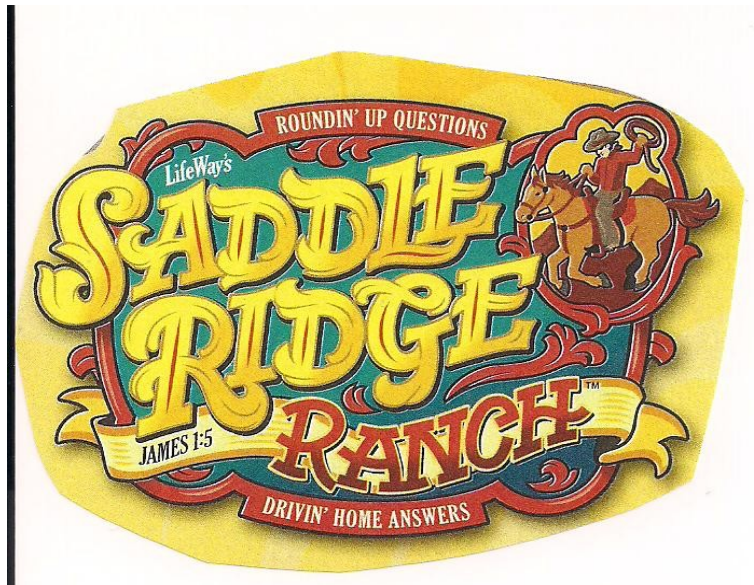


Oakdale Messenger

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June 2010

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 20-24, 2010
6:30 PM

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

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

Happy Birthday!!

6/1 Anna R. 6/4 Dale P. 6/9 Mr. Terri
6/18 Landon W. 6/28 Brianna L.

Summer is right around the corner and we are looking forward to many exciting activities ahead. Our pre-k class will be graduating on Tuesday, June 1. They have worked hard this year and are excited about sharing some of what they have learned throughout the year with their family and invited guests. We will be having a family cookout following the ceremony on the back lot/playground. The school age children will be starting the summer day camp program. We have lots of fun fieldtrips along with a powerful Bible study planned for them. The toddlers, three year olds and pre-k will be having water days each Friday throughout the summer.

During the month of June the children will be learning about oceans, ocean life, boats, and ships. They will also be focusing on “Fabulous Fathers: and American Heroes”. Our Bible study will be from the books of Genesis and Exodus. They will be focusing on the following stories “In the Beginning”, “Adam & Eve Disobey”, Noah Listens and Obeys”, “Abraham Believes”, and “God Chooses Moses”. During the months of June, July and August the academic focus will be to review what we have learned throughout the year, but our main focus for the summer will be to have fun and learn more about Jesus.

It is a happy talent to know how to play—Ralph Waldo Emerson

We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today—Stacie Tauscher

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4

Dates to Remember:

- June 1**-Pre-K Graduation/Cookout
- June 3**-Staff CPR/First Aid Class
- June 8**-Staff Appreciation Dinner
- June 10**-Last day of school
- June 18**-Trike a Thon (St. Jude)
- June 20-24**-Vacation Bible School



JOY GROUP NEWS

**JUNE 5TH 8:00 AM
BREAKFAST**

**JUNE 12TH 9:30 AM
JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

TRUE WOMAN CONFERENCE

NOW IS THE TIME

**Discover and embrace God’s created design and mission
for your life!**

Oakdale Baptist Church

**June 12, 2010
10:00 AM-2:00 PM**

Registration is \$5.00 (includes lunch)

Registration deadline is June 7th .

Youth Ministry Update

I’m so glad it’s finally summer....and what a good one it’s going to be!

June is packed with a lot of cool stuff from VBS to Fort Caswell. Also, we’ll be starting summer activities such as S.L.A.M (Student Life and Missions) where we’ll be working around the city to help show the love of Christ. We’ll be volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, the Rocky Mount Homeless Shelter, and working within our own church body. Also, we’re starting “Sunday Night Live”, which we’ll be going to different people’s houses after our Sunday night worship service for a time of fellowship!

Don’t miss out....it’s going to be a lot of fun!!!

Buie Holder

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



**CHILDREN’S CAMP
AUGUST 8-11, 2010
CAMP MUENO VISTA**

It’s not too late to sign up. Contact Ms. Jennifer.

