

Oakdale Messenger

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September 2011



HONDURAS BLESSING: What a blessing the Honduras Mission Trip was. I want to thank the mission team for stepping forward and allowing God to use them in an awesome way. A special thanks to Buie Holder who coordinated our trip. My prayer is that this will be the first step in a long journey of Oakdale touching the world for Christ through international missions. I give praise for the way you, as a church, got behind the effort with your prayers and financial support. We also collected \$612.50 to send 320 Spanish Bibles to Pastor Peter's church. It's exciting to just think about what God will do as we join hands together to accomplish His will.

WILLING WORKER'S COMMITMENT: As we begin a new church year, we think about all the challenges and possibilities that lie ahead of us. There is much work to do for the Kingdom of God. The good news is that God has gifted, equipped, and empowered us for the work He has called us to do. The only thing needed is our commitment to follow Him and allow Him to use us in His work. As we begin the new church year, let's all make the following commitment:

I COMMIT TO SERVE GOD ...

1. With All My Heart: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men" (Colossians 3:23)
2. With Joy: "Serve the Lord with Gladness" (Psalm 100:2)
3. With Love: "through love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13)
4. With A Pure Heart: "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Psalm 51:10)
5. With Others: "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all" (I Corinthians 12:7)
6. With Patience and Perseverance: "therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it" (James 5:7)
7. Like Jesus Did: "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28)
8. Realizing Whatever I do I am Doing for Him: "inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it unto Me" (Matthew 25:40)

Pastor Joe

New Church Year

Kick-Off

Wednesday, September 7th



6:00 PM

Tailgate Party
(Food and Fellowship)

6:30 PM

Teams & Committees Meet



Oakdale's
Homecoming

September 18

For the Homecoming meal this year, we are providing BBQ Pork, Fried Chicken, Potatoes, and Slaw. 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.

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

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



Proverbs 22:6 tells us to "Train a child in the way that they should go. And when they are old they will not depart from it."

- **Sunday school** provides a basic systematic study of the scriptures at a level of understanding for that age group.
- **Sunday school** allows an opportunity for its members to talk and share about their needs with others in similar life situations.
- **Sunday school** provides an opportunity for personal application of the scriptures based on the age level of the class.
- **Sunday school** provides for fellowship and a sense of belonging for each member of the class.
- **Sunday school** provides a platform for people to serve the Lord through teaching and administration.
- **Sunday school** is a training ground for young Christians to be more productive in their church and gives them the opportunity to develop their skills and talents for the Lord.

The new church year is upon us. Now is the time to check out a Sunday School class to see if it is a “good fit” for you and your family. Please visit <http://obcbaptist.org> for a description of each Sunday School class at Oakdale. Sunday School starts by studying the Bible, but it is also a place where both the young and old can forge strong Christian relationships with your peers. Many of our Sunday School classes fellowship outside of church throughout the week. If you find that you do not have a Sunday School class to attend,

please “try some on” for several Sundays, you will be glad you did. Many life long Christian friendships are started in Sunday School. Friends graduate high school and college, move on with their lives, however, those that are formed in church and Sunday School have long staying power.

The following Adult Sunday School classes are studying "Explore the Bible" of the "Bible Book Series":

- Truth Seekers
- Fellowship Class
- Class 120
- Mixed Blessings
- Elsie Murray

The following Adult Sunday School classes study from LifeVentures:

- Stuart Davis
- Golden Age

There is also a thriving Women's School School Class call “Sisters in Christ.” They study the Master Works series and get together quite often outside of Sunday School.

In addition to the above Lifeway materials, There many other resources available on line at <http://lifewayextra.ning.com/> . This web site is a community for users of LifeWay Sunday School resources where they and the teachers can exchange teaching ideas and discuss upcoming lessons.

HIS Oakdale Sunday School teachers have many supplemental resources available to provide a GREAT Sunday School Bible Study. Come out and join us as we learn more about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For HIM!

Mark Ream, Sunday School Director
252-567-3226

3.30 STUDENT MINISTRY

Summer has come to an end and the new church year is upon us. We are all back in school, but we have a lot to look forward to this year, to include the start of our Student Worship Service. I am excited and very hopeful to see how God is going to move in our lives in the months to come.

Upcoming events this month:

3.30 Student Worship Service – Beginning September 14, 2011, we will be kicking off our first Student Worship Service

Disciple Life – Will be starting back up on September 11, 2011.

H.S. – “Live Loud”, an expositional study on the book of James. Led by Brit and Paula Medley

M.S. – “It’s All Good!”, an expositional study on the book of Philippians. Led by David and Kim Wells

SEE YOU AT THE POLE! September 28, 2011. This year’s theme is “Convergence”. More information will be available soon.

