

# Oakdale Messenger

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## GOD GIVE US COMPASSION


Many times we ask: "What does the church need to get the work done that God has called us to?" Is it more buildings, programs or funds? Maybe better communication? All of these things are nice to have and can help, but there is something far more important. In Matthew 9:35-36 we see the answer:

"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd."

When Jesus saw the spiritual and physical condition of the people, He was moved with COMPASSION. Everything we do as a church should start with our compassion for the lost. It really starts with Jesus' love for us. I John 4:19 says-"We love Him because He first loved us." When we really experience the love of Christ in our heart, that love naturally flows back to Him and then out to others.

Let's pray: "Lord, give us more compassion!"

Pastor Joe



### "Evidence of Grace"

Musical by Tri-Church Choir

Oct. 7	West Edgecombe Baptist Church
Oct. 8	Proctor's Chapel Baptist Church
Oct. 9	Oakdale Baptist Church

7:00 PM each night

## **"COURAGEOUS"**

*From the makers of  
"Facing the Giants"*

*Four men, one calling:  
To serve and protect.  
When tragedy strikes  
home, these men are left  
wrestling with their  
hopes, their fears, their  
faith, and their  
fathering. Protecting the  
streets is second nature.  
Raising their children in a  
God-honoring way?  
That's courageous.*

Premiere Theatre  
Rocky Mount  
October 1- 8, 2011

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

## 3.30 STUDENT MINISTRY

The month of September was a busy month with lots of accomplishments for the glory of God. We completed the new student worship center and had a packed house the first night! Praise God! There is much more to come as we seek what it is God desires from us. A special thank you to all who came together to make the student worship center possible, thank you for allowing God to use you in this manner.

Upcoming events this month:

Movie Night @ Pastor Nate and Amberly's Home (Sat. October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm)

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!

Looking Ahead:

**Disciple Now Weekend! November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Special guest speaker: Jamie Ballentine Guest Worship Band: The Kelby Dover Band Cost: \$30**

Disciple Now (or D-Now) is essentially an in-home weekend retreat for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The distinctive trait separating it from other retreats is that youth groups do not load up and head off to a secluded getaway for the weekend; instead, they pile into the homes of church members. Four Bible study sessions are lead in the homes and four corporate times of worship are hosted at the church building.

The idea behind Disciple Now is to gather teenagers in their own environment, creating community by strengthening friendships through shared experiences and maturing them spiritually through focused discipleship. Students get steady exposure to God's Word, interacting with it in various ways throughout the weekend. The non-stop time spent together encourages teenagers to open up, getting "real" with each other and with leaders over the course of the weekend.

In addition to the value of time spent in God's Word, being in the homes of church members, students may see for the first time that it is possible to follow Christ in "their world." The example set by leaders, parents, youth workers, and other friends show a lifestyle of discipleship – following Christ is an all day, every day lifestyle and identity.

More to come in the coming weeks.

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](mailto:children@obcbaptist.org)

## Children's Corner

Jennifer Engelking, Director



Discovery Sunday School Class

### Discovery Sunday School Class

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer 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. Class topics: salvation, baptism, communion and living a Godly life as new believers.

The class will be held in the fellowship hall.

Dates, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23.

Contact Jennifer @ 813-4427or

[children@obcbaptist.org](mailto:children@obcbaptist.org) to reserve your child's spot.



### Children's Christmas Choir Practice has begun!



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



**Open House: Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm**

Please be in prayer for our Open House.

We want our All-Stars families to know that we truly desire a deeper relationship with them. Supper will be served to the families, and the children will be sharing a short but sweet presentation. Remember, volunteer opportunities are always available for you. We would love to have you experience the joy of ministering to these precious children.



### Looking Ahead..... Harvest Hoedown Community Outreach

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

5:30-8:00pm

Games, prizes, food, hayride, fun fellowship!

Babies - 5<sup>th</sup> graders

**Volunteers will be needed so mark your calendar!**

More info coming soon!