STRAIGHT WAY T-BALL

“Make straight the way for the Lord.”
John 1:23

Approximately 115 four year olds thru second graders enjoyed five games of T-ball. Parents, grandparents and other family members watched and ate hot dogs, peanuts and other goodies. Many thanks to all the coaches. Also, thanks to all concession stand “workers”, especially the cooks, Daphne and Roger Hopkins and Mack Ruffin.

Awards Day consisted of games, a dunking booth and inflatables . Joe Price gave a presentation of the gospel and several children accepted Christ.

Most Christ-like coach of the league was Rebecca Chadwick. Octivia Alonso won most Christ-like boy of the league and Katelin Bentley won most Christ-like girl of the league.

Aaron Rhodes, Director

CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Friends,
Your kindness to our family was much appreciated! We were so blessed by your provision of a delicious meal for our family before Mother's funeral. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. You have ministered to us in such a practical way and we were encouraged!

The Fannie Johnson Family

GODLY THINGS HAPPEN WHEN GODLY WOMEN PRAY

ATTENTION ALL PRAYING WOMEN

The Women Missionary Union of Sunset Avenue Baptist Church would like all women to meet on Saturday, June 5th from 8:00-10:00 AM at Sunset Avenue Baptist Church to pray for spiritual awakening in our city, a return to our God, and much, much more. A continental breakfast will be served. Please contact Ms. Linda Ruffin or Ms. Karen Murray if you plan on going. A count for the continental breakfast is needed.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We are praying for you. RECOGNITION AND LUNCHEON JUNE 6

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Tammy Batchelor | Wesleyan College |
| Adam Collins | Faith Christian |
| Grey Edwards | Nash Community College |
| Nichole Gardner | Southwest Edgecombe |
| Kayla Hinton | Southwest Edgecombe |
| Danielle Lewis | Southwest Edgecombe |
| Trey Lewis | Southwest Edgecombe |
| Jordan Matthews | South Central –Winterville |
| Stacey Nicholas | University of Phoenix |
| Michael Pittman | Tarboro High School |
| Morgan Reason | Southwest Edgecombe |
| Ashley Rhodes | Edge. Community College |
| Carson Rhodes | Edgecombe Early College |
| Meghan Mills | Southwest Edgecombe |
| Meghan Rhodes | East Carolina University |
| Rebecca Rhodes | Southwest Edgecombe |
| Hannah Robbins | Southwest Edgecombe |
| Matthew Ruffin | Southwest Edgecombe |
| Zachary Seitter | Southwest Edgecombe |
| Lauren Sledge | Southwest Edgecombe |
| Kendall Smith | Pitt Community College |
| Pierce Sturgill | Southwest Edgecombe |
| Amy Webb | Nash Community College |
| Danielle Williams | Southwest Edgecombe |

ClerksCorner Linda Ruffin, Church Clerk Welcome New Members:

Collin Spain 63 Sipe Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27801
(Baptism)

Josh Blaney 2083 Meadowbrook Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27801 (Baptism)

Tanner Rhodes 5723 Fieldstream Drive Rocky Mount, NC 27803 (Baptism)

Business Conference May 12, 2010

Reports from various ministry teams are on file with the minutes in the office

Motion passed to add three lights to parking lot
Forthcoming proposed change in Constitution/Bylaws. Can request copy of proposed changes from office, clerk, or committee member. Will be voted in after 30 days have elapsed.

Nominating committee appointees announced and voted on: Kim Wells, Sue Lassiter, Jeff Collins, Linda Davis

Pastor search team announced/voted on: Elton Pridgen, James Walston, Brent Wooten, Susie Webb, Michael Batts, Pat Jackson, Renee' Holloman, Dr. Mitchell as advisor, youth non-voting members Shelby Webb and Dillon Engelking

Letters granted for April Eason and Linda Woodcock



RELAY FOR LIFE

Can I get a Relay!!!!

These are the famous words of our Team Captain, Pam Gould. And boy, did we have a Relay!!! Our team consisted of 21 registered members and a host of members of a support team. We were on a mission and that was to see how quickly and how much money we could raise for the cause of researching, educating, and assisting those who are experiencing cancer at this time. We got a late start, but with our returning team members, and our awesome new team members, we have turned in over \$7,700 already. This will go far in the efforts to find a cure.

