

Oakdale Messenger

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March 2009

UPWARD AWARDS NIGHT

March 1, 2009

6:00 PM (Doors open at 5:30 PM)

Dunn Center-Wesleyan College

Entertainment by Dave "TRAVELIN" Davlin

UPWARD OUTREACH NIGHT

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009

STRAIGHTWAY T-BALL 2009

Orientation & Registration Night

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

6:30 PM

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

Happy Birthday!!

Zachary Michalski 3/9
Kaylee Wright 3/14
Paul Ezzell 3/16

What a difference in weather we have had. The past week has been like Spring. The children have had a great time getting outside more. I have heard from parents, children, and staff that the circus trip was loads of fun. They said they had great seats and that everyone had a blast. The bible focus this month is “Jesus teaches us to love and pray”. The children will also learn about wind, kites, and frogs. Dr. Seaus books. The pre-k class continues to go to Bulluck School each week for kindergarten transition. We also continue to have weekly chapel and Ms. Henny Penny visits us on Fridays from Braswell Library. We have some new families that have joined us and I would like to welcome each one and invite them to come to Oakdale if they do not have a church family. Please continue to pray for each family repre-



CHILDREN’S CORNER

SUMMER CAMP

It is not too late to sign up for Summer camp! Camp is open to all 1st –6th graders. We will be going to Camp Caraway August 9-13. For more information visit www.caraway.org or contact Jennifer Engelking @ 985-0456.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER AND AUCTION

On March 28, beginning at 5:30 PM, the children’s ministry team will be sponsoring a spaghetti supper and auction. Monies raised from the event will be used towards summer camp. Equal credit will be given to each camper who participates. Campers must sell at least 5 tickets and contribute at least 2 items for the auction. The supper will begin at 5:30 PM and the auction will begin at 7:00 PM. We would like to invite the church family to join us for this fun-filled night. See a camper or Jennifer for tickets. We are asking the church family for donated items for the auction. (i.e. baked goods, homemade crafts, gently used household items, gift certificates, purchased items) Summer camp will cost nearly \$10,000. Your support is greatly appreciated.

DISCOVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning March 8th, Jennifer will be teaching another session of the children’s Discovery Sunday School. This class is open to any child, K-6th grade, who has recently made a commitment to Jesus, or one who has questions about being a Christian. Topics will be: salvation, baptism,

Youth Ministry Update

Pray for our Youth: I hope you make it a regular part of your prayer time to lift up the youth of Oakdale Baptist Church. We are excited that many of them are involved in ministry and missions. Our Nation desperately needs young men and women who will take the gospel to this generation. As I think about your youth, I am reminded of what was said in the Old Testament about Daniel and his friends- “And as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams” (Daniel 1:17). As they prepare for higher education and for careers, my prayer is that they will impact society wherever they go and in whatever they do. A generation like this must arise to help fulfill the Great Commission.

BeDoTell Outreach: We are excited to be a part of the BeDoTell outreach with other area churches. “BeDoTell” is the worship band that led worship at Ft. Caswell last summer. They will be coming to our area for a concert in April. In preparation for the concert, our youth will be meeting with other area youth groups to pray and prepare. The scheduled goes like this:

- March 21 Youth Groups meet at Englewood
- April 1 Youth Groups meet at Oakdale
- April 26 BeDoTell Concert at Northern Nash High School

JOY GROUP NEWS



**SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH
BREAKFAST**

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Church Family,

My family would like to thank you for everything you have done for us. We had a wonderful Christmas. We appreciate all the help that has been given to us. With everything going on in our lives, you encourage me to go forward just by asking how we are and giving us words of encouragement. That means a lot to me.

“God is fair, he will not forget the work you did and the love you showed for him by helping His people.”

Hebrews 6:10

May God Bless You!

Misty Flory & Family

Dear Supporter of Pregnancy Care Center,

As we kick off 2009 this-like any other year-starts with a major step of faith. We have a budget, to be sure. And after prayer and careful planning, we have a clear idea of the income required to meet the needs of this ministry through-out the year. But because we are just beginning 2009, we do not have the actual income. All the planning in the world then, comes to nothing without those who step forward and say, “Count on me”.

