

Oakdale Messenger

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November 2011



Upward Registration
Saturday, November 5th
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Remember to turn your clocks back on Saturday,
November 5th, before you go to bed.



Youth Disciple NOW Weekend

November 11 – 13, 2011

Where: OBC

Guest speaker: Jamie Ballentine

Praise & Worship by Cameron Keith

Cost: \$30.00

Invite your friends and they are FREE!

Proctor's Chapel Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 22nd

7:00 PM

Proctor's Chapel will provide a Spaghetti Supper at 6:00 PM

Donations will be accepted for the supper.



*Thanksgiving
Services & Meal*

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

3.30 STUDENT MINISTRY

WOW, October flew right by. I am excited about this month and all that God will be doing in the Student Ministry. We are blessed to have the opportunity to host a D-Now Weekend and have Jamie Ballentine and Cameron Keith come and worship with us. The weekend of November 11th is going to be a Worship packed weekend (with some bowling thrown in the mix). November also excites me because of the feasting that will take place at the end of the month. It's never too early or late to start thanking God for all He does for us. We don't need a holiday so we can say we are thankful. Just take a moment today and thank God for what He is doing, has done, and will continue to do in your life and family. GOD IS GOOD!

Upcoming events this month:

Disciple Now Weekend! November 11th and 12th
Special Guest Speaker: Jamie Ballentine
Guest Worship/Praise Band: Cameron Keith
Cost: \$30 (Invite your friends and they are FREE!)

Ongoing events this month:

Wednesday Nights: 3.30 Student Worship Service 7pm – 8:15pm
Sunday Nights: Disciple Life 6pm – 7pm
Sunday Mornings: Sunday School - Every Sunday morning starting at 9:45am. We will be looking for you!

Important Notes:

There will not be a Student Service on Wednesday night the 23rd.

Pastor Nate

"He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:30



Enroll your child today!
Applications are available in the church
office.

See Jennifer for more details.

children@obcbaptist.org

Children's Corner

Jennifer Engelking, Director

Oakdale's Harvest Hoedown

Saturday, November 19th
5:30-8:00pm

Games, prizes, food, hayride,
great Christian fellowship!

All children, babies - 5th graders are invited to Oakdale's Harvest Hoedown. Come on out for a fun-filled night. Invite a friend! Feel free to wear your favorite "dude-ranch, farm-hand, cowboy, cowgirl, down-on-the farm" attire.



We will need lots of volunteers to help make our Harvest Hoedown a success! Please let me know if you can help operate a game or serve food. We will also need your favorite desserts...Cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, or rice crispy treats.

Thank you Oakdale for your support!

Jen: 985-0456 Home 813-4427 Cell



Children's Christmas
Choir Practice
has begun!



It's not too late to join us! Sunday nights:
6pm in the choir room



Last month's open house was a wonderful success! Thank you to all who helped make it possible! We are excited to announce that Danielle Williams has been hired as the ministry's assistant. She is eager to get to know the children and develop relationships with them; as she exposes them to Jesus and God's Word. The children are helping to support Operation Christmas Child. They are excited about being a part of this mission project. Please continue your prayerful support for our All-Stars families!

CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Oakdale Family,

I would like to thank all my Oakdale Family for all the cards, phone calls, and memorials for my sister Jennellia Lewis in her passing. We love all of you.

Allen Harrelson

Dear Oakdale,

Thank you for the food that you provided for us during our time of bereavement. The food was very delicious. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

Betty & the Bulluck family

OBC Transportation Ministry Team

We have three vans in our fleet. It is our goal to keep the vehicles in good running condition. All three of the vans have high mileage and we can expect to have some mechanical issues. However, there are some things that each of us can do to help maintain these vehicles to keep them in good working order. Anytime any of these vehicles are on the road, our Church assumes financial liability for the actions of the driver and the passengers. This is not a small responsibility or something that should be taken lightly.

1. Driver: When you sign out the vehicle there are certain responsibilities that you accept:
 - a. Safety of your passengers
 - b. Safe operation of the vehicle
 - c. Prior to returning the vehicle, clean out trash/clean up any spills
 - d. Accurately update the log book
 - e. Report any mechanical problems

2. Passengers
 - a. Safety is first
 - b. Assist the driver
 - c. Keep the vehicle clean, remove trash/clean up any spills
 - d. Maintain the interior of the vehicle

Each of us as members of OBC have a responsibility to maintain church property that God has blessed us with. We are requesting your assistance to help us provide our church family with good reliable transportation.