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 945am. We will be looking for you!

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

Where has the summer gone? I can't believe it's time for the kids to go back to school. The first day of school for the children was August 25th. This day also marked the day of the beginning of our After-School All-Stars Ministry. We are excited to minister to our community by offering a Christ-Centered, quality, after-school program. Please join us in praying for the after-school ministry, it's families, and staff. Speaking of staff; we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Shelia Kelly will be our after school coordinator. Shelia loves the Lord and loves his little children. She is a very active member of Parkwood Baptist Church. She is eager to minister to our after-school children and their families. Please cover her in prayer. Remember, volunteer opportunities are always available to you. We would love to have you experience the joy of being involved in these children's lives. Currently we have 11 children enrolled. We welcome: Baylee, Ayden, Paul, Skyler, Juliana, Olivia, Taylor, Dylan, Marissa, Kayla, and Slate. We have room for more! Enrollment applications are available in the church office. We can't wait to see what the lord has in store for this ministry.



See You at the Pole!

Wednesday, September 28th

Meet fellow Christians at your child's school flagpole before school. Most schools begin prayer at 7:00 AM, but be sure to check the prayer time at your child's school.



Discovery Sunday School Class

On October 1st, 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. Class topics include-salvation, baptism, communion and living a Godly life as a new believer. The class will be held in the fellowship hall on the following Sundays: October 1, 8, 15, and 22nd. Contact me at 813-4427 or children@obcbaptist.org to reserve your child's spot.

CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Oakdale Family,

Thank you so much for your support, love, and wonderful food after the passing of Cathy. We appreciate you more than you'll ever know.

Family of Cathy Baker

Dear Oakdale,

Thanks to everyone who prayed for my family, during our sorrow.

Jean Price

Oakdale Church,

We wish to thank you for the outpouring of love during the loss of our eldest son Michael. He always said that Oakdale was a loving church. We thank you for thoughts sent our way, the beautiful cards, flowers, and the wonderful food and drinks brought. Also, we are very thankful for the much needed prayers said on our behalf.

Oakdale is truly a lighthouse showing others what Christian love is all about.

Special thanks to Pastor Joe, Pastor Nate, and Angie for such a lovely service.

Love,

The Holloman Family

Oakdale Family,

I would like to thank my church family for all the kindness, love, and support given to me during the illness and recent death of my mother. During her illness, it was always so comforting to me when you would ask how my mother was doing and that you were praying for her. Thank you for all of the cards, telephone calls, and Facebook messages sent to me after her death. A special thank you to everyone that came to the visitation and/or memorial service. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Patty Collins

The church family of Oakdale Baptist church,

Words could never express what your cards, visits, phone calls, flowers, love, and support meant to us during the recent loss of our Dad and husband. It has been a very difficult time for all of us, but we do have assurance that he is with the Lord and that sure brings great comfort. Oakdale Baptist had a very special place in his heart and he enjoyed preaching and sharing with you. Thanks for allowing him to be a part of such a wonderful church fellowship. Please continue to pray for us as we strive to move forward and continue the legacy he left for us. May God bless each of you and always know that we love you and appreciate all that you have done for us.

With much love,

Cindy Pike & Barbara Mitchell
Family of Norman Mitchell

ClerksCorner

Welcome New Member

William "Boo" Causey

555 Green Pasture Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27801 (Baptism)

Conference of 8/3/11

Reports given by various officers, committees, ministry teams...are attached to minutes in office.

Youth/Associate Pastor Mace reported on situation of youth worship which was followed by much discussion. This discussion led to the moderator asking for a meeting between Pastor Mace, youth parents, the children, middle school, and high school ministry team on the next evening. Motions were made and withdrawn during this discussion.

Motion made and passed to elect Tim Hollifield as the Baptist Men's Director for the upcoming church year by the existing nominating committee.

Letters granted to other churches for members moving their membership and receiving of new members who have joined Oakdale.

Fliers were passed out by Pastor Joe for everyone to sign up for one of the projects for Wednesday nights in August as we use our mission statement, Know Jesus, Serve Jesus, Share Jesus, during our regular worship time.

Conference of 8/10/11

Report given for results of special meeting called for including Youth, MS, Children teams, Pastors, Parents which was held on 8/4/11. Changes were announced, C/B change presented for consideration and vote after the 30 day waiting period.

Motion made and passed to elect Kim Wells as WMU Director for upcoming church year by the existing nominating committee.

