

Oakdale Messenger

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CHAMPIONS FOR GOD: Who is a champion for God? As I think about the answer to that question, I am reminded of how the world always sees champions as the ones who are out in front, always on the public stage. But to God, the champions are the ones who are always doing their part, behind the scenes, faithfully serving Him. As I look around at our church, I see champions everywhere. Every Sunday champions for God are serving Him by teaching kids the Bible, ushering in worship, operating the sound system, singing in the choir, watching preschoolers in the nursery, coaching and refereeing and serving food at Upward. Every week at Oakdale, champions are serving on ministry teams, visiting the rest homes, serving meals, building wheelchair ramps, taking time to teach teenagers about God, and so much more. I think about faithful servants like Irvin Rackley who taught God's Word for many years. Champions for God step up and faithfully serve Him. They need no recognition and they realize that their rewards are eternal. It is so exciting to be a part of a local church with so many champions who are involved in the Lord's work together.

SUPER SUNDAY: Sunday, February 6th is going to be an awesome day at Oakdale. It all starts with our "Breakfast of Champions" and high attendance day in Sunday School. I can't wait for the morning worship service. The music, the Baptism, and the message by Coach Jeff Craddock will make it a very special day. We will cap off the day with our "Super Bowl Outreach" at 6 PM. I hope you are already inviting others to come and be a part of Super Sunday.

Pastor Joe

SUPER SUNDAY

February 6, 2011



**8:45 AM
Breakfast of Champions**

**9:45 AM
Sunday School High Attendance**

**11:00 AM Worship
Special Speaker
Coach Jeff Craddock**

**6:00 PM
Super Bowl Outreach**

Our mission is to KNOW Jesus, SERVE Jesus,

**“Jumping for Jesus”
Michelle Marks, Director**

Happy Birthday:

Isaac S. 2/14
Shane M. 2/21



We are Praising Him in the good times and bad. We currently have openings in our infant room, threes and pre-k. The best advertisement is for you to recommend us to your friends and family. We offer a faith based curriculum, center time, chapel and much, much more. We are still asking for prayer over the childcare, families, staff, finances, and that we are being used as a tool to bring families closer to Christ while providing a necessary service to today's working families.

Theme: We Love America, Be My Valentine,
Healthy Habits

Academic Focus: Letters E, F, G, H, Numbers 5, 6, 7, 8

Bible Focus: Jesus Is our Leader, Jesus Heals Us, Jesus Calms the Storm, Jesus Gives Life

Mission Focus: Prison Ministry

Shut Ins & Senior Adults

Jesus said “Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men”. Mark 1:17

YOUTH MINISTRY

During December the Youth Committee gave the youth a Christmas party, and praise the Lord, we had more youth than expected and had to do an "emergency" run to go buy more pizza!!! Three of our youth brought friends to the party and the youth donated \$35.00 to buy Pizza Inn gift cards for Colt Brake's family.

Also during December, Buie Holder spoke to the youth about missions and gave an EXCELLENT presentation on Honduras that included pictures Buie took while in Honduras.

The focus of our next team meeting will be coordinating summer youth camp, youth/youth parent forum, and a winter youth event.

Please pray for our youth, the Youth Pastor Search Committee as they continue interviews, and please pray for the Youth Ministry Team that they will receive direction and guidance.

Patty Collins

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The Middle School students are continuing to do great! Our Bible study lessons on Wednesday night are centered around being created in God's image. They are learning about God's plan and how they fit into it. On Sunday nights we are learning praise songs and even preparing some music to sing with the sanctuary choir.

On March 5th, we will be going ice skating in Greenville. Great times!!

Ms. Angie Ruffin

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Mark your calendars! Summer Camp has been set!

The children, along with the middle schoolers and youth, will be going to Camp Vandemere in Vandemere, NC.

When: July 4th – 8th

Cost: \$130.00

Camp is open to all kids who are currently in 1st -12th grade.

Turn your registration form and \$30.00 deposit in to Jennifer or the church office by March 31, 2011.



We are having a great year with about 200 children participating. We are excited about the new changes in our Prayer and Outreach Ministries.

Coming up at the end of the month will be our Awards Ceremony. It will be Sunday, February 27th at Keihn Auditorium on the campus of Edgecombe Community College in Tarboro. We have scheduled BJ Harris, Christian Illusionist to perform that night. Everyone is invited, so please come out and support this ministry.

Keep us all in your prayers. Thanks always, Oakdale!

