

Oakdale Messenger

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December 2009

International Missions Banquet

Wednesday, December 2nd
6:30 PM

International Missions Study

Wednesday, December 9th
7:00 PM

“One Starry Night”

Age 4-Grade 2 Choir
Sunday, December 13th



“Happy Birthday Jesus!”

Church-Wide Party
After “One Starry Night”

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward men.”*

“Peace on Earth”

Adult Choir Cantata
Sunday, December 20th
11:00 AM

“Christmas Hang-Ups”

Grades 3-6 Choir
Sunday, December 20th
6:00 PM

Church-Wide Christmas Carolling

Wednesday, December 23rd
7:00 PM

Our mission is to KNOW Jesus, SERVE Jesus,

SUNDAY SCHOOL

2ND Quarter begins December 6th.

December 6th is the start of the new quarter. It is also “Friends Day” at [Sunday School](#). Invite a friend to [Sunday School](#) that is not already in a [Sunday School](#) class. We will be having a pancake breakfast at 8:45 AM. What a great way to get to know your friend even better. The lively, educational discussion that takes place at your [Sunday School](#) class. Do you know of some people that you haven’t seen for a while. This is a good reason to call them up and let them know that you consider them your friend and miss them.

For the teachers that will be rotating off and going back to their regular Adult [Sunday School](#) class, take this time to be fed and engaged in your active [Sunday School](#) class. You’ve been missed while you have been a Missionary teaching our children.

For the teachers that will be teaching the next quarter. [May](#) our Lord and Holy Spirit be with you as you teach our children scriptures that will help them grow up to be Godly people.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” [Psalm 119:105](#)

Mark Ream, [Sunday School](#) Director



**“FRIENDS DAY”
December 6th**

8:45 AM PANCAKE BREAKFAST
9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Happy Birthday!!

12/3 Ms. Jamie

12/3 Jayci Seward 12/9 Mackenzie Rogers

12/7 Donovan Wright 12/14 Gabriel Vick

12/9 Haley Thursby 12/28 Jordan Wright

December is a very exciting month for the children. They are getting geared up for Jesus’ Birthday party. We have a party celebrating Jesus’ birthday following our special Christmas program. Our Christmas play and program will be on Tuesday, December 8. The children are very excited about their parts in the play and having their families here to watch.

The Bible focus this month is leading up to the birth of Jesus. The children will also learn the meaning of the colors in the candy cane, etc. We hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and look forward to a great new year!!

Michelle Marks
Childcare Director

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

Luke 2:14



JOY GROUP NEWS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
9:30 AM**

OFFERING ENVELOPES



Offering envelopes for 2010 will be on the front pew of the sanctuary December 6th. If you do not find yours, please call the church office.

Youth Ministry Update

Upcoming Retreats -

Mark your calendars (you won't get bored during Christmas break). We will have a great time of fellowship, growing in God's Word; becoming God's servants and practicing it!

Inner City Mission Madness - Middle School (grd 7-8)
Dec 28 - Dec 30 Location: Washington, DC

New Year's Eve Mission Blast - High School (grd 9-12)
Dec 31 - Jan 2, 2010 Location: Red Springs

Children’s Corner

The children’s ministry team will be hosting a **“Happy Birthday, Jesus!”** party on **Sunday, December 13th** after the evening service. We are asking the church family to visit our Angel Board (located in back hall way) and remove an angel from it. Each angel will have a toy request or clothing request written on it. These requests have been made by children whose parents have fallen into a financial hardship. Please bring your unwrapped Angel gift to church on the 13th. If you have any questions please see Jennifer.

Children’s Christmas Programs

December 13th: The younger children’s choir will present, “One Starry Night.”

December 20th: The older children’s choir will present, “Christmas Hang-Ups.”