Our Sympathy to:

Worrell/Holloman Family in the passing of Grandpa Worrell

To the family of Annette Patterson in the passing of her aunt



TREASURER'S INFO

JULY 2011

BUDGET, RECEIPTS & OFFERINGS

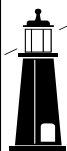
General offerings	\$29,323.53
Summer/After School	\$ 3,515.75
July expenses	<u>\$29,136.19</u>
Over/under	\$ 3,703.09

JULY BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

Receipts	\$2,664.00
Monthly loan payment	<u>\$3,600.00</u>
Over/Under	\$<939.00>

LOAN BALANCE as of 7/21/11

\$288,792.44



One foundation stone and three house bricks were added to the lighthouse recently. Each house brick represents \$520 contributed toward the building fund.

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SECURITY FOR SEPTEMBER

- 9/4 Pat & Andy Tess
- 9/11 Phil Wood & Eric Stott
- 9/18 Jonathan Cobb & Bill Lamm
- 9/25 Carroll Brown & Stacey Nicholas

USHER TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER

- WAYNE LASSITER-HEAD USHER
 BRUCE RHODES
 SHAWN WEBB
 BRENT GRIFFIN
 STEVE STURGILL

9/1 John Griffin	9/13 Brydon Horchler, II
9/1 Brooke Pollard	9/14 Jenny Thompson
9/2 Amanda Clark	9/16 Brian Rackley
9/2 Kally Holloman	9/17 Mary Brown
9/2 Roger Hopkins	9/17 Brandon Vickers
9/2 Crystal Roach	9/17 Preston Watkins
9/3 Terin Carraway	9/17 Callie-Ann Webb
9/3 Jeremy Holloman	9/18 Jacob Holloman
9/4 Chase Joyner	9/19 R. L. Jackson
9/4 Clifton Ruffin	9/20 George Daughtridge
9/5 Tammy Batchelor	9/21 Bjorn Mace
9/6 Thomas Bulluck	9/22 Gwen Harvey
9/6 Heather Hollifield	9/23 Louanne Perry
9/6 Nikki Mullins	9/23 Rosa Porter
9/6 David Wells	9/24 Wayne Walston
9/8 Christine Daughtridge	9/25 Shawwna Covert
9/9 Catherine Arnold	9/25 Hilda Curlings
9/9 Zachary Smith	9/25 Earlene Daughtridge
9/9 Lillian Strange	9/27 Rose Ruffin
9/11 Travis Langley	9/28 Miranda Griffin
	9/28 R. T. Hopkins



NURSERY NEWS

The 2010-2011 Nursery Ministry Team would like to issue a big “Thank You” to each person who cared for the babies and toddlers during this church year. There will be new babies, babies will become toddlers, and toddlers will be new to the worship services as they become four years of age. This means, of course, that you need to keep up the good work of caring for the children, because hopefully they will keep coming! Special thanks go out to those who stayed in the nurseries during August...Joe, Tammy, & Ashton Williams, and friend Molly; Pam & Dawson Gould, Jennifer Engelking, Susan Sturgill, Paulette Ream, Carrie Manning, Tim & Heather Hollifield, Barbara Whitehurst, and Tammy Wooten. As I sign off as chairperson of this team during the past year, I need to say a big “Thank You” to the entire ministry team. They have been faithful and done a fabulous job when it was their months to be the hostess. Good job to team members: Rebecca Chadwick, Christie Joyner, Cathy Rose, Donna Kermon, and Tammy Wooten.

Linda Ruffin, Chairperson



Congratulations to Thomas & Kaye Bulluck on the birth of their grandson, Jonah Thomas Bulluck, born August 31, 2011.

JOY GROUP NEWS



**September 10th
 JOY Breakfast
 8:00 AM**

**September 22nd
 Covered Dish
 6:00 PM**

HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE
 Pray for the JOY group as they travel to Orland, FL to visit the “Holy Land Experience”

September 26-28



MISSIONS UPDATE



Local, National and International

WMU News

It is hard to believe that we are already at the beginning of a new year for WMU. Our focus again this year is "Unhindered". I would ask each person to be committed to pray for God's spirit to be unleashed in the world, to be passionate about God as we step up and take risks together, to be leaders of influence with uncompromised integrity, and to be courageous in our calling.

REMINDERS:

Lady's Retreat to Caswell Friday 9/30 thru Saturday 10/1 - Balance is due by September 1st. We will leave the church at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, September 30th for Caswell returning Saturday, October 1st.

WMU Training - Saturday September 10th @ Nashville Baptist Church. We will leave the church at 8:15 and return around 12:30. I encourage anyone involved with WMU to attend the training. Please let me know by Wednesday September 7th if you plan to attend.

Biblical Focus: Hebrews 12: 1 - 2

Please pray for me as I seek to do God's will as OBC's WMU director.

