

Oakdale Messenger

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IT'S TIME TO PRAY!

Thursday, May 6th, is the National Day of Prayer. If ever there has been time for Christians to pray for their nation, it is now. America is at a crossroads and the Church must give itself to prayer. Prayer, which leads to spiritual awakening, is our only hope as a nation. The urgency of the hour is obvious. The need for spiritual awakening can be seen across the land. The public day of prayer ceremony has been canceled at the White House. A federal judge has ruled the National Day of Prayer unconstitutional. Public officials are being encouraged to not participate in the May 6th activities. It's obvious the courts, the government, and the secular media have no interest in seeing America return to God. It is up to us, as believers, to petition heaven for spiritual awakening. E. M. Bounds wrote: "When the church is in the condition of prayer, God's cause always flourishes, and His Kingdom on earth always triumphs. When the Church fails to pray, God's cause decays, and evil of every kind prevails."

Would you join me on May 6th in praying for our nation? The Church on its knees is our only hope. Joel 2:112-13 says: "Now, there, says the Lord. Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning...return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness."

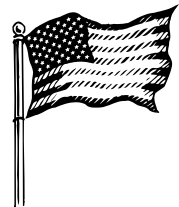
Let's join millions of other believers across America on May 6th as we pray for our nation.

Pastor Joe

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENTS



City Hall Noon Prayer
Rocky Mount City Hall Courtyard
12:00-12:45 PM



City Lake Prayer Walk
5:30-8:30 PM

Please come out to City lake and Pray while you walk anytime between 5:30-8:30. We will have a prayer guide for you along with free Hotdogs and water.

Our mission is to KNOW Jesus, SERVE Jesus,

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Many people were brought closer together as a direct result from HIS work during and after the Lay Witness weekend. Most people shared their real life testimonies and personal issues that weighted them down. Your Sunday School is an excellent environment to bring people closer together. Refuse to be "just a member" in your Sunday School Class. Arrive EARLY each week, use the time to pray and get to know your fellow classmates more in depth. Schedule informal "gatherings" outside of Sunday School. Don't wait for someone to do it, you take the lead.

But What About You?

Perhaps our real concern is not with just some "ideal" Sunday School class. Perhaps we should be concerned rather with your class and how you can get the most out of that class. Then again, the idea of "getting the most out of it" may be the wrong approach. Membership in any organization--especially Sunday School-- implies a certain amount of commitment. A better approach is "how much you can put into your Sunday School class?"

Begin your commitment to your class with regular attendance. You can be a part of the warm, personal fellowship that comes with consistent, week-by-week participation in Bible study, outreach and ministry activities, and fellowship events. Your attendance will encourage others. Arrive on time and enjoy every moment! IF you are a teacher who arrives late, shame on you, you are the leader of the Sunday School class, if you don't take ownership and respect others by arriving on time, how can you expect them to? Are you finding your class always running out of time at 10:45am? Start class at 9:30am or earlier.

Refuse to be "just a member." Rather, make a personal commitment right now to be a member of your Sunday School class in the fullest sense of the word. Become involved in all aspects of your Sunday School class by:

- actively participating in Bible study
- actively reaching out to others
- actively ministering to the concerns of people
- actively witnessing to lost persons
- actively being involved in worship experiences
- actively participating in church and denominational events and service opportunities.

See you all at Sunday School at 9:45am or earlier. Sunday School is what YOU make of it.

Mark Ream, Sunday School Director

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

Happy Birthday!!

5/3 Ayden D. 5/10 Presley F. 5/11 Andrew W.
5/19 Julianna H. 5/29 Will R.

I can hardly believe that it is already May and the children will be getting out of school for the summer soon. I have already started planning the summer day camp activities. It looks like we will have full enrollment for the program and I am very excited about that. We do, however; still have openings in our other classes and with pre-k graduation around the corner we need some prospects. If you know anyone in need of quality childcare at a reasonable price, have them call to get more information. I have been posting information of activities on our web site, but have decided that I *will not* be posting field trips and summer day trips on the web as extra precaution and protection of our children. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause parents, but notices are posted in your child's class and in most cases a copy is placed in your child's cubby.

