

Oakdale Messenger

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May 2011



What a privilege it is to welcome Rev. Nate Mace as our new Youth/Associate Pastor. Welcome Nate, Amberly, Bjorn, and Gavin to the Oakdale family. I know you will offer him and his family the same support, encouragement, and prayers that you have given to me as pastor. Nate and all of those who work with our young people have a real challenge ahead of them, but reaching, teaching, and growing today's youth is a challenge we can meet. Oakdale has always had a heart for youth and by working together we will see God do great things.

What a blessing the Easter Drama was. Angie, the choir, and drama team led us in a worshipful experience that we will not soon forget. God has so blessed Oakdale with a music ministry that honors God and leads us in dynamic worship every Sunday.

As we think of all the blessings God has shown us, we are also reminded that with blessings come responsibilities. Luke 12:48 "to whom much is given, from Him much will be required." God blessed a church for a purpose. God is opening doors of opportunity before us. The question is will we walk through those doors? Let's keep our focus on the mission God has given us: to KNOW Jesus, SERVE Jesus, and SHARE Jesus.

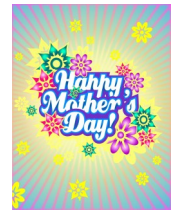
Pastor Joe

SUNDAY NIGHTS IN MAY



May 1
6:00 PM
Church-Wide
Prayer Service

May 8
No Evening
Services



May 15
6:00 PM
DISCIPLELIFE



May 22
6:00 PM
DISCIPLELIFE

May 29
6:00 PM
DISCIPLELIFE

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

**“Jumping for Jesus”
Michelle Marks, Director**



Happy Birthday!

Haley T. 5/5 Ali S. 5/7

Presley F. 5/10 Will R. 5/29

Please be in prayer for our Childcare Ministry as we go through our time of transitioning to a school-age program only. We are helping our pre-school families as much as possible in efforts to find quality programs for their children. We are also putting plans in place to help some of our staff find employment.

“When I pray, you answer me and encourage me by giving me the strength I need.”
Psalm 138:3

YOUTH MINISTRY

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”; ~ Ecclesiastes 12:1 (ESV)

Oh how important it is to pour into and teach our students to love and know God while they are young. My family and I are thrilled to be part of the Oakdale family. We have been overwhelmed by the love and support we have received from each one of you. We are happy to be joining a body of believers that puts ministry at the utmost importance and has made their students lives a priority. God has big plans for Oakdale and the Student Ministry.

Events to look forward to:

Every Saturday night through August we will be having a Student Worship Service from 6:00 PM to 8:45 PM. Come out to enjoy food, games, and bible study. All students are invited to participate.

DiscipleLife will be starting up beginning Sunday May 15th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We will be having classes for all grades.

Attention College and single adults: We will be having DiscipleLife classes for you as well. Please come and check them out.

Students! Don't forget Sunday school is happening at 9:45 AM every Sunday. You don't want to miss it.

It's not too late to sign up for summer camp. Please see me or any of the Ministry team leaders for information on how to sign up. Don't let money stop you, we can make it happen.

Contact Pastor Nate for more info:

pastornate@obcbaptist.org

Pastor Nate

Camp Luncheon Fundraiser

Sunday, May 15
12:00 Noon

Cost: \$6.00/person
(Watch bulletin for details)

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Middle school students are invited every Saturday night this month to participate with Pastor Nate in the Student Worship Service. We will begin each night at 6:00 with fun and fellowship.

Also it's not too late to get those applications in for camp beginning on July 3rd. Come join the fun!!

Ms. Angie

T-BALL AWARDS

May 21, 2011



TENTH YEAR SPECIAL EVENTS FOR
STRAIGHT WAY T-BALL!!!!

“Food”, “Fun”, “Fellowship”, and other surprises will be a part of this celebration at Oakdale Baptist Church.

Watch for details to be announced soon.

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

In Christ,
Aaron

CHILDREN'S CORNER

It's not too late to sign up for Summer Camp! Registration forms are available in the foyer. Call Jennifer for more info.



Thank you church family for supporting our Gardner's plate sale. We couldn't have done it without you!

Jennifer Engelking

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“BIG APPLE ADVENTURE”

June 12-16, 2011



VBS Big Apple Adventure begins on Sunday, June 12th! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 4th @ 6:00. I can't wait to see what God has planned for us the week of VBS! Want to help? See the items below that we need for VBS, and if you can donate anything, we would appreciate it! **WE NEED:** Quilt Batting, 100% cotton t-shirts (for middle school kids), cardboard, cardboard boxes (all sizes), poster board, puff paint, fabric paint, cotton balls, sidewalk chalk **TO BORROW:** 2 park benches, artificial trees or shrubs (porch trees with white lights would be great!)

