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IT'S TIME TO TURN

As we approach the celebration of our Nation's independence it causes us to pause and consider the spiritual state of our country. It certainly does not take much spiritual perception to know that we are headed in the wrong direction. Like the Israelites in the Old Testament we have received God's bountiful blessings, but then turned away in sin and rebellion. The prophet Joel wrote to Israel: "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning... and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful..." (Joel 2: 12-13) If we ever needed to make a TURN as a Nation, it is now. First of all, the Church must TURN back to God in repentance. There will never be a revival in our Nation until there is a revival in the Church. As God's people we must recognize that spiritual awakening for America rests upon us. When the Church of Jesus Christ is revived, America will be changed. Secondly, we must TURN to God in prayer. President Abraham Lincoln recognized that fact when he said: "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for that day." We must join together in prayer and petition God for His divine intervention. In Matthew 18: 19-20, we are reminded of the awesome power of a praying Church: "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them." Thirdly, as believers we must TURN our light on and let it shine before others. Jesus commanded us to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) We must take seriously Jesus' command to live our lives as shining lights in a dark world.

Pastor Joe

SUNDAY NIGHTS IN JULY

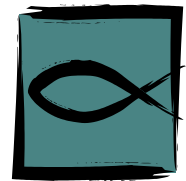
July 3rd
No PM Service

July 10th
Camp Report
6:00 PM



July 17th
DiscipleLife
6:00 PM

July 24th
DiscipleLife
6:00 PM



July 31st
DiscipleLife
6:00 PM

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

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

Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things. Whatsoever I have commanded you. And Lo, I am with you always, Even unto the end of the world. Amen Matthew 28:19-20

Ten Common Practices of the Fastest Growing Churches. (Based on a survey research by the Georgia Baptist State Convention, Dr. Steve Parr, State Sunday School Director.

98% provide a systematic plan for Sunday School Leaders.

Oakdale provides training events for all Sunday School teachers at least twice a year.

96% believe the pastor’s support of the Sunday School is important to the growth of the church.

Our Pastors’ agree that it is critical for every person to find a Sunday School class in order to grow more in the WORD and to establish Christian relationships with fellow Christians.

96% are overcoming space limitations.

We have understanding church members that are willing to move into another room if it means furthering the needs of the church. The Fellowship Class recently moved to make room for the Kindergarten/1st Grade class. Now Oakdale has all elementary level classrooms in the same hallway next to each other.

I am sure there are other classes if asked to move to another location that our members have a attitude of flexibility regarding room assignments, even if the room was “fixed” up nice and neat.

Each room belongs to the church and ultimately, to God for His Kingdom ministry.

91% practice open enrollment.

Enroll anyone, anytime, anywhere into your Sunday School class. Then build a relationship with those new individuals and they will want to come.

85% use an evangelism training process or method.

A church that is fast growing, provides regular, formal training on how to evangelize and spread the GOOD NEWS, with training such as FAITH, GROW, CARE, Share Jesus without fear, NET, etc.

83% strategically create new classes.

The fastest growing churches have Sunday School teachers that are intentionally mentoring an assistant teacher with the expectation that they will lead a new class in two to three years. It is the new class that can expect the highest growth.

80% what a weekly visitation ministry as a part of the Sunday School Class activity.

Each week the Sunday School reports on every face to face contact made during the past week and also plans for the upcoming week. This is done by not only the teacher, but the members of the class as well.

78% maintain an active prospect list.

Each class has a system for identifying, following up, and tracking prospects. Does your class?

78% have high written high standards for their leaders.

Each Sunday School Leader has a written job description that clearly identifies expectations.

78% intentionally organize for growth.

A successful, growing Sunday School is organized based on who we are trying to reach vs. those that are already attending.

We are not there yet, however, through HIS will, endurance, and our willingness to do whatever it takes to spread the GOOD NEWS about HIS Kingdom, we can all strive to live our lives closer to HIM. It starts with prayer, but then we are called to act. Ask yourself, what area can I assist in improving in the Sunday School that I am a member of? Teach, visitation, outreach, provide better prospect information, organize a cleanup day for a classroom or two or more?

Mark Ream
Sunday School Director

3.30 STUDENT MINISTRY

Psalm 145:8-9~ The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

In OBC's 3.30 Student Ministry we are thankful for God's character and that He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, because as students we have a long way to go and made many mistakes along the way. It is encouraging to know that the Lord is good to all and his mercy is over all that he has made.

