

# Oakdale Messenger

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## COMING SOON! UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

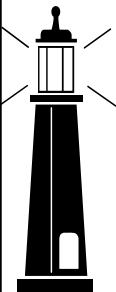
Right around the corner-evaluation day is Saturday, November 14, 2009.

K-2nd grade 9:00 AM-10:00 AM  
3-4th grade 10:00 AM-11:00 AM  
5-8th grade 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Cheerleading 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

If you would like to help with evaluation day, please let me know by Nov. 7th. Please keep Upward in your prayers. Pray that God will work through all of us, coaches, players, referees and support staff. Also, pray that Oakdale Church will unite together, as always, to share the love of Jesus Christ to everyone. Thank you for all your support.

In Christ,  
Aaron Rhodes



## LIGHT HOUSE UPDATE

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to our building fund through the "Light House Project". We are still striving to meet our \$100,000 goal. We are running a little behind as you can see from the numbers; however, we still have some time until the building is complete. If you are contributing to a brick or stone, please remember that you can purchase more than one. One time contributions are very much appreciated and important to jump start this project. If you have committed to a monthly or weekly contribution, we trust that you will continue your contribution until the project is completely paid off.

Thank you again!

Your Stewardship Ministry Team

### COMMITMENTS

**WEEKLY \$415.00**

**MONTHLY \$1,755.00**

**One-time donations \$33,585.00**

**2009 Contributions to date \$81,939.00**

**Average weekly building fund contributions \$1,950.93**

**(Includes one-time contributions)**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Pastors have been teaching us in the months of **October** and **September** principles to live by in our walk and relationship with our Lord Jesus. I was personally moved and reaffirmed by HIS devoted **Sunday** School teachers at Oakdale. They are right in line with the sermon on October 18<sup>th</sup> from Acts 2: 40-47:

Acts 2:40-47 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, "Be saved from this corrupt <sup>[a]</sup> generation!" <sup>(A)</sup>

A Generous and Growing Church

<sup>41</sup> So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them. <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, <sup>(B)</sup> to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers. <sup>(C)</sup>

<sup>43</sup> Then fear came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. <sup>(D)</sup> <sup>44</sup> Now all the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>(E)</sup> <sup>45</sup> So they sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as anyone had a need. <sup>(F)</sup> <sup>46</sup> And every day they devoted themselves [to meeting] together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>(G)</sup> <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them <sup>(C)</sup> those who were being saved. <sup>(G)</sup>

Our **Sunday** School teachers have created a great **learning** environment, where people can **pray** together, **share** their needs, **fellowship** with one another both inside **Sunday** School and outside as well. Most of the classes break bread together (eat breakfast or share a snack) and fellowship. God's **Sunday** School program at Oakdale is a fun place to be where both the LOST and SAVED can learn together.

We are currently maintaining a consistent **Sunday** School attendance in the mid 170's. We can do better. In a direct response, to the above scripture, we all need to do a better job of inviting people we know to come to **Sunday** School and Worship. The early church faced many more obstacles then we do. Let us all spend more time praying for the lost and people in need so that we can rally together on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday**, December 6<sup>th</sup> is "**Friends Day**" at **Sunday** School. Invite a friend to **Sunday** School so that they too can share in HIS word with you and have a safe haven from this corrupt generation we all live in.

Your Brother in Christ,

Mark Ream, **Sunday** School Director



## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Everyone is hard at work on this year's Christmas programs. Children, ages 4 through 2nd grade, will be presenting "One Starry Night" on Sunday night December 6th. Then on Sunday night December 13th, the adults will present the cantata "Peace on Earth." Finally, on Sunday night December 20th, the children, grades 3-6, will present "Christmas Hang-Ups." Work has already begun on all of these, and we are having a great time.

### Practice Times:

Children-Sunday nights 6:00 PM-7:00 PM  
Adults-Wednesday nights 8:00 PM-9:15 PM

Angie Ruffin  
Music Minister

**"Jumping for Jesus"**  
**Michelle Marks, Director,**  
**Oakdale Childcare Ministry**

### Happy Birthday!!

11/3 Kyra Williams 11/25 Slayter Flory

11/3 Ms. Dawn 11/8 Ms. Katie L.

October was a very busy month. The children went on several fun field trips. The three year old and pre-k classes attended the Rocky Mount Fair. The twos, threes, and pre-k classes also enjoyed a trip to Hillridge Pumpkin Farm. Both parents and children had a great time. We are so thankful to have parents that want to spend time with their children during these special times. This month we will be continuing to work on our Christmas program. The children are looking forward to performing for their family members. Our enrollment is down and we are praying that some new children will be sent our way. We currently have openings in our three year old and pre-k classes. The Bible focus for the month is, It's Good to Live in Harmony, God Gives Us What We Need, We Are Thankful, and Giving and Sharing.

