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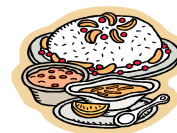
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HOME COMING SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

Sixty Five Years of Ministry



For Homecoming this year, BBQ, Fried Chicken, Potatoes, and Slaw are being provided. We are asking each family to bring side dishes, such as, salads, casseroles, etc. Bring enough for your family and one other person. Also, each family is asked to bring a dessert and beverages.



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

Happy Birthday:
Taylor Lewis 9/8
Braxton Everette 9/17
Jenna Evans 9/23
Katilyn Penwell 9/25
A. J. Bone 9/26

Another summer has come and gone. We continued to have good enrollment throughout the summer and will continue into the new school year. We had a big group starting kindergarten this year. Many students are transitioning in to new classes this month. We have several new students. We would like to welcome our new families to the childcare family. We would also like to welcome Katie Lassiter as a new staff member. Katie is an online student of NCC and a member here at Oakdale Baptist Church. She was an answered prayer. Please continue to pray for this ministry. We are a vital part of this church and community. I am looking forward to a great new school year.

Ms. Michelle

This comes from a blog from Angela Spivey (Tyler’s Mom). God is answering prayers for our childcare.

God Will Direct our Path

A while ago in Tyler’s room at daycare one of his teachers retired. I really LIKED her and I was very disappointed. I got a bit anxious of who might be his “new teacher”. How old will she be, what will she act like, how will she treat my child and is she a Christian? Thoughts raced through my mind. I was concerned about this person who would be with my child. I began to pray for this situation. I asked God to send the right person to be with Tyler. Someone that will love him and be kind to him. I even talked to the director about the concern of who would be the new teacher in the infant room. She was as sweet as ever and understood greatly about my concern. She began to explain to me how the Lord led Amy Little to her. The story she told me was amazing. She was sent to Oakdale straight from the Lord. A few days later Michelle, the director, gave a letter to the parents describing Amy to us. How she was a Christian and what church she goes to and how she has gotten such good words about her from church leaders in our area. Relief invaded me and I KNEW without a doubt that God was so in control. He knew the plans and had it all worked out even before I expressed my concerns to Michelle. What an awesome God we serve. Thank you Lord for sending someone so great to care for Tyler and for meeting our needs and answering that prayer. It makes me happy that when I go to pick Tyler up in the afternoons Amy is sitting on the floor playing with him, or she might be holding him or feeding him a snack.

GOD YOU ARE AMAZING!

Youth Ministry Update

A busy and fruitful summer of ministry and fun has come to an end. Thanks to the youth ministry team and other volunteers for making it all happen this summer. The S.L.A.M. mission projects were a blessing to many. Summer camp at Ft. Caswell was a blast. As school starts back, we look forward to continuing our focus on missions and ministry. Pray that our students will be a shining light for Jesus on their school campus this year.

Here’s what’s happening for youth in September:

We start our Wednesday night Bible study back up on September 3.

Our next mission project is to participate in the “Walk For Life” on September 20.

“See You at the Pole” is Wednesday, September 24. This is the day Christian students across America meet at the school flagpole and pray for their schools. That night we will host an area-wide S.Y.A.T.P. rally here at Oakdale.

Be watching for details on the “NC Youth Ministry Ski Retreat” (Feb. 27-March 1).

Lift up our youth and youth ministry in prayer as we plan and pursue the following opportunities:

Youth Minister Search-pray for the Youth Minister Search Committee as they proceed in seeking God’s will for a part-time youth minister.

Discipleship-we are preparing to begin a small group mentoring ministry to help the youth who are new believers and the others who want to grow in their relationship with the Lord.

“True Love Waits”-plans are under way to implement this Bible-based abstinence program in October.

Parents-we will be having a Parents Update Meeting on Sunday night, September 14th, at 7:00 PM. This will be a time for all youth parents to get updated on youth ministry activities, etc.

Pastor Joe

Dear Oakdale Baptist Church Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers and phone calls to check up on me after I had my heart catherization. My results were great, and what a relief! Your support means the world to me. Thank you again for always being there for me.

In His Name,
Rebecca Chadwick

Dear Joe,
I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the help of your youth group. They sorted and bagged a ton (!) of produce for us, which helped us to distribute it to families who truly need it.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I hope to see you guys back.

Thank you so very much!
Angela Pantuso
Food Bank of Greenville

Thank you to Pastor Joe, Youth, and others who helped make the luncheon for us enjoyable and successful.

With Love and Prayers,
Bob & Laura Van Scoik

Oakdale,
You turned out in a large number to help us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, and we thank you so very much. It was a pleasure to give you a hug or a handshake and let you know how glad we were to share this time with you.
Clifton and Linda Ruffin



**BABY SHOWER
FOR
BRIAN & HEATHER
WALTERS**

IT'S A GIRL!

Saturday, September 6, 2008
2:00—4:00 PM
Temperance hall Ruritan Building

r.s.v.p. to Robin Griffin @ 252-446-8984

Registered at Target



**BABY SHOWER
FOR
KATHY ROSE**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2008
2:00 PM-5:00 PM**

OAKDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

If you have any questions, contact Faye Worrell



JOY GROUP NEWS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Breakfast**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Covered Dish Supper
6:00 PM at church**

**SECURITY TEAMS FOR
SEPTEMBER**

Sept. 7 Doug Smith & Joe Williams
Sept. 14 Jason Sessoms & Aaron Rhodes
Sept. 21 Bill Lamm & Bob Van Scoik
Sept. 28 Steve Sturgill & Carroll Brown

USHER TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Wayne Lassiter—Head Usher

Bruce Rhodes
Shawn Webb
Brent Griffin
Steve Sturgill

*The Pregnancy Care Center's 18th
 Annual
 "Experience the Joy"
 Walk for Life*

*Saturday, September 20, 2008
 9:15 am Englewood Park*

A Fun-Filled Family Event!