We realize that we need to be planning to replace some of our van fleet, but with our current building financial obligations it may not be possible at this time. However, if anyone is interested in making a contribution towards a new van to the church, please see a member of the transportation team.

The Transportation Ministry Team
 Shawn Webb- Chairperson
 James Walston
 Bill Lamm
 James Johnson



TREASURER'S INFO

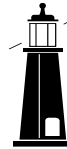
2011 SEPTEMBER

Budget Receipts & Offerings

General Offerings	\$27,823.76
General Budget Exp.	\$27,027.11
All Star Income	\$ 2,432.95
All Star Expenses	\$ 2,653.02
Over/Under	\$ 576.58

SEPTEMBER BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

Receipts	\$2,670.97
Monthly loan payment	<u>\$3,600.00</u>
Over/Under	(\$ 929.03)



If you need help with the wording for your house brick, please contact the church treasurer. We have many bricks available.

Please remember to continue your tithes & offerings during this time of transition.

“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35b

J.O.Y. GROUP NEWS

November 12th
 Breakfast
 8:00 AM



Our Sympathy to:

Allen Harrelson & Family in the passing of his sister, Jennellia Lewis

Family of Dorothy Walker in her passing

Billie Holder Family in her passing

Judy Walston & Family in the passing of her brother, M. D. Simmons

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SECURTIY FOR NOVEMBER

11/6 Tony Lassiter & Clayton Lassiter
 11/13 Tim Hollifield & Wayne Lassiter
 11/20 Bert Peele & Tony Medley
 11/27 Patrick Tess & Andy Tess

USHER TEAM FOR NOVEMBER

BERT PEELE-HEAD USHER
 WILLIAM RHODES
 JEFF GROOVER
 CLIFTON RUFFIN
 WAYNE WALSTON

11/1	John Roach	11/16	Teresa Taylor
11/1	Cathy Rose	11/17	Michael Batts
11/2	Jordan Griffin	11/17	May Howell
11/2	Nancy Lamm	11/17	Asheley Tess
11/2	Chrissy Rhodes	11/19	Terry Edwards
11/3	Ray Everette	11/19	Thomas Howard
11/3	Billy Hill	11/19	Beth Jones
11/3	Gwen Taylor	11/19	Billy Powell
11/4	Lula Mae Bulluck	11/20	Randolph Denson
11/4	Carson Medley	11/20	Dawson, Gould
11/5	Michelle Curlings	11/20	Don Manning
11/5	Perry Edmondson	11/21	Kelly Holloman
11/5	Dawn Ezzell	11/21	Daphne Hopkins
11/5	Nicholas Griffin	11/22	Noah Edmondson
11/5	Doris Wadsworth	11/23	Shannon Stewart
11/6	Billy Gardner	11/24	Pat Jackson
11/9	Paula Medley	11/24	Jennifer Whitehurst
11/10	Tammy Williams	11/25	Fred Sullivan
11/12	Judy Walston	11/26	Johanan Armstrong
11/13	Bruce Webb	11/28	William Fisher
11/16	Gavin Mace		



UPWARD

Upward basketball and cheerleading is here once again. This is our 12th year. Registration and evaluation will be on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. If you are willing to help in this ministry, please let me know as soon as possible. We realize that Oakdale's attendance is down and money is tight, but we can all pull together to give God the glory. We need coaches, referees, scorekeepers, and much more. Please let's keep our hearts and eyes on the main goal, sharing the love of Jesus Christ with everyone. Thanks to everyone for the opportunity to serve.

In Christ,
 Aaron



The following Honduras currency has been turned into the office:

- Thirty three "UN LEMPIRA" (\$1)
- Two "CINCO LEMPIRAS" (\$5)
- One "DOS LEMPIRAS" (\$2)

You may exchange one or more Lempira (dollar for dollar); use it as a book mark/prayer reminder for the up-coming mission trip to Honduras or you may give it away as a reminder to pray for the trip. All proceeds will be deposited to the Honduras Mission Fund. Contact church office or see Ann Rhodes.



MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

WMU News

“Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel”. Philippians 1:27 (NASB)

There has been a lot happening at Oakdale since the last newsletter, and this verse was just laid on my heart. We as a church family need to hold to this verse and remember it in the coming days, weeks, and months as we faithfully pray for direction at Oakdale.

There are lots of things going on at Oakdale! We are in the middle of our Samaritan’s purse drive. Don’t forget to be at church on Wednesday, November 2nd to help our small children pack boxes for Samaritan’s purse. Please continue to pray for this mission because it doesn’t end when the boxes leave OBC!

