

Loving Jesus, Loving People



Helping People Love Jesus

The Messenger

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Monday - Friday
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Sunday

Sunday School - 9:45 am
Worship - 11:00 am

Wednesday

Youth - 6:15 pm
AWANA - 6:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm

Dear Church Family,

It's been a lot of fun sharing with you the "For the Sake of the Call" series these past five weeks. Just to refresh your memory (and mine too) I'll share them with you...

- ▶ The call to be under authority – Deut 6
All of us need to be involved in daily reading, studying, meditating, and abiding in God's Word, and in so doing, we're exemplifying that we are indeed men and women under authority.
- ▶ The call to make Him known – Acts 1:1-11
Every Christian has been given a sphere of influence (yes, even you!) and God intends each of us to use it in such a way that we influence people for the gospel.
- ▶ The call to preserve life – Ex 1-2
God is a God who values life and as followers of God we should advocate life in our words, as well as our actions.
- ▶ The call to spiritual leadership – I Thes 2:1-12
Leading is often wrongly associated many times with only those who are upfront, whether it is leading in singing or preaching, but the truth is that leadership happens all around us. However, to be a leader you need to know that you'll experience suffering; you need to have pure motives and you need to serve as an example to those around you.
- ▶ The call to invest and invite – Acts 26
Most of the time we look at people as merely "projects," which often many times shapes our commitment to them. When the project doesn't turn out the way we want, we move onto another project. Let's exemplify a commitment to people like the Apostle Paul did in Acts 26, which we'll be looking at January 31, 2010.

I'm having a blast serving here at Oak Park and I hope you're plugging in and getting connected with the family. If not, let me encourage you to do so. And if you ever have any questions or if you would like

to just talk, please don't hesitate to e-mail, call or stop by the office. I'm here to serve Jesus and I'm here to serve you.



For His Fame,
Nathan Millican



Our Church Record

January 3, 2010

Sunday School Attendance.....	114
Morning Worship Attendance.....	190
General Fund.....	\$5,482.39

January 10, 2010

Sunday School Attendance.....	108
Morning Worship Attendance	161
General Fund.....	\$4,218.38

January 17, 2010

Sunday School Attendance.....	121
Morning Worship Attendance.....	173
General Fund.....	\$5,314.78
Haiti Relief Offering.....	\$1,713.00

January 24, 2010

Sunday School Attendance.....	119
Morning Worship Attendance	174
General Fund	\$4,930.51
Haiti Relief Offering.....	\$745.00

4 Week Average Sunday School Attendance.....	116
4 Week Average Worship Attendance.....	175
4 Week Average General Fund.....	\$4,986.52

Thanks for your generosity to the people of Haiti.
Giving Through January 24
\$2,458.00



*With
Sympathy*

The church extends our sympathy to the following in the loss of a loved one:

- ▶ *To the family of Alene Hubbard in her passing*
- ▶ *Darren Dennison in the death of his father*
- ▶ *John Ketenbrink in the death of his uncle*
- ▶ *Tony Goforth in the death of his step-grandmother and step-uncle*
 - ▶ *Don Walker in the death of his aunt*
 - ▶ *Vivian Zollman in the death of her uncle*
- ▶ *Melissa Goforth in the death of great-uncle*
- ▶ *Chuck Ames in the passing of his mother, Juanita Walker*
- ▶ *Ben Ames in the passing of his grandmother*
- ▶ *Dylan Foster, Katie and Allie Ames in the death of their great-grandmother*

Next Deacon's Meeting
Sunday, February 28
3:00 p.m.

Admin. Team Meeting
Sunday, February 28
4:30 p.m.

***A Word From
Our
Small
Group Director***



Gospel Free Living

Some years ago a Christian brother quoted a verse to me from the prophet Jeremiah. The verse is Jer. 2:13 “My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.” Jeremiah is speaking of Israel breaking their covenant with God. For us today there is a rather poignant picture painted to consider. This verse describes a life lived apart from God.

First we see that they have forsaken God. Arrogance is the key idea here. Forsaking God is to deny all truth as God Himself is where all truth is found. Denying our Maker has some devastating consequences. As He is our Maker He knows what we need and what is the best for us. Anything less than His plan for us is disastrous. This is evident in the next part of our verse.

