

Oakdale Messenger

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February 2012



I have been at Oakdale Baptist Church for a short time, but I feel like family already. Terri and I wish to express what a joy it is to get to know each of you. I pray that you will be patient with me as I try to learn your names. Of course that task is much easier when you are in church on Sunday mornings, evenings, and Wednesday evenings to study God's word with us.

I presented on Sunday evening, January 22, the marks of a **High Expectation Church**. *The marks of a high expectation church are all focused around loving the Lord and loving people!* In loving the Lord we express this by the study of God's word, worship, caring for others, and by sharing the Good News with unbelievers and the unchurched. If you wish to grow closer to Christ, I encourage you to do more than just sit on a pew. Join us weekly in worship, Bible study, and find your place of service at OBC!

I look forward to seeing you as I begin a series of sermons on Sunday mornings from the book of Nehemiah, Sunday evenings from 1 Thessalonians, and Wednesday nights from Psalm 119.

Blessings

Dr. Larry Purcell



SUPER SUNDAY:

Sunday, February 5th, 2012

Doors Open at 6:15
(Enter through Gym please!!!)

Everyone Bring One!

Invite a guest –
Look for flyers to hand out on the tables in the foyer & in the office. Each family is asked to bring a 2 liter drink and their favorite “tailgating” food to share.

We will have football (commercial free), food, fun, fellowship and most exciting....

OUR OWN HALF TIME SHOW!

Don't miss out on this exciting event and the opportunity to outreach to those in our community!

See you there!

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

3.30 STUDENT MINISTRY

The new year has kicked off and seems to be flying by already. There are so many things on the horizon to look forward to and be thankful for. The 330 Student Ministry is stretching its legs and is ready to bear the fruit of all the hard work and blessings from this past year. In just a short 6 months we will be setting off for a Deep Impact Mission trip to New York City and then following that up with Summer Camp at The Crossings.

Why are we already talking about events that will take place 6 months from now? Because the preparation starts now.

Summer Camp @ The Crossings:

For every student who can commit, register, and turn in a deposit of \$50.00 by February 29th, will be locked in for camp for a total of \$140.00.

After this time the price will change as follows:

(February 29th – Deposit turned in – total cost of camp will be \$140.00)

March 28th – Deposit turned in – total cost of camp will be \$150.00

April 25th – Deposit turned in – total cost of camp will be 160.00

May 30th – Deposit turned in – total cost of camp will be \$170.00

June 6th is the last day to register for camp. (I cannot add any more students to the list after this date. Not my rules, but the camp's rules)

Deep Impact Mission Trip to NYC:

Deep Impact Missions Weeks are pre-packaged week long mission experiences sponsored by NC Baptist Men that provides Middle and High School students with the opportunity to: "Share God's love with hurting people through word and deed." Youth will participate in a variety of mission opportunities including construction, VBS/Day Camps, sports evangelism, servant evangelism, prayer walks, and others. Morning devotions and worship each evening will help students reflect on their lives and commit themselves to serving others in Christ's name.

Here are the qualifications each student must meet in order to be on the mission team: The student must have completed 8th grade (current 8th graders qualify since they will have completed the grade by summer) through graduated 12th graders. The student must have a 2.75 GPA upon completing current grade. The students will also have an attendance requirement: Must be present at all 330 Student Ministry events, i.e. Sunday School and Wednesday Night Worship Service. The student will be allowed 4 total absences without question. Other absences that are due to family circumstances and events will not count against the student. The attendance record will begin February 1st and end June 30th. Total cost for the Mission Trip is currently \$250.00 per student. Additionally, for every student who is on the mission team, they will be able to go to camp at no cost to the student.

Upcoming Events:

In addition to the two major events described above, you can look forward to: Movie Nights, Summer mini retreats; and Concerts
Come out to Wednesday Night Worship services to find out times and dates!