# CHURCH MAILROOM



A big "Thank You" to Linda Ruffin for organizing and leading the Nursery Committee and making sure all cards were mailed out. Your loyalty to the Nursery and to the Church is much appreciated!

The Nursery Committee

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Dear Joe and Oakdale Congregation:

Thank you for leading your church to contribute generously to the 2010 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO) for world missions. Your generous and faithful gifts provide the resources needed for our 5,296 missionaries (and their 4,000 children) to live, function and evangelize the unreached people of the earth. This past year, the Oakdale Baptist Church family gave at a level we call the "Cartersville Challenge" which recognizes churches that gave between \$25 and \$49.99 per capita based on your reported average Sunday morning worship attendance.

The 5,606 churches that met the "Cartersville Challenge" represent 12% of the 45,000 churches that comprise the Southern Baptist Convention. This group of churches gave over \$35.4 million or 24% of the 2010 LMCO. This is a significant group of friends and we are very grateful for them.

Why a "Cartersville Challenge"? Cartersville Baptist Church in Cartersville, GA is where Lottie Moon accepted God's call to take the Gospel to the Chinese people. It is the first milestone of her missionary life. The *Cartersville Challenge* is the first milestone level of missionary giving.

Our immediate goal is to Embrace the last 3,800 unreached and unengaged people groups (UUPG) of the world. As far as our research allows us, these are peoples who have no known believers, no known translated copy of the Bible and no known missionary presence of any kind that is actively embracing them. Will you join us by praying, giving and even going to the ends of the earth to tell them about Jesus?

On behalf of our 5,296 missionaries and their families, thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.

Rejoicin' in JESUS!

David Clippard John 3:30  
Assoc. Vice President-Development  
Office of the President  
International Mission Board

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I would personally like to say a big thank you to all of the people who worked so diligently to make our homecoming dinner so very good. Shawn, Wayne, & Thomas did a wonderful job with the barbeque. To everyone who came, brought food, fellowshiped with our former members and visitors...thank you. To Mark Ream for his enthusiasm and faithfulness to our Sunday School...thank you. To Angie and everyone who presents the music each service, to those who attend the sound equipment, decorates the facility, tends the nursery, teaches the classes, and preaches the sermons...THANK YOU!! It would be a wonderful thing if we expressed our love and appreciation more often and I think our Heavenly Father would be pleased with our love and affection for each other. As we worship together, let us be mindful of why we are here, where are those who are absent, and those who were never here. We need to reach up, reach out, and pull together to make sure no one we know lives and dies without hearing the gospel and makes a decision to follow Christ...or not.

Linda Ruffin

## ClerksCorner

The congregation was called into conference on 9/7/11 for the purpose of discussing and voting on the nominating committee's report for 2011-2012 which was done. A Constitution/By-Laws change was presented for consideration to lay on the table for the required 30 days before it is voted on.



## TREASURER'S INFO

2011 AUGUST

### Budget Receipts & Offerings

General Offerings	\$26,970.84
Summer/After School	\$ 5,554.25
August expenses	<u>\$39,222.64</u>
Over/Under	(\$ 6,697.55)

### AUGUST BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

Receipts	\$1,741.00
Sale of SC property	\$7,000.00
Monthly loan payment	<u>\$3,600.00</u>
Over/Under	\$5,141.00

### LOAN BALANCE AS OF 8/31/11

\$286,173.54

### Who remembers this??

35 Years ago, 1976

General Fund	\$3,004.87
Special Funds	\$2,857.62
Building Fund	\$ 612.95
Disbursements	\$5,087.53

Balance in Bank \$ 480.63

*Give God what's right...Not what's left!*

### Our Sympathy to:

Barbara Whitehurst & Family in the passing of her brother

Henry Bulluck Family in his passing

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

**SECURITY FOR OCTOBER**

10/2 Pat & Andy Tess  
 10/9 Wayne Calhoun & Wayne Walston  
 10/16 Steve Sturgill & Elton Pridgen  
 10/23 Tim Engelking & Deryl Lewis  
 10/30 Shawn Webb & Doug Smith