Second we see insanity. Having denied the truth of God in forsaking Him they engage in sheer futility. Continuing in their arrogance, now aided by insanity, they attempt to gain for themselves some-

thing only God can give them. Having forsaken the “fountain of living waters” they have but one choice, replace it. As the verse reveals their attempts are unsuccessful. Try as they might, fashioning for themselves their own cistern, they find that it provides only temporary satisfaction; the water runs out!!! This is the difference between partaking of what God has for them and what they arrogantly try to provide for themselves.

Are you in this picture? Have you been trying, in arrogance or ignorance, to hew for yourself something to hold your man made pleasures, which are really sin? God holds all truth and wants us all to partake of His “fountain of living water.” If we continue reading Jeremiah we see an invitation for Israel to return. The invitation is as open now as it was those many thousands of years ago. If you are in this picture I beg of you now to return to Christ that you might know Him and as a result know truth, peace, grace and mercy as He intends for you to know. If you are partaking from the “fountain of living water” the call to you is to remember when you were not there that you may share the wonders of the grace of God in His deliverance of you. Share the truth of the serious and dire nature of your predicament while running from God so that the Cross will be seen as it is; able to cleanse the vilest of sinners by providing the perfect sacrifice for their sins.

Jeff



You are invited to join with a group that meets each Sunday morning in the Adult 2 & 3 Sunday School room from 9:15 to 9:30 am to pray.

The main purpose is to pray for the activities of the day, namely Sunday School and the worship hour. SS teachers, students, our staff and the congregation as a whole are lifted up in expectation of God doing something great. It is a powerful way to start the day.

FYI

Leadership Training Meeting

There will be a mandatory Leadership Meeting for all of those involved in teaching - Preschool, Children, Students, Adults, and Small Groups, etc. coming in March.

More information will be coming soon.



CHILDREN'S CAMP 2010

WHO: Children going into the 3rd - 6th grade

WHEN: LEAVE - Wednesday, July 28

RETURN - Sunday, July 31, 2010

WHERE: Crossing Camp in Bagdad,
Kentucky.

COST: \$219.00

\$75.00 Deposit Required by 2/14/10.

There will also be fundraisers to offset the cost of camp for those who participate. Please call the church office for further information at 283-9400..

TUMBLEWEED[®] SOUTHWEST GRILL

2784 Jefferson Center Way, Jeffersonville IN 47130
812 - 282 - 9333

Next Sunday, February 7th is our day at Tumbleweed to raise money for the Children's Ministry.

The way it works is:

- ▶ Pick a day to participate - ours is the first Sunday of each month
- ▶ Take a letter to Tumbleweed (which will be on the Welcome Table on February 7) and give it to your server
- ▶ 10% of your ticket will be donated to the church

Proceeds will help offset the cost of Children's Camp this summer.

If you have any questions please call the church office.



Dear Church Family

I want to thank my wonderful church family for all your cards, prayers, visits to the hospital and nursing

home while I was there for 10 1/2 months. My family and I appreciated it so very much.

Joyce Robbins

Dear Oak Park Family,

Flo and I want to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, prayers and especially all the wonderful food that was brought to the house after Flo came home.

We appreciated everything more than you'll know.

Bob and Flo Lewis

It's a Girl

Congratulations to Gavin and Rebecca Middleton on the birth of their daughter

Amelia Jean

Born on January 25, 2010

Amelia weighed 7lbs 9ozs and was 22 inches long.

Congratulations also to big sister Olivia and to proud grandparents Jerry and Lynda Jackson and great-grandparents Ray and Jackie Jackson.



Youth Ministry Valentine Dinner Fund-Raiser

The youth are sponsoring a Valentine's Dinner with an intimate, Bistro-like atmosphere set up in the fellowship hall and class rooms.

When: Sunday, February 14th
Time: 6:00 to 7:30
Menu: Spaghetti, Alfredo
Salad, Bread, Dessert
Tickets: \$10 each

Proceeds will support services projects in our community.

Tickets may be purchased starting Sunday, January 31st from one of our youth.

Discovering Oak Park

**Wednesday, February 17
and
Wednesday, February 24**

6:15 - 7:30 P.M.

This is open to anyone who:

- * Has already made a decision to join/ or has joined Oak Park and has been waiting for the required membership class.
- * Would like more information about Oak Park Baptist Church or has questions about the Christian Faith.
- * Is considering Oak Park Baptist Church for their church home.



