

# Oakdale Messenger

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December 2011

*For this reason a man will  
leave his father and mother*



*and be united to his wife,  
and they will become one flesh.*  
Genesis 2:24

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND SEMINAR

Friday, December 2nd  
6:00 PM-9:00PM

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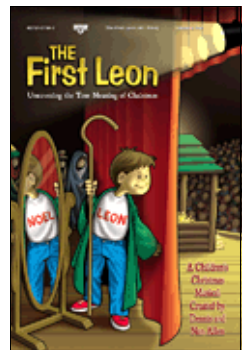
Saturday, December 3rd  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

(Childcare and a meal for them will be provided)

## Children's Christmas Program

### "The First Leon"

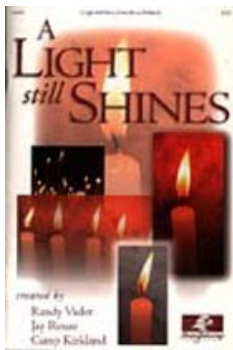
December 11th  
6:00 PM



## Sanctuary Choir Christmas Program

### "A Light Still Shines"

December 18th  
6:00 PM



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



# MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

## WMU News

On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the GA's went to the associational office to pack Red Boxes. The Ladies of the church helped to donate cookies for the party for the Red Boxes at Fountain Correctional Center, thank you all for your help!



Lottie Moon Goal is \$8000.00 again this year. We will be selling Lottie Links – see a child to purchase one. We will be doing Lottie Mail Bags again- collections on Sunday morning & evening services & Wednesday nights from December 4<sup>th</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup> – just bring cost of stamp for any card you want to send to a church member.

International Week of prayer is December 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.

International Mission Study will be Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> for all ages. Bring your Lottie offering on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.



### HONDURAS MISSION UPDATE

Thanks to everyone for making the fruit sale a success. We will share the confirmed delivery date as soon as it is received.

The Honduras Mission Team is shaping up and we continue to meet to prepare to do God's work. The people who have reserved a spot so far are: Kaye Bulluck, Thomas Bulluck, Dan Howell, Nate Mace, Caroline Pilgreen, and Matt Sledge. There is still available space for 4-6 more participants. Please continue to support this project through your prayers and giving. Don't forget to invite the previous team to share with your groups and classes through their testimonies and photos of the previous trip. There is so much to share.

### Save the Date-December 14th Spaghetti Supper

On December 14th, Ginger and Mike Greene, our Honduras Missionaries, will join us for the Wednesday night supper and share with us during worship service about their experiences and hopes for Choluteca, Honduras. The proceeds from the supper will go to support our mission project. Please join us for this event and support missions.

Please pray for this team as we seek to do God's will.

In His Love,  
Kaye

2 COR 9:12-"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

## BAPTIST MEN

Dear Faithful,

The Apostle John wrote: "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth." This verse especially rings true this holiday season. A season to honor the King of Kings and Lord of Lords who showed his love to us through the cross. Love, at least Biblically speaking, is a verb. With this thought, I am pleased to announce that our Baptist Men at Oakdale have built another ramp in November. What a wonderful ministry to show God's love in "deed and in truth." This team again has been our Lords hands and feet and His Church's Ambassadors to our community.

You may ask, "How can I help?" You may not have the skills or time to be there donating labor but there is another need. This wonderful team needs our help. I would like to inform the Church family that many times throughout the year this team can not build a ramp. Often those in need of this service can not gather the funds for the supplies to build their ramps. If you or anyone you know would like to donate any money towards materials please contact me at 252-230-1495. The average cost for the materials for these ramps are \$750.00. Please be in prayer for this ministry and how you individually can participate.

God Bless you all,  
Tim Hollifield



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ADOPT-A-BOX

Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:38, NIV

Thank you Oakdale for taking God's word to heart and supporting **Adopt-A-Box** with your prayers, monetary donations, and gift items. You gave \$2,034.00, which allowed Oakdale church family to pack a total of 130 shoe boxes and give a donation of \$996.37 for shipping. Praise God for everyone working together to send the message of God's love and salvation to children and their families around the world.