### Upcoming Events:

November 21 Staff Christmas Party  
November 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Holidays (CLOSED)

## Youth Ministry Update

### Upcoming Retreats -

Mark your calendars (you won't get bored during Christmas break). We will have a great time of fellowship, growing in God's Word; becoming God's servants and practicing it!

Inner City Mission Madness - Middle School (grd 7-8)  
Dec 28 - Dec 30

New Year's Eve Mission Blast - High School (grd 9-12)  
Dec 31 - Jan 2, 2010

Pastor Brooks



## Community Outreach Blitz

November 7th

10:00 AM-1:00 PM

## ClerksCorner Linda Ruffin, Church Clerk

### Welcome New Members:

Eric Stott, Rt. 2, Box 355-S, Pinetops, NC 27864  
Amy Watson, 340 Trudy Lane, Rky. Mt., NC 27801  
Tanner Rose, 114 Myers Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27801  
Haley Marks, 203 Ioka St., Battleboro, NC 27809

**Business Conference: 9/30/09** motions to add Carroll Brown as Sunday School Adult Dept. Sub teacher and to add a new Sunday School class for single young people with teachers being Joe & Tammy Williams and Angie Ruffin.

### Conference of 10/21/09

Motion and 2nd from Building Ministry Team  
That the church approve \$3,000 for improvements to the nursery rooms and hallway in the rear of the building. The door in the hallway to the foyer will be widened. The entire project will cost much more; however, a contribution from the Daycare will take care of the remainder of the cost. This motion was passed.



**RA & GA CAMP OUT  
AT PEPPER LAKE  
NOV. 6TH -7TH**

For more information, call Aaron Rhodes at  
903-2533



## JOY GROUP NEWS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH  
BREAKFAST  
8:00 AM**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH  
JOY COVERED DISH  
6:00 PM**

# CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Oakdale Family:

Thanks you so much for the flowers, cards, visits, food, and especially thanks to Preacher Porter for praying with me before my surgery. You are an awesome church. I give thanks to God for all that He has done for me since my surgery.

In Christ,  
Patricia Everette

Dear Oakdale Family:

Cherie and I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for all of the prayers, visits, and words of encouragement during my recent health issues and the continued prayers as I will probably have more tests done to try and determine the cause of the problem. We love you all very much.

In Christian Love,  
Randall & Cherie Mills & Family

Dear Oakdale Family,

Thank God for answering all the prayers that were lifted up to Him on behalf of James during his surgery and his healing. Thank you to Pastors Roy and Joe for their prayers and visits. Also, thank you to all the friends for their prayers, visits, cards, and food that sustained us during that time. A special thank you to those who stayed with Glendra at home and the children at the hospital during the surgery. You were all so good. May the Lord bless each and every one of you.

Thank you!  
James & Glendra Sledge

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, visits, cards, calls, e-mails, and the great food you prepared for us during Mary's surgery. Your love and support mean so much to us. Please continue to lift us up in prayer to The Great Physician as we continue with the next course of treatment.

With love,  
Mary and Carroll Brown

Dear Oakdale Family,

I don't even know how to begin thanking you enough for the love and graciousness you have shown us during the past two months. I know God has truly blessed my family by allowing us to be a part of this wonderful group of Christians at Oakdale. I appreciate all of your visits, meals served, cards, and most of all prayers that have been lifted on behalf of my parents during my Daddy's heart surgery. I'm also thankful for your concerns and prayers for me after my car accident. We sometimes say "when it rains-it pours". You can know that's true when God rains out blessings-they pour, and I praise Him for them everyday. Oakdale, you are one of those blessings. I also thank God for you!

In His Love,  
Susie Webb

Dear Oakdale Family,

Thanks for all your cards, gifts, and prayers during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your love and support is greatly appreciated.

Pastor Joe

Our Sympathy to:

Pat Weaver Family in her passing

Annie Moye Daughtridge & Family in the passing of her sister, Helen Carraway

Von Rhodes & Bonnie Hollowell in the passing of their mother, Lib Adams



*Mr. And Mrs. Vernon L. Rhodes, III*

*and*

*Mrs. Joyce O. Carraway*

*request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their children*

*Terin Dawn Rhodes*

*and*

*Fred Lee Carraway, III*

*on Saturday, the seventh of November  
two thousand and nine*

*at four o'clock in the afternoon*

*Oakdale Baptist Church*

*13037 US 64 Alternate West Highway*

*Rocky Mount, North Carolina*

*Dinner and Dance*

*immediately following the ceremony*

*home of the bride's parents*

*503 Melton Road*

*Rocky Mount, NC 27801*

Oakdale Baptist Church Family,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all that supported the Spaghetti Sale on October 9th. The sale was a great success. Your donation will be used to purchase supplies for my Eagle Project. I was able to raise half of my project monetary needs. My project entails constructing a Lean-to to be built onto the Southwest Edgecombe High School baseball concession stand. This will develop an area for clubs, students, audience of baseball games that congregate during such events to be able to receive shelter from the elements whether rain or sunshine. I have presented and received approval to construct a cover for the existing concession/picnic area. I plan to have my project constructed October 23rd weekend.