In Christ,
Aaron



CAMP OAKDALE

Date: July 4-8, 2011
Location: Camp Vandemere
Vandemere, NC

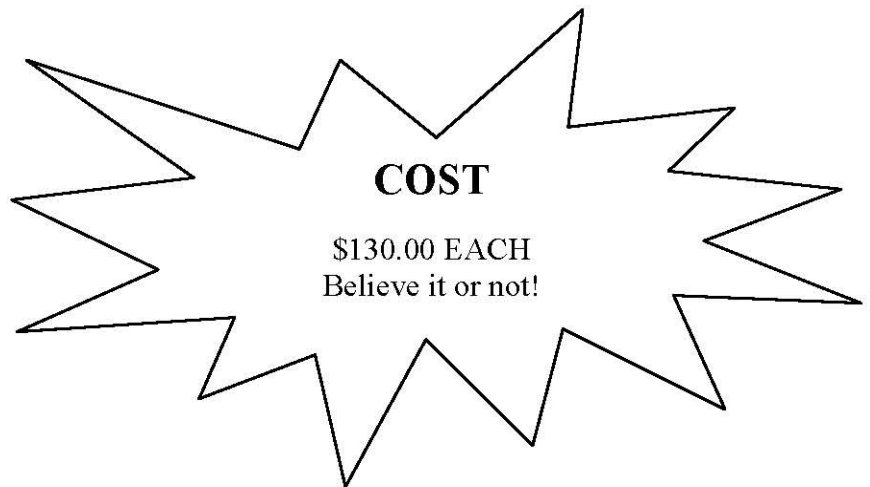
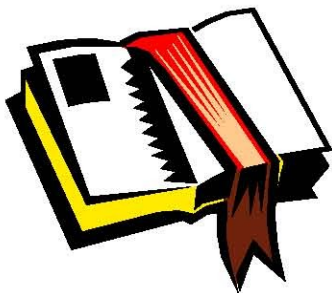


3 CAMPS IN 1

Children,
Middle Schoolers, &
High Schoolers

We are trying something new for our summer camps this year. We will have one camp for all ages (Grades 1-12).

Each group will have separate housing & activities, but at one camp.



ACTIVITIES

Swimming

Bible Study

Fishing

Recreation

Crafts

Chapel and more!

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Turn in the \$30.00 deposit with the application on the reverse side of this flyer by March 31st.

Camp Oakdale

Oakdale will be going to Camp Vandemere.

July 4th – 8th

Camp is open to all (current) 1st – 12th graders.

Camper's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing address if different from above:

Home phone: _____ Birthday: _____

Age: (As of July 4th) _____ Current grade: _____

Mother's name: _____

Mother's work phone: _____ Cell: _____

Father's name: _____

Father's work phone: _____ Cell: _____

Church you attend: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

A \$30.00 deposit is required at time of registration.

Form and deposit due by March 31, 2011

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN A Transformational Church

A Conference for Sunday School
Leaders and Teachers

North Carolina Baptists and North Roanoke Baptist Association Sunday School Teacher
Training Event to be hosted Oakdale!

Thursday, March 17th 2011

Light dinner at 6:00pm Childcare and activities will be provided for infants up to and including 5th Grade.
Cost is \$10 for the conference. Checks payable to Oakdale Baptist Church.

Contact the church office to sign up at info@obcbaptist.org or call 252-442-6587.

A Ministry of Transformational Small Communities

Sunday School in a Transformational Church is a ministry of transformational small communities that exists to assist the church in accomplishing its God given mission of making and growing disciples

Discover how you can lead your groups to:

- Orient around Mission
- Be Driven by God's Word
- Develop a Multiplication Mindset
- Create a Stranger Welcoming Environment
- Focus on the Kingdom of God

Participants in the Sunday School in a Transformational Church Regional Conference will take away principles for transformational small communities, practical ways to create a disciple-making environment, and a strong emphasis on prayerful dependence. Information will be based on *Transformational Church* by Ed Stetzer and Thom Rainer with a focus on the chapter, Community.

Visit www.ncbaptist.org/sundayschool for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN A Transformational Church

A Conference for
Sunday School Leaders and Teachers

Phil Stone, Leader
State Sunday School Director

There's a Conference Near You! **Oakdale Baptist Church**
13037 US 64 Alt West Hwy
Rocky Mount, NC 27801

Where: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

(252) 442-6587 or
Contact/Registration: info@obcbaptist.org

CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Oakdale,
We would like to thank everyone at Oakdale for all of the prayers, cards, and visits during the illness and passing of my dad, Howard Sturgill. We thank God everyday for our Oakdale Family.

