



# Oakdale Messenger

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March 2010

## **LAY RENEWAL WEEKEND**

**April 9-11, 2010**

**“Soaking Up the Son”**

Mark your calendars for the weekend of April 9th, 10th, and 11th as Oakdale will embark on a Spiritual Journey called a Lay Witness Mission. A Lay Witness Mission is more than a program. It is a weekend event in which a team of laypersons come to Oakdale to share their faith in Christ. The laypeople share their personal experiences of trying to live the Christian life. They tell of true struggles and heartaches as well as the victories and speak personally to many in one-on-one encounters. They share and they listen. They come to receive as well as to give. There have been many people (even some in our own Church) who were lead to Christ or renewed their commitment to Christ through the Lay Witness program (Something we could all use.) So please encourage all our Oakdale members to come and bring a guest on April 9th, 10th, and 11th to experience the love of Christ presented to us through the ministry of these laypeople.

### **“Prepare Through Prayer”**

In order for us to reap the full benefits of this spiritual renewal, we must ‘prepare through prayer’ . Please start praying now for the Holy Spirit to move in our church. There will be weekly reminders in the bulletin to help us cover this event in prayer from the beginning until its completion. You are invited to participate in weekly prayer time before Sunday AM services in the prayer room. Then as the weekend arrives, we will have a 24 hour prayer vigil to pray specifically for the event beginning the next day. This will be a time of sacrificial prayer time. It can be an awesome time between you and God when you stop everything else at a specific time during the day (or night) to speak to Him and seek His presence and guidance for those in our church as well as those ministering to us during this event. We look forward to what God has in store for us here at Oakdale. Will you commit to be an integral part of our Lay Witness Weekend and pray diligently for God’s will to be done and for each of us to have a closer walk with God?

**Our mission is to KNOW Jesus, SERVE Jesus,**

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

**Happy Birthday!!**

3/1 Baylee Williams	3/16 Paul Ezzell
3/1 Jasmine Easterling	3/25 Kameron Wright
3/14 Kaylee Wright	

We have several families that we would like to welcome to the Oakdale Childcare family. We are so glad you are here with us. Thank you to the parents that came out for the parent meeting with the childcare ministry team. It is always good to see parents involved in their child’s life.

The Bible focus will be learning to love, to pray, and to seek Jesus. They will also be learning The Lord’s Prayer. The pre-k class will be memorizing and reciting it by the end of March. The academic focus for the month will be on the letters (L,M,N,O), numbers (5,6,7,8). The children talk about weather, say the pledge, review names, birthdays, colors, and shapes daily. This month’s theme is Spring (insects, birds, butterflies, wind, flowers) and we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss’ birthday by reading many of his books and having a special celebration.

**Upcoming Events:**

**March 2-**Dr. Seuss’ Birthday  
Picture Day

**March 5-**PJ Day (Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration)  
Wear your PJ’s and bring your favorite Dr. Seuss book. We will have green eggs and ham for snack in the AM.

Michelle Marks  
Childcare Director

**JOY GROUP NEWS**



**MARCH 13TH 8:00 AM  
BREAKFAST**

**MARCH 25TH 6:00 PM  
COVERED DISH**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
Summer 2010**



**Vacation Bible School                      June 20-24**

**Youth Camp    June 28-July 3**

**Children’s Camp                                      August 8-11**

**Youth Ministry Update**

We will be going to the Planet Wisdom Student Conf. in Woodbridge, VA. March 12-13. Check it out at [www.planetwisdom.com](http://www.planetwisdom.com). **Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 3.**

**Mark your calendar:**

Fort Caswell, Summer Youth Camp Week 3  
June 28-July 3, 2010

Registration information coming soon.

