

THE MESSENGER

(Isa.43:18-19) "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Dear Ozark family,

God is always wanting to do new things among us. This is to remind us that He is always a God of the "now." Far from being relegated to past involvements in human history, God continuously desires to lead us in new ways and into new experiences. Because of this, when we faithfully follow Him and when we remain open to what God is actively doing, we can always be sure that our best is never behind us, but always upon us and always before us.

That being said, I believe God wants to do something new and fresh in OBC. But the question remains for us: *Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?* In other words, will we receive it? Will we allow God to bring it to pass in our midst? I am praying so.

So what's new at OBC?
 new ministerial staff
 new budget
 new year
 new church members and prospects
 new opportunities, and finally...
 new ministries

Aside from our regular and ongoing church ministries, I am determined to see that each new month of the year will provide some new and different ministry opportunities and experiences for the church family. Sundays in February will bring us these new ministries:

1) 40 DAYS IN THE WORD, beginning January 29th. This is a 6-week spiritual growth campaign that aims to heighten the importance of God's Word to all believers. In God's Word are treasure troves of innumerable blessings. We need to get in the Word like never before in our lifetimes. Over the next 40 days we will seek with God's Word to LEARN IT. LOVE IT. LIVE IT. This church wide campaign revolves around Sunday sermons, Sunday School lessons, weekly devotions, Scripture memorization, and mission projects. I am praying (are you?) that God would really create in us a new passion for Him as we delve into His Word.

2) TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LIFE, beginning February 19th. This short-term discipleship class will add to our other regular schedule of classes being taught at 5 p.m. I will facilitate this 4-week DVD-driven class taught by Andy Stanley. It will bring all of us to account for those issues we let slip by, and thus diminishing our spiritual growth and quality relationship with God. Do you need some direct challenges to take responsibility and to stop the finger-pointing and excuse-making? Come and learn how to take authentic responsibility for the most important things in your life.

3) WINTER BIBLE STUDY, February 29, March 4th & 11th. For three consecutive Sunday nights at 6 p.m. our church will be blessed to have Kenneth Hale, our Associational Missionary, come and teach us from the Book of Ecclesiastes, in a study entitled, THE PURSUIT: CHASING LIFE'S QUESTIONS. Bro. Ken's fresh insights and particular communication skills will offer to us a great chance to learn more and discover more about how God wants us to pursue Him with our whole heart, whatever our questions may be.

Yes, God is desiring to offer us some new growth in Him. Are we willing to accept it and receive it?

Pastor Steve

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YOUTH

Youth News!

You Rock! God Rocks! -has been our theme for Winter Retreat and January's MiDwEEk Bible studies. I hope that God has used this study to open your mind to the truth that God is our Rock and He is the ONLY safe foundation for your life. We can rock because He rocks! Youth and parents, I am so excited to be able to partner with you in living, learning and loving God @ OBC. February is a Jam-Packed month at OBC....check it out!

Wed. the 1st- 5:30-7p.m.: Purity is a witness to others.

Sun. the 5th- 9-10a.m.: 40 Days in the Word!
 5-7pm: Bible Study/ Valentine's Banquet skit practice.
 After Bible Study-**Super Bowl 46** will be playing in the FF.

Wed. the 8th- 6-8p.m.: True Love Waits Rally @Faith Factory (Tentative)

Fri. the 10th- TBA: Valentine's Banquet Setup.

Sat. the 11th- 6-8p.m.: **Senior Adult Valentine's Banquet (The Love Boat)**

Sun. the 12th- 9-10am: 40 Days in the Word!
 5-6pm: Bible Study
 6-7pm: Evening Service- Bro. Bo Deloney-Mission Report

Wed. the 15th- 5:30-7p.m.: Sexual purity honors God.

Sun. the 19th- 9-10a.m.: 40 Days in the Word!
 5-8pm: Bowling Outing! Listen up for more details!

Wed. the 22nd- 5:30pm-7p.m.: Pure speech reflects the love of Christ to others.

Sun. the 26th- 9-10a.m.: 40 Days in the Word!
 5-7pm: Service Opportunity!-Dale Baptist Ministry Center preview

Wed. the 29th- 5:30-7p.m.: Pure thoughts will strengthen your Christian walk.