Thank you for your help with VBS!!!

Kim Wells

CHURCH MAILROOM



Rev. Price & Oakdale Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for all the attention you gave our family and our memorial service for our beloved mother, grandmother, and wife, Rose Marie Weaver Proctor.

We cannot tell you how very pleased we were with the service and the lunch. Matt and Angie did a great job with the music. Each selection meant something important to each family member.

Rev. Price, you did an excellent job with the eulogy and you were so nice to the entire family. We were proud to have you give her eulogy.

Thanks so much!

The Proctor Family

To My OBC Family,

I want to thank you so much for all the calls, cards, and most of all the prayers during my husband Bob's recent surgery and recovery. He is doing quite well. God is good all the time!

Sharon Brantley

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, visits and especially the prayers that went up for me during my recent stay in the hospital. I am truly blessed to have a wonderful church family who prayed for me and my family during this time.

Love in Christ

Sue Lassiter

Dear Church Family,

We are grateful for those of you who have allowed us to make a Kairos presentation in your church. I believe that Kairos No. 1 at Nash Correctional Institution was the best ever; thanks for the part that you have played. It is good to be a part of God's work with you.

Horace Ward

Tar Roanoke Chaplaincy

Thank you Oakdale Baptist Church & individuals who have shown such Christian love by giving to the Dail families, victims of the recent tornadoes in Greene County.

It is devastating to have your homes totally destroyed, but prayers and help from many are helping us get through this. Keep our families in your prayers.

Bruce & Melody Dail, Kayla & Little Bruce

Mike & Becky Dail & Corey

(Bruce & Mike are brothers of Mary Brown & Ann Rhodes)

Thanks so much to everyone involved in the Easter service "His Last Days." It was such a moving and spiritual service both nights. Everyone put so much work into learning music, creating sets, practicing drama, preparing sound equipment – all that it takes to bring a successful presentation. Thank you all again and glory to God for such a great worshipful experience.

Miss Angie

Our Sympathy to:

Nancy Manning in the passing of her sister

ClerksCorner

Welcome New Members

Gracie Hollifield 69 Joseph Lane, Rocky Mount, NC 27801
(Baptism)

Rev. Nate Mace (Letter)

Amberly Mace (Letter)

Bjorn Mace (Letter)

Announced Special Called Conference 4/6/11

Two items of business on agenda.

Motion from Adhoc Search committee to call Nathaniel Mace to the position of Youth/Associate Pastor. This motion was passed and the call extended. The details of the package offered are in the minutes.

Motion from active deacon board to transition the OBC Childcare away from a full-service childcare provider for ages birth to the 5th grade to an after school program with a day camp program during the summer months. Preschool classes will end June 10th, 2011. Everyone was given the opportunity to speak their views on this motion and the vote was taken by secret ballot. The motion passed by a vote of 30 No and 48 Yes votes.



TREASURER'S INFO

MARCH 2011

BUDGET, RECEIPTS & OFFERINGS

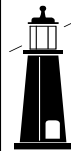
General offerings	\$21,613.92
Childcare transfer	\$ 2,400.00
February expenses	<u>\$26,053.92</u>
Over/under	<\$2,040.00>

MARCH BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

Receipts	\$1,837.00
Monthly loan payment	<u>\$3,600.00</u>
Over/Under	<\$1,763.00>

LOAN BALANCE as of 4/21/11

\$299,246.50



House bricks (\$520) are being added to the "Lighthouse for Jesus" monthly. What inscription would you like on a brick?? Call the church office if you have questions.

JOY GROUP NEWS

MAY 10TH

Senior Adult Annual Spring Picnic 11:00 AM
(Calvary Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids)

MAY 14TH

Breakfast 11:00 AM

MAY 17TH

Strickland's 10:00 AM

MAY 26TH

Covered Dish 6:00 PM



MAY BIRTHDAYS

SECURTIY FOR MAY

- 5/1 Tim & Dillon Engelking
- 5/8 Jamie & Brandon Mullins
- 5/15 Joe & Tyler Williams
- 5/22 Pat & Andy Tess
- 5/29 Doug Smith & Deryl Lewis

USHER TEAM FOR MAY

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


NURSERY NEWS



Thanks go out to the nursery ministry team members and their helpers for keeping the nursery during our recent revival. Thanks also to the caregivers thus far for April...Kelly Bentley, Trina Rhodes, Peggy Johnson, Johanan Armstrong, Johnny & Christy Joyner, Patty & Olivia Collins, and Kim & Samantha Wells. The hostess for the month of May is Christie Joyner.

