jenna Fisher	8/23	Evelyn Freeman
8/11	Henry Bulluck	8/23	Allan Harrell
8/12	Vernon Rhodes, III	8/23	Kimberly Scott Jones
8/13	Duncan Jones	8/24	Jeff Gould
8/13	Melvin Ruffin	8/24	William Harrell
8/14	Lewy Price	8/24	Mike Holloman
8/14	Robert Pridgen	8/24	Evan Joyner
8/15	Jennette Cantrell	8/25	Jimmy Perry
8/16	Bricen Duff	8/26	John Edmondson
8/16	Cheryl Williams	8/26	Donna Marshall
8/17	Julian Powell	8/27	Patricia Everette
8/17	Robin Rhodes	8/27	Kim Wells
8/17	Matthew Weston	8/29	Donna Kermon
8/18	Debra Calhoun	8/30	Tina Cobb
8/18	Jean Daniel	8/30	Robbie Pearce
8/18	Rodney Price	8/31	Richard Flory
8/18	Robert Williams	8/31	Ashley Rhodes
8/19	Cody Howell	8/31	Wayne Rhodes



**SECURITY TEAMS FOR AUGUST**

Aug 2 C. T. Worrell & Thomas Bulluck

Aug 9 Michael & Alex Batts

Aug 16 Jamie & Brandon Mullins

**USHER TEAM FOR AUGUST**

**JAMES JOHNSON**

**DENNIS ROSE**

**ALLEN HARRELSON**

**PHIL WOOD**

**STACEY NICHOLAS**

**AUGUST NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**11:00 AM & 6:00 PM Worship**

8/2 Jan & Bert Peele, Tammy & Joe Williams, Lynn & Phillip Eason

8/9 Steve & Susan Sturgill, Jenny Thompson, Frances Atkins, Jessica Duff

8/16 Susie & Shawn Webb, Kathy & Dennis Rose

8/23 Bernice & Elton Pridgen, Sharon Brantley, Vickie Sledge, Debbie

**AUGUST NURSERY SCHEDULE**  
**8:30 AM WORSHIP**

**WILL BE POSTED IN BULLETIN**



# MISSIONS UPDATE



## WMU/MISSION FRIENDS/GA'S TRAINING

AUGUST 29 8:30 AM—12:00 PM RED OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

The van will leave Oakdale at 8:00 AM. This is for all those who have

### CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

Oakdale's HIS group's mission projects for this past year have been to help the girl's cottages at the Baptist Children's Home. For our CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST we will be collecting items to send to make their lives better. The WISH LIST starts below. Anything you can do to help a child is always treasured.

#### Items to benefit children and staff

Batteries (AA,AAA) , Birthday Cards, Drinking Water, Envelopes,  
Food gift cards to Food Lion/Walmart, Gift cards to restaurants-Golden Corral, McDonald's, Hardee's, Pizza Hut, Greeting Cards, Juices (100%), Light Bulbs, Stamps, Stationery, Thank You Cards, Under Bed Storage Containers

#### Personal Care Items

Blow Dryers, Carrying Case, Curling Iron, Earrings, Flat Iron for Hair, Gift Cards to Movies, Hair Brushes, Jerseys-colors, Oversize Shoe Laces, Socks (different colors), Stand up Fans, Suitcases, Tee Shirts, Tote Bags

#### Recreational Needs

### H.I.S. GROUP

The Oakdale H.I.S. Group has visited the Kennedy Children's Home in Kinston several times this past year. We have really enjoyed these mission activities and look forward to spending even more time in the girl's cottages there. One visit included crafts, where we made bead bracelets. We had a game day with the girls on another visit. One Sunday, a group from Oakdale accompanied us and we led their worship service and then served lunch. On our last visit we had a Spa Day with the girls there. There were three stations: facials and foot soaks, make-up, and nails. It was really fun serving the girls, doing their facials and make-up. We were even able to leave them with some goody bags full of everyday items they need. They were so excited and really enjoyed the day, and they always want to know when we're coming back. What a blessing they are!! Currently our project with the Kennedy Home is to gather general items needed for the cabins during Christmas In August. Thank you in advance for helping us with these needs.

