

The Messenger

The News of the Oakhurst Baptist Church Family
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From The Pastor's Heart

What a wonderful Easter season here at Oakhurst!!!

"The Living Lord's Supper" Worship Drama was amazing! The Spirit of the Lord was so wonderfully present. Thanks to everyone who prayed and worked to make this Worship Drama such a blessing. A special THANKS to Debbie Roberts, Tony Hawkins, and Donald Hussey for the many hours of work putting everything together!

The **Maundy Thursday Worship** was so special and our **Easter Worship Celebration** was so awesome! What great times of fellowship and worship!

Our **Homecoming Services** were terrific! Thanks for the great music (the Choir, the Praise Team, and our special music)! A special thanks to **Rev. Jason Golden** for sharing God's Word with us. The meal was delicious, and the fellowship was so wonderful!

God has greatly blessed us here at Oakhurst! The unity and the fellowship is awesome! Thanks for so many who give of their time, talents, and monies to carry out the ministry that has entrusted to us.

The Lord blesses the faithfulness of His people! The Bible says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Oakhurst is such a giving and loving group of believers. So many of you give of yourselves without any desire for personal recognition – this truly honors our Lord. He deserves all our praise. After all, The Lord is the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

I'm looking forward to what the Lord is going to do here at Oakhurst as we lovingly reach out to our community and beyond.

"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13:20-21)

In Christ's Love, Pastor Rob Hymn Histories: At Calvary

In April's newsletter, we're featuring a beloved Easter hymn. At Calvary was written in 1895 by William Newell. He was the wayward son of a pastor. Despite William's unbelief, his father was able to get him enrolled at Moody Bible Institute under the condition that he meet with the president of the school each day, Dr. Torrey. Under Torrey's influence, William not only received Christ but eventually became a professor at the school!

William thought about writing his salvation testimony as a poem. One day, on his way to teach a class, the words suddenly came to him. He ducked into an empty classroom, grabbed the first scrap of paper he could find (an envelope), and wrote the words for At Calvary. He passed the director of music in the hallway, Dr. Daniel Towner. William handed him the poem and suggested it could use a good tune. It only took Dr. Towner an hour to write the music. He told William he felt this "could be the best song that either of us will ever write in our lifetime." At Calvary is a powerful blend of theology, experience, and triumphant music. These qualities have helped the song endure for 130 years.

Singing God's Praise! Nathan Smith



Deacon of the Week for May:

May 4 Bill Page
May 11 Ray Scott
May 18 Jim Blankenship
May 25 Don Blanton



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May 7 11:00
Program will be:
Bobby Marsh
Playing & singing





Tithes and Offerings March 23, 2025

Total	\$11.595.00
Sanctuary Fund	25.00
Prayer Ministry	75.00
Bus	1300.00
Baptist Children's Home	135.00
N American Missions	1002.00
Budget	9058.00
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Tithes and Offerings March 30, 2025

Budget	4261.33
Bus	100.00
Baptist Children's Home	35.00
Prayer Ministry	25.00
Sanctuary Fund	175.00
N American Missions	1286.00
Total	\$5,882.33

Tithes and Offerings April 6, 2025

Total	\$ 4105.00
Loyal Ambassadors	<u>538.00</u>
Grounds	10.00
N American Missions	27.00
Baptist Children's Home	100.00
Budget	3430.00

Tithes and Offerings April 13, 2025

Total	\$ 8032.00
Sanctuary Fund	<u>375.00</u>
Prayer Ministry	260.00
Honduras	200.00
Living Lord's Supper	100.00
Bus	1000.00
Baptist Children's Home	230.00
Budget	5867.00
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Tithes and Offerings April 20, 2025

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Budget	5523.00
Baptist Children's Home	50.00
Shirts	118.00
Utilities	<u>75.00</u>
Total	\$5766.00

Counters for May

May 5	Sheila Crutchfield
May 13	Frances Winslow
May 19	Pat Strider
May 27	Joyce Hussey



May 4	Tony & Mary Ann Ingold
May 11	Jay & Beverly Moore
May 18	Terry & Drema Hill
May 25	Dean & Denise Hoover



Vacation Bible School

June 16th through 19th

Preschool through Youth

Registration is now open online.

www.oakhurstbaptist.com

Workers needed in all age groups.

Let Sylvia Davis know your availability.

There's room for everyone.