This month our Bible focus will be “It’s All Good”, “Think on Good Things”, “Telling the Truth”, “Encourage One Another”, and “Rejoice”. We will continue the “Spring” them and focus on “Shades of Spring”, “Magical Moms”, “Lions, Tigers, and Bears”, and “Lovely Ladybugs”. We will be working with the letters U,V,W,X,Y,Z and reviewing numbers, colors, shapes, etc. WACKY WEEK is coming up. More information will come at a later date.

Dates to Remember:

- May 3**-Pre-K Cap & Gown Pictures
- May 9**-Mother's Day
- May 20**-Pre-K Fieldtrip
- May 31**-CLOSED-Memorial Day
- June 1**-Pre-K Graduation



JOY GROUP NEWS

**MAY 8TH 8:00 AM
BREAKFAST**

**MAY 11TH 9:30 AM
SENIOR ADULT PICNIC AT ROANOKE RAPIDS
(IF YOU SIGNED UP ONLY)**

**MAY 27TH 6:00 PM
COVERED DISH**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Summer 2010**



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| Vacation Bible School | June 20-24 |
| Youth Camp | June 28-July 3 |
| Children's Camp | August 8-11 |

Youth Ministry Update

Wow....its May....I can't believe it. That means its time to sign up for our spring retreat and summer camp. The Spring Retreat is a weekend at Fort Caswell May 14-16 and the cost is FREE....that's right FREE! Also, a deposit of \$100.00 is now due for summer camp. Camp will be June 28-July 3 at Fort Caswell, and will be a great week of drawing closer to God, and having a lot of fun at the beach! You can sign up for both events in the youth room, and please sign up NOW!

Also, the youth group and youth ministry team, would like to give a big THANK YOU to everyone that has supported us during our last two fund raisers. Through buying tickets to the Wednesday Night Pancake Super, and your generous donations at the windshield washing, you have shown your love and support for the youth, and for that we are very grateful! Please keep us in your prayers as we strive to grow in Christ.

Love God,
Buie Holder
Jude v.2

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



On Sunday, May 2nd, I will begin teaching the **Discovery Sunday School** class for children who have either made a recent decision for Christ or have questions about what it means to become a Christian. We will talk about salvation, baptism, communion, and living a Godly life as a new believer. The class will be held in the fellowship hall and will be taught May 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 21st. Please contact me @985-0456 to sign up your child.

Straight Way T-Ball is off to another great year. We have about 115 kids signed up this year. Special thanks to all the coaches, umpires, devotion people, and great concession stand help. Please come out and support this ministry. T-Ball is a great opportunity for our church to meet people in our community. Everyone needs to at least come out and try one of Roger and Daphne Hopkins famous hot dogs. T-Ball Awards Day is May 22nd at 1:00 PM at Oakdale Baptist Church.

CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear OBC Family,
Thank you so much for the love and care you showed by opening up your homes to house the Lay Witness Team. I know it may have seemed unusual to allow a couple of strangers to spend the night in your homes, but God's word tells us that if we do it to one of the least of these, we've done it unto Him. You have blessed the Team Members with a nice comfy place to rest their heads. I'm sure they blessed you with their company and God blessed us all with an AWESOME weekend. All praise to Him!!! My prayer is that we use what we have learned to love each other and further His kingdom. Thank you again. Each of you made my job joyful!

Susie Webb

Dear Oakdale Family,
Thank you to all that prayed, sent cards, flowers, and cooked for my family during my recent surgery. We love you all.
Michelle Marks

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 20-24, 2010

Contact Pastor Joe if you can help with Vacation Bible School



YOU'RE INVITED!!

**Baby shower for Candace Holder
Sunday May 23rd
3:00 PM
(Church Fellowship Hall)**

Our Sympathy to:

Lola Robinson in the passing of her nephew, Dr. Andy Griffin
The family of Willie Mae Woodcock in her passing
The family of Fannie Johnson in her passing

ClerksCorner Linda Ruffin, Church Clerk Welcome New Members:

Ashlea Nicolle Nicholas 2935 Shiloh Farm Rd., Tarboro, NC 27886 (Baptism)

Madison Elizabeth Nicholas 2935 Shiloh Farm Rd., Tarboro, NC 27886 (Baptism)

Angela Spain 635 Sipe Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27801 (Baptism)

Anthony Odom 700 West Railroad St., Nashville, NC 27856 (Baptism)

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP TEAM



Oakdale's Christian Citizenship Team would like to remind everyone of our need to pray for our nation. Please participate in the National Day of Prayer activities in our area. Also, everyone is invited to a special prayer time for America. It will be Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 PM. It will be held at Ethel Pitt's home.

