

Oakdale Messenger

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February 2010



SUPER SUNDAY! FEBRUARY 7TH

SUNDAY MORNING

"Breakfast of Champions" 8:45 AM
(Church-Wide Sunday School Breakfast)

Sunday School High Attendance Day 9:45 AM

Johnny Evans speaking at 11:00 AM Worship



SUNDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM
Family Life Center

FUN

Watch the Super Bowl on the big screen!

F O O D

BRING A FRIEND!

DEVOTIONS

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

SHINE THE LIGHT FOR JESUS Lighthouse Update

We have completed the inscriptions templates for all tower and foundation bricks. The templates have been provided to the manufacturer's design team and we are awaiting their design layout. After the layout is approved by us, they will begin to manufacture the top and bottom bronze portions of the lighthouse. The center section of the lighthouse is currently being completed. Teddy Williams is working with a design team on the "beacon" for the lighthouse.

We are now ready to begin completing the inscription templates for the "house bricks". Mrs. Ann Rhodes will be providing templates to everyone that has purchased a house brick. The foundation stones and house bricks will be inscribed locally.

Thank you again for your current and continuing support of our building program.

The Stewardship Team

Mark your calendar: Building Dedication, February 14th



UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

We have four more weeks of Upward. Our last game will be Saturday, February 27th. We currently have 200 players and cheerleaders, so come on out and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Listen to one of our half-time devotions, and visit our concession stand for appetizing food prepared by dedicated volunteers.

Awards night this year will be held at the Keihin Auditorium at Edgecombe Community College in Tarboro. Our special entertainment will be the Upward talent show. Yes! Ten lucky contestants could win a chance at \$500.00! Any basketball player or cheerleader can enter the drawing, but only ten will get the chance to win the grand prize. These ten will show their talent on awards night. See your coach for rules and details.

Thanks to everyone who makes Upward possible. You are a blessing!

Awards Night – Sunday, February 28th at 6:00 PM (Doors open at 5:30 PM) Hope to see you there!

To God be the glory!

In Christ,
Aaron Rhodes
Upward Director

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

Happy Birthday!!

2/14 Isaac Suber

2/21 Shane McDonald

First of all I would like to thank all the volunteers that came out to get our rooms remodeled. The staff and children are happy to be back in the classrooms. They look GREAT!! I think this would be a good time to remind everyone that we do share these rooms for many activities and each group should be responsible for getting the room back in proper

order for the next group. I still believe children should not be in any classroom without an adult guardian/chaperone for this to take place. Please be mindful and respectful of one another.

I have been speaking with the staff and we are geared up to re-focus on what is important, the *children*. Parents will be given more opportunity to know what is going on daily in their child's class. We have an open door policy that has always been in effect and would like to see more parents involved. This month's Bible focus will be "Jesus Is Our Leader", "Jesus Heals Us", "Jesus Calms The Storm", "Jesus Gives Life".

We have got to improve our enrollment, so if you know someone looking for childcare, please have them contact me.

Michelle Marks

JOY GROUP NEWS



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH
BREAKFAST
8:00 AM**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Summer 2010**



Vacation Bible School June 20-24

Youth Camp June 28-July 3

Children's Camp August 8-11

Youth Ministry Update

We will be going to the Planet Wisdom Student Conf. in Woodbridge, VA. March 12-13. Check it out at www.planetwisdom.com and/or our church online calendar. More information coming soon. Registration deadline will be Wednesday, Feb 10.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jennifer Engelking, Children's Minister

**Children's Discovery Sunday School
Class**

On Sunday Feb. 7th, I will begin teaching the Discovery Sunday School class for children who have either made a recent decision for Christ or have questions about what it means to become a Christian. We will talk about salvation, baptism, communion, and living a Godly life as a new believer. The class will be held in the fellowship hall and will be taught each Sunday in February. Please contact me @ 985-0456 to sign up your child.

*Cold weather.... Warm thoughts....
of children's summer camp!*

Mark your calendars! August 8 - 11

Summer camp is open to children who are currently in 1st - 6th grades. We will be attending Uncle Harry's Summer Camp at Mundo Vista in Asheboro, NC. The cost of camp is \$200.00 per child. Jennifer will have registration forms or you may pick one up from the office.



Fundraiser for Summer Camp

The children's ministry team will be sponsoring a Live auction and supper on Saturday, March 20th. We are seeking new or gently used items, homemade treats, or gift certificates for the auction. Please contact Jennifer or a children's ministry team member if you have a donation. Thank you in advance for your support.

CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Oakdale Family,

Roy and I would like to thank you for the cards, phone calls, visits, food, and prayers since my surgery in November. Wow! We had no idea we would be visiting Duke Hospital so many times! You have certainly been faithful to love on us. We thank Our Father for each of you.

Rosa and Roy

Dear Oakdale Family,

On behalf of the Tar-Ronoake Prison Ministry, we want to thank each and everyone that made Christmas cards for the prisoners. The cards you made went to Tarboro, NC. There were four female prisoners, and several male prisoners at the old jail under the courthouse. Three females and one male prisoner accepted Christ. They said no one had ever done anything like this before, and they wanted to thank you for it, and to pray for them. There were nine converts that day and the Christmas cards had a lot to do with it.

Thank you again, Oakdale, for coming through with the Christmas cards, and pray that you will do more this year.

James Johnson

The Building Ministry Team would like to thank everyone that has come out and given of their time to help with the renovation work. It has been a blessing to work with you and serve God in this way. Talking to Carroll Brown, I found out that we worked over 1000 man hours to get the job done. It could not have been done without you. The work continues as we finish up a few items and get Ms. Sharon and Ms. Ann back in their office. Also, we need to get our pastor back in his office. I look forward to working with you again and may God bless each one of you in a special way. Thank you again!

In Christ's Love,
Wayne Lassiter
Building Ministry Team Chairperson

Our Sympathy to:

Jeannie Ruffin & Billie Holder in the passing of their sister, Louise Moore

Tim Engelking in the passing of his grandmother

The family of Gail Weston in her passing

The family of Luther Turner in his passing



We can all praise God for how He has blessed us here at Oakdale during our "Power to Win" emphasis. Many lives have been impacted and empowered to be winners in their walk with God. Remember what it takes to have the Power to Win:

It Takes Courage-Like David facing Goliath, God gives us the courage to face the obstacles and problems in our life.

It Takes Perseverance-Like the athlete in a long distance race, we must persevere until the end in our walk with God.

It Takes Commitment-As Jordan Wooten reminded us in his sermon, commitment is the key to the victorious Christian life.

It Take Vision-Like Nehemiah rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, we have to catch God's vision for our own life and live it out.

Our "Power to Win" emphasis will culminate on Sunday, February 7th. What an exciting day that will be at Oakdale. We will start off that morning with out "Breakfast of Champions" at 8:45 AM. At our 11:00 AM worship service, Johnny Evans will be speaking. Johnny is a former N.C. State and NFL football player. He was awarded the Outstanding Player Award in the 1977 Peach Bowl and the F.C.A. College Athlete of the Year in 1978. In 1978, Johnny was a second round NFL draft pick by the Cleveland Browns. He went on to play in both the NFL and the Canadian Football League. Johnny is presently the NC Eastern Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a radio analyst for the Wolfpack Sports Network. Be sure to invite a friend for Sunday School and worship on February 7th!

Sunday night, February 7th, will also be an awesome time at Oakdale. At 6:00 PM that night, we will gather in the Family Life Center for a time of fellowship, food, games and devotions. You will also be able to watch the Super Bowl on the big screen. This is an excellent time to invite friends, neighbors, and prospects to join in the activities.

Pastor Joe

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Luther Turner
141 Dalewood Dr.
Rocky Mount, NC 27801

(Joined 1-3-2010)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**SECURITY TEAMS FOR
FEBRUARY**

Feb. 7 Jamie & Brandon Mullins
 Feb. 14 Bill Lamm & Phil Wood
 Feb. 21 Pat & Andy Tess
 Feb. 28 Michael & Alex Batts