Jennifer Engelking

PRAYER MINISTRY



God has given us an awesome privilege in being able to come to Him in prayer. We should be diligent in this as we know Satan is constantly at war with God’s people. The prayer ministry team will begin the Pastor’s Prayer Shield again starting in December. There will be a sheet down front in the sanctuary to put your name if you would be willing to participate. We will contact you as to what week you have to daily lift our pastors up in specific prayer. Please take time for intercessory prayer as I know this is pleasing to God. Flood the throne of God with prayers for our pastors as they seek to do His will and lead us in service to our Savior.

In Christian love,
Jeff Collins & Brent Wooten
Prayer Coordinators

CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Baptist Men:

On behalf of Lucy Fox, Edgecombe Home Care and Hospice would like to thank the men of Oakdale Baptist Church for your provision of expertise and labor in building Ms. Fox a wheelchair ramp. Your efforts and services were timely and very much appreciated. Ms. Fox uses the ramp daily and it has eased our concerns tremendously regarding her safe mobility outside the home.

Vicky Taylor, SW
CAP/BA Case Manager

Dear Members of Oakdale Baptist :

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for extending the invitation to sing at Oakdale Baptist on Sunday evening, October 26, 2009.

What a joy for The Master's men to sing in your beautiful sanctuary and to such an enthusiastic reception. The love in that room was indeed felt by all of us. A special thank you also for the delicious desserts and snacks afterward.

We look forward to coming back again in the future to share God's praise in music with our friends at Oakdale Baptist Church.

In His Love,
Thomas Wilson
On Behalf of The Master's Men

Our Sympathy to:

Misty Flory & family in the passing of her
Great Grandmother

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Eric Stott Rt. 2, Box 355-S, Pinetops, NC 27864
Tanner Rose 114 Myers Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27801
Amy Watson 340 Trudy Lane, Rocky Mount, NC 27801
Haley Marks 203 Ioka Street, Battleboro, NC 27809
Caroline Pilgreen 93 Carolines Lane, Whitakers, NC 27891

ClerksCorner Linda Ruffin, Church Clerk

Church Conference of 11/11/09

Treasurer's report of Oct. 2009 distributed

Treasurer's request announced as follows:

Please use the offering envelopes assigned to you for contributions. Before spending any budgeted funds check the balance left in that line item before purchasing. Before purchasing small office products, please check with office.

SS Report: Friends Day on 12/6/09

Several missions opportunities ongoing in classes

Discipleship Training: this session will end Mid December and begin again in Jan. 2010

Music: Preschool Christmas program is 12/13/09 6:00 PM

Adult Choir Cantata is 12/20/09 at 11:00 AM

Children Christmas program is 12/20/09 6:00 PM

WMU & Missions

GA's helped pack Red Boxes on 11/14/09

WMU Christmas Party November 30th for all ladies

"Operation Christmas Child" Report

262 shoe boxes were turned in

23 people worked at distribution center 11/24

International Missions Banquet on December 2

Mission study on International Missions on 12/9/09

Upward evaluations were held on 11/14 & 11-19. Two Hundred

Sixteen signed up to participate.

Baptist Men are helping with church repairs, building ramps, planning a tailgate party in January.

Youth: selling 2010 Scripture calendars for \$7 as fundraiser.

Grades 9-12 going to Red Springs on Mission Blast end of Dec.

Grades 7 & 8 going to Washington, DC on inner city mission trip during week after Christmas

Building Team: reported on progress of construction, thanked men and women for help with remodeling in nursery areas.

Constitution/Bylaws: presented motion to change "Brotherhood" to "Baptist Men" and add "The Christian Citizenship Ministry Team" to bylaws. Motion will lay on table for 30 days before voting.

Nominating Committee presented motion and 2nd to add Donna Kerman and Karen Murray to Preschool Sunday School Teachers. Motion passed.

Prayer Ministry Team plans to reinstate the Pastor's Prayer Shield on 12/1/09

Rest Home Ministry available for anyone who will participate.

Motion made and passed to reword Mission Statement from its present form to "KNOW Jesus, SERVE Jesus, and SHARE Jesus.

Motion made and passed to give paid staff a Christmas Bonus and receive Love offerings for the two pastors, Angie Ruffin and Matt Sledge.