Bob Van Scoik, Ann Rhodes, Catherine Arnold, Robert Chadwick

RELAY FOR LIFE



On May 14th and 15th, 2010 the American Cancer Society "Edgecombe County Relay for Life" event will take place. It will be at the campus of Tarboro High School. The money we raise for this purpose will be used to help find a cure for cancer and to help educate people about ways to treat and/or prevent this dreaded condition.

OBC is again selling homemade ice cream, and we need your help! We would like it to be made and frozen ahead of time. If you can make ice cream, please let us know. This is an item that sells good at relay, so please sign up for more than 1 if possible! We also need people to help move tables, etc. from the camp site to OBC on Saturday around noon. We need volunteers to help cook Friday night & Saturday morning. If you would like a luminary, purple bow, or "Fight Like a Girl" shirt/sweatshirt, please contact a team member (or if you would just like to make a donation to relay!).

Thank you for your support!

Bring a chair, come out and enjoy food, fun & fellowship at Oakdale's campsite.

Opening ceremony begins at 6:00 Friday May 14th.
The Luminary Ceremony is at 9:00 on Friday May 14th.

We cannot do this without YOU... let's "Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back".

MAY BIRTHDAYS

**SECURITY TEAMS FOR
MAY**

May 2 Jamie & Brandon Mullins
 May 9 Michael & Alex Batts
 May 16 Stacey Nicholas & Carroll Brown
 May 23 Aaron, Carson & Collin Rhodes
 May 30 Kevin & Scott Marks

USHER TEAM FOR MAY

Wayne Lassiter-Head Usher
 Bruce Rhodes
 Shawn Webb
 Brent Griffin
 Steve Sturgill



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

5/2 Phillip & Lynn Eason
 Joe & Tammy Williams
 5/9 Steve & Susan Sturgill
 Bert & Jan Peele
 5/16 Shawn & Susie Webb
 Dennis & Cathy Rose
 5/23 Elton & Bernice Pridgen
 Sharon Brantley, Vickie Sledge
 5/30 Clifton & Linda Ruffin, Brent Griffin
 Gwen Harvey, Paulette Ream

5/2 Mary Frances Joyner	5/17 Eric Duff
5/2 Brent Wooten	5/18 Matt Sledge
5/3 Robert Chadwick	5/20 Neka Flory
5/3 Matthew Cobb	5/21 Michael Odum
5/3 Sharon Hicks	5/21 Janet Powell
5/3 Wendy Watson	5/22 Cole Sturgill
5/5 Bert Peele	5/23 Dylan Blaney
5/7 Jeannie Daniels	5/23 Pauline Edwards
5/8 Eric Stott	5/23 Karen Murray
5/9 Kim Watson	5/26 Carolyn Lawrence
5/11 Carrie Manning	5/28 Otis Bulluck
5/11 Warren Vanmale	5/28 Dahlia Vester
5/13 Gladys Lucas	5/29 Bryce Manning
5/13 Marcia Walston	5/29 Jean Morgan
5/16 Meagan Pollard	5/30 Glennis Perry
5/17 Ernest Clark, II	5/30 Tess Powell



**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.

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

5/2 Kim Wells, Tammy Wooten
 5/9 No Evening Service
 5/16 Ann Rhodes, Barbara Whitehurst
 5/23 Linda Davis, Pat Jackson
 5/30 Mark & Paulette Ream



MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

WMU NEWS

Our church wide mission project for this quarter is **LIFEBOX**.

Delivering encouragement to the men and women of our Armed Forces.

Why Send A LifeBox? Men and women are serving our country and fighting for freedom throughout the world. Many need encouragement as Christians. Others serve and fight for us not knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Show them you care by filling a box!

