

# Oakdale Messenger

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The third part of our church mission statement is to “share Jesus.” That means share Him in our community, in our Nation and around the world. During December we really focused on the international part of sharing Jesus. The Lord stretched our faith with the \$6,000 Lottie Moon Missions Offering goal. What a blessing it was to see your faithful response. Our in-gathering for the offering now stands at \$8,221.81. God has also opened up a door for us to participate in an international mission project in Honduras (August 2011). As with the Lottie Moon Offering, God answered our prayers big time. Due to the response of those interested in going to Honduras, we now have the potential for TWO groups. How wonderful it is to know that from right here on this corner Oakdale can touch the world with the gospel.

There is something I want all of us to really be praying about for the next several weeks. As you know, our Youth/Associate Pastor Search Team is meeting, praying, and searching for God’s man for that position. This is going to be an important move for Oakdale’s future. Our church has always had a heart for young people and we are determined to do whatever it takes to put together an exciting, growing youth ministry. I can hardly wait to see what God is going to do.

“Champions for God” is going to be my next sermon series. (January 16-February 6). It will focus on how all of us as believers can be champions in our daily lives. God is calling us to exercise our faith, prepare for the game, and become champions for Him. Sunday, February 6 will be Super Sunday at Oakdale. We will have high attendance day in Sunday School and a Super Bowl Outreach that night. Let’s get ready to win!

Pastor Joe



## **SUNDAY NIGHTS IN JANUARY 2011**

**January 2nd  
New Year Prayer Service  
6:00 PM**

**January 9th  
Sunday School Rally  
5:30 PM**

**January 16th  
DiscipleLife  
5:30 PM**

**January 23rd  
DiscipleLife  
5:30 PM**

**January 30th  
Church-wide Singing Service  
6:00 PM**

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

# SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

## Sunday School Basics - Rev. John Hamm

**Date:** Sunday, January 09, 2011

**Time:** 05:30 PM - 07:00 PM

**Location:** Oakdale Baptist Church

**This is a church-wide event for EVERYONE at Oakdale and our surrounding community.**

Led by Rev. John Hamm, DOM

"Information comes from a variety of sources such as seminars, books, tapes, etc. that I have combined with personal experience and application through 30 years of ministry."

- **Where did Sunday School come from and why do we do it?**
- **Three destructive attitudes to avoid at all costs.**
- **Seven essential qualities that every Sunday School worker must possess.**
- **The formula for Sunday School growth that works every time.**
- **The four basic functions of an effective Sunday School Class.**
- **Every Sunday School member's responsibility – "Making friends for Christ forever"**

**Mark Ream, Sunday School Director**

## DISCIPLELIFE

### ADULT CLASSES:

"Gospel of John" Led by Tony Lassiter

"Prayer & Fasting" Led by Paula Medley

**CHILDREN:** Music & Bible Study

**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Music & Missions

**YOUTH:** Bible Study & Missions

### FIVE SESSIONS

January 16

January 22

February 13

February 20

March 6

Sessions will start at 5:30 PM

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

Ms. Katie K. 1/11

Ms. Shirley 1/16

We are off to a New Year, 2011. I would like to say “thank you” to the parents, staff, and church for being a support system for the childcare ministry. The economic turmoil in our country did not leave us alone this past year. We have struggled through these tough times and are praying that this year will bring a growth in our childcare. I ask that each of you pray for this ministry and every family that is touched by the service that we provide.

Theme: Snow, snowflakes, ice, winter wear, winter animals, igloos and Eskimos

Academic Focus: Letters D & E, Number 3 & 4

Bible Focus: The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-12

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**CHILDREN’S CORNER  
Jennifer Engelking, Children’s Minister**

Happy New Year! Are you ready for spring? I am! The snow is beautiful, but I say, “Bring on springtime!” Spring makes me think of summer, and summer makes me think of summer camp. Summer camp information- - coming soon!

**The Trinity Snowman**

When you see a snowman  
Three snowballs round,  
He is reminding you  
That in God Three in One are found.

The bottom reminds us of God the Father,  
Our strong rock and foundation  
The Creator of all living things,  
People, tribes and nations.

The middle shows us God the Son  
With His arms spread open wide.  
Who died on the cross for each of us  
Our sins Jesus' blood did hide.

The head reminds us of God the Holy Spirit  
Who is our counselor and friend;  
He speaks to our hearts and minds  
Transforming us in the likeness of Him.

So when you see a snowman  
In the midst of all the wintertime fun,  
Listen carefully and he'll tell you,  
"Remember God is Three in One".

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

December was a very exciting time for our Middle School Department. We had lots of activities. We enjoyed doing our Lottie Moon mailbag and raised almost \$150.00 for Lottie Moon. We also presented “How Far is it to Bethlehem?” on December 12<sup>th</sup>. It was lots of work but lots of fun too. Several of our students helped older members of our church with their holiday cooking. Now we are looking forward to having a fantastic start to the new year! Great things to come!