MUCH LOVE and thanks go to all of the Sunday School teachers, chaperones for the Youth Winter Retreat, and all Youth and Children's leaders that continually serve God and others by giving of themselves to OBC- each youth, child, and parent that we lead. God's ministry through me will only work because I can serve Him alongside a great team!

CHILDRENS' CHATTER

Hey Children 1-5th Grade & Parents!

February is a month with great opportunities for your family to get together and celebrate in worship of God! The Children's Sunday School will be participating in the church-wide **40 Days in the Word** study. Here is a promo for the children's study:

Rebels of the Book is an action-packed video series for grades 1 - 5 that tells the story of a heartless schoolteacher named Hunter, who is plucked from his lifeless existence and dropped into a world of Rebels. These Rebels all have one thing in common, to save the last remaining copy of God's Book! To do this, the Rebels must fight an evil leader and black suited, dodge ball throwing Growls. All the while, Hunter learns to understand the Book and how it will change his life forever.

Go here for more information: <http://www.saddlebackresources.com/Rebels-of-the-Book-Elementary-Kit-1-DVD-1-CD-P8676.aspx>

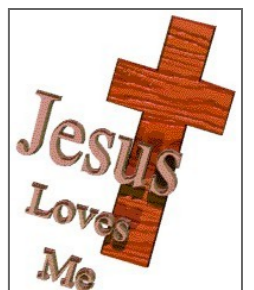
Children's events for February!

GA Explosion for girls, Saturday February 18th 8a.m.- 3p.m. Lunch provided @ Ridgecrest BC-Dothan. The girls will be meeting at OBC @ 8am and returning around 3p.m..

RA Pinewood Derby for boys, Saturday February 18th - 9a.m. @ Southside Baptist Church- Ozark. Come love, learn, and live the Word with us!

Sundays:
 Sunday School 9am-10am
 Wednesdays:
 Preschool/Children's Choir 5:30pm-6:15pm
 Discipleship Training 5pm-6pm
 RAs/GAs/Mission Friends 6:15pm-7pm

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SENIOR ADULTS

Here it is the end of January and January is already behind us. It seems that what I could do 10 years ago in fifteen minutes it now takes at least three hours. But like most folks in this group I'm not driving as fast as I was back then. January was a very good month in blessings as we had our annual Soup Day as well as Show and Tell on the 9th of January. Several folks had some special things to show with inspirational stories to go with the items. Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Jennie Brunner, and Mrs. Pat Stroud were our star presenters, we thank them for sharing with us. If you missed being with us you missed out on some of the best soup ever. We had some first time attendees and they made the meeting special.

As you all probably know by now Mrs. Alice Parrish went to be with the Lord. There are still folks that need our prayers. Coming up in February is Valentines Day. You need to be planning for a busy time. We will go to Post Oak on the 7th of February for the Associational Senior Banquet (covered dish). We will meet at the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. and leave at 10:30 a.m. Post Oak has always been an enjoyable place and they usually have good participating programs, we look for you on the 7th.

Don't forget about the Valentine Banquet that our youth provide for our group. The banquet will be held on February 11 at 6:30 p.m. so wear your valentine colors, grab hold of your Valentine, and come on down. There will be good looking young men and ladies to join you during the photo session should you like.

There are several things that we hope to do this year as a group and the committee is working on some specials so make your plans to join in and lets enjoy the fellowship, and kinship that the God we worship has made possible for us.

A merry heart does good, like medicine
-Proverbs 17:22

Don Turner
President of Senior Adults



WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM



There has been a fire lit under the women's ministry team. It is so exciting to watch! The basement is full of ladies every Friday who are making lap quilts, door angels, baskets to place in ICU wards, pillowcases for children's homes, and numerous other wonderful projects. This was all started by Jennie Brunner. The team leaders for the women's ministry are Faye Brown (ministry), Charlotte Hatcher (fellowship), Connie DeLoney (events), Rebekah Everett (publicity), and Deb Woodard (WMU). There are so many ways to get involved! We desperately need a baking team because we have all kind of ministry ideas for cookies and bread. A baking team could have as much fun getting together and baking as the sewing group has doing their projects!