We are collecting non-perishable food items for the United Community Ministry for the homeless shelter and the Bassett Center. We will collect items through November 20th. Please leave your items in the mission box in the hallway by the nursery and we will get them to the appropriate place.

November 7th is WMU World Day of Prayer at Sunset Avenue Baptist Church at 7:00 PM. Please make every effort to be there. If you need a ride, the church van will leave the church at 6:30 PM.

WMU Christmas Party will be Monday, November 28th @ 7:00. All women of the church are invited. Each woman is asked to bring a salty and/or sweet food to share. We are asking each woman to also bring a gift (unwrapped) for a child or adult to give to the Bassett Center for their Christmas program.

Praying for you! Kim Wells

BAPTIST MEN

Dear Faithful,
Well another month has come and gone and is time to reflect on what we have done and press onward to November.

In October, the Baptist Men had the opportunity to go on a quick mission to Colerain, NC to aid in rebuilding houses damaged by the April tornadoes. This trip gave our men important contacts to allow us future trips for this important mission. We have discussed the prospect of planning a November or December return trip. I would ask for all available men and women to start praying for how God may use them in this important task.

Our RA’s are continuing to be a success due to the dedication of our new leaders. What could be more important than training up our boys on how to be young men for Christ? I had the joy of sitting in on a Wednesday night meeting with the RA’s and I was blessed by the experience. Please support our RA’s by reaching out to young men you know that are not taking advantage of this weekly time of fellowship and Christian training.

Bert Peele has answered the call to be our new Security Coordinator. I would like to personally thank him for his dedication to our Church. Men please be prepared for Mr. Peele to call on you as he sets up schedules for November. Please offer him your support by saying yes when asked.

Great is the Lord our God. May we seek Him in all our endeavors. May we be engaged in His plans for us and not our own plans. God bless you all.

In His service,
Tim Hollifield

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ADOPT-A-BOX



Oakdale Church Family opened their hearts in 2010 to help share God’s love with needy children around the world by packing shoe boxes filled with gift items. Your prayers are needed for God to prepare the hearts of each of us as we give and the hearts of the children and their families as they receive the shoe boxes we will fill this year. Many who pack shoe boxes can’t afford the \$7.00 donation needed for each shoe box to cover the shipping cost. Therefore, your team needs your help to be a part of the new program called **Adopt-A-Box**. Your team has set a goal of **100** shoe boxes to be packed and donations of **\$700.00** to cover shipping cost. We are asking that the church family adopt these shoe boxes by bring **2** gift items per person to fill shoe boxes and give donations to pay for shipping.

Dates to remember:

October 23rd – Envelopes with a list of gift item suggestions inside on offering table, if you didn’t receive an envelope last Sunday. (Check payable to Oakdale Baptist Church)

October 30th – Ingathering – 11AM Worship Service

Bring your donations for postage and your gift items for shoe boxes. You will be asked to carry your donations and gift items to the altar for our ingathering and a time of prayer.

November 2nd – Wednesday Night Packing

Oakdale adults and youth will join together to help our children experience the gift of giving by helping them pack shoe boxes, write personal notes and pray for the children that will be receiving these shoe boxes. Light refreshments will be served after the packing.

November 29th – Charlotte Processing Center

Reservations for **25** people have been made to work in the Charlotte Processing Center from 2PM to 6PM. Call the church office to sign up for a heart touching experience.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with you to share the Good News of God’s greatest gift, Jesus Christ, with hurting children around the world as well as with each other!!!

Operation Christmas Child Ministry Team

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



October, 29th at 8:00am – 10:00am Oakdale Baptist received training, led by Rev. Larry Curtis on some focused areas of Transformational Church in Sunday School. One the most effective strategic elements highlighted in Dr. Thom Rainer and Dr. Ed Stetzer of Lifeway Research is the importance of Care Groups in the Sunday School or small group Bible Studies of Churches. People establish life long, deeply connected, Christian friendships.

Below is an excerpt from *David Francis*, Lifeway Sunday School Director’s book, *Transformational Church goes to Sunday School*. It explains what effective Care Groups are

Care Group Leaders Model Relational Intentionality

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. I recently led training at Cornerstone Church in Madison, Tennessee, a large Assembly of God congregation with a wonderful Sunday School ministry and an unusually strong system of care group ministers. . . . Why not have couples’ care groups? Because usually the women will contact the women but the men won’t. Besides, you don’t want to place people in potential positions that could lead to a compromise.

I’m often asked, “Did you mean contact every absentee every week?” No, I mean 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.

If you feel called by HIM to be a care group leader, please spend time in pray about your decision and then speak to your Adult Sunday School teacher.