Thank you!
Kim Wells

BAPTIST MEN

Dear Faithful,

Our Lord has presented many opportunities for us this month to share Jesus and serve Jesus and for this we are thankful. We have built one wheelchair ramp and are in the process of making arrangements to see if we can perform more work in the community to bring comfort and love to other families. James and Wayne Walston along with Bill Lamm used their talents to complete a ramp for a family who needed it and was referred to us by the NCBM. These men give of their time and expertise to exemplify our "Share Jesus" and "Serve Jesus" attitude and I personally thank them for their supporting me and our Church over the last few years.

Even as I send this letter we are facing yet another possible disaster in Hurricane Irene. I am sure that the services of the Oakdale Baptist Men and Women Disaster Relief Team will be needed in our surrounding community, and I ask each of you to help us to respond to this disaster. Information will be sent out and if you can help in any way I know that you will receive God's blessings for your efforts. Remember: Anyone from youth to elders can serve... your help is needed!

It has come time to "pass the torch of leadership" to Tim Hollifield as Baptist Men's Director at Oakdale and I encourage everyone to support him as you have supported me. God has certainly sent a motivated servant in Tim and I am sure that a new direction with emphasis on serving and sharing Jesus will continue to be his objective.

It has been a privilege to serve Oakdale Baptist Church and I thank each of you for your help and support. I love you all deeply and will continue to serve and pray for you.

In His Service,
Carroll

SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT

Pregnancy Care Center **Walk For Life**



September 24, 2011
9:15 am Englewood Park



A Fun-Filled Family Event!
**Music, Face Painting,
Balloon Art, and Pizza**



Life changing.....amazing! That's the only way I can describe the mission trip. God was so good to us....it was humbling to be a part of!

I just want to say thank you again to the church family for supporting us financially and with your prayers. We could not have done it without your help.....thanks for holding the rope! I encourage you to get with the mission team members individually and hear their stories from the week, hear how God worked, and how lives were changed.

Also, please visit the NC Baptist Missions Blog at: http://ncbmhonduras.blogspot.com/2011_08_01_archive.html to learn more about the trip and our activities throughout the week, and more of what we as NC Baptists are doing in Honduras.

Mission Team, thanks for all the work you did.....ya'll were awesome!.....So what's next?

Love God,
Buie Jude v.2

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 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Women's Retreat at Caswell Sept. 30-Oct. 1</div>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>J.O.Y. Group (Johnston Comm. College)</i> Tri-Church Choir 7:00 PM
9 7:00 PM <i>Deacons</i> Tri-Church Choir 7:00 PM	10 6:30 PM WMU Current Mission Group 7:00 PM WMU <i>Bible Study Group</i> 7:00 PM Youth Team	11 6:00 PM <i>JOY Group at Pastor Joe's</i> 7:00 PM <i>Children's Ministry Team</i>	12	13	14	15 8:00 AM <i>J.O.Y. Group Breakfast</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31			<p style="text-align: center;">NURSING HOME MINISTRY</p> <p>10/4 Brekenridge 10:30 AM 10/5 Somerset 10:00 AM 10/7 The Albemarle 10:30 AM 10/17 Brekenridge 2:00 PM 10/21 The Albemarle 10:00 AM</p>		

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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,

What a month August was, the storms came, but in all, I know that you would agree with me that we, as a body of believers are truly blessed! Thanks, to all of you who stepped up to help out those in need within our church and the community.

The new church year is here, and we are embarked once again on activities and events that give all of us the opportunity to be engaged in God's work right here in the Oakdale community. I would like to take a moment to begin encouraging each of you to seek opportunities to reach out to the lost.

Over the course of the next couple of months, preparation will be begin to take place for another season of Upward Basketball and the field of opportunity will literally come directly to the door of the church every Saturday for 8 weeks in a row! God has placed us in the position to witness and share the love of Jesus four nights a week and nearly every Saturday over a period of ten weeks! What else could we ask for? Please consider coming along side the dedicated volunteers of our Upward Program to find out how you can participate in the outreach of Upward! I promise you, that you will be glad that you did! Reflecting on the past month, we studied to KNOW more about who Jesus is, worked in the community to SERVE as Jesus served, and hosted the block party to SHARE the love of Jesus in the community, we lived the Great Commission! Our mission team to Honduras lived the Great Commission. I truly felt blessed to know that we sent such an awesome group so far away from home to share the love of Jesus in remote regions of the world. My prayer is that we join together in the coming year to find new ways of KNOWING, SERVING, and SHARING the love of Christ.

Please never forget that we as a deacon body exist to serve; if you ever have a need, please do not hesitate to contact one of us at any hour.

In His Service,
Tim