USHER TEAM FOR FEBRUARY

Kevin Marks-Head Usher
 Thomas Bulluck
 Tad Rhodes
 Tony Lassiter
 Emmitt Tatum



**FEBRUARY NURSERY
SCHEDULE
11:00 AM WORSHIP**

2/7 Phillip & Lynn Eason
 Joe & Tammy Williams

 2/14 Steve & Susan Sturgill
 Bert & Jan Peele

 2/21 Shawn & Susie Webb
 Dennis & Cathy Rose

 2/28 Bernice & Elton Pridgen
 Sharon Brantley & Vickie Sledge

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| 2/1 Brandon Mullins | 2/16 Pizgah Wadsworth |
| 2/2 Kelsey Holloman | 2/18 Stewart Lynch |
| 2/2 Dennis Rose | 2/18 Barbara Rackley |
| 2/4 Carol Sullivan | 2/19 Pam Gould |
| 2/5 Lauren Sledge | 2/20 Stacey Nicholas |
| 2/7 Annie Baker | 2/21 Karena Daughtridge |
| 2/8 Scott Marks | 2/21 Linda Davis |
| 2/9 Charles Credle | 2/22 Amber Coley |
| 2/10 April Eason | 2/22 Michael Howard, Jr. |
| 2/10 Kaye Edmondson | 2/22 Jayci Webb |
| 2/12 Janie Eubanks | 2/23 Jean Brown |
| 2/12 William Rhodes | 2/26 Eloise Joyner |
| 2/13 Mae Joyner | 2/27 Tyler Curlings |
| 2/13 Carly Powell | 2/27 Connie Marks |
| 2/14 Elaine Harris | |

The Church Would Like To Share In Your Special Dates and Occasions!

Effective with the New Year the church asks that you please consider sharing your Special Dates and Occasions with us; if you would like to, by placing flowers in the sanctuary during special times in your life. It is always a blessing to see flowers in memory or honor of someone or an event in someone's life.

To place flowers, you need only to contact the church office to discuss the date you would like to reserve and provide details about the person(s) or occasion you or observing. Then contact Jean's Florist, 446-2952, to place your order and handle your billing.



Your special event will be printed in the weekly bulletin, unless you request differently.

Sharing our current and past blessings make them even more special.

If you have questions, please contact the church office.

**FEBRUARY NURSERY SCHEDULE
6:00 PM WORSHIP**

2/7 Sue & Wayne Lassiter
 2/14 Linda Davis
 2/21 Ann Rhodes, Barbara Whitehurst
 2/28 Randall & Cherie Mills



MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International



WMU NEWS

WMU Focus Week is February 15 – 21, 2010

WMU has been strong in Oakdale throughout the years and it continues to grow. Women of Oakdale have been faithful to the call for prayer and service for others through their perspective groups and as a church family. The Heck-Jones Offering taken in February supports our WMU organization statewide and is used in the furthering of God's mission to spread the word. WMU of NC supports ministries such as Camp Mundo Vista, Military ministries, Missions Training and Missions Leader Training, NC Christian Women's Job Corps, promotes Missions Awareness through staff speaking, publications and events, Short-term missions' volunteers and many more.

Please be in prayer for WMU this month & throughout the year that we will continue to serve God and prayerfully give to the Heck-Jones Offering to support WMU.

WMU Sunday will be February 21st. All ladies of the church are invited to join the Ladies Choir that Sunday and make a "Joyful Noise" for the Lord!

Oakdale will be hosting the GA Poverty Simulation on February 21, 2010. GA's are asked to join with others from our association for an insightful look at Poverty.

Lottie Moon Offering

As I'm sure you've seen in the bulletin we did not quite meet our goal of \$6000.00 this year. We did however; make it half way by collecting a little over \$3400.00. Our GA's & RA's along with Mission Friends did a great job! Next year I know we'll do even better and be able to help even more missionaries stay on the mission field.

BAPTIST MEN OPERATION INASMUCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Upward Basketball is in full gear and I want to thank all of you who are helping to make this year so successful! What a wonderful opportunity Upward presents for us to Know Jesus, Serve Jesus and Share Jesus with those who may be lost in this world. God will bless our efforts and we will benefit from those blessings!

Upcoming events for February include our "Super Sunday" celebration on February 7th beginning with a breakfast at 8:45 AM and culminating with the Super Sunday Super Bowl Outreach beginning at 6:00 PM, also on February 7th. It looks like we are going to have a "great" day of fellowship on the 7th of February! Our supper meal will be Hot dogs(with all the trimmin's) and championship chili. Everyone attending is asked to bring a 2 liter soda of your choice, some chips and your favorite dip. The gymnasium will be transformed into a stadium complete with the Super Bowl game being projected on the gym wall. Let's make this a special celebration and fun filled event. Please come and bring a friend. There is NO COST for the breakfast or the supper. Anyone wishing to help with this event is asked to contact me at 977-0703 or 382-1766 - your help will be greatly appreciated.

Training for Disaster Recovery with the NC Baptist Men is scheduled for March 5th and 6th and the place will be designated at a later date. If you are interested in this training, please contact me for more information.