List of items to pack:

Personal note to service member
LifeWay magazines and devotionals
Christian CD's or DVD's (Optional)
Bible
Chewing Gum
Tube/crew socks
LifeSavers candy, gummy bears, worms
Stationery supplies, writing tablets, envelopes
Homemade goodies (cookies or brownies)
Wet wipes
Lip balm
Sunscreen
Aloe lotion
First Aid supplies
Aspirin
Hard candies
Word searches
Calling cards
Personal hygiene products

Flat Rate Postal Box is provided. See Karen Murray for one. Please include \$13 shipping for each box filled. Make checks payable to Oakdale Baptist Church.

The deadline is Wednesday, May 12th.

BAPTIST MEN OPERATION INASMUCH

Dear Church Family,

The month of May is upon us and we, as a church, must begin to prepare for the spring and summer. Our God must get the praises he deserves for bringing us a beautiful spring and season for renewal. Let us all move forward with a new beginning and bloom and grow in our Lord and Savior.

The seasons also bring with them the possibilities of floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters so we must prepare and be ready to serve when a need exists to help others and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them. There will be ongoing projects this month such as building wheelchair ramps, church renovation, landscaping our church grounds, helping with Upward T-Ball, and ministering to the needs of our church family and our community.

Will you be ready to serve? Do you and your family have a need that the Baptist Men at our church can help you with? Will you become a working member of our church and give of your time and talents to serve Him? Will you serve as a "mentor" to a youth or new member of our church? Please ponder these questions and reflect on the graciousness and humility of a servant's attitude and heart. Let me know if you feel led to be a part of the many ministries of the Baptist Men and I will help you on your journey of service to God.

Thank you all for the "little" things you do to make Oakdale Baptist Church a beacon for all of those who seek our God.

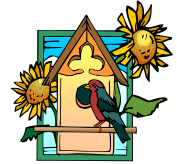
In His Service,
Brother Carroll

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Matthew 25 vs. 40

Church-wide Mission Project
is
LIFEBOX

May 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Operation Inasmuch</i>
2 <i>2:30 PM Deacons Meeting</i> <i>6:00 PM DiscipleLife</i>	3 <i>T-Ball Practice</i>	4 <i>6:30 PM Outreach</i> <i>T-Ball Practice</i>	5	6 <i>National Day of Prayer</i> <i>T-Ball Practice</i>	7 <i>T-Ball Games</i>	8 <i>8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast</i>
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>No Evening Service</i>	10 6:30 PM Current Mission Group <i>7:00 PM Bible Study Group</i> 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team <i>T-Ball Practice</i>	11 <i>10:00 AM Prayer Group</i> <i>Senior Adult Picnic</i> <i>T-Ball Practice</i>	12 <i>5:45 PM Wednesday Night Supper</i> <i>7:00 PM Church Conference</i>	13 <i>T-Ball Games</i>	14 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Edgecombe Relay for Life</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Youth Retreat May 14-16</div>	15 8:30 AM Baptist Men <i>1:00-3:00 PM WMU Blitz (Dortches)</i>
16 4:30 PM T-Ball Coaches Meeting <i>6:00 PM DiscipleLife Celebration</i> 7:00 PM Church Council	17 <i>7:30 PM H.I.S. Group</i> <i>T-Ball Practice</i>	18 <i>6:30 PM Outreach (Deacons)</i> <i>T-Ball Practice</i>	19	20 <i>7:00 PM Prayer time for America at Ethel Pitt's home</i> <i>T-Ball Practice</i>	21 <i>T-Ball Games</i>	22 <i>1:00 PM T-Ball Awards</i>
23 <i>3:00 PM Baby shower for Candace Holder</i> <i>6:00 PM Children's Music Program</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>6:00 PM J.O.Y. Group Covered Dish</i>	28	29
30 <i>6:00 PM Church-wide cookout</i>	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Church Office & Childcare Closed</i>					

NURSING HOME MINISTRY		
5/4	Breckenridge	10:30 AM
5/4	IHS Nursing Home	11:30 AM
5/5	Somerset Ct.	10:00 AM
5/7	The Albemarle	10:30 AM

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast
6 6:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM G.A. Recognition	7	8	9	10	11	12 9:30 AM J.O.Y. Group to Johnston Commu- nity College True Woman
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 8:30 AM Baptist Men
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
V A C A T I O N B I B L E S C H O O L						
27 6:00 PM Worship	28	29	30			
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