Ongoing Events:

Sunday School and Opening Celebration @ 9:45am in the Student Worship Center

Wednesday Night Student Service @ 7pm in the Student Worship Center

Please be in prayer about your participation in the Mission Trip and Summer Camp. These will both be life changing events. Don't forget to talk with your parents about these events either.

Pastor Nate

"He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:30

Children's Corner

Jennifer Engelking, Director



Praise God for the recent decisions made by our children. The most important, life-altering, decision of their lives...to follow Jesus. Thank you Lord for our new "little" siblings in Christ! Thank you, God, for another year of Upward Basketball. What a blessing this ministry is to Oakdale and its community. Isn't God amazing? an entire family is involved in Upward. The kids play the game of basketball or cheer and the parents and loved-ones attend their games. But the game is just the sprinkles on the cupcake. The actual dessert is exposing entire families to the Word of God and introducing them to Jesus Christ. Thank you Lord for this incredible opportunity. I implore you, church family, to cover our children with a blanket of prayer. Cover the Upward participants, the after-school children, our church members and regular attendees and all of the families involved. Cover them with a blanket that is well woven, having no holes, frayed corners, or tattered ends. A blanket that envelops their precious hearts and spirits. Prayer is what we make it. Yes, it's our most powerful tool but is it the power tool that stays holstered in our tool belt - there in case of emergencies, or is it the tool we pull out first-in all situations. Choose prayer first and watch God do the rest!



I am delighted to announce that Miss Danielle Williams is Oakdale's new after-school coordinator. She has a heart for the children and is eager to serve the Lord in this awesome ministry. She loves each one of the children and their families. Please pray for Danielle as she seeks to please the Lord; in continuing her education, in providing quality Christian care for the children, and in preparing to be a Godly wife, [wedding bells in May :)] Oakdale is blessed to have her and her servant's heart. Pray for Mrs. Shelia Kelly as she pursues another opportunity to serve Him. Thank you Mrs. Shelia for the time you dedicated to the All-Stars Ministry. Please keep the after-school ministry and its families in your prayers.

CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Oakdale,
All calls, cards, & flowers were much appreciated at the time of my sister's passing in December.

Thank you Oakdale!

Nancy Manning

Dear Oakdale,

Otis and I want to thank you very much for the prayers, visits, meals, phone call, cards, and good wishes all of you have given to us during our illness. It is wonderful to have a church family as wonderful as Oakdale in time of need.

Things are improving with Otis now, but he still has a ways to go. Please keep us in your prayers.

In Love,

Otis & Patsy Bulluck



Color my World with a Cure

Come join us at Relay for Life. We have had our first team meeting and would love to see new people come join us! We have set a TEAM goal this year rather than individual goals, so please don't let that stop you from joining! We are still in the "planning and brainstorming" stage, so please come join us! Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Please see Angela Spain (343-0221 or ap-spain@embarqmail.com) or Kim Wells (382-1985 or wells3897@aol.com) for any questions about Relay or to join the team!

Our Sympathy to:

J. H. Whitehurst & Family in the passing of his brother, Ralph.

Dianne Rackley & Family in the passing of her brother, Eugene Daughtridge.

Caroline Pilgreen & Family in the passing of her great grandmother, Irene Pilgreen.

Jenette Cantrell in the passing of her brother.

ClerksCorner

Welcome New Members:

Robert McNamara 220 Old Sparta Rd.,
Tarboro, NC 27886

Jeff & Joy Eatmon 361 Braswell Memory Ln.
Rocky Mount, NC 27801

Abigail Spain 635 Sipe Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27801



TREASURY REPORT DECEMBER 2011

DECEMBER 2011 GENERAL FUNDS

Receipts/General Fund	\$36,232.10
Receipts/All Stars	\$ 1,924.34
Disbursements	<u>\$ 48,943.63</u> (\$10,787.19)

December 31, 2011 Bank Balance \$24,465.74

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your box of offering envelopes from the front pew. 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.



VBS 2012! Sunday June 24 – Thursday June 28



This summer, watch amazing things happen as your kids encounter God like never before! You'll see lives changed as the kids tour some of the world's most marvelous natural wonders and learn to trust and recognize God as they explore His awesome power! Amazing Wonders Aviation has your ticket!