Ms. Angie Ruffin

**Music**



What great messages. Our children, middle school choir, and sanctuary choir/drama team have had a busy December presenting programs on each Sunday night in December. I think each program had its own unique way of presenting the good news that God sent His Son on that special night to be the Savior of the world. Thanks to everyone who helped make each program so special.

On January 30<sup>th</sup> our evening service will be a Church-wide singing service. We’ll be hearing from several groups – solos, duets, quartets, and choirs from within our church. Afterwards we’ll all gather in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship.

See you there!  
Ms. Angie Ruffin



Upward practice is already under way and God is already at work. We are blessed this year to have great coaches, who love the Lord and are sharing His love with the children and their families. Thanks to all the great help with Upward. If you would like to help with Upward, we would love to find a place for you to help. Just see Aaron to find out where you best fit in. We have 190 children involved this year. Please continue to pray for this ministry. Our first game is

January 8, 2011.  
In Christ,  
Aaron Rhodes

Oakdale is on the cusp of another season of Upward Basketball. It’s right around the corner. Many of you have been asked to be “Prayer Warriors” for Upward. If you’ve stepped up to meet this challenge, we thank you. If you haven’t been asked officially to pray for a successful season of Upward Basketball, you can of course include prayers for Upward on your own. All of us praying together towards a common goal is truly powerful. Stay tuned for more details, on how to help “pray us through”.

To God be the Glory!  
May Howell & Bert Peele  
Prayer Commissioners

# CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Oakdale,  
Ron and I would like to thank everyone for the food, calls, thoughts and prayers after the passing of Ron's dad.

Your Sister In Christ,  
Kelly Bentley

Dear Oakdale,  
We thank you for the wonderful meal that was provided and all the wonderful and kind comforting words, thoughts, and prayers. You are a wonderful group of people.

Billy Pridgen Family

Dear Oakdale,  
A big "Thank you" is not adequate for the prayers that all of Oakdale lifted up for Noah and our family recently. As soon as the word spread of Noah's accident, the prayers started going up. God heard the prayers and answered them. Thank you God! We are so grateful to all of you and say "thank you" again.

Christian Love,  
The John Edmondson Family

Dear Oakdale Family,  
Thank you for the many memorial gifts to the building fund in memory of W. R. Bulluck.

Lula Mae & Family

Oakdale Family,  
Thank you so much for all the coats that were donated for the Acteen Coat Drive. It was greatly appreciated!

Elaine Harris

Dear Oakdale Family,  
Our family would like to thank you for your support through prayers, calls, visits, and flowers during our recent loss of my brother, Harold Dean. We are so thankful for our church and Christian friends.

J. H. Whitehurst

Thanks so much to the members of Oakdale for my "Christmas gift". It was so thoughtful of you to remember me in this way. Each year you are all so kind and gracious and I am honored to be a part of such a great family of God.

God bless all of you in the new year!  
Angie Ruffin



## JOY GROUP NEWS

**JANUARY 8th**  
8:00 AM  
Breakfast

**JANUARY 27TH**  
6:00 PM  
Covered Dish

### Our Sympathy to:

Ron Bentley in the passing of his father

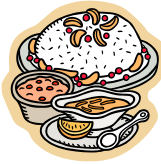
Johnny Joyner in the passing of his aunt Linda

J. H. Whitehurst in the passing of his brother, Harold Dean

Bruce Webb in the passing of his father

## ClerksCorner

A special conference was called for on 12-16-10 to take care of one item of business..the roof of the Family Life Center as it leaks quite extensively and needs to be repaired very soon. Motion was made from the Building Team to repair the roof at a cost of \$3,800. Repairs to be done by ACC-Motion Passed



## HOSTESS NEWS

We extend our condolences to Ron Bentley and family in the passing of his father recently. It was a privilege to serve you during your time of loss.

## TREASURER'S INFO



### NOVEMBER Budget Receipts & Offerings

General offerings	\$25,823.09
Amt. Required Nov.	\$25,184.01
Over/under	\$ 639.08

### YEAR-TO-DATE

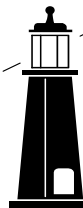
General offerings	\$330,601.77
Amt. Required	\$311,212.52
	\$ 19,389.25
Less Money Mkt transfer	<u>\$ 9,955.45</u>
Over 2010 as of 11/30	\$ 9,433.80

### NOVEMBER BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

Monthly payment	\$3600.00
Receipts	\$2452.00
Under	< \$1148.00>

### LOAN BALANCE

\$322,070.16



Have you checked out the "Lighthouse for Jesus" lately? There is now a house brick engraved with the name "Lottie Moon". New house brick plates are put up each month. There are 335 house bricks in the body of the Lighthouse. Fifty-one have been engraved. Have you responded to the letter sent regarding your building fund contributions so that you can have the plate engraved for the brick????