Pastor Nathan will be leading this class and to assist him in planning please call the church office at 283-9400 if you are planning to attend this class. Thank you!

Childcare will be provided and a light meal will be served.



Lessons from a Child



You just never know what you're going to experience when you work with children. One morning in Sunday school, I was putting the snack together and a heated debate broke out at the table. One young boy announced that Spiderman, his favorite Superhero, was going to heaven. Immediately another boy declared, "No he's not!" They bantered back and forth about the eternal destiny of Spiderman and just as I was about to step in, the child that had decided Spiderman was *not* destined for heaven explained his stance. Patiently he told his friend, "Just because you are a Superhero doesn't mean you have Jesus in your heart." I was floored! This young child had figured out a truth that many adults never reach. He knew that without Christ in your heart, there is simply no way to heaven.

In John 14:6, Christ says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." In this verse, Christ clearly shows us the way to God; through Christ alone. I have often found myself focused on the second sentence of this verse, but I think there is much to be seen in the first part as well. Christ says He is the way, the truth and the light. Through Him and the sacrifice He made for our sins, He is our way to God. He alone is the door that opens eternity for us. I spent many years looking for another path to God; I looked in relationships with others, religious rituals, and self-help remedies. While some of those things distracted me for a time from the emptiness I carried, none of it held a lasting solution.

Christ also says that He is the truth of God. He reveals Himself to us and as we follow Him, he

reveals the secret things of God to our hearts so that we may glorify Him in all that we do. Have you ever opened the Bible and had God speak right to your heart through His word? Those are things you never forget! I pray that if you haven't yet experienced that, you will dig into Scripture and listen as God communicates with you. It will leave you wanting more and more, a desire God is more than happy to fill.

The last thing Christ states is that He is the life. I don't know about you, but the life I led before Christ was empty, hopeless and painful. Life after salvation has not been easy, but the worst day has been far better than any I experienced without Him. The life of a follower of Christ has hope in every circumstance, joy that reaches beyond struggles and promises that will outlive each and every one of us. Who could ask for more?

I left Sunday school that morning humbled by the words of a child. He had spoken truth in such a simple yet profound way. His statement reminded this teacher that no matter what I do or how good I convince myself I am the only hope of heaven for me is my faith in the Lord Jesus. I thank

God for reminding me of this truth through the faith of a child. If you'd like to get involved with the Children's Ministry at Oak Park, we would love to find a place for you to plug in! Please see myself or Julie Clemons to talk about coming alongside us as we minister to the children God brings to our church.

In His love,

Melissa Goforth

Oak Park Baptist Church Children's Ministry



Children's Choir will be starting up again on Wednesday, February 3 from 5:45-6:15 p.m. If your child is involved in AWANA Angela Wilson will see that he/she are taken there at 6:15. If you have any questions please call the church office at 283-9400.

FEBRUARY 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	2 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	3 5:45 Children's Choir 6:00 Youth Service 6:15 A WANA 6:30 Choir Reh.	4 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	5 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	6 8:30- 5:00 Upward Games
7	8 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	9 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	10 6:30 Men's Time 5:45 Children's Choir 6:00 Youth Service 6:15 A WANA 6:30 Choir Reh.	11 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	12	13 8:30- 5:00 Upward Games
14 6:00 Valentine's Dinner	15 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	16 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	17 6:30 Men's Time 5:45 Child Choir 6:00 Youth Service 6:15 A WANA 6:15 Discovering Oak Park 6:30 Choir Reh.	18 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	19 5:00 Scrapbooking	20 8:30- 5:00 Upward Games
21 6:00 Chill Dinner & Variety Show	22 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	23 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	24 6:30 Men's Time 5:45 Child Choir 6:00 Youth Service 6:15 A WANA 6:15 Discovering Oak Park 6:30 Choir Reh.	25 5:30 - 8:30 Upward Practice	26	27 8:30- 5:00 Upward Games
28 3:00 Deacon's Mtg. 4:30 Admin. Team Mtg.						

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Return Service Requested

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**6th Annual Chili Supper
And Variety Show**

**Sunday Evening
February 21st
6:00 P.M.**



Blevins' Activity Center

**Sign-up in the foyer after church.
You Don't Want to Miss This!**