**MAY GOD RECEIVE ALL PRAISE AND GLORY!!!**

Thank You,  
Operation Christmas Child Ministry Team

### 3.30 STUDENT MINISTRY

November was an awesome month and God's hand was evident. We had an amazing D-Now Weekend! God showed up and we worshipped, praised, studied, and had fun. Thank you so much to the Leaders that volunteered and gave of their time to serve God and the students. We are looking forward to the spring when we will do it all again.

#### Upcoming Events:

Movie Night! TBD

Student Christmas Party! TBD

#### Ongoing events this month:

There will not be DiscipleLife this month, but please come out every Sunday night (except Christmas night) for worship and Musicals

**Wednesday Nights:** 3.30 Student Worship Service 7pm – 8:15pm

**Sunday Mornings:** Sunday School - Every Sunday morning starting at 9:45am in the Student Worship Center. We will be looking for you!

**No Sunday School on December 25th, but there will be one church service at 10:00 AM.**

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@obcbaptist.org](mailto:children@obcbaptist.org)

### Children's Corner

Jennifer Engelking, Director

### Harvest Hoedown Report



Thank you church family for your support in making the Harvest Hoedown a HUGE success! More than 60 children attended! Praise the Lord! I pray we will be continually reminded that "The fields are plentiful!" and seek to grow and develop relationships within Oakdale's community. God has equipped Oakdale with the needed tools for ministering. HE has placed the sickle in our hands. I pray we will not prop it in a corner, rather than choose to use it and reap the harvest.



### Children's Christmas Play & Happy Birthday, Jesus Party December 11<sup>th</sup>

Please come out and support the children's choir on December 11th at 6:00 pm, as they present "The First Leon". Immediately following the play, you are invited to join us for a Happy Birthday, Jesus Party. We ask that you bring an unwrapped baby gift in honor of our Savior's Birth. The Rocky Mount Pregnancy Care Center will be the recipient of the baby items.



The after-school children have been busy bees! They enjoyed spending Veterans' Day morning with 3 very special veterans-Pastor Nate, Ms. Sharon- our secretary, and Mr. Amerson- Ms. Shelia's father and grandfather of All-Star, Olivia. The children made cards of appreciation and sang patriotic songs for their guests. Later that day they went to Chuck-E Cheese for lunch and loads of fun! The after-school children earn "Kids Kash" weekly for learning Bible verses, being helpers, and showing random acts of kindness. Once a quarter the children will have an opportunity to redeem their kash for prizes. The Kids Kash Store was opened for the first time last month. The children redeemed their earned kash for items for themselves and for children who receive Samaritans Purse Christmas Boxes. Sacrificial giving...What a wonderful sight that was! Altogether the after-school families packed four Samaritans Purse Christmas boxes. We are excited that the children will be spending their Christmas vacation with us! Drop by one day, the children will melt your heart!

# CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Oakdale Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits, and memorials for my brother M. D. Simmons in his passing.

Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

We love you all!

Judy Walston

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Dear Oakdale,

You are the greatest! Once again your outpouring of love has touched our lives. Thanks for the food, every kind word, and caring thought that was done on behalf of our mother and sister, Billie E. Holder.

His Love,

Families of Billie E. Holder

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To My Church Family at Oakdale,

Thank you for all your prayers, calls, and visits during my sickness.

In Christian Love,

Jean Price

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Dear Oakdale Family,

I would like to thank all my Oakdale Family for the cards, telephones calls, and donations that were given in the memory of my brother John William McNeely (Mickey ) in his passing, God bless you all.

Marie Harrelson



## Christmas Music Schedule

It's the most wonderful time of the year! The music department is busily preparing music for the upcoming Christmas Season.

### December 4-Celebrate the Season

A service of music and testimony celebrating this special time of year.

### December 11 - "The First Leon"

Our children will present this special lesson of what Christmas truly means through music and drama

### December 18 - "A Light Still Shines"

Join our sanctuary choir for this presentation celebrating the Light of the World-JESUS!