Thank you!  
Andy Tess

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

**SECURITY TEAMS FOR  
NOVEMBER**

Nov. 1 Michael & Alex Batts  
 Nov. 8 Kevin & Scott Marks  
 Nov. 15 Pat & Andy Tess  
 Nov. 22 Phil Wood & Thomas Bulluck  
 Nov. 29 Joe Williams & Carroll Brown

**USHER TEAM FOR NOVEMBER**

**BERT PEELE– HEAD USHER**

**WILLIAM RHODES**

**BILL LAMM**

**CLIFTON RUFFIN**

**WAYNE WALSTON**

**NOVEMBER NURSERY  
SCHEDULE**

**11:00 AM & 6:00 PM WORSHIP**

11/1 Phillip & Lynn Eason  
 Joe & Tammy Williams  
 11/8 Steve & Susan Sturgill  
 Bert & Jan Peele  
 11/15 Shawn & Susie Webb  
 Dennis & Kathy Rose  
 11/22 Elton & Bernice Pridgen  
 Sharon Brantley, Vickie Sledge  
 11/29 Clifton & Linda Ruffin  
 Brent Griffin

11/1	John Roach	11/17	May Howell
11/1	Cathy Rose	11/17	Asheley Tess
11/2	Nancy Lamm	11/19	Terry Edwards
11/2	Chrissy Rhodes	11/19	Matt Freeman
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
11/5	Michelle Curlings	11/20	Dawson Gould
11/5	Perry Edmondson	11/20	Don Manning
11/5	Dawn Ezzell	11/21	Kelly Holloman
11/5	Nicholas Griffin	11/21	Daphne Rhodes
11/5	Doris Wadsworth	11/22	Noah Edmondson
11/6	Billy Gardner	11/23	Shannon Stewart
11/9	Paula Medley	11/24	Pat Jackson
11/9	Lance Rhodes	11/24	George Wadsworth
11/10	James Duff	11/24	Jennifer Whitehurst
11/10	Tammy Williams	11/25	Slayter Flory
11/12	Jackie Sessoms	11/25	Fred Sullivan
11/12	Judy Walston	11/26	Johanan Armstrong
11/13	Bruce Webb	11/28	William Fisher
11/16	Teresa Taylor	11/28	Susan Harris
11/17	Michael Batts	11/29	Jessica Duff



**NOVEMBER NURSERY SCHEDULE  
8:30 AM WORSHIP**

11/1 Kim Wells, Tammy Wooten  
 11/8 Ginger & Asheley Tess, Linda Davis  
 11/15 Ann Rhodes, Barbara Whitehurst  
 11/22 Daphne Rhodes, Roger Hopkins  
 11/29 Mark & Paulette Ream



# MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

## UPCOMING WMU EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

World Day of Prayer-November 2 Sunset Ave. Church 7:00 PM

Lottie Moon Week of Prayer-November 29-December 6

(our goal for this year is \$6,000)

WMU Christmas Party-November 30 Oakdale Church 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 2 International Mission Study

(Classes for all ages)

### Missions Involvement Projects

We are heading into a busy season but please keep in mind as you are asked to give and give that God has truly blessed each and everyone of us. God says that...

*"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his deed."*

*Proverbs 19:17*

We will have several missions' projects going at the same time. Samaritan's Purse is starting up and we will be moving right into our Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions.

We've set a high goal for ourselves this year for the Lottie Moon Offering, but I know that Oakdale is up for the challenge! Please be thinking & praying about this offering and how you can challenge yourself & others to give for the Glory of the Lord!

Thank you Oakdale for all you do for WMU and missions work.

Karen Murray, WMU Director/Missions Coordinator

## CHURCHWIDE MISSIONS PROJECTS

"Some of you may not be aware that we have a Churchwide missions co-ordinator who is in charge of approving any missions projects that Oakdale is asked to support. There are projects that take place every year at the same time and these are always supported by the church. Around this time of year there are many...Samaritans Purse, Lottie Moon Offering, Red Box Ministry for the prison, World Hunger, Helping the poor for Christmas, Operation InAsMuch.