How absolutely wonderful it has been that almost every person who has been asked to stay with our young children so that the parents could worship, have been so gracious about it. You were not asked to sign up, you just answered the call when you got the yellow card. The yellow card will give you an opportunity to receive a gift if your card is drawn out of the box at the end of this church year. It just may be a certificate to a restaurant, who knows? Also, who knows how important it may have been to a person visiting Oakdale to have a nursery that is fully manned by people with smiling faces ready and willing to welcome their child to a place of safety. It is nice for them to have an hour to worship the King without having to hold and/or quiet their child so that they, as well as those around them, could totally worship.

5/2 Mary Frances Joyner	5/16 Meagan Pollard
5/2 Brent Wooten	5/17 Ernest Clark, II
5/3 Robert Chadwick	5/17 Charles Pollard
5/3 Matthew Cobb	5/18 Matt Sledge
5/3 Sharon Hicks	5/19 Amberly Mace
5/3 Wendy Watson	5/20 Neka Flory
5/4 Dean Terry	5/21 Michael Odom
5/5 Bert Peele	5/22 Cole Sturgill
5/7 Jeannie Daniels	5/23 Dylan Blaney
5/8 Eric Stott	5/23 Pauline Edwards
5/9 Kim Watson	5/23 Karen Murray
5/11 Carrie Manning	5/26 Carolyn Lawrence
5/11 Warren VanMale	5/28 Otis Bulluck
5/13 Gladys Lucas	5/29 Bryce Manning
5/13 Marcia Walston	5/29 Jean Morgan
5/15 Jennifer Brake	5/30 Glennis Perry
5/15 Deborah Lee	5/31 Kaitlyn Bentley



Many thanks to the group of Oakdale members who recently took the Christian Heritage Tour to Washington, D.C. They donated the following Christian Heritage books to the Church Library:

“Stories from Bible History for Home and School”, “The Rewriting of America’s History”, “The Christian Heritage of Our Nation”, “Israel-Covenant Land”, and “Great American Statesmen and Heroes”

All books were written by Catherine Millard who lead the tour group. These books should make interesting and informational reading about our nation’s Christian heritage.

Karen Murray & Ann Rhodes

RELAY FOR LIFE



Relay is Friday May 13th from 6:00 p.m. – Saturday May 14th @ 9:00 a.m. We need homemade ice cream – if you can make some, please let us know – we will need it FROZEN at the church by noon on Friday the 13th. Relay menu – chicken wings, corn on the cob, and a roll – come out and join us. Bring your chair if you plan to hang around for a while. We still have cookbooks, bows, t-shirts, and luminaries available for purchase – see a team member. As always, THANK YOU for your support of Relay!!!

Kim Wells



MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

WMU News

As we move into the summer season I hope we will all remember to pray for the missionaries on the field serving the different people groups and I also hope that you are in contact with the missionary that you chose earlier in the year. Here is a reply from one of the missionaries that was contacted:

Jeff,

WOW. I really appreciate your prayers and interest in the things that God is doing all the way around the world! It is really humbling to me to receive emails as this and know that I do not even have a clue of who the Lord is stirring to pray for me and the work He has planned for me! What an amazing God we serve. You and I have the same mission, one of prayer and devotion to the Lord Jesus. I got to Mozambique, Africa at the end of November and started learning Portuguese right after arriving. I have been steadily studying and immersed in the language ever since. I am still in what would be considered "formal language study", but I will soon be starting the job I came here to do. I will be working with young women that attend the colleges and universities here, engaging, discipling and teaching them to disciple others. My partner Sally and I are on a new job assignment and we are going to be needing a lot of wisdom and direction from God as to the best way to share Him with the girls. Please pray for us as we travel for mission meeting this weekend and return ready to get started in the schools. Pray for favor with the school administrators as well as the people in charge of the dorms. Also, pray that God would literally ruin me so that HE shine through and the girls see HIM alone. Pray that I will be patient for His timing and HIS ways! Thanks so much. If you would like to be added to my newsletter list just let me know.

*Until all Have Heard,
Jessica Riemersma*

If you do not have a missionary to pray for and make contact with please see me. I have plenty names left and as you can see they are in need of our prayers as they do the work the Lord has called them to do.

Karen Murray

BAPTIST MEN

Dear Faithful,

We serve an awesome and powerful God! Once again the members of Oakdale Baptist Church have "stepped up" to assist the tornado victims in Snow Hill, NC. The tornadoes that ravaged eastern North Carolina have presented many opportunities for us to show God's love for each of us and we, as a church body, have answered God's calling to help to heal the wounds that were created by the storms. I personally thank each of you who helped the families in Snow Hill and I am sure that God will bless you for your caring, generosity and labor which you contributed. God always will "show us the way" and give us strength to serve Him. There is still much work to be done and if you are interested in helping please contact me and let me know.