All services will begin at 6:00 PM

There will be church-wide Christmas caroling on Wednesday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM.



## 2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your box of offering envelopes from the front pew beginning December 4th. These boxes can be a reminder to be faithful and obedient to the Lord's command. It is also an opportunity to teach your children the importance of tithing and to support the ministries of Oakdale Baptist Church. Using your envelope number will ensure you receive credit on your contribution statement.

### Our Sympathy to:

Marie Harrelson & Family in the passing of her brother, John William McNeely

The Lassiter Family in the passing of their mother, Larue Lassiter



## TREASURER'S INFO

2011 OCTOBER

### Budget Receipts & Offerings

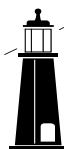
General Offerings	\$29,999.91
General Budget Exp.	\$31,798.12
All Star Income	\$ 2,823.00
All Star Expenses	\$ 2,201.26
Over/Under	(\$ 1,176.47)

### OCTOBER BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

Receipts	\$2,313.00
Monthly loan payment	<u>\$3,610.32</u>
Over/Under	(\$1,297.32)

### LOAN BALANCE AS OF 11\11\11

\$283,510.37



Have you responded to your letter regarding a light house brick???



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

Did you know?

### 3 Objectives of Sunday School:

Reach people for Christ and church membership  
Teach people God’s Word  
Minister to People’s Needs

A Sunday School class can be organized by the following in each class:

**Class Administrator** – Coordinate the work of the class to assure accomplishment of the class objectives

**Class Secretary** – Provide Ministry support through records maintenance

**Teacher** – Teach God’s Word

**Assistant Teacher** - Teach God’s Word

**Outreach Leader** – Reach people for Bible Study

**Care Group Leader** – Minister up to 5 People’s Needs

Ask your teacher more about these practical roles that will empower you to fulfill the Great Commission and help new guests feel welcomed. Arrive at 9:30am or earlier on Sunday and spend some time in fellowship with others before great Bible study starts.

FOR HIM,

Mark Ream, Sunday School Director



## UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading is beginning very soon. Practices begin the first week in December. Our first game will be January 7th. If you are interested in any area of volunteering, please see the following:

Coach-Aaron Rhodes

Referee-Dan Howell

Prayer-Bert Peele or May Howell

Devotions-James Walston

Concessions-Marcia Walston & Linda Davis aka weenie queenies

Please be in prayer and thanks to everyone at Oakdale for your support!

In Christ

Aaron Rhodes

**MISSION PROJECT**  
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

# December 2011

EVERY SUNDAY: SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM DISCIPLELIFE 6:00 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>J.O.Y. Group (Johnston Comm. College)</i>
					Marriage Conference	
4  <i>7:00 PM-8:00 PM Social for Pastor Joe</i>	5  <i>Upward Practice Begins</i>	6  <i>7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group  Upward Practice</i>	7  <i>7:00 PM Regular Schedule</i>	8  <i>Upward Practice</i>	9  <i>6:00 PM Class of 120 Christmas Party  Upward Practice</i>	10  <i>8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast</i>
11  <i>7:00 PM Deacons</i>	12  <i>6:30 PM WMU Current Mission Group  7:00 PM WMU Bible Study Group  Upward Practice</i>	13  <i>10:00 AM WMU Prayer Group Upward Practice  7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group 7:00 PM Children's Ministry Team</i>	14  <i>5:45 PM Fellowship Supper  7:00 PM Regular Schedule</i>	15  <i>Upward Practice</i>	16  <i>Upward Practice</i>	17  <i>4PM-10:00 PM Mixed Blessings Christmas Party</i>
18	19  <i>7:00 PM Constitution &amp; By-Laws</i>	20  <i>7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group</i>	21  <i>7:00 PM Regular Schedule</i>	22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>
25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	26	27  <i>7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group</i>	28  <i>7:00 PM Regular Schedule</i>	29	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>
<i>No Evening Service</i>				<b>NURSING HOME MINISTRY</b> 12/2 The Albemarle 10:30 AM 12/6 Brekenridge 10:30 AM 12/7 Somerset 10:00 AM		