Interested in Helping?

Informational Meeting on Wednesday February 29th at 6:15 in Fellowship Hall – questions – see Kim Wells.

Theme Verse: Our Lord is great, vast in power; His understanding is infinite. Psalm 147:5

Motto: Awesome God! Amazing Power!
Please begin to be in prayer for VBS!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

SECURITY FOR FEBRUARY

2/5 Bruce Rhodes/Tad Rhodes
 2/12 Dennis Rose/Eric Stott
 2/19 Aaron Rhodes/Steve Sturgill
 2/26 Adam Collins/Allen Harrelson

2/1 Brandon Mullins	2/14 Elaine Harris
2/2 Kelsey Holloman	2/18 Barbara Rackley
2/2 Dennis Rose	2/19 Pam Gould
2/4 Carol Sullivan	2/20 Stacey Nicholas
2/4 Nathan Watson	2/21 Karena Daughtridge
2/5 Lauren Sledge	2/21 Linda Davis
2/7 Annie Baker	2/22 Amber Coley
2/8 Scott Marks	2/22 Jayci Webb
2/10 April Eason	2/23 Jean Brown
2/10 Kaye Edmondson	2/26 Eloise Joyner
2/12 Janie Eubanks	2/26 Linda King
2/12 William Rhodes	2/27 Tyler Curlings
2/13 Mae Joyner	2/27 Connie Marks
	2/29 Vivian Batts

USHER TEAM FOR FEBRUARY

BRENT GRIFFIN-HEAD USHER

THOMAS BULLUCK

TAD RHODES

TONY LASSITER

EMMETT TATUM



Nursery Schedule for February

Dawn Rhodes
 (985-1555)

5th Barbara Whitehurst-B
 Teresa Hopkins-B
 Bruce & Chrissy Rhodes-T
 12th Tony & Theresa Lassiter-B
 Amberly Mace-T
 Katie Lassiter-T
 19th Paula & Britt Medley-B
 Diane Rackley-B
 Kaye & Thomas Bulluck_T
 26th Phillip & Lynn Eason-T
 Tad & Dawn Rhodes-B

Please contact Dawn if you **can not** stay at the
 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM service.

If you would like to serve in the nursery, please contact
 Tammy Wooten at: 827-5493 (Home) or 413-8681 (Cell).

Pregnancy Care Center

CELEBRATE LIFE

2012 BANQUET

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Englewood Baptist Church

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

featuring

SHAWN CARNEY

(We are needing a liaison for the Pregnancy Care Center.
 Anyone interested, please contact the church Office.)



J.O.Y. GROUP NEWS

February 4th

Johnston Community College
 9:30 AM

February 11th

Breakfast
 8:00 AM



MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

WMU News

The missions and ministries of WMU NC are made possible by your gifts to the Heck-Jones® Offering. *Set Free*, based on John 8:31b - 32, is the theme of the 2012 Heck-Jones® Offering. The suggested dates for observing the Week of Prayer for WMU NC are February 12-19. The scripture says, "If you hold to my teaching, you really are my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." This reminds us that we have been set free by the truth through Jesus Christ and we are called to bring that truth to others and we can do that by promoting missions through your gifts to the Heck-Jones® Offering. Please pray about your offering! Starting February 5th, WMU will be selling "hearts" in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. Each heart will be displayed on our "Wall of Love" and all money collected will be given to the Heck-Jones Offering. Let's do our best to show our "love" for WMU.

Remember the 2012 Missions Extravaganza April 20 – 22 at Ridgecrest. See Kim Wells to sign up. Thank you for your support of WMU!

Love in Christ,
Kim Wells

BAPTIST MEN

Dear Faithful,

There are many great opportunities to serve with the Baptist Men. Just this week I have received communication that help will be needed on our coast building homes destroyed by Irene. Who among us is willing to spend a few days in Salvo, NC? If you are interested please contact myself or Carroll Brown. It would be great to get enough men and women to plan a trip for a few days in February.