Call the church office if you have any questions.

## SECURITY TEAMS FOR

1/2 Phil Wood & Eric Stott  
 1/9 Stacey Nicholas & Carroll Brown  
 1/16 Jonathan Cobb & Bill Lamm  
 1/23 Pat & Andy Tess  
 1/30 Shawn & Spencer Webb

## USHER TEAM FOR JANUARY

WAYNE LASSITER-HEAD USHER  
 BRUCE RHODES  
 SHAWN WEBB  
 BRENT GRIFFIN  
 STEVE STURGILL

## NURSERY NEWS



In 2010 we were blessed with four new bundles of joy at Oakdale Baptist Church. Josh Edwards, Nola Faye Holder, Callie Ann Webb, and Payton Dawn Carraway. We can rock, rock, rock in the baby nursery all we want to!! We can run, walk, read, sing, etc in the toddler room. Special thanks go to nursery caretakers April Roach, Elaine and Taylor Harris for the last Sunday in November, Karen Murray, JoElla Webb, Susie & Shelby Webb, David & Kim Wells, Ginger Tess, Angela Spain, Bernice Pridgen and Gwen Harvey for December thus far. We have covered four months of the new church year and no one has had the privilege of caring for the nursery children more than one Sunday. As 2011 approaches, be on the lookout for your yellow card as your next turn may be coming soon...be sure to bring the card with you on the day of your service and put it in the box giving you a chance to WIN!!!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Billy Daniels	1/16 James Sledge
1/1 Mack Ruffin	1/17 Velma Griffin
1/2 Rachel Batts	1/18 Marilyn Earp
1/4 Joella Webb	1/18 Speight Powell
1/6 James Johnson	1/18 Ellen Ruffin
1/6 Tammy Joyner	1/21 Rachel Hicks
1/6 Beverly Rhodes	1/21 Emily Owens
1/6 Becky Vester	1/22 Stacy Lanier
1/7 Kelly Bentley	1/22 Linda Moss
1/7 Jackson Perry	1/23 Angela Hill
1/7 Michael Pittman	1/23 Deryl Lewis
1/8 Buie Holder	1/23 James Walston
1/9 Keith Smith	1/24 Crystal Bell
1/9 Robert Van Scoik	1/24 Timothy Bell
1/9 Christina Waggoner	1/24 Melissa Causey
1/10 Heather Perry	1/25 Tony Medley
1/11 Roger Edwards	1/26 Beverly Barnes
1/12 Maigon Joyner	1/26 Peggy Holloman
1/13 Judy Vanmale	1/27 Kelly Hill
1/14 Marie Bell	1/28 Alex Batts
1/15 Susan Cobb	1/29 Mavis Bradshaw
1/15 William Smith	1/30 Lisa Manning
1/16 Heather Eason	1/30 Ruth Townsend
1/16 Amanda Murray	1/31 Meghan Murray



### From the Youth/Associate Pastor Search Committee

**PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE** We are continuing to meet weekly and are now in the process of reviewing resumes'. We were blessed with almost 100 resumes' to review. We have narrowed the list to twelve potential candidates. Please be in prayer for the search committee as we start to interview and narrow the list more. We are very excited about the people God has led to apply for this job!

#### Ex-officio members

Trina Rhodes  
 Matt Sledge  
 Renee' Holloman  
 Jordan Wooten

Jeff Collins  
 Tim Engelking  
 Joe Price  
 James Walston



# MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

## WMU NEWS

What a wonderful Christmas! Ask and you shall receive is what the Lord says and we asked you to pray for and give to the Lottie Moon International Missions and you did! Our goal was reached and surpassed...\$8,000! Thank you Oakdale! We have not met much less exceeded our Lottie Moon goal in several years but you have taken missions into your heart and given in order to continue spreading the gospel of the "GOOD NEWS". I know that the Lord will bless us in the upcoming year and we will continue to spread the joy of knowing Christ in our community and around the world!

Thank you again for your support of WMU this upcoming year and for years to come!

Karen Murray  
WMU Director  
Missions Involvement Coordinator

## MISSION FRIENDS

### How do preschoolers learn about missions in Mission Friends?

- Hands-on activities
- Sensory activities
- Bible thoughts
- Cultural learning activities
- Mission stories
- Prayer
- Giving
- Helping others

Do you have a child between the ages of birth and Kindergarten? If so, consider bringing them to Mission Friends on Wednesday nights and see just how much they can learn about missions.

