



The Messenger

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Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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,

I hope you've enjoyed the last several weeks as we've walked through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Is it just me or doesn't Jesus make some pretty lofty claims, and I'm not simply referring to the verses where Jesus says love your enemies, bless your enemies and do good to them, even though those are hard and I often fail at doing them. I'm talking about verses where Jesus tells us not to worry about our needs. Just this week I've had multiple conversations with people who attend our church and some that don't attend and in almost every conversation the subject of worrying was front-and-center; it's something all of us struggle with and are accustomed to doing. And I just wanted to take a moment and remind you (as I remind myself) that the God of the Bible is a sovereign and good God – He will take care of your needs.

The most important need that outweighs all others is that you and I need to be forgiven. In repenting of our sins and trusting in Jesus we possess salvation and we'll forever be in a forgiven state – praise God for that truth! But also, God knows what we need: shelter, food, relationship, etc. And what God, who knows the needs of His children, will not give to them what they need? And since we believe in a loving Father we can be certain that He will supply all of our needs – the problem is we have issues at times deciphering between needs and wants. If you've had trouble believing that lately (and I'll be the first to admit that I have) then I want to encourage you to take a moment and ask the Spirit of God to reveal any aspect in your life that's not completely yielded to Him in trust. The God of the Bible is someone you can trust.

For His Fame,

Your Pastor,
Nathan



Discovering Oak Park

Wednesday,
May 12th, 19th, & 26th
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.



Our Church Record

April 4, 2010

Sunday School Attendance.....	147
Morning Worship Attendance.....	306
General Fund.....	\$6,843.35
Annie Armstrong Offering.....	\$4,577.55

April 11, 2010

Sunday School Attendance.....	140
Morning Worship Attendance	207
General Fund.....	\$6,182.70

April 18, 2010

Sunday School Attendance.....	127
Morning Worship Attendance.....	194
General Fund.....	\$6,807.42

April 25, 2010

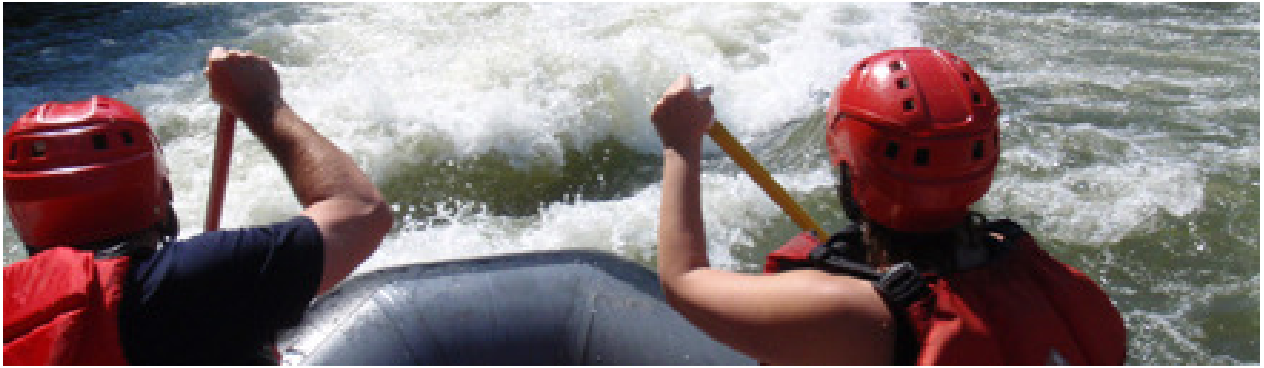
Sunday School Attendance.....	139
Morning Worship Attendance	215
General Fund	\$6,677.65

4 Week Average Sunday School Attendance.....	138
4 Week Average Worship Attendance.....	230
4 Week Average General Fund.....	\$6,627.78

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

- ▶ *Jimmy Mull in the death of his father*
- ▶ *Jeff Pridgen in the death of his step-father*
 - ▶ *Jennifer Leach in the death of her grandfather*
 - ▶ *Virginia Albro in the death of her sister-in-law*





MEN'S WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP

The dates for the white water rafting trip are May 21st -May 22nd. The cost of the trip will be \$80.00 per person (includes transportation, the white water rafting and an overnight stay).

If you are interested in going you may please call the church office at 283-9400 or contact Jeff Pridgen at jeff.pridgen@oakparkbaptist.com.