In His Name,
Steve, Susan, Pierce & Cole



Would you like to join OBC as we "Cook up a Cure" at Relay for Life 2011? We will have our next team meeting at 6:30 PM February 10th. Please come out and join us!!

You will also find in the newsletter a sheet for recipes. Please submit recipes to Kim Wells, Angela Spain, or Sue Lassiter. Our team will be putting together a cookbook to sell to raise funds for Relay for Life. Print extra copies and ask friends, families, neighbors, co-workers to submit recipes for our cookbook. Deadline for turning in the recipes is February 16th.

Come on out & join our team!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "BIG APPLE ADVENTURE" June 12-16, 2011



Have you ever dreamed of going to the "Big Apple" and have just never made it?

Well, this summer, we are bringing the "Big Apple" right here to Oakdale!!

If you are interested in helping to lead an area in our "Big Apple" Adventure VBS, please contact Kim Wells. We can't wait to see what the "Big Apple" can teach us about sharing Jesus! Please begin praying now for our VBS this summer!



JOY GROUP NEWS

FEBRUARY 12TH
8:00 AM
Breakfast

Our Sympathy to:

Steve Sturgill & family in the passing of his father, Howard Gladiola Rackley, Barbara Rackley & family in the passing of Irvin

Viola Taylor's Family in her passing

ClerksCorner

Welcome New Members:

Charles & Frances Pollard

960 Pitt Rd. Rocky Mount 27801 (letter)

Jordan Griffin

4061 Webbs Chapel Rd. Macclesfield 27852 (baptism)

Daquan Mabry

205 Hickory Ave. Tarboro 27886 (baptism)

Johnny Joyner

14646 US 64 Alt. West Hwy. Rocky Mount 27801 (baptism)



TREASURER'S INFO

DECEMBER Budget Receipts & Offerings

General offerings	\$32,128.30
Amt. Required Nov.	\$29,628.14
Over/under	\$ 2,500.16

2010

General offerings	\$367,730.07
Amt. Required	\$335,339.53
	\$ 27,390.54
Less Money Mkt transfer	<u>\$ 9,955.45</u>
Over 2010 as of 12/31/10	\$ 17,435.09

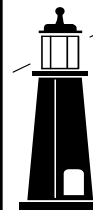
DECEMBER

BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

Monthly payment	\$3600.00
Receipts	\$4140.00
Over	\$ 540.00

LOAN BALANCE

\$319,528.20



Have you checked out the "Lighthouse for Jesus" lately? House bricks are \$520.00--February would be a good time to remember someone!!

Call the church office if you have any questions.

SECURITY TEAMS FOR FEBRUARY

2/6 Tim & Dillon Engelking
 2/13 Steve & Cole Sturgill
 2/20 Jamie & Brandon Mullins
 2/27 Kevin & Scott Marks

USHER TEAM FOR FEBRUARY

KEVIN MARKS-HEAD USHER
 THOMAS BULLUCK
 TAD RHODES
 TONY LASSITER
 EMMETT TATUM

NURSERY NEWS



We had a good beginning in 2011 in the OBC Nursery. Everyone scheduled to spend time with the children were in place and did well caring for the “little ones”. Tammy Wooten was the nursery hostess for the month of January. A big “thank you” goes to caregivers Candace Holder, Billie Holder, Donna Kermon, Phillip and Amber Williams, Gwen Taylor, Nancy Lamm, Emily Owens, Chris & Amy Webb, Theresa Lassiter, Mark & Paulette Ream.

If you did not receive a yellow card yet giving you the privilege of caring for these precious children, let a team member know. They will get your name on the schedule!!! If you have an interest in helping with the nursery during our revival, March 27th –30th, let us know that as well. Don’t forget to bring your yellow card back with you on your Sunday to be placed in the box.