Also, March is quickly coming and we need to be thinking about the East Coast Baptists Men's Conference. If you were there last year what a blessing you received. I challenge last years participants to return this year and bring one friend.

If you're a young man or a young man at heart and are not involved with RAs you are missing a treat. These young men are learning the tenants of our faith every week thanks to our RA leaders. Our RAs and GAs have recently completed UPWARD devotions. How wonderful to watch them grow and be willing to serve at a young age!

In His Service,
Tim Hollifield

HONDURAS MISSION UPDATE



In 7 short weeks, the Honduras Mission Team will be quickly approaching the March 21st departure. Airline reservations have been made by the NC Baptist Mission Organization and we are set!

Team 2 consists of 5 returning members from Team 1 and 6 new members:

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| 1. Kaye Bulluck | 6. Matt Sledge |
| 2. Thomas Bulluck | 7. Kelly Holloman |
| 3. Dan Howell | 8. Britt Medley |
| 4. Nate Mace | 9. Tim Rhodes |
| 5. Caroline Pilgreen | 10. Taylor Rhodes |
| | 11. Buie Holder |

We will have our final supporting Wednesday night pancake supper on February 8th. Please support us in this effort as there are still outstanding financial obligations within the team.

ALSO - please don't forget to bring your items for the hygiene kits that are being prepared to travel with us on this journey. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, bath cloths, soap and quart size zip lock bags are needed. These items may be placed in the Mission Box at the end of the hall.

Members from Team 1 and 2 will be sharing testimonies and devotions during the Upward Games on February 25th. It will be our mission during these games to bring awareness of our efforts to Know Jesus, Share Jesus and Serve Jesus in our own communities as well as in Honduras.

Please continue to pray for the team and God's guidance as we prepare to do His work.

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."



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

**Attention! March 1st starts the 2nd semester (3rd and 4th Quarter)
Sunday School teacher rotation.**

The last couple of articles I wrote about the 3 objectives of Sunday School. This month I will focus on a vital part of Sunday School that we need to more formally organize. **Ministering to the needs of people.** Sunday School can accomplish this through Care Group Ministry. Please ask your Adult Sunday School teacher about becoming a Care Group Leader in your Sunday School class, if you are not already teaching a class throughout the year already.

Care Group Leader—Minister up to 5 People

- Be responsible to care and minister to appropriately 5 people in your class. (See Sunday School Care Group Contact information form available in each Adult Sunday School Classroom.)
- Aggressively pursue delinquent members to restore them to the fellowship.
- Lead the Care Group time on Sunday morning by taking attendance (see Care Group Attendance sheet), discovering ministry needs, involving others in meeting those needs, assigning contacts, and praying for each other.
- Lead your Care Group to minister to the needs of those in your Care Group.
- Lead the members of your Care Group to contact absentees on a weekly basis.
- Involve members of your Care Group to minister, contact, and care for others within your Care Group throughout the week. Encourage attendance in Sunday School or Small Care Group, if appropriate.
- Take attendance of your Care Group members each week.
- Lead your Care Group to meet weekly as a Small Care Group for gender based discipleship studies and other fellowship activities.
- Actively participate in the church’s outreach program (attempt to enroll your assigned prospects in Sunday School.)
- Attend all Class Planning Meetings and Sunday School Leadership Meetings.

FOR HIM,

Mark Ream, Sunday School Director
webservant@obcbaptist.org
252-567-3226

We are at the fourth week of Upward Basketball and Cheerleading. Devotions have been great, food and fellowship has been great also. Reminder for everyone that pictures will be taken during practices the week of Jan. 30th - Feb. 3rd. Please wear your uniform to practice this week. Also, keep in mind and be praying for our Awards night, which will be on Sunday night, February 26th at 6 PM at the Keihin Auditorium at Edgecombe Community College in Tarboro. Our guest speaker will be Ron Johnson, who will share his testimony along with some magic and ventriloquism. Please keep praying for our volunteers. They are all doing a wonderful job. Thanks to all who give their time and are dedicated to sharing the LOVE of Jesus Christ to everyone. Remember we are all in this together, even we Christians can't make it one single day without Christ in our life. We should love that person, not that position, we should see a person, not a problem, we should help that person, not cause pain, we should guide their future, not see their past. Upward basketball is an ever changing way to share a never changing message, It's not the shoes, it's the souls.