Motion made and passed to pay white ticket item for camp balance of \$731.92 from church budget ministries line item for campers who did not pay for their event.

Motion made and passed to make sure that the child/youth payments for an event is received before they are allowed to leave for the event. If unable to pay in full for an event arrangements must be made and funds solicited in advance.

Proposed budget for 2010 distributed by B/F committee to be discussed on 11/18/09 and voted on the following Sunday Morning.

Motion made and passed to receive new members and grant letter of Brandon and Tess Powell to Christ Baptist.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**SECURITY TEAMS FOR
DECEMBER**

Dec. 6 Aaron, Carson, & Collin Rhodes
 Dec. 13 Derryl Lewis & Doug Smith
 Dec. 20 Jamie & Brandon Mullins
 Dec. 27 Wayne Calhoun & Mike Odom

12/1	Ryan Pridgen	12/13	Landon Williams
12/2	Dianne Rackley	12/14	Chris Cobb
12/2	Ann Rhodes	12/14	Robert Wells
12/3	Jamie Batts	12/15	Molly Batts
12/3	Andy Tess	12/15	Jeannie Ruffin
12/3	Justin Worrell	12/16	Robin Griffin
12/4	Irvin Rackley	12/17	Renee' Holloman
12/5	Tim Engelking	12/18	Carroll Brown
12/6	Adam Collins	12/20	Britt Medley
12/6	Mandy Hoffman	12/21	Christie Joyner
12/6	Rebecca Rhodes	12/21	Calvin Winstead
12/6	Alex Wells	12/23	Jason Gardner
12/7	Scott Powell	12/23	J. H. Whitehurst
12/8	Phillip Eason	12/24	Barbara Strickland
12/9	Connie Hamlett	12/27	Thomas Edmondson
12/9	Tanner Rose	12/27	Billie Holder
12/10	Zel Pittman	12/28	Whitney Wadsworth
12/11	Sharon Brantley	12/30	Kobe Joseph
12/12	Pierce Sturgill	12/30	Matthew Rhodes
12/13	Donna Howell		

USHER TEAM FOR DECEMBER

JAMES JOHNSON

DENNIS ROSE

ALLEN HARRELSON

PHIL WOOD

STACEY NICHOLAS

**DECEMBER NURSERY
SCHEDULE**

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM WORSHIP

12/6 Susan & Jonathan Cobb
 JoElla Webb, Stacey Nicholas

 12/13 Sue & Wayne Lassiter
 Debra & Wayne Calhoun

 12/20 Michelle & Kevin Marks
 Barbara Whitehurst

 12/27 Robert & Rebecca Chadwick
 Catherine Arnold, Teresa Hopkins



DECEMBER NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM WORSHIP

12/6 Sharon Brantley, Jamie Batts

 12/13 Tim & Jennifer Engelking

 12/20 Phillip & Amber Williams

 12/27 Sandy Howard



MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

“THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT”

One shoe box, one child, one soul – God is touching one heart at a time – each shoe box you filled for a precious girl or boy that the Lord placed on your hearts will show the love of God’s people all over the world. Oakdale Church Family picked up their plastic shoe boxes and began racing toward our goal of 200 plastic shoe boxes filled with small gifts. Praise God you surpassed our goal by filling 262 plastic shoe boxes – 40 boxes were packed by GA’s, RA’s and adults, 10 boxes were packed by Oakdale Child Care Ministry and 212 by the Church Family – each box represents one more child who will have the opportunity to hear the Good News of God’s love.

Thank you, thank you to every person that prayed, filled boxes, gave, worked and supported Operation Christmas Child Mission Project – pray Oakdale’s light will shine from the corner to the four corners of God’s creation!!!!

Christmas Child Ministry Team

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

More than 1.5 billion people are still missing the opportunity to hear the gospel. Cultural and physical barriers confine many of them to pockets of lostness. As Christ’s disciples, it is our mission to reach **all peoples**.