Cathy Rose will be the Nursery Hostess for February.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1 Brandon Mullins	2/14 Elaine Harris
2/2 Kelsey Holloman	2/18 Stewart Lynch
2/2 Dennis Rose	2/18 Barbara Rackley
2/4 Carol Sullivan	2/19 Pam Gould
2/4 Nathan Watson	2/20 Stacey Nicholas
2/5 Lauren Sledge	2/21 Karena Daughtridge
2/7 Annie Baker	2/21 Linda Davis
2/8 Scott Marks	2/22 Amber Coley
2/9 Charles Credle	2/22 Michael Howard, Jr.
2/10 April Eason	2/22 Jayci Webb
2/10 Kaye Edmondson	2/23 Jean Brown
2/12 Janie Eubanks	2/26 Eloise Joyner
2/12 William Rhodes	2/27 Tyler Curlings
2/13 Mae Joyner	2/27 Connie Marks

From the Youth/Associate Pastor Search Committee



We have been meeting weekly and conducting phone interviews over the past several weeks. We are currently in the process of attempting to meet some of our potential candidates. Please continue to pray for this committee as we are closer to finding the right man that God has for our church.

Ex-officio members

Trina Rhodes	Jeff Collins
Matt Sledge	Tim Engelking
Renee’ Holloman	Joe Price
Jordan Wooten	James Walston

CHURCH DIRECTORY



The Church Directory Committee is in the final stages of putting the new directory together. We need pictures of Oakdale activities, specifically Straightway T-ball and Youth Camp.

To be included in this directory, pictures must be turned in by February 14th to Lynn Eason.



MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

WMU NEWS



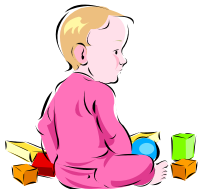
WMU is celebrating 125 years of service to the Lord and we here at Oakdale have had a part in the service. We have been part of the foundation of WMU as we've shared through missions education to preschoolers, children, youth and adults to go out and answer God's call and to fulfill the Great Commission.

As we celebrate WMU Focus Week February 14th - 20th let us be "Unhindered" in our prayer and giving to the Heck-Jones Offering.

I'd like to challenge each of us to write letters or send cards to 125 missionaries during this year. Let them know they are in your prayers and just how important they are to our church and the spreading of the Gospel. I'll have cards with missionaries names and information available on February 20th and I am excited to see what God will do through our church for each of these missionaries.

Thank you Oakdale for your continued support and services to WMU!

Karen Murray
WMU Director



"CELEBRATE LIFE" BANQUET

The Pregnancy Center's "Celebrate Life" Banquet will be held Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 PM at Englewood Baptist Church. We have reserved a table for eight people and have 5 seats left. The cost is \$10.00; if you would like to attend this banquet, please see Ann Rhodes or Sharon Brantley as soon as possible.

BAPTIST MEN

Dear Faithful,

Our Baptist's Men's Day in January was a resounding success for our church! Tony Lassiter and Tim Hollifield both gave powerful messages and issued challenges to all of us who serve the Lord. With them in mind, we must learn to develop our spiritual walk with God and be the man that God wants us to be. We must learn to serve Him with the humility, sacrifice, and compassion that His Son, Jesus, displayed throughout his ministry on this earth. The Book of Matthew details the ministry of Jesus and the many miracles he performed to show his love for mankind. I encourage everyone to read and apply to their daily lives the sacrifices of servitude to the Lord and be prepared to be blessed beyond all possibilities. Everything is possible when **God is at work!**

The East Coast Men's Bible Conference will be held at Englewood Baptist Church on March 11th and 12th. This is one of the largest gatherings of believers on the entire East Coast and possibly in the United States. I encourage our men to make a concentrated effort to attend this Bible conference and be blessed by our Creator. See Mark Ream or me for more information or access our website and download the registration form. It will prove to be an experience that you will not soon forget.

The Baptist Aging Ministry or BAM encourages us to answer to the needs of our more senior or disabled seniors. If you are aware of any needs of a church member, please share it with me or take it upon yourself to minister to their needs. Sometimes, just a simple phone call to them is all that is required.

It is my sincere prayer that our Church will continue to serve our God with all our heart and with all of our abilities.

Praise God! In His Service, Brother Carroll

Matthew (Chap. 11 verse 28)



HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

Just wanted to give everybody an update on how God has blessed us so far with the mission trip we are planning to Honduras. We have filled up all spots that we had open for the trip, and have already started receiving donations from people that want to "hold the rope", and serve with us even though they aren't able to go with us. Here's a list of our team: Joe Price, Tony Lassiter, Clayton Lassiter, Gwen Tilley, Thomas Bullock, Kay Bullock, Buie Holder, Lisa Manning, Pat Jackson, Nancy Lamm, Boo Causey, Kelly Holloman, Adam Collins, and Caroline Pillgreen. I'm excited and believe God has put together a great team! If anyone would like to help support the mission trip financially, just make the check out to Oakdale Baptist Church and in the memo line write "Honduras Mission Trip", and if you'd like the money to go to a particular person just add their name to the memo line as well.