It behooves the team members to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who supported us through this effort. Many of you made homemade ice cream for us to sell at relay, donated strawberries, other goodies, cooked turkey legs, sausage, grits, just so many things too numerous to mention. Many of you purchased bows, luminaries, cards, shirts, etc. Roger, Daphne and Wayne were our cooks. The support team is as important as the registered team members. Let me just say...the team had a wonderful time under the "big tent" during the night and early morning of May 14th and 15th. Some of our team members made lots of things for us to sell and for that the rest of us say "thank you". It was hard work but worth it!!! Just ask Joe Armstrong about moving tables and chairs!!!! Also, ask Pam about the crutches she ended up needing.

Once again, Jamie Mullins painted a team banner that took first place in the banner competition. We also won 2nd place for our relay theme. We were the "Buckaroos". Kim Wells assisted our Team captain in many ways and the rest of us appreciate her help. When the final total is compiled, we will report the final sum that was donated to the relay. They receive money for this year's relay until August 31, 2010.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

**SECURITY TEAMS FOR
JUNE**

6/6 Doug Smith & Michael Odom
 6/13 Wayne Calhoun & Thomas Bulluck
 6/20 Deryl Lewis & Joe Williams
 6/27 Phil Wood & Jonathan Cobb

*Anyone interested in being on the security team, please call Stacey Nicholas at 903-3321.

USHER TEAM FOR JUNE

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

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

6/6 Susan & Jonathan Cobb
 JoElla Webb, Stacey Nicholas
 6/13 Sue & Wayne Lassiter
 Debra & Wayne Calhoun
 6/20 Michelle & Kevin Marks
 Barbara Whitehurst, Casey Joyner
 6/27 Robert & Rebecca Chadwick
 Catherine Arnold, Teresa Hopkins

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 6/1 Anna Rhodes | 6/18 Judy Costello |
| 6/2 Spencer Webb | 6/18 Gary Winstead |
| 6/3 William Lamm | 6/20 Patty Collins |
| 6/3 Duncan Tatum | 6/20 Vickie Sledge |
| 6/4 Tyler Williams | 6/22 Zachary Perry |
| 6/4 Rosa Winstead | 6/22 Jacob Price |
| 6/5 Marcia Guy | 6/22 Sandra Walston |
| 6/7 Ricky Murray | 6/23 Stephen Hicks |
| 6/8 Obie Thompson | 6/23 Collin Rhodes |
| 6/9 Amber Williams | 6/23 Janie Sutton |
| 6/10 Luke Holloman | 6/24 Peggy Johnson |
| 6/10 Christian Langley | 6/24 Danielle Lewis |
| 6/10 Ginger Tess | 6/24 Christina Marks |
| 6/11 Teddy Williams | 6/25 Evelyn Pitt Bradley |
| 6/12 Sandy Howard | 6/26 Dorothy Grimsley |
| 6/13 Jim Vickers | 6/26 J. R. Hamlett |
| 6/13 Brent Griffin | 6/26 Erin Perry |
| 6/14 Mary Reichenbaugh | 6/26 Tanner Rhodes |
| 6/15 Ethel Pitt | 6/26 Kayla Strickland |
| 6/16 Carol Perry | 6/26 Patsy Vickers |
| 6/17 Jackie Medley | 6/27 Christy Nicholas |
| 6/17 Joshua Rose | 6/30 Annette Reynolds |



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

6/6 Sharon Brantley
 6/13 Tim & Jennifer Engelking
 6/20 Marcia Walston
 6/27 Sandy Howard



MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

WMU NEWS

We had a great turnout for the Ladies Covered Dish Luncheon on May 16th. Gwen Tilley from Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Durham came to share with us her experiences during a recent mission trip to Haiti. We had a wonderful meal and to see the great things the Lord is doing in Haiti was also wonderful to see. Gwen asks that we all be in prayer for Haiti and for all those who go and do short term missions' work for the people of there.

In April we had 3 mothers & their daughters go to Camp Mundo Vista for their Mother/Daughter weekend. They all had a wonderful experience and I'm sure they would be glad to share that with anyone who would like to hear it. Camp Mundo Vista offers Mother/Daughter Mini camps all during the summer for mothers & daughters that are interested. You can go the WMU website <http://www.wmunc.org/> CampMundoVista for more information including dates and costs.