Pastor Brooks

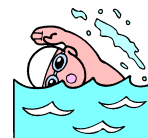
**CHILDREN’S CORNER**

**Jennifer Engelking, Children’s Minister**

**Summer Camp**

It’s hard to think about summer camp when the temperatures outside are so cold, but believe it or not it’s right around the corner, and I’m ready! This year we will be attending Uncle Harry’s Summer Camp at Camp Mundo Vista, in Asheboro, NC. **Dates: August 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Cost: \$200.00/child A \$25.00 deposit is due by March 31<sup>st</sup> along with completed registration form.**

Please be in prayer for the children and the staff of Camp Mundo Vista as we prepare for another exciting week of summer camp.



**Summer Camp Fundraiser**

**On March 20<sup>th</sup>** the Children’s Ministry Team will be having a pancake supper and live auction to help offset the cost of camp. All campers who contribute at least 2 items for the auction and who sell at least 5 tickets to the meal, will share equally in the proceeds from the fundraiser. If you would like to help the children in this fundraiser by selling tickets, purchasing tickets, or donating items for the auction please see a Children’s Ministry Team member. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Auction items need to be at church by March 14<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be available for larger items.

**Easter Egg-travaganza**

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4 pm  
All children are invited! Babies – 6<sup>th</sup> graders  
Fun-filled day including an Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Scavenger Hunt, movie, refreshments, door prizes  
See Jennifer for more info!

# CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Oakdale Family,  
Thank you so much for the love gift at Christmas. You are always so thoughtful and generous to me. Thank you also for the cards and prayers during my recent surgery. Everyone has been so supportive. I am so grateful to be part of the Oakdale Family.

Love in Christ,  
Angie

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Dear Oakdale Family,

I want to thank our Church Family for your many prayers for my daddy. I know that many of the prayers that were prayed during his sickness were answered. It is hard to believe that he is gone, but I know he is no longer in pain. Please continue to pray for the family. I know God will give us strength and get us through this difficult time.

I want to thank everyone for the food that was taken to my mama's. Also, I would like to thank those who prepared the meal that was served after the funeral.

Pattie Mullins

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Dear Oakdale Family,

I would like to thank everyone that helped me to achieve my Eagle rank. It has been an intense time to accomplish my goals with the spaghetti plate sale and building the picnic shelter at SWE High School. It could not have been done without you. It will be awesome to see the benefits the SWE community will receive with this addition to the school grounds not just by the baseball players but the entire school and surrounding community.

I have gone in front of the BSA Board and have received the official signatures to show that I am an Eagle Scout. It has been a rewarding time in my life and I encourage all young boys to join Boy Scouts of America. You will have lots of fun while learning to be responsible.

In Christ's Love,  
Andy Tess

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Dear Family of Oakdale Baptist,

Thanks to each and every one for preparing and sharing a special meal for the family of Robert L. Wells, Papa. What a blessing to have such special Christian friends like you all.

The most wonderful blessing of all is knowing that Papa is in heaven today. Yes, we grieve, but also rejoice. Your thoughtfulness, prayers, and support will always be remembered.

Yours in Christ,  
Wayne, Phyllis, Melissa & Family

## Our Sympathy to:

The family of Larry Sawyer in his passing.  
The family of Marcine Kincaid Garrison in her passing

## ClerksCorner Linda Ruffin, Church Clerk

### Welcome New Members:

Taylor Joyner, Lot 41, Bull Run Lane, Rocky Mount 27801  
(Joined 5-3-09)

Josh Blaney, 2083 Meadowbrook Rd., Rocky Mount 27801  
(Joined 1-10-10)

**Church conference** was held on Feb. 10, 2010 at Oakdale. Other activities were cancelled so that everyone could attend the conference. The conference was led by Deacon Chair, Brent Wooten. Reports were given, motions made and passed, report from Pastor Brooks on his experiences in Haiti on his second trip, new members voted on, letters granted. The actions taken are recorded in the minutes which are available for public review at any time during office hours. It is important to note that one action taken was that no funds could be spent whether budgeted or non budgeted, before approval of the purchasing committee. This is due to our wanting to make sure that funds are available before they are used. We must all be frugal in our expenditures of money given to Oakdale to promote the cause of Christ.