In Christ

Aaron Rhodes

February 2012

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

Upward Practices every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat												
			1 6:15 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Regular Schedule	2	3	4 Upward 9:30 AM JOY Group Johnston Comm. College												
5 6:15 PM Super Sunday Super Bowl	6	7 7:00 PM Children's Ministry Team 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group	8 5:45 PM Honduras Mission Team Pancake Supper 6:15 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Church Conference	9	10	11 Upward 8:00 AM JOY Group Breakfast												
12 7:00 PM Deacons	13 WMU Focus Week 1:00 PM WMU Current Mission Group 7:00 PM WMU Bible Study Group	14 10:00 AM WMU Prayer Group	15 6:15 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Regular Schedule	16 7:00 PM Celebrate Life 2012 Banquet (Englewood BC)	17	18 Upward												
19	20 7:00 PM Constitution & By-Laws	21 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group	22 6:15 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Regular Schedule	23 7:00 PM Relay for Life Meeting	24	25 Last Upward Game												
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4 <i>Gideon Sunday</i>	5	6 <i>7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group</i>	7 <i>6:15 PM Children's Choir Regular Schedule</i>	8	9 <i>Mixed Blessing SS Class Casting Crowns Concert</i>	10												
11 <i>Commissioning Service for Honduras Team 2</i> <i>7:00 PM Deacons</i> <i>Daylight Savings</i>	12 <i>Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer</i> <i>6:30 PM WMU Current Mission Group</i> <i>7:00 PM WMU Bible Study Group</i>	13 <i>10:00 AM WMU Prayer Group</i> <i>7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group</i> <i>7:00 PM Children's Ministry Team</i>	14 <i>6:15 PM Children's Choir Regular Schedule</i>	15	16	17 <i>Children going ice skating</i>												
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April 2012

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	2	3 7:00 PM-9:00 PM <i>Women's Bible Study Group</i>	4 6:15 PM <i>Children's Choir</i> Regular Schedule	5	6 <i>Good Friday</i>	7
8 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 PM <i>Deacons</i>	9 6:30 PM <i>WMU Current Mission Group</i> 7:00 PM WMU <i>Bible Study Group</i> T-Ball Practice	10 10:00 AM <i>WMU Prayer Group</i> 7:00 PM Children's Ministry Team 7:00 PM-9:00 PM <i>Women's Bible Study Group</i> T-Ball Practice	11 6:15 PM <i>Children's Choir</i> Regular Schedule	12 T-Ball Practice	13 T-Ball Practice <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">GA Mother/Daughter Camp</div>	14
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22	23	24	25 6:15 PM <i>Children's Choir</i> Regular Schedule	26	27 T-Ball Game Spring D-Now for Students ????	28
29 6:00 PM <i>Master's Men</i>	30					
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Interim Senior Pastor: Dr. Larry Purcell
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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,

Incredible things are taking place here at Oakdale and the opportunities to serve the Lord are numerous! I want to encourage each one of us to seek God's face pertaining to fulfilling our mission as a church in "Sharing Jesus".

The deacon ministry team requests your continued prayer support as we endeavor to be servant leaders through our transition toward a Senior Pastor. We are so blessed to have Dr. Purcell and his wife Terri with us to lead and give guidance to our church as we very intentionally move towards the plan that God has commissioned for Oakdale. Please place Dr. Purcell in your daily prayers.

As I have said many times in the past, please let us know if you ever have any needs. Thank you for your continued prayers.

In His service,

Tim