## BAPTIST MEN

### OPERATION INASMUCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our God continues to bless us in our personal as well as our spiritual lives. Everyday we must ask God to give us direction, compassion, and understanding of his will.

We continue to serve by taking on the many different tasks that God reveals to us and we get the opportunity to share the Gospel to those who need to know that our God is powerful and compassionate and that Jesus is alive and well in His Kingdom.

James and Wayne Walston have given their time to make assessments for building two handicapped ramps in our community. As soon as we can secure the building permits and communicate with the appropriate people, we will begin the building process. We hope to have them finished in the next 2-3 weeks. If you would like to help, please contact me at 252-382-1766.

The fishing trip to Ft. Fisher at Carolina Beach is still on schedule for Saturday August 1. If anyone is interested and has not signed up, please let me know ASAP so provisions can be made. I must have a head count to inform Ft. Fisher by 5:00 PM July 31.

Thank you all for supporting the NCBM at Oakdale Baptist Church.  
In His Service,

#### PERSONAL MISSIONS NOTE:

You never know how God uses various people in your life and 'friend' visits. God has given me a heart for missions but it has not always been so. The first missionaries I had ever met were the Dawson family from Venezuela, while visiting my spiritual mentor in Virginia. They had known each other for years and we were all staying there on friend visits. God used their 'very dated' video (with no sound) about the Yanamamo people to awaken my eyes to the lost and grip my heart for missions. Last month I had a surprising 're-encounter' listening to Christian radio. Their son, also serving in Venezuela, was featured on Focus on the Family's daily broadcast, translating a testimony of a shaman coming to Christ through their ministry. Praise God He used friends and even low-tech technology to work in our hearts and the gospel is going to the unreached.

*You can listen or download the broadcasts from [www.family.org](http://www.family.org) Lind through "Family Media Center". Focus on the Family 'Daily' broadcast-Titled- "Finding the One True God" 1 and 2: (airdate) June 25-26*

# “Shine the Light for Jesus”

Commitment Sunday, August 9, 2009

On Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>, our church membership was introduced to the building stewardship campaign “Shine the Light for Jesus”. Our goal is to raise as much of the building cost as possible prior to completion of the building and finalization of the loan. Every dollar we raise will help eliminate future interest cost on our loan.

*We realize that our building program is not taking place in the best of economic times; however, we also realize that God has a plan for our church. We graciously accept God’s blessing on a daily basis and now we have an opportunity to give back to His service to allow Oakdale to continue to be a lighthouse in this community. Please remember we are ONLY building what we absolutely need in order to carry on God’s work at Oakdale Baptist Church.*

Commitment Sunday, August 9, 2009, is approaching. Please be much in prayer about your individual commitment to our church. Please share our stewardship program with family and friends that are outside of our church. If they would like to be a part of this building program, they can by contributing to the building program in memory or recognition of someone that has been important in their life.

“Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all you increase: so your barns will be filled with plenty” Proverbs 3; 9-10 NKJV

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

August is **Prospect Month** for Sunday School – It’s time to grow God’s Sunday School at Oakdale

**Ephesians 4:11-12** 11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

**2 Timothy 3:14-17** 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In following of the scriptures, please use this month to create contact listings for Sunday School prospects.

We need to build up the body of Christ. WHO IS A SUNDAY SCHOOL PROSPECT?

1. Someone who has never attended church.
2. Someone who used to attend Sunday School at some point, but doesn’t currently.
3. Someone who is lost.
4. Someone who wants to come to church, but does not have the means to drive to church.
5. Someone who has visited our church.
6. A waiter or waitress at your favorite restaurant.
7. Someone who attends worship services, but not Sunday School.
8. Someone who comes out on Wednesdays to Oakdale.
9. A friend or acquaintance.
10. Someone you could pick up on your way to church that you know.
11. Anyone who wants to learn and grow stronger in their relationship with THE Lord, Jesus.
12. The world

We are asking each class to create a prospect list of people that would benefit from God’s Sunday School Classes at Oakdale Baptist Church. For the Adults and Youth, you may want to elect an Outreach Leader that can spearhead this effort with your Teacher and Department Director. Please include Full Name, Address, Phone Number, and Email Address. Please give this information to Elton Pridgen, Sunday School Outreach Evangelist Director.