On June 6th during the evening service we will be honoring our GA's who have completed their World Venture steps. They have worked hard all year and I know that you will join me in celebrating their commitment to missions study and activities. A reception will be held after the service in the fellowship hall.

ACTEENS! This is for girls grades 7th – 12th with a heart for Lord and missions. We are in the process of starting ACTEENS again for girls in this age group, so be looking for more information in the coming months.

The summer months are fast approaching and soon we will be praying for some relief from the heat...when that happens, think – CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST! So be in anticipation of some relief.

MISSION INVOLVEMENT

After some discussion with our church council, we have come to the decision to extend our LifeBox missions project until June 13th. For all of those who have given boxes THANK YOU! We still have not met the need of 118 boxes and I say need because it's truly needed. These men and women sacrifice for our freedom just as Christ sacrificed his Son to free us from sin.

In the coming weeks we will be trying something different in order to meet the NEED we have for these boxes. Please be in prayer for this mission and for all the men and women who sacrifice for us everyday just so we can have the opportunities that we all take for granted.

Karen Murray, WMU Director/Missions Coordinator

RA/GA RACE



SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2010

2:00 PM

Family Life Center

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER



Please return bottles by June 20th.
(Full of money!)



**American
RedCross**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT OAKDALE

**TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2010
4:00 PM-8:00 PM**

“STEPPIN’ UP”, “REACH IN OUT”, AND “DIVIN’ IN”

4th Quarter starts June 6th! – Teachers, see your Department Director for your Sunday School teaching materials. The materials are in and counted for. Adults should have all of the literature by now.

Summer is upon us! Now is the time to reflect on this past year’s blessings all of HIS Sunday School teachers have provided us and our children. It has been a personal blessing to our son, Jackson, and the rest of the 1 and 2 year olds to have the same Sunday School teacher this entire year. They know Nancy Lamm and Emily Owens and are excited to see them both in and out of Sunday School. I’d like to personally thank the both of them for committing an entire year to teaching HIS 1 and 2 year olds! HIS children have benefited from their consistent presence and teachings all year round. As we all know, children thrive on routine and consistency.

I know for my personal walk, I have grown closer to HIM, as a direct result of James Walston’s annual commitment to teach the Fellowship Sunday Class as do the rest of the Adult Sunday School Teachers.

Tony Lassiter has taught HIS Youth, grades 9 – 12 this past year and has done a terrific job in providing HIS Youth with consistent teaching and mentoring the entire church year. Buie Holder has been there to actively support Tony in the 9th -12th grades as a co-teacher and a substitute for grades 7 – 8 the entire year. Not to mention the leadership he has provides for our Youth both in and outside of Sunday School.

HIS Children have also benefited from all of the teachers that made the leap of faith and “Stepped UP” to the challenging commitment of teaching the rest of the Youth, Children, and Preschoolers in the new “Quarterly” rotational schedule. HIS children witnessed an increase in consistent leadership and mentoring with Oakdale’s teachers giving their time and Spiritual gifts to HIS Children.

Our Lord’s Sunday School program has been blessed and challenged this year to determine what type of Sunday School each small group is, **“CLASS”**, **“COMMUNITY”**, or **“COMMISSION”**

Sunday School leaders and members are challenged to excel in each of the three levels:

“CLASS” - foundational level of a "class" where the primary purpose is Bible study

“COMMUNITY” - at this level the class is more of a "community" where each person can rely on the others, caring and sharing 24/7

“COMMISSION” - the class becomes intentional about helping each other obey the Great Commission, reaching out to those in the community

GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Expect newcomers in Sunday School every week.

Expect participants to have a dynamic Bible study experience each week.

Expect members to say yes to opportunities to serve God.

Expect your class to grow and plant new classes.

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR NEXT YEAR’S TEACHERS. EXCITING TIMES ARE AMONG US AT OAKDALE!

FOR HIM!

