



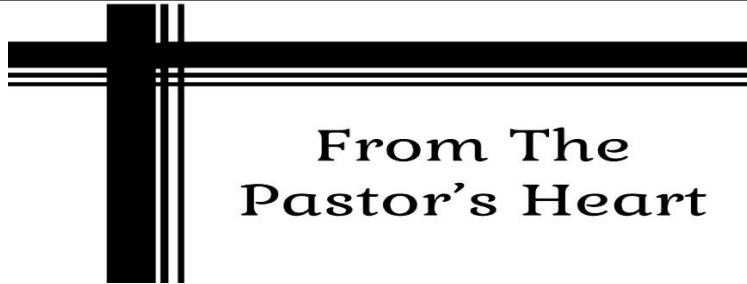
The Messenger

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

On July 4th, we celebrate our independence as Americans. It's a time for cookouts and fireworks, as we celebrate. It's a time to give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us.

Join with us on Friday, July 4th at 5:00 pm for a **Churchwide Picnic**. Bring your family and friends. We also ask that you bring along your favorite dessert. Everything else will be provided. It will be a special time of fellowship!

In the midst of the celebration, let's focus on God's blessings and His amazing grace.

Let's pray for our leaders.

Let's pray for our nation.

Let's pray for one another.

Let's pray for a great spiritual awakening to sweep across our nation and world.

The psalmist said: "O give thanks to the Lord, for His mercies endure forever."
God is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Let me remind each of us of this word from the Lord in II Chronicles 7:14:

*"If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves,
and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways;
then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins,
and heal their land."*

I also want to remind you of our churchwide Ice Cream Social on Sunday evening, July 20th at 6:00 pm. We will enjoy homemade ice cream and fellowship. We will also have our times of Bible Study as we fellowship with the Lord. Sign up to bring **your ice cream freezer and bring others along with you.**

Pray for as Youth and their leaders as they go to camp at Caswell on July 28 – August 1.

**In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rob**

The Story Behind the Song: The Heart of Worship

Matt Redman wrote *The Heart of Worship* almost 30 years ago from his personal experiences. He was the worship leader at a megachurch in England. Their music and sound technology were world-class and cutting edge, but something was missing. One day, the pastor made a huge, controversial decision. This church with thousands in attendance every week packed away their expensive instruments and sound equipment.

The pastor realized they were doing all the right things, but they were not feeling all the right things. The music had become more about the people and what they want than it was about God and what He wants. Worship had become more about consuming a product than offering a praise. The pastor asked the question, "Can we worship God with nothing but our voices and our Bibles?" So that's what they did.

All of a sudden, Matt Redman, one of the greatest Christian songwriters in the world at that time, was out of a job. That's when he wrote *The Heart of Worship*. "When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart... I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it when it's all about You, Jesus." At first, Matt wrote the song for his own private devotions. He said the song "nearly didn't go any further than my bedroom!"

The church learned the important lesson that worship "is not a product molded by the taste of the consumers. It is not about what we can get out of it; it is all about God." When Matt Redman shared the song he wrote with his pastor, the pastor decided it was time to bring back the band and sound equipment. Matt shared his song with the church, and it made such an impact that it spread all around the world.

Singing God's Praise,
Nathan Smith



Deacon of the Week for July:

July 6	Bill Page
July 13	Ray Scott
July 20	Jim Blankenship
July 27	Don Blanton



4th of July Picnic: 5:00
Friday, July 4th
Bring desserts.



YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Tithes and Offerings May 25

Budget	5998.00
Total	\$5998.00

Tithes and Offerings June 1

Budget	6629.00
Baptist Children's Homes	70.00
Grounds	<u>10.00</u>
	\$6709.00

Tithes and Offerings June 8

Budget	7742.00
VBS	105.00
Loyal Ambassadors	<u>392.00</u>
Total	\$8239.00

Tithes and Offerings June 15

Budget	3679.00
Honduras	200.00
VBS	45.00
Baptist Children's Home	<u>30.00</u>
Total	\$ 3954.00

Counters for July

July 7	Joyce Hussey
July 14	Shirley Beane
July 21	Debbie Nardali
July 28	Shelia Crutchfield

GREETERS SCHEDULE

July 6	Tony & Mary Ann Ingold
July 13	Jay & Beverly Moore
July 20	Terry & Drema Hill
July 27	Dean & Denise Hoover

The nominating committee have begun the awesome task of finding all the right people for the right tasks for the upcoming church year.

It takes a lot of people to keep a ministry like this thriving.

Please prayerfully consider any position they may ask you to take.

Vacation Bible School was a huge success. We averaged 43 students and 26 workers per night.

We collected 278 food items. These will be taken to the CUOC food pantry for distribution to the hungry in our own community.

Thank you to all who came and all who worked. Thank you to all who contributed And most of all to all who Prayed.

Pray for our youth as they go to Ft. Caswell.

Pray for safe travel there on July 28th and return on August 1st.

Pray for their counselors:

Nathan & Erica Smith

Pray for the youth to have an incredible discipleship experience.

We will look forward to hearing from them on Sunday, August 3rd.