### GA'S How are GA's around the USA going forward and sharing Christ?

- < Seven year olds teach Missions Volunteers how to Prayerwalk in Texas
- < 12 year old brothers from Austin, Texas hand out free Bibles to Chinese tourists during a mission trip to Southeast Asia
- < An Indian Reservation in Fort Totten, ND was transformed by a group starting. It began with 8 girls, five of whom have been baptized and follow Jesus. One girl lead her mother to Christ just by seeing her daughter's example.

These are just your ordinary 1st through 5th graders living an ordinary life. Imagine what your child could learn and the examples they could show others of Christ love.

Encourage anyone you know with girls ages 1st grade - 5th grade to bring their children to GA's on Wednesday. You just may be encouraging the next missionary!

We have been having a good group of girls meeting each Sunday night for Acteens. This coming year the high school girls will be planning a trip to Orlando, Florida for Blume 2011.



Blume 2011 is a missions gathering for teen girls around the GLOBE this only happens once every 5 years! They will be meeting for an intense and fun four days with the focus on missions for teenage girls.

We have 4 girls along with 2 chaperons going this year so please be in prayer for them as they try to raise the funds in order to attend. If you would like to sponsor a girl or chaperon please see Karen Murray or Elaine Harris.

## BAPTIST MEN

Dear Faithful,

December was a busy month for the men and women in our church. God has opened doors of opportunity for us to serve and we have answered the call. On December 11th Wayne Lassiter and I assisted other members of our community in constructing a wheelchair ramp for Colt Brake, the young man that was injured playing football and is currently paralyzed by his injury. It was truly heartwarming to see so many people working on the Brake's home. God is really working in our area. On December 13th and 14th James Walston, Wayne Walston, Bill Lamm, Marsha Walston, and I, with the assistance of Joe and Teddy Williams, painted a classroom, hung new window blinds and installed new cabinets in the church Sunday School classrooms. Who knows what else God will present to us to serve him?

In January we will have Baptist Men's day at our Church on the 9th and have speakers to share their testimony. I ask all members to please support the efforts of our church in responding to the "little things" in our community and the needs of our church. Your prayerful support is certainly appreciated.

In His Service and for His Sake,  
Brother Carroll

Luke Chapter 12 verse 48

## JOURNEY'S END - GAVE - PACKED - WORKED

Operation Christmas Child Mission Project was completed on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. for Oakdale when 22 members traveled to Charlotte Processing Warehouse to work. What a privilege to represent each of you as we processed boxes and prayed for children that would receive **God's Word** through plastic shoe boxes!!!!

Yes, Oakdale gave, packed and worked diligently to fill a total of **239 boxes - praise be to God for all that was done.** Yet, **PRAYING** should never end in the life of a Christian; therefore we can continue to pray for lost children and their families that live next door or in far away places.

Your team thanks each of you for embracing this project and allowing us to serve!

Operation Christmas Child Ministry Team



## HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

Momentum is building for our Honduras Mission trip August 8-16, 2011. Information packets are available in the church office. Any questions, contact Buie Holder at 813-7624. A \$200 deposit is due by January 15th.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have old unused church offering envelopes, please put them in the "Mission Project Box" by the Nursery. A mission group is using the envelopes to dispense medicine.



# January 2011

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

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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	7	8 8:00 AM J.O.Y Breakfast  First Upward Games  1:00 PM- Middle School Team
9 <b>Baptist Men's Day</b> 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  7:00 PM Sisterhood of the Cross	18	19  7:00 PM Regular Activities	20  6:30 PM Childcare Team	21	22     Upward Games
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30  Champions for God  6:00 PM Church-wide Singing Program	31					

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

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

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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

**Jan.. 2011 Deacon of the Month: Mark Ream**

Oakdale Family,

Happy New Year! I pray that the beginning of 2011 finds you well.

During the month of December, our church voted in conference to complete repairs to the roof in the Family Life Center. There will be initial work done to the roof by ACC Roofing to stop any and all leaks in order to prevent damage to the facility, followed by a process to ensure that the roof is sealed properly to ensure a long lasting repair. This much needed repair was presented as a motion to the church on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December in the amount of \$3,800.00. I wanted to say thank you to Wayne Lassiter, the entire Building Ministry Team and Dan Howell, the Building Ministry Deacon for working through an affordable alternative to a \$30,000.00 roof replacement.

Upward Basketball is upon us and we have such an incredible opportunity for outreach and potential church growth through this wonderful ministry. The Deacons will be working with Aaron to ensure that we make contact with the families of those involved in Upward, there are many families un-churched and could potentially call Oakdale their church home. All of us can participate in one of the greatest outreach opportunities that our church is blessed to be a part of by simply showing up on Saturdays during the Upward season and reaching out to these families. Remember that you don't have to be a coach, a referee, or a concession stand worker to be a witness for the Lord; come join us as we reach out to our community and live as a church of the Great Commission.

Have a wonderful 2011!

Tim