**USHER TEAM FOR OCTOBER**

THOMAS BULLUCK  
 TAD RHODES  
 TONY LASSITER  
 EMMETT TATUM

10/2 Bruce Rhodes	10/19 Elton Pridgen
10/6 Rebecca Chadwick	10/19 Gray Rhodes
10/6 Carson Rhodes	10/19 Glendra Sledge
10/8 Kaitlyn Harris	10/19 Joe Williams
10/8 Debbie Lewis	10/19 Tammy Wooten
10/8 Janet Pridgen Smith	10/21 Thelma Horchlor
10/9 Tommy Hopkins	10/21 Kip Ruffin
10/10 Sherry Grove	10/22 Patsy Bulluck
10/10 MeKayla Odom	10/22 Dawn Rhodes
10/10 Linda Ruffin	10/23 Brenda Turner
10/11 Nancy Manning	10/24 Brandie Daughtridge
10/11 Megan Mills	10/27 Justin Cobb
10/12 Bobby Rackley	10/27 Emily Engelking
10/12 Paula Turner	10/27 Taylor Rhodes
10/13 Thomas Engelking	10/28 Jordan Wooten
10/16 James Bulluck	10/29 Taylor Harris
10/16 April Roach	10/30 Allen Dunn
10/16 Jameson Wooten	10/30 Allen Harrelson
10/17 Morgan McNamara	10/30 Haley Marks
10/17 Lynette Tatum	10/30 Walter Prince
10/19 Johnny Joyner	10/31 Frances Atkins
	10/31 Kayla Sharp



**Building Ministry Team**

The new church year is here and your ministry teams are hard at work. The Building Team is working to get God's facilities in order to bring honor and glory to Him.

We all know we have limited funds and we want to honor God with what resources we have. Doing our very best to meet the needs with efforts and dollars.

We need your help and your eyes. We will have maintenance request forms in the media racks and each team member will be given a supply. Please take your time to complete the request form for cleaning issues or maintenance in general. Completed forms should be given to a team member or turned in to the office.

Thanks for your help and patience as we all work together to glorify Him.

Phil Wood, Wayne Lassiter, Mack Ruffin, Ann Rhodes, John Edmondson, Boo Causey, Phillip Eason, Kelly Holloman and May Howell



Congratulations to Buie & Candace Holder on the birth of their son, Hampton, born September 17, 2011.



**GET READY FOR ANOTHER EXCITING SEASON OF UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING!**

**Evaluations/Orientations**  
**Saturday, November 5, 2011**  
**9:00 AM-12 PM**  
**In Oakdale Baptist Church Gym**

**J.O.Y. GROUP NEWS**



**October 8th**  
 Johnston Community College

**October 11th**  
 J.O.Y. Group to Pastor Joe's Home  
 6:00 PM

**October 15th**  
 Breakfast  
 8:00 AM



# MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

## WMU News

The new WMU year has gotten off to a great start!

On Wednesday night, September 21<sup>st</sup>, our GA's and Mission Friends teamed up with the RA's and did a walk at church for the Pregnancy Care Center's Walk for Life. We had 15 kids to show up to walk and turn in money for the walk. These kids did an awesome job and raised \$165.00 for the Pregnancy Care Center. What a great job, kids!!

As a reminder, we do have a GA class on Wednesday night for any girl in 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades. I am certain that if your daughter is not currently coming to GA's on Wednesday night, that she would fit right in and have a wonderful time learning!

We also have a Mission Friends class for boys & girls from 3 years of age thru Kindergarten. Again, I know that any child not currently participating in Mission Friends is missing out on some great fun!

Please bring your children out to join one of these groups if they are not already!