CAMP! Please be in prayer while we are at camp July 3 - 8. Pray that we meet God on his mountain and that we come home transformed.

Ongoing events this month:

Saturday Night Student Service 6pm -830pm ***We will not be having services on the 2nd or the 9th due to camp***

Disciple Life Sunday Nights 6pm - 7pm ***We will not be having Disciple Life on the 3rd or the 10th due to camp***

Sunday School: Every Sunday morning starting at 945am We will be looking for you!

Pastor Nate

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



RA/GA DERBY RACE

SUNDAY JULY 24TH
2:00 PM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HELP WANTED/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Anyone interested in applying for a part-time position in our Afterschool Program (beginning August 2011) please contact Jennifer Engelking at 985-0456 or children@obcbaptist.org.

Children's Corner

Jennifer Engelking, Director

Children's Camp



July 3rd - 8th

Please be in prayer for the 28 children and their leaders who will be at camp. We ask that you pray for the camp staff, our bus driver, and all those helping to make this camp week possible. Pray that the children will be safe in their activities, make new friends, give their hearts to Jesus, and realize their God-given potential to impact the world through sharing the love of Christ. We ask the Holy Spirit to have His way in these precious lives.



Thank you Church Family!

We thank you for supporting the children's ministry. May The Lord continue to bless the OBC family. May He guide the decisions we make for HIS little children, and may He be glorified.

Ephesians 6:7



Take me out to the ball game!

The children's ministry team would like to invite you to join us for a Mudcats game! We will be going to the Carolina Mudcats game on **Friday, July 15th**. This game has been designated for a paper product drive benefiting the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex. Box seat tickets usually sell for \$10.00 ea, but because we will be participating in this collection, our tickets will cost \$6.00 ea. Fifty seats are available, right above the Mudcats' dugout! The signup sheet is located outside church office. Please meet at church @ **5:45pm** if you plan to ride on one of the vans, or you may meet at the stadium. Game begins @7:15pm. Each person will need **\$6.00 for ticket, extra spending money, and one paper product**. (i.e. paper towels, paper plates, tissue, etc.) This outing is open to **all** church members.

Children who have not completed the 1st grade must be accompanied by a parent.

CHURCH MAILROOM



Oakdale,

Thank you all for helping us in our time of need. God has truly blessed us by allowing people like you to be apart of our healing process. You have touched our hearts more than we can say.

Thank you again,

Bruce & Melody Dail, Kayla & Lil Bruce

(Oakdale helped with the cleanup after the tornado)

Dear Pastor Price & other friends at Oakdale Baptist,

It was a joy to be with you and share how God's grace has worked in my life. All of you were so kind, and thank you for the love offering. It will go to further the Gospel in Asia.

God Bless you and glance at Eph. 6:8

In His Service,

Gene Gurganus

OBC Family,

Thank you all for the prayers, visits, calls & cards during my recent injury. God was definitely watching over us that day!! My only regret was that I was unable to finish VBS, but I know it finished great! Thank you again for all the love & concern shown to me and my family!

Love,

Kim Wells

OBC Family,

Thank you to everyone that helped with VBS. It turned out to be wonderful and the kids all had a great time! We could not have pulled it off without the help of all of you! I pray that you were all blessed as much as I was by VBS!

Thank you all again!

Kim Wells



**American
Red Cross**

**BLOOD DRIVE
OAKDALE BAPTIST CHURCH
MONDAY, JULY 11TH
4:00 PM—8:00 PM**

**Please bring a valid ID and drink plenty of
water!**

Our Sympathy to:

Joe Armstrong in the passing of his sister-in-law

Nicholas Family & Eason Family in the passing of Granny Bessie

The Family of Sondra Hall in her passing

ClerksCorner

Welcome New Members:

Linda King 1210 Cathy Way, Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Jeremy Holloman 6511 Bulluck School Rd., Rocky Mount,



TREASURER'S INFO

MAY 2011

BUDGET, RECEIPTS & OFFERINGS

General offerings	\$29,388.71
Childcare transfer	\$ 2,400.00
April expenses	<u>\$32,597.05</u>
Over/under	\$ (808.34)

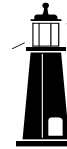
MAY

BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

Receipts	\$2,668.00
Monthly loan payment	<u>\$3,600.00</u>
Over/Under	<\$ 932.00>

LOAN BALANCE as of 6/12/11

\$294,035.78



Seventy eight of the 335 house brick plates on the Lighthouse have been engraved leaving 257 blanks. There are some great Bible verses and recognitions on these plates. You can have one engraved for a contribution of \$520.00. This does not have to be a lump sum, it can be done in installments. Many of you have reached the \$520.00 amount, please let me know how you would like the plate engraved. Let's get the Lighthouse totally covered in engraved plates.

