

HISTORICAL EVENTS

OAKSWOODS BAPTIST CHURCH 1992-1993

The church year of 1992-1993, was an eventful and busy year for Oakwoods. We had three revivals this year, beginning with August 30 through September 2 with Rev. Dean Crane of White Oak Baptist Church. The second revival was December 6 through December 9, with Evangelist Jamie Mayorga. The third revival was a joint effort with Lewis Fork and Oak Grove Baptist churches held at the John A. Walker Center with Evangelist Bailey Smith as the guest speaker. This revival was held on February 14 through February 18.

In the fall of 1992 Mike Hamby, a member of our church, announced his call into the ministry, and his intent to attend Fruitland Seminary in Hendersonville, N.C. Oakwoods pledged to assist Mike financially with \$100.00 per month. Our church also voted to assist the Wilkes Prison Ministry with \$50.00 per month.

Oakwoods has 461 resident members and 97 non-resident members, for a total membership of 558. Our church continues to have two Sunday morning worship services. The early morning service has had an average attendance of 77 members and the 11 A:M service continues to have about 190 members present. This is an average of 267 members present for the Sunday morning worship service. The Sunday night services continues to grow with an average attendance of 125 members. The most growth has been in the Wednesday night prayer service with an average attendance of 95.

Due to the tremendous growth our church has experienced in the past two years, it has been necessary to start a building program for a new sanctuary. On December of 1992 Oakwoods elected a Planning Committee to hire Bob Hamm as an architect to draw up plans for a new Sanctuary. Plans for the new building is on schedule. The Church hopes to break ground for the new building in March of 1994.

Oakwoods supported several mission organizations this year giving \$1,275.00 to State Missions and \$2,946.00 to Home missions. We gave \$3,689.00 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, for a total of \$7,910.00 to designated missions. The church gave an additional \$6,655.00 for other mission oriented projects. Our church continues to give 10% to the co-operative program. As of September 1, 1993 we have \$166,000.00 in our building fund.

In April of 1993, a special Commissioning Service was held for the associational Mission trip to Brazil. Our pastor and seven members from other churches went on this follow up mission work.

We lost four of our members this past year due to death. They were Mrs. Otha Opitz, Annie Lee Ellis Anderson, Mary Louise Jones Childress and Minnie Anderson Fletcher.

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