# January 2012

EVERY SUNDAY: SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM DISCIPLELIFE 6:00 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>Upward Practice</i>	3 7:00 PM <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 7:00 PM-9:00 PM <i>Women's Bible Study Group</i> <i>Upward Practice</i>	4	5 <i>Upward Practice</i>	6 <i>Upward Practice</i>	7 <i>Upward</i>
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## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/2	Dianne Rackley	12/14	Chris Cobb
12/2	Ann Rhodes	12/15	Molly Batts
12/3	Jamie Batts	12/15	Jeannie Ruffin
12/3	Robert Groover	12/16	Robin Griffin
12/3	Andy Tess	12/17	Renee' Holloman
12/5	Tim Engelking	12/18	Carroll Brown
12/6	Adam Collins	12/19	Porter Watson
12/6	Mandy Hoffman	12/20	Britt Medley
12/6	Rebecca Rhodes	12/20	Chris Weaver
12/6	Alex Wells	12/21	Christie Joyner
12/7	Scott Powell	12/21	Calvin Winstead
12/8	Phillip Eason	12/22	Kathy Calhoun
12/9	Tanner Rose	12/23	Jason Gardner
12/10	Zel Pittman	12/23	J. H. Whitehurst
12/11	Sharon Brantley	12/24	Barbara Strickland
12/12	Pierce Sturgill	12/25	Sheila Smith
12/12	Chelsea Whitley	12/26	Angela Spain
12/13	Donna Howell	12/27	Thomas Edmondson
12/13	Chris Webb	12/29	Gracie Hollifield
12/13	Landon Williams	12/30	Matthew Rhodes

### SECURTIY FOR DECEMBER

12/4 Jamie Mullins & Bobby Rackley  
 12/11 Wayne Calhoun & Thomas Bulluck  
 12/18 Boo Causey & Johnny Joyner  
 12/25 Jonathan Cobb & Chris Webb

### USHER TEAM FOR DECEMBER

PHIL WOOD  
 DENNIS ROSE  
 ALLEN HARRELSON  
 STACEY NICHOLAS  
 ADAM COLLINS



## J.O.Y. GROUP NEWS

**December 3rd**  
 Johnston Community College

**December 10th**  
 Breakfast  
 8:00 AM

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Info@obcbaptist.org

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**Oakdale Staff**  
  
Pastor:  
Youth/Associate Pastor: Rev. Nate Mace  
Children's Minister: Mrs. Jennifer Engelking  
Music Minister: Ms. Angie Ruffin  
Upward Director: Mr. Aaron Rhodes  
Secretary: Mrs. Sharon Lynch



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

Oakdale Family,

As I committed in the quarterly business conference, I will be utilizing the Newsletter to provide information to the church on activities and upcoming events. Please note the following:

**Pulpit Supply Schedule**

- Nov 20-Dr. Mark Rooker-Southeastern Seminary Professor
- Nov 27-Rev. Shane Smith-Student/Children Pastor of Calvary Baptist, Rocky Mount, NC
- Dec 04-Dr. Harold O'Chester-Former Pastor of The Great Hills Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, renowned author and public speaker.
- Dec 11-Dr. Dennis Hollandsworth-Sr. Pastor, Seaford Baptist, Seaford, VA
- Dec 18-Dr. Larry Purcell-Associate Dean of Ministry Studies Southeastern Seminary
- Dec 25-Nate Mace-Student Pastor, Oakdale Baptist

**Schedule of Upcoming Events and Information Sharing Opportunities**

- Nov 30-Dr. Larry Purcell-Congregational review of Intentional Interim Ministry
- Dec 04-Pastor Joe Price Recognition fellowship (following evening service)
- Dec 14-Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Information Sharing Service

Thank you Oakdale, for your prayers and support for each other during this time of transition.

In His Service,  
Tim