# August 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5:00 AM - 9:00 PM Father-Son/Daughter Fishing Day 8:00 AM—10:00 AM
2 3:30 PM Deacons Mtg. 7-9:30 PM Youth Sunday Night	3	4	5 7:00 PM Worship on Wednesday	6 7:00 PM Children & Adult Sunday School Teachers Training	7	8 9:30 AM J.O.Y. Group Johnston Comm. College
Y O U T H C A M P A U G U S T 3 - 8						
9 Regular AM Schedule 7-9:30 PM Youth Sunday Night	10 6:30 PM Current Mission Group 7:00 PM Youth	11 10:00 AM Prayer Group	12 7:00 PM Worship on Wednesday Church	13	14	15 8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast
No PM	C H I L D R E N ' S C A M P A U G U S T 9—13					
16 Regular AM Schedule 7-9:30 PM Youth Sunday Night	17 7:00 PM H.I.S. Group (Meet at Church)	18 J.O.Y. Group Farmer's Market	19 7:00 PM Worship on Wed. (Camp Reports)	20 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	21	22
23 Regular AM Schedule 6-9:00 PM Children & Youth Swim Party	24	25	26 6:00 PM Worship on Wed. Celebration	27	28	29 8:00 AM WMU, Mission Friends & GA Training
30 Regular AM Schedule	31					
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>NURSING HOME MINISTRY</b></p> <p>8/4 Brekenridge 10:30 AM</p> <p>8/4 IHS Nursing Home 11:30 AM</p> <p>8/5 Somerset Ct. 10:00 AM</p> </div>						

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DEACON BEACON—News from Deacon Ministry Team

New Deacons elected for 2009-2010: Tim Engelking, Mark Ream & Phil Wood

Aug. 2009 Deacons of the Month: Aaron Rhodes, Bruce Rhodes, Dan Howell

**Fresh Eyes**

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Several months back, Tammy and I went to Greensboro to visit a friend of the family in the hospital. We made a stop at a local McDonald's in Cary to grab a quick bit to eat. While we were there, I encountered several different people in the restaurant. I passed by a gentleman who was talking to himself. Many more people were very rude...one time almost knocking the food tray out of my hand. We finished our meal and I noticed an older man that was sitting in a booth across from us. His clothes were tattered and worn and he was unshaven and I could tell he was homeless. He had all of his belongings laid on the table neatly. I excused myself to the restroom to wash my hands before leaving and he came in behind me. I thought, here we go, another person to be rude or want money...and to my surprise it was just the opposite. He never said a word...he started singing...Holy, Holy, Holy are you Lord...and I just listened...I was totally embarrassed and humbled. I thought, Lord, here is a man who is homeless, and he is praising You. Why can't I? This gentleman had fresh eyes. I had judged him before even knowing anything about him. It's almost impossible not to do it-see the differences in people, that is. We walk down the street, enter a crowded room, or visit a shopping mall, and immediately our visual radar begins to sort people out: tall or short, rich or poor, black, white, or brown; and countless other differences are immediately apparent. The problem starts when we begin to make judgments about those people without even knowing them, or treating them differently once we do meet them.

When we play favorites or show prejudice, we are violating God's standards. In spite of our physical, economic or ethnic differences, God sees all human beings the same way. All have the same spiritual need (being reconciled to Him) and all are free to have their need met the same way (through the universal offer of the Gospel of Christ). None are God's favorites when it comes to receiving His love and grace. And none should be our favorites when we are representing Him in this world. You can't keep from seeing the external differences in people, but you can keep from acting on them. Ask God to give you fresh eyes to see the world as He does. Brent Wooten