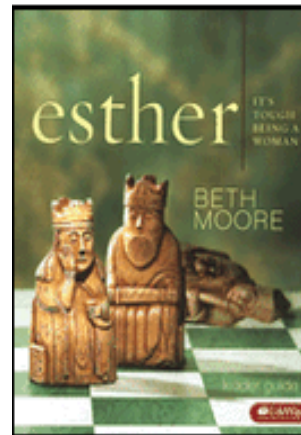
**THE OAK
PARK BAPTIST
WOMEN'S
MINISTRY
IS
SPONSORING
COOKING
CLASSES**

Please join us every 2nd Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to learn the art of cooking your favorite dish!

The next class will be Saturday, May 8. Michelle Palazzo will be sharing her famous spaghetti and meatballs recipe with us.

You don't want to miss this!

Please call the church office for more information or stop at the women's table in the hallway across from the Blevins activity center.



The Women's Ministry is facilitating a Beth Moore Bible Study titled:

*Esther:
It's Tough Being a
Woman*

They meet every Thursday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Adult 4 Sunday School room. If you have any questions please contact the church office at 283-9400 or stop at the women's table in the hallway across from the Blevins activity center.



*A Word From
Pastor Tony*

*The pathway is broken and the signs are unclear,
And I don't know the reasons why you brought
me here.*

*But just because you love me the way that you do,
I'm gonna walk through the valley if you
want me to.*

"If You Want Me To" by Ginny Owens

Have you ever found yourself facing a trial that seems too big to even comprehend? Perhaps it's the loss of an income that was necessary for your family. Or maybe an illness for which there is no cure. And suddenly you feel the rug has been pulled out from under you and just breathing in and out feels like all you can manage. You stand at the edge of a valley that you cannot see across and wonder, "What now, Lord?" Our circumstances may be different, but at one time or another we have all been there. Let me share with you a verse that speaks to my heart in times of uncertainty:

*A man's steps are directed by the Lord. How
then can anyone understand his own way?
Proverbs 20:24*

You see, there will be times in every life that we will find ourselves in a place of uncertainty. The valley will appear dark and impassable from where we stand. Yet these are the exact times we must remember who goes before us, who has prepared the path and knows not only the journey, but the other side as well. Never will you walk alone through trying times. Never will you face strife, danger or pain and find that God is not with you. Our steps are directed by the Lord. He knew you would come to this place of hardship before you ever breathed your first breath. And God does not send us into something He has not equipped us to face through the power of His Holy Spirit.

But there is something you must do. You must trust and believe that God is in control, even when all that you can see points to the contrary. This is when we say to ourselves and to the world, "I trust God and I know He will lead me." We have no idea the impact that kind of faith will have on the lives of our unsaved family members, friends, co-workers and strangers God places in our paths. Will you take that first step of faith today? Trust that although you don't understand, you believe that God does and He will never lead you astray. You never walk alone loved ones.

Pastor Tony

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. Sunday School 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!

**An
Invitation
From
Our Media
Center**



FOR THE CHURCH MEMBER'S ENJOYMENT...

Take a few minutes and browse the Media Center. We have books, reference material, commentaries, DVD's and music CD's for all ages. All this and more, can be found in **YOUR** church Media Center. Come and "check us out".



Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express my thanks for all of your prayers and concern during the brief illness and death of my sister, Vivian. At times

like this, it is comforting to know that you have the love and support of your church family. Please continue to remember our family as we heal.

Much love and gratitude,
Ellen Everhart

To Everyone Who Helped with Upward,

I'm sorry this is so late but once Upward was over I put it out of my mind for awhile. I want to thank all the people who helped to make our program succeed. We had so many positive comments over the season as well as on the evaluation cards. A special thanks to our coaches who spent time practicing as well as coaching games, basketball and cheerleading. Time and involvement with the children was seen by me and parents. Some coaches had two teams or refereed, cleaned up, etc. Then we had people that kept score, controlled the sound system, announced the teams, and helped make changes as needed. We had people who shared devotions, evaluations indicated people really appreciated, people who were there from the welcome ministry just to touch base with the families, then the time put in for the concession stand was great!