We serve an Awesome God!!

Thank you all,
Brother Carroll

Luke (Chapter 12 v.48 KJV)
"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."



February 2010



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 <i>Upward Practice</i> | 2 7:00 PM <i>Church Council</i> <i>Upward Practice</i> | 3 7:00 PM <i>Regular Schedule</i> | 4 <i>Upward Practice</i> | 5 <i>Upward Practice</i> | 6 <i>Upward Games</i> |
| 7 Super Sunday 8:45 AM <i>Breakfast of Champions</i> 11:00 AM <i>Johnny Evans Speaking</i> 6:00 PM-Super <i>Bowl Outreach</i> | 8 6:30 PM Current Mission Group 7:00 PM Bible <i>Study Group</i> 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team <i>Upward Practice</i> | 9 10:00 AM <i>Prayer Group</i> <i>Upward Practice</i> | 10 5:45 PM <i>Wednesday Night Supper</i> 7:00 PM <i>Church Conference</i> | 11 <i>Upward Practice</i> | 12 <i>Upward Practice</i> | 13 8:00 AM <i>J.O.Y. Breakfast</i> <i>Upward Games</i> |
| 14 <i>Building Dedication</i> 6:00 P M <i>DiscipleLife</i> | 15 7:30 PM <i>H.I.S. Group</i> <i>Upward Practice</i> | 16 <i>Upward Practice</i> | 17 7:00 PM <i>Regular Schedule</i> | 18 <i>Upward Practice</i> | 19 <i>Upward Practice</i> | 20 8:30 AM <i>Baptist Man</i> <i>Upward Games</i> 6:00 PM <i>Try outs for Upward Talent Show</i> |
| W M U F O C U S W E E K F E B R U A R Y 14 T H - 21 1 S T | | | | | | |
| 21 <i>WMU Focus Sunday</i> 2-5 PM <i>NRBA WMU (GA's) Event</i> 6:00 PM <i>DiscipleLife</i> | 22 7:00 PM <i>Children's Ministry Team</i> <i>Upward Practice</i> | 23 <i>Upward Practice</i> | 24 7:00 PM <i>Regular Schedule</i> | 25 <i>Upward Practice</i> | 26 <i>Upward Practice</i> | 27 <i>Final Upward Games</i> |
| 28 6:00 PM <i>Upward Awards Night</i> | | | | | | |

| NURSING HOME MINISTRY | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------|
| 2/2 | Brekenridge | 10:30 AM |
| 2/2 | IHS Nursing Home | 11:30 AM |
| 2/3 | Somerset Ct. | 10:00 AM |
| 2/5 | The Albemarle | 10:30 AM |

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Mrs. Michelle Marks, Childcare Director
Mrs. Sharon Lynch, Secretary



DEACON BEACON—News from Deacon Ministry Team

A guiding light to the rock.

Feb. 2010 Deacons of the Month: Phil Wood, Wayne Lassiter, Shawn Webb

Effective Prayer

Mark 11:24-25

Wow February 2010....What have you done different thus far in 2010? I would like to challenge you to pray every day. It makes such a difference in my life. This is some thoughts from one of my daily devotionals that I wanted to share with the church....I pray it will challenge you as you read.

John 14:14 reads, "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it." People sometimes interpret this to mean that any request ending with the words "in Jesus' name, amen" will automatically be fulfilled.

Yet basing our entire concept of prayer on one isolated verse would lead to a skewed perspective. It is also important to consider . . .

Our Fellowship With God. For God to hear and answer prayers, we must first be saved from our sin through the redeeming blood of Jesus. Once we have trusted Christ as Savior, God will hear us only when we walk in righteousness before Him. Of course, He understands our weakness and doesn't expect perfection. But if we knowingly continue in sin and fail to repent, He will not listen.

Our Request. For some people, ending prayers with "In Jesus' name, amen" can seem like a magic charm, but nothing can force God's hand. This saying did originate from a good motive, though: the desire to ask only for what is consistent with Jesus' character. When we ask, we should pray with faith, believing that God is able and will do whatever is in His will. And we should willingly submit our desires to Him.

Our Motive. The Lord won't say yes to prayer that will hurt us or His purpose. When we bring supplications before Him, it is important to check our motive. Is our goal to glorify God and let others see Him in us? Or is our motive selfish, greedy, or impure?

Our heavenly Father tells us to pray. And He will answer when our hearts are pure.

Hugh Brent Wooten