



THE OAKDALE MESSENGER

AUGUST 2020

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School took on a different format this year. Our outstanding volunteers prepared over 200 at-home VBS kits which included Bible lessons, science experiments, crafts, snacks, and links to videos. Families enjoyed VBS at home and in their neighborhoods during the week of July 27-31.



SEMIANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Semiannual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, July 12.

- 1) Three members were elected to the 2021 nomination committee. They are: Mark Hecox, Lynn Ivarson, and Debra Zupke.
- 2) Pastor Tyler Stauffer was called as Senior Pastor at Oakdale Evangelical Free Church.

JULY 4 PICNIC

The annual July 4 picnic was held at Oakdale Park. The number in attendance was smaller than usual due to the health concerns surrounding COVID-19. It was a beautiful day and the picnic was enjoyed by those in attendance.

WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARK

Every Wednesday in July, a meal was served at 6pm at Oakdale Park with devotions following the meal. The theme for devotions was "The Wondrous Works of God." Socializing and games followed the devotions. We enjoyed a pleasant evening of outdoor activities each week.

Thank you to the crew who prepared the meal each week led by Mark and Jill Hecox and Pam Cooper.

HIDDEN ACRES SUMMER CAMP

Due to COVID-19, the Hidden Acres staff worked diligently to provide a safe and healthy environment for campers this summer. Over six weeks of camp with 1,735 campers, there were no cases of COVID-19 at the camp. One hundred and fifty-five campers made a first-time decision to follow Christ and 142 kids recommitted to be Christ followers.

Thirty-one children from Oakdale attended summer camp. We praise God for the Hidden Acres ministry and their commitment to the health and safety of campers.

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL BOARD

The General Board met on July 21. Here is a summary of the meeting.

- 1) The General Fund balance as of June 30 is \$92,502.00.
- 2) The Missions Fund undesignated balance is short approximately \$4,500.00 at the end of June.
- 3) Approved to allow the Caldwells to use the parsonage until the end of August. The Caldwells will pay for the utilities.
- 4) Changed Entertainment Allowance budget item to Hospitality Allowance and changed the amount from \$125 per month to \$250 per month. The mileage allowance was changed from \$2500 per year to 400 miles per month.
- 5) Women's Ministries is looking for a bookshelf. If anyone has something they are willing to donate, please contact the church office.

JUNE FINANCIALS

General Fund Giving: \$29,442.68
Year-to-date Giving: \$151,275.13
General Fund Expenses: \$27,111.56
Year-to-date Expenses: \$171,066.43

General Fund Balance on June 30: \$92,502.00

Mission Fund Balance on June 30: \$10,490.86
Our quarterly commitment to missionaries is \$15,062.50.

JUNE ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

June 14 - 66
June 21 - 73
June 28 - 115

WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARK

June 3 - 35
June 10 - 39
June 17 - 53
June 24 - 45

CHILD DEDICATION SERVICES

Pastor Tyler will be doing child dedications during the worship service on Sunday, August 30 and on Sunday, September 27. If you would like to have your child dedicated to the Lord on either of those Sundays, please contact Pastor Tyler.

ALL-CHURCH FAMILY CAMPOUT

On Friday, August 21, everyone is invited to camp overnight at Oakdale Park. Bring your tent or camper anytime on Friday to camp overnight with others in our church family. If you don't want to camp overnight, consider coming Friday evening to enjoy the campfire with friends. Saturday morning breakfast will be provided.

ELDER BOARD UPDATE

The Elders are looking forward to what God will do through the family at Oakdale. And reports of people being the hands and feet of Jesus during this difficult time are a blessing. Here is what the Elders have been working on in the last month:

- We selected Blaine Adamson to serve as the Elder representative on the 2020 Nominating Committee.
- We are working on an installation service for Pastor Tyler as our Senior Pastor.
- The Elders, General Board and the Christian Education Department are working on ideas for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services and time schedules for this fall.
- We are working on defining biblical roles for all elected positions as we seek to align our leadership structure to biblical principles.

Happy Birthday!

Ean Douglas	August 2
Anna Blankers	August 3
Emily Adamson	August 4
Kale Ivarson	August 4
Benjy Deubner	August 5
Jacob Hayward	August 5
Laci Kenney	August 5
Cammy Fisher	August 7
Claire Fisher	August 7
Dietrich Stauffer	August 8
Paul Ehmcke	August 11
Jill Hecox	August 12
Jaxtan Wester	August 13
Arabella McGill	August 15
Alyssa Harper	August 16
Sawyer Hughes	August 18
Pat Andersen	August 21
Kristen Peterson	August 22
Nancy Jones	August 24
Amy Douglas	August 26
Noah Hayward	August 26
Vance Gregg	August 30
Beth James	August 30
Dan Murphy	August 31

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