Our October Mission focus will be on Samaritan's Purse. We are working closely with our Samaritan's Purse team to finalize all of this and will have more information on the OBC website and in the bulletins as soon as we have everything finalized.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for the WMU group!

Kim Wells

## CHURCH-WIDE MISSION PROJECT FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

### ADOPT-A-BOX

**More information to come!!!**

Our Charlotte trip is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29th. There are reservations for 25 people to go. Please call the church office to sign up. You'll be wonderfully blessed as you serve our Lord!!!

## BAPTIST MEN

Dear Faithful,

I have heard it said that our God is the author of new beginnings. Every sixty seconds brings a new minute. Every sixty minutes brings a new hour. And so on. On one hand, new beginnings are welcomed. They offer a chance for a fresh start and a new adventure. New beginnings can also bring uneasiness and fear. It is with this mindset that I enter my new role as Baptist Men's Director.

I'm reminded of the Hebrews as they reached Canaan. Moses sent spies into the land. Upon their return, they reported a land like no other, a land flowing with "milk and honey." Friends, this is how I feel about Oakdale and this new church year. I trust that God's blessing for His church is within our grasp. The spies also reported that the land was full of giants, large armies and fortified cities. The Hebrew people were afraid to move forward and receive the blessings for fear of the giants. Is this true of us today? Are we afraid of the giants? Take comfort in Caleb's words to the Hebrews, "Let us go up and take it at once for we are able to overcome it." Us men need Caleb's warrior spirit.

One example of this spirit in action is our RA program. We have several new recruits this year ready to face the giants. Among which are Kelly Holloman, Jonathon Cobb, and Jeremy Holloman. These men, along with Stacey Nicholas, are just the team needed to make this year the best RA year ever. Already, the RAs joined GAs and Mission Friends to complete their September mission project with a Wednesday night walk to raise money for the Pregnancy Care Center.

I would like to thank you all for entrusting me to direct the Baptist Men this year. I am asking for your prayers and support. I look forward to this year and know that together we will take the land for God's glory and face those giants together. If anyone has any needs or suggestions, I can be reached at 252-230-1495.

In His service,  
Tim Hollifield



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

## Connect in Sunday School

Level	Class	Community	Commission
Churched	Member	Minister	Missionary
Focus	Me	Us	Them
Unchurched	Conversation	Community	Conversion
Biblical Mandate	Great Confession	Great Commandment	Great Commission
Conversation	What we learned	What they did for me	Where we went
Prayer	General requests	Needs of others	Lost people
Records	Class list	Ministry list	Prospect list
Organization	Teacher, secretary	Fellowship, ministry, prayer, care group leaders	Missions leader, outreach leader, apprentices, associate
Biblical Concepts	Kerygma	Koinonia	Kenosis

### 3 Greek words, which best describes your Sunday School Class?

**Kerygma**– (**Method**) Proclamation; Preaching; Announcement The Essence of the Gospel.

Jesus is the center of teaching ministry of Sunday School. Bible Study is the main purpose of Sunday School. We learn what the Great Commission is.

**Koinonia** –(**Idea**) Fellowship

Sharing common interest of Jesus and meeting on a regular basis outside of Sunday School on a social basis. We share in the Joy of the Great Commission with among each other.

**Kenosis** – (**Personified**) “to empty”

God wants us to empty ourselves into ministry and missions. Spread the Good News, let people know how excited you are about Sunday School Bible Study and fellowship outside of church. Invite people you meet to come along side you and your class in studying HIS word through Bible Study, Fellowship, and outreach as Sunday School teachers, missionaries. Become an assistant teacher in your class.

Sourced from Connect3, author David Francis, Sunday School Director of Lifeway.

Sunday School is a place where we make lifelong connections and bonds with people in our church. Take some time this week to pray for your Sunday School class. Which level best describes your class? All active teachers are enrolled in an Adult Sunday School class. about ways you can keep them involved in their Adult Sunday School class. Invite them to fellowship activities outside of 9:45am – 10:45am on Sunday. They are Oakdale Missionaries spreading the Great Commission.