The next big event is "Tables of Love". Tickets will be on sale in the office, and by the ladies who are doing the tables: Virginia Logan, Kathy Brooks, Paige and Rebekah Everett and Sara Dunn, Faye Brown and Summer Brown, Cindy Chancey and Tina Stafford, Jackie Grantham, Peggy Brannon, Becky Leak, Katie Hammock and Jinnifer Aman, and Beverly Ketcham. You will not want to miss this event; the food and program are going to be fabulous! Remember, if you are a woman, you are invited. You just need to purchase your ticket for \$10.00. "Tables of Love" is Thursday night, March 22nd! There will be a meeting for all ladies who are doing tables (hostess tables, registration tables, servers' tables) on Sunday, February 5, at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Can't wait to see you there!

The women's ministry team is doing "Secret Sisters"! If you do not have a secret sister and would like to have one, please fill out an information sheet and give it to Phoebe Coaker, so she can assign you one. The purpose of having a secret sister is to make new friends or get to know someone better, to have someone praying for you, and to have a Christian woman to have fun with! We hope that "Secret Sisters" will bring the women of our church closer together to form a bond that will make our church a stronger unit. So, if you are wondering what your duties are as a secret sister, just being there for her is what you should strive to do. That maybe sending a card or note, giving a gift, or praying for her daily. If you have notes, gifts, messages, or anything else to give to your secret sister, drop them on Rebekah's desk in the office and she will call the woman letting her know she has something. At a later date, we will have a "Secret Sister Reveal Party" so everyone can find out who their secret sister was!

FEBRUARY 2012

Thank you

The Pastor and his family would like to thank all of you for the support you've shown during Donna's extended health problems. Your prayers, cards, food, etc. have been such a great show of love and has been much appreciated.

Thank you very much for your contribution to our Christmas store. We really appreciate your kind deed. May God bless you and your family!

Sincerely,
Shela Covington
Activities Director

Birth Announcements

Buddy and Emily Williams are excited to announce the birth of their grandson and fifth grandchild Collier Hutcheson Williams. Collier was born on Wednesday, January the 11th in Montgomery, AL. He weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Welcoming him home were his parents, Reed and Holland Williams and big sister Chappell.

Bryan, Melissa, and big sister Isabelle are proud to announce the birth of Scarlett Tatom DeLoney. Scarlett was born January 18 weighing 6 lbs and 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are Robert and Connie DeLoney.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of:

- Jerry Krometis upon the death of his mother, Julia Krometis.
- The death of Flora Belle Johnson.
- Kathy Brogden upon the death of her mother, Dorris Boyd.
- Donald and Laura Estes upon the death of their child.
- LaDonna Spivey upon the death of her father, LaDon Baker.
- Brad Hull upon the death of his aunt, Jeanie McManus.
- Jeanie Brunner and Jackie Williams upon the death of their uncle, James Jernegan.
- John Parrish upon the death of his wife, Alice Parrish.

Budget Needs 12/18-12/24	
Weekly Budget Needs	\$15,388.48
Weekly Budget Rec'd	\$24,903.87
(+/-)	+\$9,515.39
Week 51	
Budget Required YTD	\$784,812.48
Budget Received YTD	\$788,472.97
(+/-)	+\$3,660.49
Budget Needs 12/25-12/31	
Weekly Budget Needs	\$15,388.48
Weekly Budget Rec'd	\$17,295.00
(+/-)	+\$1,906.52
Week 52	
Budget Required YTD	\$800,201.00
Budget Received YTD	\$805,767.97
(+/-)	+\$5,566.97

Budget Needs 01/01-01/07	
Weekly Budget Needs	\$14,765.27
Weekly Budget Rec'd	\$13,111.00
(+/-)	-\$1,654.27
Week 1	
Budget Required YTD	\$14,765.27
Budget Received YTD	\$13,111.00
(+/-)	-\$1,654.27
Budget Needs 01/08-01/14	
Weekly Budget Needs	\$14,765.27
Weekly Budget Rec'd	\$16,287.13
(+/-)	+\$1,521.86
Week 2	
Budget Required YTD	\$29,530.54
Budget Received YTD	\$29,398.13
(+/-)	-\$132.41

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7