We also contribute to the love offerings for our staff. There are some that can be done at other times of the year: however, any project decided on by any group should always be presented to our co-ordinator and some may even have to be approved by the Church Council. Unless we are organized with our projects, none of them will be truly successful and people will get weary of trying to support too many. We need to always have missions projects in action, however we need to be mindful of what else is happening at the same time and realize that our timing may not be the best. Let's all report our intentions to our churchwide co-ordinator, Karen Murray, who is also the WMU Director

Thank you very much for all of your support!! "

## BAPTIST MEN OPERATION INASMUCH

Dear Faithful,

Glory to God on the Highest!

Our team of Wayne Walston, CT Worrell, Mike Howard, Pastor Brooks Wadsworth, Bill Lamm, and James Walston completed a handicapped ramp for an invalid in Rocky Mount this month. The inspector for the City of Rocky Mount was so impressed with their expertise that he took pictures of their work so everyone in Rocky Mount could use it as a guideline for future ramps in the city. We have a team that has obviously set " the gold standard" for building ramps. We give our God the glory for all we do and are very blessed by Him each and every time we can do something for someone and share the Gospel with our community.

On Monday , October 19th, we will start another ramp for a family in Wilson that was referred to us by the NC Baptist Men. I am sure that we will get another opportunity to share our love for Jesus with this family and praise Him who makes all things possible. Some people have asked me "just who are the Brotherhood or Baptist Men"? My answer is always the same when I tell them, "You are" and if you want to be a part of this community outreach ministry, please let me know - applications are not required, all that is needed is a Christian desire to serve our Lord and share His Gospel through word and deed.

Thanks to All who Serve Him,

Brother Carroll

Luke (Chapter 12 v.48 KJV)

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."



# November 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>6:00 P M DiscipleLife</p>	<p>2 7:00 PM World Day of Prayer</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 PM Regular Schedule</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Community Outreach Blitz</p> <p>4:00 PM Rhodes/Carroway Wedding</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>GA/RA Camp Out</p> </div>
<p>8</p> <p>3:30 PM Deacons Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM DiscipleLife</p>	<p>9 6:30 PM Current Mission Group</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team</p>	<p>10 10:00 AM Prayer Group</p>	<p>11 5:45 PM Wednesday Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Conf.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast</p> <p>8:00 AM-4:00 PM Upward Evaluations</p>
<p>15 Prayer Sunday Samaritan Purse Boxes</p> <p>600 PM DiscipleLife</p>	<p>16 7:30 PM H.I.S. Group</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM Wild Wednesday Night for Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Regular Schedule</p>	<p>19 6:00 PM J.O.Y. Group Covered Dish</p> <p>6:00 PM-8:00 PM Upward Make-up</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 8:30 AM Baptist Men</p> <p>6:00 PM-8:00 PM Childcare Staff &amp; Ministry Team Christmas Party</p>
<p>22</p> <p>6:00 PM DiscipleLife</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 8:00 AM Samaritan Purse Volunteers</p> <p>7:00 PM Thanksgiving Service at West Edgecombe</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 THANKSGIVING</p> <p>Church Office &amp; Childcare Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Church Office &amp; Childcare Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 7:00 PM WMU Christmas Party</p>					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>NURSING HOME MINISTRY</b></p> <p>11/3 Brekenridge 10:30 AM</p> <p>11/3 IHS Nursing Home 11:30 AM</p> </div>

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Rev. Joe Price, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Brooks Wadsworth, Youth Pastor  
Mrs. Jennifer Engelking, Children's Minister  
Miss Angie Ruffin, Music Minister  
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.

Nov. 2009 Deacons of the Month: Phil Wood, Wayne Lassiter, Shawn Webb

**Speaking Through Tragedy**  
Numbers 21:4-9

This beacon is from one of my daily devotionals. I love Dr. David Jermiah's devotionals and also Dr. Charles Stanley. This spoke to me personally....I hope it touches you and your family as well.

Although we never like to admit it, God will at times use even tragedy to shake us out of self-centeredness or some other misguided attitude. Unexpected hardship often brings with it a season of intense clarity, as the Lord strips away something meaningful to us in order to refocus our minds on Him.

We see this clearly in Numbers 21:4-9. Here, we once again find the Israelites complaining. God had directed them to take the long way out of Mount Hor so as to avoid the Edomites. However, the people became impatient by the longer journey. And in turn, they began to grumble and complain about Moses and God Himself. They had turned their minds away from the Lord, who therefore needed to get their attention once again.

It is interesting that God decided not to do so through blessing or another great, miraculous sign. After all, the Israelites had seen Him move in this way time and time again. Instead, God sent poisonous snakes into the camp, causing the death of many people.

What was their response? They immediately confessed their sin and asked Moses to intercede for them to the Lord. Though it was a costly lesson for their community, this act got their attention.

Speaking through tragedy is an intensely personal way in which God communicates with His people. While we cannot presume to know what He's trying to tell others through their heartaches, we should meet our own hardships by looking for His divine purpose and instruction.

In His Service,  
Hugh Brent Wooten