"The correct biblical concept of money is that God owns it all and allows us to manage it for Him"

JOY GROUP NEWS

July 9th

Breakfast 8:00 AM



July 19th

(Farmer's Market)

July 28th

Covered Dish 6:00 PM

HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE

The JOY Group is planning a trip to Florida September 26-28 to see the "Holy Land Experience" at Orlando. Anyone interested in going can contact Patsy Bulluck at 977-1317.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

SECURTIY FOR JULY

- 7/3 Shawn & Spencer Webb
- 7/10 Aaron & Collin Rhodes
- 7/17 Kevin & Scott Marks
- 7/24 Wayne Calhoun & Thomas Bulluck
- 7/31 Wayne Walston & Brent Griffin

USHER TEAM FOR JULY

BERT PEELE-HEAD USHER
 WILLIAM RHODES
 JEFF GROOVER
 CLIFTON RUFFIN
 WAYNE WALSTON



NURSERY NEWS

Many thanks to caretakers for June so far...Bert and Jan Peele, Karen and Meghan Murray, Chris and Amy Webb, Candace Holder, Lori Edmondson, Philip and Amber Williams, Barbara Whitehurst, Rose Ruffin, Lisa Manning, Caroline Pilgreen, Tony and Teresa Lassiter, Steve, Susan, Cole, and Pierce Sturgill, and Jordan Griffin. You all did a good job and we appreciate your willingness to serve. Please give your prayerful support to Cathy Rose who is Nursery Hostess for July. We have July and August left in the 2010-2011 Church year so remember to let us know when you will be available to spend time with our youngest church goers. The new ministry team for the nursery for the upcoming church year will be elected soon and will be getting their schedule together by next month as September will be here before you know it. Please let them know if you will continue to be a part of this ministry. We have new babies attending at times and we can get more rocking chairs if we need to so "come on down" get acquainted with treasures in the OBC nurseries. The more times you care for our children the more chances there are that your name will be the one who wins.

7/1	Chloe Vickers	7/18	Scott Daughtridge
7/2	Kaye Bulluck	7/19	Jean Price
7/5	Shelby Webb	7/20	Michelle Marks
7/6	Rochelle Clark	7/20	Angie Ruffin
7/6	Jane Pridgen	7/21	Tim Rhodes
7/6	Emmett Tatum	7/21	Jimmy Smith
7/7	Misty Flory	7/21	Eric Summerlin
7/8	Olivia Collins	7/22	Theo Denson
7/8	Susan Sturgill	7/22	Aaron Rhodes
7/10	Cathy Baker	7/22	Jeannie Mae Walker
7/10	Marie Harrelson	7/23	Tim Hollifield
7/10	Annette Patterson	7/23	Teresa Hopkins
7/11	Bill Jones	7/23	Dan Howell
7/11	Marty Pittman	7/23	Barbara Whitehurst
7/11	Joyce Turner	7/24	Sandra Gardner
7/12	Dylan Price	7/24	Lonnie Manning
7/12	Steve Sturgill	7/24	Bernice Pridgen
7/13	Lola Robinson	7/25	Perry Mason
7/14	Ruth Ann Davis	7/26	Fletcher Holloman
7/17	Annie Daughtridge	7/27	Zane Coley
7/17	David Grove	7/28	Nate Mace
7/17	Phil Wood	7/28	Roy Porter
		7/28	Amy Vickers

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

It is once again time for the Nominating Committee to begin the work of finding spiritual leaders and workers to fill the ministry teams that do the necessary work of God's Church. Please be in prayer asking God to direct their work and bring forth the leaders that His church needs to minister within the church, the community, and the world. As appointed by the Deacons and approved by the church the first three members of the Nominating Committee are Jennifer Engelking, Tammy Wooten, and Robert Chadwick. Both Pastor Joe and Pastor Nate meet and help advise the committee in its' tasks. Pastor Joe began the first meeting with a prayer and the following scriptures to help focus the Nominating Committee on the task of finding Godly leaders for our church: I Cor. 15:58, II Tim. 2:15, James 1:22, 25; and I Cor. 3:9.