There are ongoing projects within our church and help will be needed to address the church's needs. I trust that God will provide us all with the willingness and heart to serve him!

Praise God for the many wonders he has done and the many blessings he has given us.

In His Service,
Carroll
Matthew: Chapter 25

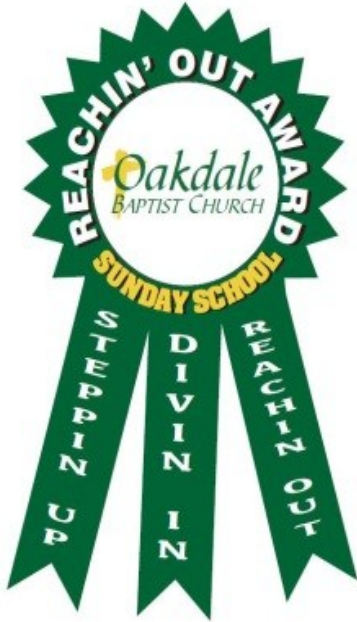
HONDURAS MISSION TRIP



Thanks to everyone for supporting the mission team at the pancake supper. Between that and the spaghetti supper we raised nearly \$1,500!!! Praise God, and thanks to all who helped with a special thank you to Connie Marks for helping us in the kitchen (we couldn't have done it without you!)

Mission team, the next meeting will be May 2, 7:00 at Thomas and Kaye Bulluck's house.

Buie Holder



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

Care Group leaders - Model Relational Intentionality

One of the most talked about topics from this past month’s regional Sunday School training event held at Oakdale was the importance of keeping in touch with everyone in your Sunday School class. Traditionally we tend to contact class members and let them know we missed them, if they were not in on a Sunday, which is important. To “Step it up” a notch, we can enlist Care Group Leaders in Youth and Adult Classes and make contact with everyone via a Care Group support structure. If you have 20 members, have 5 care group leaders. The care group leader makes a short call to each care group member, or perhaps they may see them during the week, etc, checking in on them to ensure they are ok. Inquire if there are any prayer requests or needs.

Nothing says “relational intentionality” like a Sunday School class with a vital and functioning system of care groups. The job description for a care group leader is simple:

CONTACT EVERY MEMBER EVERY WEEK

Best practice suggests that each care group leader will assume responsibility for five to seven men or women. Contact every member every week. We’re not contacting them to get them to attend; we’re contacting them to let them know we care, to learn of needs that may require prayer or care, and to share opportunities for them to participate in praying and caring for others in the group or class. That's why it is so important to limit the size of the care groups to a manageable number. Most people can contact five or six people weekly.

Sourced from **Lifeway, Transformational Sunday School** training materials.

www.lifeway.com/sundayschool.

Ask your teacher about becoming a Care Group Leader or starting up care groups in your Sunday School class today. It will help each person at Oakdale get to know each other better and stay more connected to each other as we all grow in our personal relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

If you are not a part of a Sunday School class, you are missing out on a very important aspect of your personal relationship with Jesus. It is in Sunday School that one learns and grows in order to spread the GREAT COMMISSION we are all called to carry out in HIS name.

Check us out online at <http://obcbaptist.org/SundaySchool>

FOR HIM!

Mark Ream, Sunday School Director

June 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 <i>7:00 PM Regular Activity</i>	2	3	4								
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12 <i>7:00 PM Deacons</i>	13	14 <i>10:00 AM WMU Prayer Group</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>9:30 AM J.O.Y. Group (Johnston Comm. College)</i>								
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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,
What an incredible few months we have experienced as a church! God is moving in a mighty way in our midst, my prayer is that we remain focused on the work ahead of us and ready ourselves for the wonders of His mercy.

I want to welcome Nate, Amberly, Bjorn and Gavin Mace to our fellowship. The church overwhelmingly voted to bring Nate aboard as our Student/Associate Pastor during the month of April. Nate brings a wealth of excitement and energy to our student ministry and I know that we will stand beside him and support him as he endeavors to do God's will as He works in the lives of our young people. Please keep Nate and Amberly in your prayers in the coming days as they are still looking for a place to live and will continue to travel nearly every weekend to North Carolina until August when Nate officially separates from the Navy.

Please continue to pray for our disaster teams that are supporting the families throughout the area affected by the recent storms. If you have any desire to be a part of this ministry please contact Carroll Brown for information.

During the special called conference in the month of April, the church moved to transition the Child Care program to an after school along with a summer day camp program in the summer months. Please continue to pray for the transition including the staff, families and children as we strive to be a light in this community.

In Christ,
Tim