

Oakdale Messenger

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September 2009

HOMECOMING 2009

SEPTEMBER 20th



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.

CHURCH MAILROOM



Dear Oakdale Family:

Words can not express how much I, Jan & Bert appreciate your support during our time of sorrow in the passing of Jimmy "Gigi". Your cards, phone calls, visits, prayers, and lunch prepared for the family were greatly appreciated. During a time like this, we realize how much family & friends really mean to us. A special thanks to Roy & Joe for your words of comfort during the service will always remain with us.

Love in Christ
Toni Griffin
Jan & Bert Peele

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

Happy Birthday!!

9/16 Ryan Bridgers 9/17 Braxton Everette
9/26 A. J. Bone

We are getting adjusted to all the new changes due to the construction, but looking forward to the final result. We have quite a few children that went off to kindergarten this year, and we wish them lots of luck. We have several openings in the three year old room and the pre-k room and a couple of spots in our after school program. We will have an open house and childcare ministry team meeting on Thursday, September 17. Open house will be from 4:30-6:30 PM and you will have an opportunity to meet the ministry team members at 6:30. This months Bible

focus will be: Jesus Loves Me Just As I Am, Psalm 139:14, Honor Your Father and Mother, Eph. 6:2, God's Word Is True, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Love One Another, John 13:34. Please

continue to be in prayer for this ministry, our staff, and our childcare families.

Michelle Marks,
Director

Our Sympathy to:
Mike Odom in the passing of his father
Toni Griffin, Jan & Bert Peele in the passing of James Griffin

ClerksCorner Linda Ruffin, Church Clerk

Welcome New Member: Cherie Mills, 417 Clover Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27801

Two conferences- 7/29/09 for Nominating Committee Report to be presented and discussed
8/12/09 regular scheduled meeting

Nominating Committee report voted on and passed
The persons who were voted on for the upcoming church year will become active on the various positions on 9/1/09.

The minutes and reports from these conferences are in the office for public review. The Treasurer's reports are always in the racks in the foyer each month for the prior month and the Treasurer is open to any questions you may have.

8/19/09 Conference
Voted to spend \$3100 to replace the main duct work in the educational building (fellowship hall bldg).

DID YOU KNOW...?

Free copies of Home Life and Mature Living Magazines are available monthly in the literature racks at the Sanctuary entrances.

Monthly copies of the church financial report are available in the literature racks at the Sanctuary entrances.



JOY GROUP NEWS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
BREAKFAST
8:00 AM

DiscipleLife

NEW SESSION STARTS FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER
6:00 PM

For Adults

The **Truth Project**, -an intense 13-session study that will help equip you to make a Christ-centered difference in our culture by applying God's principles to daily life

(Led by Tim Engelking)

Biblical Financial Study-this study will help you understand God's principles for finance and will provide practical advice on setting your own course to financial freedom

(Led by James Walston)

Gilligan's Island-learning Biblical truths from the old TV reruns of Gilligan's Island

(Led by Patty Collins)

*Other possible adult classes available (according to interest):

Fireproofing Your Marriage

How to Teach the Bible

Discovery Class (for new members and prospective members)

For Youth

Rock Solid Faith-Study of the Book of II Timothy

(Led by Jeff Collins)

For Children

Children's Choir (age 4-grade 2)

(Led by Kim Wells & Sue Lassiter)

Children's Choir (grades 3-6)

(Led by Angie Ruffin & Jennifer Engelking)



September 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 PM Youth Sunday School Teachers Meeting	2 7:00 PM	3	4	5
6	7 Church Office & Childcare Closed	8 10:00 AM Prayer Group	9	10	11	12 6:00-11:00 PM Bargain Bizarre
13 3:30 PM Deacons Meeting 6:00 PM	14 6:30 PM Current Mission Group 7:00 PM Bible Study Group	15	16	17 4:30PM-6:30 PM Childcare Open House	18	19 9:15 AM Walk for Life
20 Homecoming	21 7:30 PM H.I.S. Group	22	23 See You at the Pole	24 6:00 PM J.O.Y. Group Covered Dish	25 JOINT CHOIR CONCERT 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	
27 7:00 PM O.B.C.	28	29	30 7:00 PM	NURSING HOME MINISTRY 9/1 Brekenridge 10:30 AM 9/1 IHS Nursing Home 11:30 AM 9/2 Somerset Ct. 10:00AM		

“Shine the Light for Jesus”

UPDATE

Isn't all the activity on the construction site exciting? Just like our lives, it is a work in progress.

The commitment from God's Oakdale people to the “Shine the Light for Jesus” program has been excellent. Total building fund deposits since the July 26th Commitment Sunday are \$31,679.00.

Twenty-four people have made weekly pledges for a total of \$1,515.00.

Eighteen people have made monthly pledges for a total of \$1,585.00

Commitments have been made for (28) House bricks, (10) Tower bricks, (3) Foundation bricks, (4) Foundation stones and the basic lighthouse form.

\$25,775.00 has been committed as one-time donations.

Thank you Oakdale and remember, we are the lighthouse for spreading God's word to others.

“Let your light shine before men...” Matt 5:16a

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Happy New Year Oakdale!

As the New Church Calendar kicks off in [September](#), we have a new Motto for the New Year in [Sunday School](#). **Steppin' Up, Divin' In, and Reachin' Out.**

I want to take this opportunity to share my observations with the congregation. People are already Steppin' Up these past couple of months during the summer. We are answering the call to Step up our efforts in [Sunday School](#). Steppin' Up means something different to everyone. What does it mean to you? Share your ideas with your [Sunday School](#) class and your friends. They will be motivated by your actions you show in your faith. My own personal observations are people are showing up on time, prepared for the current lesson and most are showing up early for [Sunday School](#), ready and eager to learn and discuss more about our Faith and personal relationship with our Lord, Jesus through the [Sunday School](#) lesson. What can you do to make your [Sunday School](#) class more inviting for those in our congregation that do not attend a [Sunday School](#) class? I don't have the answers, however, the Bible does. As we learn, through Bible Study, let's all apply it close to home and see if we can enhance our class to be more. Let's continue to build a close community of believers at Oakdale.