Linda Ruffin, Clerk 2009-2010

## RELAY FOR LIFE

It's time to Relay! If you would like to join Oakdale Baptist's team in this year's Edgecombe County Relay for Life, the time to sign up is now! If you want to join the team, please contact Pam Gould at [pamkgould@yahoo.com](mailto:pamkgould@yahoo.com) or 266-1980. Our next team meeting will be on Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Relay will be held May 14th & 15th this year. We are also seeking volunteers to help cook at the Relay this year. If you are interested, please see Pam or one of the team members. If you would like to purchase a luminary or buy an ad in the program for Relay, or just simply give a donation, please contact Pam or one of this year's team members! As always, thank you for your support of Relay for Life!!!

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

**SECURITY TEAMS FOR MARCH**

Mar. 7 Kevin & Scott Marks  
 Mar. 14 Doug Smith & Michael Odom  
 Mar. 21 Wayne Calhoun & Thomas Bulluck  
 Mar. 28 Derryl Lewis & Joe Williams

**USHER TEAM FOR MARCH**

Bert Peele-Head Usher  
 William Rhodes  
 Bill Lamm  
 Clifton Ruffin  
 Wayne Walston



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

3/7 Susan & Jonathan Cobb  
 JoElla Webb, Stacey Nicholas  
  
 3/14 Sue & Wayne Lassiter  
 Debra & Wayne Calhoun  
  
 3/21 Michelle & Kevin Marks  
 Barbara Whitehurst, Casey Joyner  
  
 3/28 Rebecca & Robert Chadwick  
 Catherine Arnold, Teresa Hopkins

3/1 Emma Webb	3/18 Debra Hamm
3/3 Zachary Bass	3/19 Deborah Jo Rhodes
3/3 Jimmy Joyner	3/20 Shawn Webb
3/4 Caroline Pilgreen	3/21 Susie Webb
3/5 Kevin Marks	3/21 Danielle Williams
3/7 Chris Coley	3/21 Amanda Wood
3/7 Kaleb Edmondson	3/22 Russ Porter
3/7 Susie Leonard	3/22 Patrick Tess
3/9 Glenn Lawrence	3/23 Deborah Wood
3/9 Philip Williams	3/29 Edward Webb
3/11 Julia Vanmale	3/30 Jonathan Cobb
3/15 Anthony Odom	3/30 Felecia Webb
3/15 Richard Price	3/30 Jessica Strickland
3/15 Pearl Whitehurst	3/31 Bobby Daughtridge
3/16 Dillon Engelking	3/31 Linda Woodcock
3/17 Paige Summerlin	

**The Church Would Like To Share In Your Special Dates and Occasions!**



Effective with the New Year the church asks that you please consider sharing your Special Dates and Occasions with us; if you would like to, by placing flowers in the sanctuary during special times in your life. It is always a blessing to see flowers in memory or honor of someone or an event in someone's life.

To place flowers, you need only to contact the church office to discuss the date you would like to reserve and provide details about the person(s) or occasion you or observing. Then contact Jean's Florist, 446-2952, to place your order and handle your billing.

Your special event will be printed in the weekly bulletin, unless you request differently.

Sharing our current and past blessings make them even more special.

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

3/7 Sharon Brantley, Jamie Batts  
 3/14 Jennifer & Tim Engelking  
 3/21 Marcia Walston  
 3/28 Sandy Howard, Holly Worrell



# MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

Our goal at Oakdale is \$3,000.00

**Wednesday, March 10th**

7:00 PM  
North American Mission Study

... **Missions Involvement Corner**

Last quarters mission involvement for MY SISTERS HOUSE went well. We collected several tubs of items.

Next quarters missions' project will be MILITARY! This is a CHURCHWIDE project so we'd like everyone to participate. Be on the look out for more information.

*"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38*

*Thank you Oakdale for all that you do for the Glory of the Lord!*

*Karen Murray, WMU Director/Missions Coordinator*

## BAPTIST MEN OPERATION INASMUCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Upward Basketball is now over for the year and we are getting ready to begin Upward T-Ball. These endeavors are only successful because of the volunteers like yourselves who "Make it Happen" for Our Lord and Our Church.