Even during tough economic times, God wants the lost to know Him. Give sacrificially to the LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING to support our missionaries who are sharing His love.

Our Goal is: \$6,000

BAPTIST MEN OPERATION INASMUCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
The month of November is upon us and the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons are beginning. I find this season to be my favorite for reflecting on God's wonders and blessings and the miracle of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I also ask our God to reveal more opportunities to the men and women in our church family to serve him at a greater level. We have completed several wheelchair ramps and hope to complete another in Sharpsburg this month. We also have the ongoing project of completing the renovation of the nursery, toddlers, and infants rooms at our church as soon as possible. Please be on the lookout for information concerning "work days" at our church and if possible please come out to serve God and receive his blessings.

The Oakdale Baptist men and women will be meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month to plan upcoming events and coordinate work days for Operation In As Much. Please come out and add your expertise and give God the Glory for his blessings in your life. Thank you all for serving Him and being an inspiration to me.

In His Service,

Carroll Brown, Oakdale Baptist Men's Director

Luke (Chapter 12 v.48 KJV)

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 PM International Missions Banquet	3	4	5 9:30 AM J.O.Y. Group Johnston Comm. College 5:00 PM Fellowship Class Christmas Party
LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER NOVEMBER 29TH - DECEMBER 6TH						
6 8:45 AM Pancake Breakfast 11:00 AM Combined Worship 6:00 PM DiscipleLife Celebration	7 Upward Practice begins	8 9:00 AM Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon 7:00 PM Childcare Christmas Program Upward Practice	9 7:00 PM International Mission Study	10 Upward Practice	11 Porter Rehearsal & Wedding Upward Practice	12
13 International Mission Sunday 3:30 PM Deacons Meeting 6:00 PM Music (Ages 4-Gr. 2) "Happy Birthday Jesus!" Party	14 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team Upward Practice	15 Upward Practice	16 7:00 PM Regular Schedule	17 Upward Practice	18 Upward Practice	19 8:30 AM Baptist Men
20 11:00 AM Adult Choir Christmas Music Program 6:00 PM Children's Music Program (Gr. 3-6)	21	22	23 7:00 PM Christmas Carrolling	24 Christmas Eve Church Office & Childcare Closed	25 Christmas Day Church Office & Childcare Closed	26
NO UPWARD PRACTICE THIS WEEK						
27 6:00 PM Music Program "Behold the Lamb"	28 Youth Retreat (Gr. 7-8)	29	30 7:00 PM Regular Schedule	31 Youth Retreat (Gr. 9-12)	1	2
NO UPWARD PRACTICE THIS WEEK						
NURSING HOME MINISTRY 12/1 Brekenridge 10:30AM 12/1 IHS Nursing Home 11:30 AM 12/2 Somerset Ct. 10:00 AM 12/5 The Albemarle 10:30AM						

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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.

Dec.. 2009 Deacons of the Month: Robert Chadwick, Mark Ream, Carroll Brown

Jesus Our Hope

“Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.”
Psalm 33:22

For millions of people, the Christmas season means nothing more than parties, gifts, decorations, and time off work. For Christians; however, this time of year is a happy reminder of the hope we have because of Jesus Christ.

Before Jesus came, God seemed distant, hidden in the Holy of Holies in the temple, accessible only to the high priest. Worshippers wondered whether their sacrifices were acceptable. They doubted their salvation.

Christ means hope—to the person out of work, to the struggling single mother, to the discouraged believer.

Even if you're just crawling your way through the trials of this life, if you have Jesus, you have hope. And he is not a false hope, a childish fairy tale that we wish will have a happy ending. When Christ rose from the dead, that ended the argument. Period. Our hope in him is solid and it is real.

Christmas is a renewal of that hope. It reconfirms it for us if our mission, purpose or vision has grown dim. It was settled long ago, so we don't have to doubt any more.

May God bless you and your family during this special time of year.

Merry Christmas to all !!!! He is truly the reason for the season.

Hugh Brent Wooten