What is your next Step going to be? Are you ready to “Dive In”? Some [may](#) have more steps to take than others. We need to pray for each other as each of us are at different points in our relationship and walk with our Lord. Let's all get ready to Dive In and create an environment at Oakdale and everywhere we go outside of church so that non-believers will want to be a part of Oakdale. This will be intentional effort, however our reward will be waiting for us as seen in **Colossians 3:23**.

Let's all continue to make our Lord's [Sunday School](#) a place where everyone will want to attend and be a part of both in and out of class. Please pray for the Resurgence of the Great Commission for Southern Baptists and all Christians. If you want to be a part of one of our exciting [Sunday School](#) small groups, come on out. Our teachers are motivated and can't wait for you to be a part of our [Sunday School](#).

Colossians 3:23

²³ **And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,** ²⁴ **knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for^[a] you serve the Lord Christ.** ²⁵

Mark Ream

Sunday School Director

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**SECURITY TEAMS FOR
SEPTEMBER**

9-6 Doug Smith & Deryl Lewis

9-13 Aaron, Carson, & Collin Rhodes

9-20 Bill Lamm & Carroll Brown

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

USHER TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER

WAYNE LASSITER-HEAD USHER

BRUCE RHODES

SHAWN WEBB

BRENT GRIFFIN



**Watch for September
Nursery Schedule**



We will be having a baptism service on September 6th & 13th in the morning worship service. If you are awaiting baptism or have a question



MISSIONS

UPDATE



WMU NEWS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD- SAMARITAN'S PURSE 2009

Your Operation Christmas Child Ministry Team has begun Making plans for a church-wide mission project to begin the first of October. Plastic shoe boxes filled with small gifts are the only Christmas presents many needy children around the world will receive. Please start praying now for how God would have you participate and receptive hearts to God's love in each child that receives a shoe box.

"Children Are A Gift From God"
Operation Christmas Child Ministry Team

BAPTIST MEN

OPERATION INASMUCH

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am excited about the upcoming new Church year! God provided us with abundant opportunities to serve him and to witness for the Glory of God during the past year and I am sure that he will continue to bless us in the new Church year.

We started the month of August with a father and son or daughter fishing trip to Ft. Fisher, NC and we all had a great time of fishing, crabbing,

swimming, golf cart rides, and of course the hot dog cookout. I hope to make this a yearly event. The Brotherhood has also made assessments on 3 handicap ramps this month and hope to begin building them in the near future.

I thank all of the church members who "stepped up" this year to serve on the many committees, to teach Sunday School, to be a member of one of the Ministry Teams or to serve God by volunteering their time and expertise to help in any way they could. If you would like to help the Baptist Men of the Church and wish to serve with us and volunteer your time to serve God, please let me know because we could really use some additional help.

It is an honor for me to serve our Church and our God and be a part of Oakdale's Church family.

In His Service,
Carroll

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER'S 19TH ANNUAL



WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, September 19, 2009

9:15 am

Englewood Park

A Fun-Filled Family Event!

**Music, Face Painting, Clowns,
Balloon Art and Pizza**

All proceeds benefit the
Pregnancy Care Center—a Christian non-profit

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DEACON BEACON—News from Deacon Ministry Team

A guiding light to the rock.

Sept. 2009 Deacons of the Month:
Open Door Policy

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 4:16

Brothers and Sisters,

We are now in a brand new church year. I have been elected once again by the Deacon Ministry team to serve as your Chairman of Deacons. I do not take this lightly. God has great things in store for Oakdale. Let me say it has been a privilege and a honor to serve with three of Oakdale's finest men (Bruce Rhodes, Aaron Rhodes and Dan Howell). I pray that God will bless them for their service. We will miss them on the Deacon Ministry Team. We welcome Tim Engelking, Mark Ream and Phil Wood to the Team and look forward to working with them in God's service. I would be remiss if I did not say thank you to the many who accepted the challenge of new and existing positions within the church. You will make a difference. Many of you have been faithful teachers and leaders for years. And last but not least....Thank You to our Nominating committee who spent many hours praying and seeking God's face on who to approach for open positions within the Church. Jeff Collins, Mark Ream, Carroll Brown, Karen Murray, Renee' Holloman, Sue Lassiter and Joe Price did a great job.

Now on to a few thoughts to ponder. The second president of the United States, John Adams (and his wife, Abigail), was the first president to occupy the White House. In his day, and for many years afterward, it was possible for average citizens to walk into the White House unannounced to attempt to see the president. Try that today! Multiple levels of security shield the president from the average citizen seeking an audience. If it's difficult to see the president of the United States, or the leader of any modern country, think how much more difficult it ought to be to have an audience with God. But it's not difficult at all! Scripture tells us that all who have been made pure by the blood of Christ can come "boldly to the throne of grace" to "obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." But how many take advantage of that free access? If we don't, it's not because we don't need mercy or grace; it's not that we don't have times of need. It's more that we just can't comprehend what it means to have unfettered access to the God of the universe. Have you entered into God's presence today? The door is open, waiting for you to walk through, if only you will. Again, If you have a question or a concern....The door is open. The Deacon's are here to serve.

In Christ Alone,
Hugh Brent Wooten