The coming months present many opportunities to serve and I will list them below:

March 5 & 6 NCBM Disaster Relief Training in Carteret County (We need more Disaster Recovery/Relief trained personnel in our church, so, please give it some prayerful thought.)

March 8th Renovating a Church in Washington, NC with the NCBM

March 12 & 13 East Coast Men's Bible Conference at Englewood-It starts Friday at 6:45 PM & Saturday at 8:45 AM.

April 24th Operation In As Much (OIAM) in our Community

May 1st Operation In As Much (OIAM) in our Community

Continue renovation of our Church and prepare for the landscaping.

There is additional information on the Bulletin Board outside of the church office for the listed events and if anyone is interested, please contact me at 977-0703 or ccr1\_brwn@yahoo.com

Thank you all for serving our Lord. The rewards will last for eternity!

Brother Carroll

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

## Power to Win – a big success for HIM in Sunday School.

HIS Sunday School at Oakdale experienced a resurgence in “Steppin UP, Divin’ IN, and Reach in’ OUT” in the months of January and February. The entire Sunday School Department is unified in reaching out to our community and inviting people to Sunday School. Our **Adult Sunday School Director**, Tim Engelking reports that “there were over four hundred contacts made for Sunday School and two new members!” during the Power to Win series.

### Adult Sunday School Department

The Sunday School Power to win campaign results are as follows:

**First Place** - Truth Seekers; led by Robert Chadwick.

**Second Place** - The Elsie Murray Class; led by May Howell.

**Third Place** - Mixed Blessings; led by Tad and Dawn Rhodes.

Praise the Lord for the effort made by the classes to make contacts and reach others in this endeavor.

Thanks to all the teachers and outreach leaders for your help in making the Soldier Field contest a success.

**Tim Engelking**

Jennifer Engelking, **Sunday School Children’s Director** reported, “during the past 4 Sundays the children’s Sunday school department participated in the *Power to Win Outreach Campaign*. Children were encouraged to attend SS, bring their Bibles, and bring a friend to SS. Children earned yards down the football field each week for their participation. During the Big Game our winner was announced: **Miss Samantha Wells**. Samantha won a \$25.00 gift card to Lifeway.”

**Update from our Sunday School Youth Department.** “Over the past four weeks the youth have been talking about Peace.....true peace vs. false peace. How the world promises peace through many different ways, but all of them eventually leave us empty. We’ve talked about how the Peace that Christ offers is everlasting, and how a relationship with Him is the only true source for Peace.” Also, the youth classes have been participating in an outreach event that extends a little longer than the "Power to Win" campaign. All the youth are being challenged to invite their friends, study their lesson, and participate in class. The reward for the winners will be a mountain climbing trip for the high school class, and a canoe trip for the junior high class.

HIS teachers have created a warm and inviting environment for new people. Oakdale Sunday School Teachers work hard each week in order to be fully prepared to lead the class into HIS word. Our Sunday School members enjoy studying HIS word, through engaging fellowship to learn more about HIM in each Sunday School small group. Some classes continue to meet on a regular basis outside of church in addition to Sunday mornings. This is done to further unite and build lasting Christian relationships with Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We encourage all classes to meet outside of Sunday School. It’s a great way to invite new friends to your small group of friends!