Mark Ream
Sunday School Director

Church-wide Mission Project is
LIFEBOX
Deadline is June 13th

June 2010



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 6:00 PM Pre-K Graduation and family Cookout 6:30 PM Outreach | 2 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School Meeting | 3 | 4 | 5 8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast 8:00 -10:00 AM Prayer time at Sunset Avenue. Baptist Church for women |
| 6 2:30 –Deacons 4:30 PM Twelve Extraordinary Women 6:00 PM Worship (G.A. Recogni- tion) 7:00 - Youth SNL | 7 | 8 10:00 AM Prayer Group | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 9:30 AM J.O.Y. Group to Johnston Community College 10:00 AM True Woman Conference |
| 13 2:00 PM RA/GA Race 5:00 PM Twelve Extraordinary Women 6:00 PM Worship (Music Program) 7:00 PM Youth SNL | 14 6:30 PM Current Mission Group 7:00 PM Bible Study Group 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team | 15 6:30 PM Outreach (Deacons) | 16 | 17 Youth S.L.A.M. 7:00 PM Men's Group | 18 | 19 8:30 AM Baptist Men |
| 20 Father's Day | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Youth S.L.A.M. | 25 | 26 |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:30 PM </div> | | | | | | |
| 27 5:00 PM Twelve Extraordi- nary Women 6:00 PM Worship 7:00 PM Youth SNL | 28 | 29 | 30 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> YOUTH CAMP June 28 - July 3 </div> | | |
| | | | | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> NURSING HOME MINISTRY 6/1 Brekenridge 10:30 AM 6/1 IHS Nursing Home 11:30 AM 6/2 Somerset Ct. 10:00 AM 6/4 The Albemarle 10:30 AM </div> | | |

July 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | Y o u t h C a m p June 28-July 3 | | |
| 4 <i>Independence Day</i> <i>Call 2 Fall</i> <i>No PM Service</i> | 5 <i>Church Office & Childcare Closed</i> | 6 <i>6:30 PM Outreach</i> <i>Youth Bible Study</i> | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 <i>8:00 AM Joy Group Breakfast</i> |
| 11 <i>Deacon's Meeting</i> <i>6:00 PM Worship (Lead by Youth)</i> <i>7:00 PM Youth SNL</i> | 12 <i>6:30 PM Current Mission Group</i> <i>7:00 PM Bible Study Group</i> <i>7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team</i> <i>4:00 PM-8:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive</i> | 13 <i>10:00 AM Prayer Group</i> | 14 | 15 <i>Youth S.L.A.M.</i> <i>6:30 PM Childcare Ministry Team</i> | 16 | 17 <i>8:30 AM Baptist Men</i> |
| 18 <i>6:00 PM Worship</i> <i>7:00 PM Youth SNL</i> | 19 <i>7:00 PM Oakdale Women's Bible Study Group</i> | 20 <i>10:00 JOY Group (Farmer's Market)</i> <i>6:30 PM Outreach (Deacons)</i> <i>Youth Bible Study</i> | 21 | 22 <i>6:00 PM J.O.Y. Group Covered Dish</i> | 23 | 24 <i>Youth - Fort Macon</i> |
| 25 <i>5-7:00 PM Sunday School (Great Expectations)</i> <i>7:00 PM Youth SNL</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 <i>Youth S.L.A.M.</i> <i>7:00 PM Men's Group</i> | 30 | 31 |
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DEACON BEACON—News from Deacon Ministry Team

A guiding light to the rock.

June 2010 Deacons of the Month: Robert Chadwick, Mark Ream, Carroll Brown

Dressed for Battle

Ephesians 6:10-18

When you wake up in the morning and get dressed for the day, you're probably not thinking about stepping onto a battle-field. But the enemy is all around us, constantly assaulting our hearts and minds with temptations, adversities, emotional attacks, and more. And some days, it feels as though we are standing on the front lines of combat with no protection whatsoever.

Therein lies our misunderstanding. You see, we do have protection. The Lord made a provision for our weakness in battle. He hasn't sent us to war unprotected; instead, He's given us a suit of armor that the enemy can't penetrate--the armor of God.

In Ephesians 6:10-18, the apostle Paul tells us step by step how to prepare for our daily warfare, and yet most Christians don't pay much attention to the instruction. We may say, "Well, that's a nice metaphor, but we shouldn't take it literally. After all, the armor isn't real." Yes, it is. It is as real as the clothes on our backs.

Do you want to see a dramatic change in your life? Do you want to stand strong in the face of adversity? Do you want to overcome temptation? Then you need to dress for battle.

I challenge you to intentionally put on your spiritual armor every day for the next seven days. Put it on one piece at a time--the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, the sandals of peace, the shield of faith, and the sword of God. Just try it as you meditate daily on Ephesians 6:10-18, and watch what God will do.

Hugh Brent Wooten