For HIM,

Mark Ream  
 Sunday School Director  
 webservant@obcbaptist.org

**MISSION PROJECT**  
 OPERATION CHRISTMAS  
 CHILD

# October 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 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Mission Friends Activity
					Women's Retreat at Caswell Sept. 30-Oct. 1	
2 6:00 PM DiscipleLife	3	4 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group	5 7:00 PM Regular Schedule	6	7	8 J.O.Y. Group (Johnston Comm. College)
					Tri-Church Choir 7:00 PM (West Edgcombe) (Proctors Chapel)	
9 6:00 PM DiscipleLife  7:00 PM Deacons	10 6:30 PM WMU Current Mission Group  7:00 PM WMU Bible Study Group	11 6:00 PM JOY Group at Pastor Joe's 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group 7:00 PM Children's Ministry Team	12 5:45 PM Fellowship Supper  7:00 PM Regular Schedule	13   6:30 PM Church Council	14	15 8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast  6:00 PM Student Movie Night
Tri-Church Choir 7:00 PM (OBC)						
16 6:00 PM DiscipleLife	17 7:00 PM Decorating Committee  7:00 PM Constitution & By-Laws	18 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group	19 7:00 PM Regular Schedule	20   7:00 PM Christian Citizenship Team	21 6:30 PM Open House for All-Star Families	22
23 6:00 PM DiscipleLife	24	25 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group	26 7:00 PM Regular Schedule	27	28	29 8:00-10:00AM Church-wide Sunday School Seminar
30 Ingathering for Operation Christmas Child  6:00 PM DiscipleLife	31					

# 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 Regular Schedule	3	4	5  Upward Registration
6  6:00 PM DiscipleLife	7  WMU World Day of Prayer (Sunset Ave.)	8  7:00 PM-9:00 PM Women's Bible Study Group  7:00 PM Children's Ministry Team	9 5:45 PM Fellowship Supper  Church Conference ???  7:00 PM Regular Schedule	10	11  Veteran's Day	12 8:00 AM J.O.Y. Group Breakfast  Youth Disciple NOW Weekend
13  6:00 PM DiscipleLife  7:00 PM Deacons	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  7:00 PM Regular Schedule	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  7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service	23  No Evening Events	24  <b>Thanksgiving</b>	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			

**MISSION PROJECT**  
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-tentative	
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>Upward Practice</i>	10
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>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
18	19  <i>7:00 PM Constitution &amp; 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 <b>Christmas Eve</b>
25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	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 <b>New Year's Eve</b>

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**Oakdale Staff**

Rev. Joe Price, Pastor  
Rev. Nate Mace, Youth/Associate Pastor  
Mrs. Jennifer Engelking, Children's Minister  
Miss Angie Ruffin, Music Minister  
Mr. Aaron Rhodes, Upward Director  
Mrs. Sharon Lynch, Secretary



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

Oakdale Family,

We are once again at the beginning of a new church year. It seems like only yesterday that we were closing out 2010 and looking forward to incredible new things for 2011. As the saying goes, "time surely waits for no one". Proverbs 27:23 says "Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds".

In the past few weeks, we as deacons have reflected on the amount of time that we find ourselves in the 'busyness' of our lives and how some of us struggle at times with staying focused on what is important. I wonder if the writer in Proverbs would say to us today "Make sure you know what's going on in the lives of your kids and pay attention to what's happening in your household"? That question I cannot answer, but the wisdom that comes from paying attention to what matters most is the same yesterday, today and forever.

In the coming weeks, I would challenge us all to find balance as a church, making time to reach out to each other in love and care for those who may only see the love of Christ in us. There are so many needs within our church and the community in which we serve. If the busy work is taking us away from what's important, then maybe each of us should begin to re-evaluate what's important.

Remember, We are His legs, are we going?

In Christ,

Tim