**HIGH ATTENDANCE EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4th**

**2010 STRAIGHTWAY T-BALL**

**REGISTRATION-MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM**

**FIRST GAME-APRIL 23rd**



# March 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:00 PM Relay for Life Team Meeting	4	5	6
					Baptist Men's Disaster Training	
7 6:00 PM DiscipleLife	8 6:30 PM Current Mission Group 7:00 PM Bible Study Group 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team Mtg.	9 10:00 PM Prayer Group	10 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Supper  7:00 PM North American Missions Study	11	12	13 8:00 AM. J.O.Y. Group Breakfast 6:00 PM Mixed Blessing Dinner
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS MARCH 7TH-14TH					Youth Conference March 12-14	
					East Coast Men's Bible Conference 12-13	
					Women's Prayer Retreat @Caraway	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 8:30 AM Baptist Men  <b>Children's Fundraiser</b> 5:00 PM Pancake supper 6:30 PM Live auction
Youth Confer- ence	7:30 PM H.I.S. Group	6:30 PM T-Ball Registration				
6:00 PM DiscipleLife						
21	22	23	24	25 6:00 PM J.O.Y. Covered Dish	26	27 2:00 PM-4:00 PM Children's Easter Egg-travaganza
6:00 PM DiscipleLife	Pray for the lost to be reached					
28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31			
6:00 PM DiscipleLife	Invite the lost to Church Easter Service			<b>NURSING HOME MINISTRY</b> 3/2 Brekenridge 10:30 AM 3/2 IHS Nursing Home 11:30 AM 3/3 Somerset Ct. 10:00 AM 3/5 The Albemarle 10:30 AM		

# April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Good Friday</i>  <i>Church Office &amp; Childcare Closed</i>	3
4 <i>Easter</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
No PM Activities					Lay Renewal April 9-11	
					NC Baptist Men's Mission Conference	
11	12 <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Current Mission Group</b> 7:00 PM Bible Study Group  7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team .	13	14  <i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	15 6:30 PM <i>Childcare Ministry Team</i>	16	17 8:30 AM <i>Baptist Men</i>
Weekend  6:00 PM <i>DiscipleLife</i>	T-Ball Practice	T-Ball Practice		T-Ball Practice		
18	19  7:30 PM <i>H.I.S. Group</i>	20	21	22	23	24
6:00 PM <i>DiscipleLife</i>	T-Ball Practice	T-Ball Practice		T-Ball Practice	T-Ball Games	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
6:00 PM <i>DiscipleLife Celebration</i>	T-Ball Practice	T-Ball Practice		T-Ball Practice	T-Ball Games	
					<b>NURSING HOME MINISTRY</b> 4/2 <b>The Albemarle</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> 4/6 <b>Brekenridge</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> 4/6 <b>IHS Nursing Home</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> 4/7 <b>Somerset Ct.</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>	

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DEACON BEACON—News from Deacon Ministry Team

A guiding light to the rock.

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

**Maintaining Joy**

Psalm 40:16

Again, I take some excerpts from one of my devotions.....How I truly need to keep my joy. I pray all who read this will be encouraged as well.

Though some people use the terms happiness and joy interchangeably, there is a vast difference in their meaning. Both cause a pleasant emotional response, but the former relies entirely upon circumstance. As soon as difficulty arises and pain intrudes, a person ceases to be happy. On the other hand, joy is a gift from God that enables believers to find hope and peace—even when life seemingly falls apart.

At times, however, even Christians live joylessly. Sinful behavior, of course, is one reason. But there can be other causes, too, including regret about past failures, fear of future mishaps, or a pattern of discontentment that's ingrained in one's personality.

If you are a follower of Jesus but lack gladness, take a moment to remember who Christ is—and who you are in Him. To begin with, you are saved eternally, and your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. The love of almighty God is unconditional, and His indwelling Spirit will never abandon you. He understands everything that you face and promises to provide for your needs.

When you stop to consider the amazing blessings that are yours in Christ, gratitude will likely overwhelm you. Sadness concerning circumstances may still endure, but the joy of the Lord will carry you through even the deepest pain.

Amid the ups and downs of life, does God's joy sustain you? Or do trials leave you hopeless and discontented? Our Father offers a higher way of living—not without pain but with strength to endure. Continually remember the vast treasure you have in Him and His promises.

**"On Joy"**

"Joy is never in our power and pleasure often is." —C. S. Lewis

"If you have no joy, there's a leak in your Christianity somewhere." —W. A. "Billy" Sunday

"There is more joy in Jesus in 24 hours than there is in the world in 365 days. I have tried them both." —R. A. Torrey

Hugh Brent Wooten