The committee plans to prepare a form for the church members to indicate the areas where they feel led to serve or have special talents to support the churches ministry. This information will greatly help guide the committee, but as always, does not guarantee a position on any committee. As is the practice of our church, each year all the positions of the church are open for new service except the ones specifically designated by our Constitution. Please be in prayer also for God's leading in your life and your service to His church.



MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

WMU News

As the summer continues to heat up and we take vacations continue to be in pray for the many missionaries around the globe who are spreading the "Good News" throughout the regions. Parents remember Mission Friends, GA's, RA's and Acteens are still meeting throughout the month of July! Encourage your kids to bring a friend!

We have a good group of women signed up for the Women on Missions Retreat in September. Please be in prayer for that event.

Our church year is fast coming to a close and it's been a spectacular year for WMU! As the nominating ministry team starts working on next years nominations, I ask that you prayerfully consider serving if you are asked. It's a lot of work no doubt but the reward is by far greater than the sacrifices made. Please be in prayer for our WMU ministry and all the boys & girls who faithfully attend each week to learn about missionaries and the work they do to spread the gospel of Christ.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve Oakdale as WMU Director!
Karen Murray

**THE PRENANACY CARE CENTER BOARD AND STAFF
INVITE OU TO CELEBRATE WITH US**

GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW FACILITY

Sunday July 10, 2011
2:00 PM until 4:00 PM

Ribbon Cutting at 3:00 P M
400 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC

BAPTIST MEN

Dear Church Family,

Summer is upon us and we have made great progress in being able to serve God and our community. Our disaster trailer is being outfitted with shelves, cabinets and new tools which we will use to meet the needs of those who require handicapped ramps or have damage to their homes due to storms, hurricanes, or other disasters. The trailer is also being fitted with new church and Baptist Men logos which I am sure all of our church members will appreciate. Thank you all for helping the Baptist Men and Women of our church to aid and assist those who need our help. Having a Disaster Trailer with which we can respond to the community is an ongoing project which requires time and resources. If anyone wishes to contribute to the Baptist Men and Women of our church so we can continue to serve, please do so - your contributions will be utilized to ensure our continued commitment to serve our Lord through volunteering and impacting our community in a positive way.

Please continue to pray that our church Outreach Programs, our youth involvement, our Children's Summer Camp, and all of our endeavors will be blessed by our powerful and awesome God.

To God be the Glory,
Brother Carroll

Psalm 133 vs 1



HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

Thank you to everyone who purchased a T-shirt to help the Mission Team raise money for Honduras (it looks great on you!). Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we begin to make our final preparations.

Mission Team, our next meeting will be at 7:00, July 11th, at Thomas & Kaye Bulluck's house.

Love God,
Buie

MISSION FOR AUGUST

“Christmas in August”

AUGUST 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>7:00 PM Worship on Wednesday</i>	4 <i>6:30PM Church Council</i>	5	6 <i>J.O.Y. Group (Johnston Comm. College)</i>																		
7 <i>Communion</i> <i>Commission Mission Team</i>	8 <i>6:30 PM WMU Current Mission Group</i> <i>7:00 PM WMU Bible Study Group</i>	9 <i>10:00 AM WMU Prayer Group</i> <i>7:00PM CMT Meeting</i>	10 <i>7:00 PM Church Conf.</i>	11 <i>7:00 PM Prayer Patriots</i>	12	13 <i>8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast</i>																		
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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

Oakdale Family,

I pray that this newsletter finds you well. The deacons have been praying for the upcoming church year and the individuals who will be called to serve the body as teachers, ministry team members, lay leaders and deacons. We ask that you partner with us in praying for the work of the Nominating team and for those who will be called to these critically important positions. As a deacon body, our prayer is that our leadership models that of Christ and that His glory and His significance are seen through our efforts to be insignificant in the eyes of the world, humbled by the Word and seeking ways to live as servant leaders to the church at Oakdale. As you pray and seek God's will for your service in His church, I would ask that you pray for the church as a whole that we are first Knowing Jesus, secondly that we are Serving Jesus and thirdly that we are Sharing the love of Christ.

Pray for our Children and Students as they travel to Camp Oakdale the first week of July. The staff, ministry leaders and the children are looking forward to a wonderful week of seeking God's face. Please pray for safe travels and that lives will be impacted for Christ!

In His Service,

Tim