We'll keep you posted as to what God is doing, and how you can best pray for us! Right now, just please pray that God will begin to prepare our hearts as we plan to go deliver His message, and pray that the "seed will fall on fertile soil".

Also, Mission team.....we will have a meeting at the church Monday, February 7th at 7:00 PM to begin to talk about what's next for us.

Thank you for all your support!

Buie Holder

January 2011

EVERY SUNDAY: SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM DISCIPLIFE 5:30 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 6:00 PM New Year Prayer Service	3 6:00 PM Upward Practice Starts Back	4	5 7:00 PM Regular Activities	6 6:30 PM Church Council	7	8 8:00 AM J.O.Y Breakfast First Upward Games 4:00 PM- Middle School Team
9 Baptist Men's Day 5:30 PM Sunday School Rally 7:00 PM Deacons	10 6:00 PM Stuart Davis Christmas Party 6:30 PM WMU Current Mission Group 7:00 PM WMU Bible Study Group 7:00 Youth Team	11 10:00 AM WMU Prayer Group	12 5:45 PM Fellowship Supper 7:00 PM Regular Activities	13 6:30 PM Relay for Life Meeting 7:00 PM Prayer Patriots	14	15 Upward Games
16 Champions for God 5:30 PM DiscipleLife	17	18	19 7:00 PM Regular Activities	20 6:30 PM Childcare Team	21	22 Upward Games
23 Champions for God 5:30 PM DiscipleLife	24	25	26 7:00 PM Regular Activities	27 6:00 PM J.O.Y. Covered Dish	28	29 Upward Games
30 Champions for God 6:00 PM Church-wide Singing Program (Snack Fellow- ship)	31					

DIRECTORY PICTURES

NURSING HOME MINISTRY
 1/4 Brekenridge 10:30 AM
 1/5 Somerset Court 10:00 AM
 1/7 The Albemarle

“CHAMPIONS FOR GOD” Sermon Series & Sunday School Attendance Campaign
 January 16-February 6

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 PM Upward Practice	2	3	4	5 Upward Games
			7:00 PM Regular Activity	7:00 PM Christian Citi- zenship Team		
6 Champions for God/Super Sunday 8:45 AM Break- fast of Champions 9:45 AM Sunday School High Attendance 6:00 PM Super Bowl Outreach	7	8	9 5:45 PM Fellowship Supper	10	11	12 8:00 AM J.O.Y. Breakfast 1:00 PM Middle School Ministry Team Upward Games
			7:00 PM Church Conf.	7:00 PM Prayer Patriots		
13 Communion 7:00 PM Deacons 5:30 PM DiscipleLife	14 6:30 PM WMU Current Mission 7:00 PM WMU Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Team	15 10:00 WMU Prayer Group	16 7:00 PM Regular Activity	17 Pregnancy Care Center Banquet	18	19 Upward Games
WMU FOCUS WEEK FEBRUARY 14-20						
20 WMU Focus Sunday 5:30 PM DiscipleLife	21	22	23	24	25 "30 Days Ablaze" begins	26 Upward Games
			7:00 PM Regular Activity			
27 6:00 PM Upward Awards Night	28					
NURSING HOME MINISTRY						
2/1 Brekenridge 10:30 AM						
2/2 Somerset Court 10:00 AM						
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Oakdale Staff
Rev. Joe Price, 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

Feb.. 2011 Deacon of the Month: Joe Williams

Oakdale Family,

What a blessing Upward Basketball has been this year already...and we're not even half-way through the season! God has blessed Oakdale with so many opportunities to reach out to the lost and foster relationships that ultimately lead others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. I can't express to you enough how awesome an opportunity we have for outreach every Saturday, without ever leaving the church grounds! I want to encourage you to make every effort to take the opportunity that God has given to us and witness to our community through Upward Basketball. Caz would say..."It's not about the shoes...it's the souls".

The month of January was not a very active month at Oakdale for what we traditionally think of as 'business', but it was far from a month without activity. We are definitely a busy church and sometimes it's easy to find ourselves so busy that we forget to take care of each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. I want to encourage you to reach out to someone in our fellowship who has been missing lately, give them a call, invite them back to Sunday School, take them to lunch, let them know that you have missed them. Tell them that their teammates have missed them!

In Christ,
Tim