Thankfully, you are doing just that-and we appreciate you. As we open the year, gifts like yours are particularly encouraging, setting the ministry on course to touch lives-and save lives in the process. So thank you. You are an integral part of every victory, every success of this ministry. And as 2009 unfolds, we look forward to sharing the impact your gift is making in the lives of so many.

Sincerely,

Kay F. Gurganus, Executive Director

The Harrell’s do so appreciate the support that people at Oakdale Church gave them during the loss of their mother. You will always be remembered for your kind expressions of sympathy.

Love,

Allan Harrell & Family

I would like to thank the Current Mission Group ladies for all the things you gave me for Valentine’s Day and for all the cards. God bless all of you today, tomorrow, and always. God is good.!

Janet Powell

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

ClerksCorner

Welcome New members: Thomas Engelking (Baptism)
Christina Marks (Baptism)

Church Business Conference 2/9/09

Minutes, Treasurer’s Report approved

Reports from various committees, ministry teams, etc are on file in the church office for public viewing.

Motion made and passed that we create a position of Audio/visual Coordinator and was referred to Nominating committee for completion.

Old business: handrails have been installed in entries to choir loft.



We had our first meeting on 2/18 and will have one on 2/25. Hopefully we will have more people to come forward and join the team. We will be doing fund raising during the next two months and hope that everyone will

consider being a part of this important endeavor to help "stamp out cancer". There will be bows, shirts, baked goods, lollipops, and other items you can purchase in support of this team. The team will also be selling coupons for portraits for \$9.95. One real important thing you can do is purchase a luminary in memory of a loved one lost to cancer or honor of a cancer

survivor. Watch for things you can do to help make this 25th year of Relay for Life a real success. Edgecombe County has won some national awards

Evelyn Freeman’s address is: 212 Burgwin Wright Way, Cary, NC 27519-9402. She would love to hear from you.

Our Sympathy to:

Congratulations to Michael & Jennifer Walston on the birth of their son, Caleb Michael. He was born February 17th. He weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.



STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Response to Economic Crisis

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change

To change the things I can

And the wisdom to know the difference

Have you been praying the serenity prayer more than usual these days. Just when we think the worst is over, we learn that the economy may get worse before it gets better. And with no clear solutions and no clear way out, it is easy to fall into despair.

It’s impossible to be immune from the fear that is ever present, but it is

possible to seek out God’s invitation and discern a faithful response in the firm knowledge that God’s steadfast love, God’s faithfulness in and through Christ can be trusted.

God is in the midst of this crisis and calling us to more deeply integrate our

MARCH 2009

**SECURITY TEAMS FOR
MARCH**

Mar.. 1 Mike Odom & Thomas Bulluck

Mar. 8 C. T. Worrell & Carroll Brown

Mar. 15 Shawn Webb & Doug Smith

3/1 Dotti Pitt	3/18 David Robbins
3/3 Zachary Bass	3/18 Christina Sykes
3/3 Jimmy Joyner	3/19 Deborah Jo Rhodes
3/5 Kevin Marks	3/20 Shawn Webb
3/7 Chris Coley	3//21 Susie Webb
3/7 Kaleb Edmondson	3/21 Danielle Williams
3/7 Susie Leonard	3/21 Amanda Wood
3/9 Glenn Lawrence	3/22 Russ Porter
3/9 Philip Williams	3/22 Patrick Tess
3/11 Julia Vanmale	3/23 Deborah Wood
3/15 Anthony Odom	3/29 Edward Webb
3/15 Richard Price	3/30 Jonathan Cobb
3/15 Pearl Whitehurst	3/30 Felecia Edmondson
3/16 Dillon Engelking	3/30 Jessica Strickland
3/17 Paige Hill	3/31 Bobby Daughtridge
3/18 Debra Hamm	3/31 Linda Woodcock