The program was awesome and I'm really glad there are Christian people who share their talents with Upward leagues. Thanks to those who arranged for cookies and drinks following the program they were wonderful. Prizes were collected and organized for the families, many were involved with that task. Pictures were taken and programs created, plus the advertisements. For all those that helped my deepest thanks. As you can see this program involves many. There were several decisions made and we enjoyed the relationship we developed with Eastern Heights. We thank God that He gave us the calling for this task. Get ready for next year!

David and Ginny

It's a Girl

Congratulations to Rob and Amy

Thomas on the birth of their daughter

Kamryn Elizabeth

Born on March 15, 2010

Kamryn weighed 8lbs, 9ozs and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Congratulations also to big brother Kellen and to proud grandparents Dave and Ginny Reasor.



Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Lauren Millican on Saturday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m.

The shower will be held in the fellowship hall of the church. Nathan and Lauren are having a girl.

If you have any questions please call the church office at 283-9400.

Total Dependence



A dear friend of mine gave birth to a beautiful little girl 6 months ago; a child that many had prayed God would give for four years. When baby Morgan entered this world, I remember standing in the delivery room holding this living, breathing prayer request in my arms and marveling at the power of our Lord and His ability to answer ANY prayer according to His perfect will. I have the pleasure of caring for Morgan every Sunday night while her Mommy has some much needed time for herself.

The first few months, Morgan needed someone else to do virtually everything for her: she relied on caregivers for food, clothing, shelter, even transportation from one room to another. As she has grown, I have watched as she has begun to hold her own bottle, reach for toys she wants and even started the process of crawling. Yet she is still just as dependent on the adults around her as she was the first day she came into this world. One night as she and I were playing toys, she began to get that sleepy look in her eyes. I picked her up, placed her in bed and kissed her goodnight. I waited at the door but she never made a peep. I crept in the room to check on her and there she was, sleeping peacefully. I stood there amazed at this little one sleeping, peaceful in the knowledge that she was being taken care of. How often have I fretted and worried about things that were in God's Hands all along? How often have I lain awake trying to figure out solutions to problems God had already solved?

Total dependence – it's something we obviously had a grasp of as children. Yet as we get older, we begin to think we have somehow gotten to a place where we can handle life on our own. Yet the Bible suggests something entirely different. Look at Psalm 23 – there are numerous references in just that Psalm alone to our desperate need of God's care.

* In verse 1, He leads and provides for His children.

- * In verse 2, He gives rest and peace to those that belong to Him.
- * In verse 3, He brings restoration to the broken and wisdom to walk in His will.
- * In verse 4, He calms your fears of anything that may come in this life because He will always be with you.
- * In verse 5, He promises victory over sin and an eternity that overflows with His blessings.
- * In verse 6, He promises His goodness and love in this life and a forever of dwelling with the very God of all creation.

So I ask you today, child of God - what do you need? Is it guidance, wisdom, healing from brokenness, peace? Or perhaps you simply need to know that you are not alone. That the God of all understanding is listening and that He loves you with an immeasurable love that is never ending. Whatever your need, I encourage you to think of yourself as a small child in the arms of a big God who is able to handle whatever you need today. Lie down and rest in peace, knowing that the Lord is watching over you and there is nothing to fear when we are in His care.

Living in His Grace,

Melissa Goforth

Oak Park Baptist Church Children's Ministry



CHILDREN/ STUDENT CAMP

If you have a child or student who would like to attend camp this summer - its not to late to sign-up. The dates for children's camp are July 28-31, 2010 and youth camp is July 21st-26th.

Please contact Pastor Jonathon or call the church office at 283-9400 for further information.

MAY 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 6:00 Youth Service 6:15 AWANA 6:30 Choir Reh	6 6:00-8:00 Esther Bible Study	7	8 10:00 Cooking Class
9	10	11	12 6:00 Youth Service 6:15 Discover OP 6:15 AWANA 6:30 Choir Reh	13 6:00-8:00 Esther Bible Study	14	15 6:00 Women's Snack and Scrap
16 9:45 New Christian's Class for Children	17	18	19 6:00 Youth Service 6:15 Discover OP 6:15 AWANA 6:30 Choir Reh	20 6:00-8:00 Esther Bible Study	21 Men's White Water Rafting Trip	22
23 9:45 Christian's Class 3:00 Deacon's Mtg. 4:30 Admin.	24	25	26 6:00 Youth Service 6:15 Discover OP 6:15 AWANA 6:30 Choir Reh	27 6:00-8:00 Esther Bible Study	28	29
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