For HIM,


Mark Ream
Sunday School Director

MISSION PROJECT

OPERATION CHRISTMAS
CHILD

November 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 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group	2 7:00 PM Church-wide packing for Operation Christmas Child	3	4	5 9:00-1:00 Upward Registration  Remember to turn your clocks back tonight!						
6 6:00 PM DiscipleLife 7:00 PM Deacons	7 7:00 PM WMU World Day of Prayer (Sunset Ave.)	8 10:00 AM WMU Prayer Group 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group 7:00 PM Children's Ministry Team	9 7:00 PM Regular Schedule	10 6:30 PM-8:00 PM Upward Registra- tion Make-up	11 Veteran's Day	12 8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast Youth Disciple NOW Weekend						
13 6:00 PM DiscipleLife	14 6:30 PM WMU Current Mission Group 7:00 PM WMU Bible Study Group	15 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group	16 5:45 PM Fellowship Supper 7:00 PM Church Conference	17	18 Nate at Conference	19 GA Red Boxes 5:30 PM-8:00 PM Children's Fall Festival						
20 6:00 PM DiscipleLife	21 7:00 PM Constitution & By-Laws	22 6:00 PM Thanksgiving meal at Proctor's Chapel 7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service (Proctor's Chapel)	23 No Evening Events	24 Thanksgiving	25 Church Office Closed	26						
27 6:00 PM DiscipleLife	28 7:00 PM WMU Christmas Party	29 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group Samaritan's Purse-Charlotte	30 7:00 PM Regular Schedule	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">NURSING HOME MINISTRY</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">11/1 Brekenridge</td> <td style="width: 33%;">10:30 AM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11/2 Somerset</td> <td>10:00 AM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11/4 The Albemarle</td> <td>10:30 AM</td> </tr> </table> </div>			11/1 Brekenridge	10:30 AM	11/2 Somerset	10:00 AM	11/4 The Albemarle	10:30 AM
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INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

December 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	2	3 <i>J.O.Y. Group (Johnston Comm. College)</i>
					Marriage Conference	
4	5 <i>Upward Practice Begins</i>	6 <i>7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group</i> <i>Upward Practice</i>	7 <i>7:00 PM Regular Schedule</i>	8 <i>Upward Practice</i>	9 <i>6:00 PM Class of 120 Christmas Party</i> <i>Upward Practice</i>	10 <i>8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast</i>
11 <i>7:00 PM Deacons</i>	12 <i>6:30 PM WMU Current Mission Group</i> <i>7:00 PM WMU Bible Study Group</i> <i>Upward Practice</i>	13 <i>10:00 AM WMU Prayer Group</i> <i>Upward Practice</i> <i>7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group</i> <i>7:00 PM Children's Ministry Team</i>	14 <i>5:45 PM Fellowship Supper</i> <i>7:00 PM Regular Schedule</i>	15 <i>Upward Practice</i>	16 <i>Upward Practice</i>	17 <i>4PM-10:00 PM Mixed Blessings Christmas Party</i>
18	19 <i>7:00 PM Constitution & By-Laws</i>	20 <i>7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group</i>	21 <i>7:00 PM Regular Schedule</i>	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>
25 <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>No Evening Service</i>	26	27 <i>7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group</i>	28 <i>7:00 PM Regular Schedule</i>	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>
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Music Minister: Ms. Angie Ruffin
Upward Director: Mr. Aaron Rhodes
Secretary: Mrs. Sharon Lynch



DEACON BEACON—News from Deacon Ministry Team
A guiding light to the rock

Church family,

James 1:2-4 pushes us to, ²*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,* ³*for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.* ⁴*And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

I once heard it said that struggles within a church family are typically a contest between people. One group sees the world and the church one way and another group sees the world and the church in another. While I agree that we as sinful creatures are certainly capable of causing problems with each other causing strife within the body, I believe that these struggles are primarily between God and Satan. Not to say that we have chosen sides, but Satan's devices are many and he uses them to bring harm to the unity of the body through our human weaknesses. Paul describes how essential unity is in Ephesians 4:1-3 ¹*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,* ²*with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,* ³*eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* The unity that Paul talks about is paramount in the days to come...

As a Deacon body, we covet your prayers. We ask that you continue to pray for each other and Oakdale Baptist Church during this time of transition. If there is one thing that I could impress on us all in the days to come, it is patience. Please be patient with us as we strive to seek God's will for His church in the days ahead. Please know that we are here to serve according to His leading. If there is any need that you have and we may be of assistance, please feel free to call the Deacon of the Week, or myself, or Pastor Nate at any time.

In His Service,

Tim