*Music, Face Painting, Clowns, Bal-
 loon Art, and Pizza*

9/1 John Griffin	9/14 Jonathan Preston
9/1 Brooke Pollard	9/14 Jenny Thompson
9/2 Kally Holloman	9/16 Brian Rackley
9/2 Roger T. Hopkins	9/17 Mary Brown
9/2 Crystal Roach	9/17 Brandon Vickers
9/2 Reava Sallee	9/17 Preston Watkins
9/3 Terin Rhodes	9/18 Jacob Holloman
9/4 Chase Joyner	9/18 Christal Mills
9/4 Joshua Rose	9/19 R. L. Jackson
9/4 Clifton Ruffin	9/20 George Daughtridge
9/4 Tammy Coley	9/22 Gwen Harvey
9/5 Thomas Bulluck	9/23 Louanne Perry
9/6 Nikki Mullins	9/23 Rosa Porter
9/6 David Wells	9/24 Wayne Walston
9/7 Mikey Odom, Jr.	9/25 Hilda Curlings
9/8 Christine Daughtridge	9/25 Earlene Daughtridge
9/9 W. F. Daughtridge	9/25 Randall Mills
9/9 Zachary Smith	9/25 Shauna Odom
9/9 Lillian Strange	9/26 Maria Smith
9/11 Travis Langley	9/27 Rose Ruffin
9/13 Brydon Horchlor, II	9/28 Miranda Griffin
9/13 Brandon Powell	9/28 R. T. Hopkins
	9/29 Faye Worrell



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are working on our nursery schedule for the upcoming year. If you are not on a nursery team and would be willing to serve, there will be a sign up sheet on the table in back of the church, and one on the table at the nursery doors.



MISSIONS UPDATE

Local, National and International



SAMARITAN'S PURSE "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD"

In 2007, shoe box destinations were Africa, Middle East, Asia, Australia/Pacific, Europe, Latin America, Caribbean, United States, and countries not published for security purposes. Oakdale Church Family embraced this project with such compassion by giving 207 shoe boxes. Just think, each shoe box given to a child living in some of the most desperate circumstances imaginable represents God's love, joy and hope.

The WMU is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child Project again this year and everyone's help is needed. Your prayers are so important for the children receiving these shoe box containers filled with gifts, their families and the national partners in each distribution country.

Oakdale has a goal to provide at least 200 boxes for 2008. Samaritan's Purse has requested that we use plastic shoe box containers this year, because the children's families use these containers in many ways, such as carrying water and storage.

How you can participate:

1. Purchase plastic shoe box container and fill.
 - a. Instructional brochure will be provided September 14th.
 - b. You are also encouraged to place personal notes in each container
 - c. The church will have 200 plastic shoe box containers that will be made available on a first come first serve basis on September 14th, 28th, and October 5th. The church plans to purchase 200 plastic shoe box containers. Cost of these containers is \$1.00 each and if you like, you can contribute to the purchase of these containers.
2. Be prepared to provide shipping cost of \$7.00 per container.

On Wednesday, October 8th the Ministry Team will host an Operation Christmas Child dinner in the fellowship hall. The price of admission to the dinner is one plastic shoe box container filler per family. We are encouraging families to provide more than one shoe box container for this project if possible.

Oakdale has 25 places for volunteers to travel to Charlotte on Tuesday, November 25th to work in the Processing Center. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office.

If you have any questions, please contact Operation Christmas Child Ministry Team.

Renee' Holloman, Roger Hopkins, Bill Lamm, Daphne Rhodes, Marcia Walston

Operation Christmas Child is ultimately about sharing the life-changing message of God's greatest gift-His Son, Jesus Christ.

BAPTIST MEN OPERATION INASMUCH

Dear Faithful,

Thanks to all who attended our last breakfast/planning session on Saturday, August 16th at Hardee's. We discussed taking on the Church Beautification Project-removing diseased shrubbery, backfilling with new soil, treating the soil and planting new shrubs around the church. This is indeed a landscape project which is long overdue. Work days will be announced in the near future for all church members to begin this labor of love. I also will be asking members of the church to assist in finalizing an "action plan" for completion of the project. Please pray about this and if you feel so led, volunteer to help! Your input is greatly appreciated. Together, we can!

Thanks to all of you for keeping Jesus in your heart.

In His name and for His sake,

Carroll

Luke: Chapter 12 vs 48 (NIV)

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

FUNDRAISER

A Fundraiser supper will be held for Shirley Webb, daughter of Ethel Webb, to help with medical expenses. Shirley has been diagnosed with cancer and is unable to work at this time. As her medical expenses continue to grow, friends and family are sponsoring this supper in an effort to help with the mounting cost of having this condition. It will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2008 at West Haven Presbyterian Church on West Haven Blvd. from 4:00 PM—7:00 PM. If you need further information, call Linda Ruffin at 442-1400.

WMU TEAM BUILDING

Training for church leaders
Saturday, September 13, 2008
Rosemary Baptist Church
Roanoke Rapids, NC
8:30 AM—12:00 Noon