USHER TEAM FOR MARCH

Bert Peele—Head Usher

William Rhodes

Bill Lamm

Clifton Ruffin

Wayne Walston



MARCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM Worship

3/1 Linda & Clifton Ruffin, Lisa Manning,
Rose Ruffin

3/8 JoElla Webb, Paula & Britt Medley,
Susan & Jonathan Cobb

3/15 Debra & Wayne Calhoun, Sue &
Wayne Lassiter

3/22 Catherine Arnold, May Howell, Nancy

MARCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM WORSHIP

3/1 Ginger Tess & Robin Rhodes

3/8 C. T. & Faye Worrell

3/15 Kelly Bentley, Judy Costello &
Tina Pride



MISSIONS UPDATE



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
March 1-8, 2009

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SOWING TOGETHER FOR HARVEST

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To Those Who Serve,

What a privilege it is to serve an Awesome God!
Are you serving God today? Did you serve him yesterday?
Those questions are an integral summation of what we do for our God and our Church. It is so very evident that our Church family serves God in a myriad of ways without ever once asking for recognition. We need only to attend the Saturday morning Upward basketball games and look around to see the many church members who make Upward a successful God centered event. The coaches, the referees, the announcer, the scorekeepers, the cheerleaders, the kitchen staff and the people who operate the sales table, the popcorn concession and don't forget those who clean-up the church and gymnasium when all is done. If that is not enough evidence of serving God and the Church then look around on Wednesday night and see who is leading the RA's and GA's and who is leading our youth. You can also look at all of those who serve on the different Ministry Teams both within the Church and on our Christian Outreach programs, the members of the choir and the music director and the praise and worship teams, and don't forget Sunday morning and Sunday night and those who teach Sunday School and lead our youth programs. It is all of those people who comprise Oakdale Baptist Church and form the very fabric of who we really are and who we serve. What a privilege it is to serve our Master!

Due to the prevailing weather pattern for the week of February 21 thru February 28 and the strong possibilities of rain and snow in the mountains of North Carolina and Kentucky, it was necessary to delay our mission trip. We are, however, hopeful that God will present another opportunity to serve him in the near future. Please be in prayer that God will reveal to us all a way that we may give something back to His kingdom as He has blessed us so many times over with His grace and compassion.

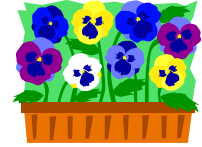
Thanks to all who serve and may God richly bless each of you in a special way!

In His Name and For his Sake,

Carroll Brown



March 2009



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DEACON BEACON—News from Deacon Ministry Team

A guiding light to the Rock.

March 2009 Deacons of the Month: Robert Chadwick , Bruce Rhodes, Carroll Brown

How to Deal With Unforgiveness

Matthew 6:9-15

We have a great deacon ministry team. At the last meeting we had our prayer time and many things were lifted up, but as Matt prayed he asked for God to help us mend fences and not to build up walls. What a thought!! The Holy Spirit began to work in me right then. I knew that it was not by chance that God laid this on Matt's heart to pray. I know personally I have seen mended relationships in my family in past weeks. What a wonderful thing. I went back and looked at a devotion that I read about forgiveness....Here are some thoughts from that devotion.

Scripture clearly teaches that we are to forgive those who hurt us. So let's identify practical ways to confront the matter of unforgiveness head-on. You may want to keep this list in your Bible or close by for easy review.

1. *Take it seriously.* Unforgiveness is a major issue that shouldn't be casually dismissed.
2. *Assume full responsibility.* Don't blame anyone else for your feelings or actions.
3. *Confess it honestly.* Be specific and direct with God about what you feel, and acknowledge that unforgiveness is sin. Don't "soften" the matter or let yourself off the hook.
4. *Lay down your anger.* Unless you deal with your resentment, bitterness can re-enter your life later on.
5. *Pray for the other person.* This may feel impossible or unnatural, but do it anyway. Praying is a choice to act lovingly, regardless of how you are treated. This will impact your entire relationship.
6. *Ask that individual to forgive you.* If the other person knows that you've been harboring bitterness, you need to ask for his or her forgiveness.
7. *Do something nice for that person.* Let a loving gesture demonstrate your desire to restore the relationship.
8. *Don't allow Satan to throw you back into unforgiveness.* Once the matter is resolved, watch out for stray thoughts that could stir up