

**HISTORICAL EVENTS
OAKWOODS BAPTIST CHURCH
2005-2006**

Oakwoods Baptist Church continued its strong support of missions this year, both financially and with participation. Many members participate in local missions with our tape ministry, handyman ministry and housewarming ministry. In October, 2005 Rev. Robert Duncan and nine people from our church went on a mission trip to Brazil. They were able to share in the schools during the day and preach in the churches at night. Jim & Faye Zimmerman were among the ten on the trip and they worked in a new daycare at the church of Pastor Jairo Calvalcante Ribeiro. They were especially touched by these children. The children stay at the day care free of charge and for many of these children the meal they receive at the daycare is sometimes all the food they have that day. They brought pictures back to the church of the children. The fifth Sunday in January, 2006 we had a dinner with the men doing the cooking and being judged on their cooking. This was done to raise money for the daycare. We raised \$1700 that night and the money was sent to help support the daycare. In April, 2006, Rev. Duncan and eleven others went on another mission trip to Brazil. Six from this team helped do construction work on a new church in Sao Paulo. Rev. Duncan and the five others visited many different schools in the day time and spoke in different churches each night. Rev. Duncan said this was by far the best trip ever to Brazil. They were able to witness over two thousand people accepting Christ!

Rev. Wayne Osborne has certainly been a blessing to our church since assuming his duties as Minister of Music/Minister of Senior Citizens in April, 2005. The choir has grown and is outstanding every Sunday. He regularly visits the homebound and those in the nursing homes. His cheerful attitude and loving spirit brighten their days. He has kept the seniors pretty busy this year with trips to the beach, monthly outings and holiday activities. Wayne and Stephanie gave the seniors a "Mystery Meal" in October. That was lots of fun. I think all of us gained a whole new appreciation for a "lapover" (napkin)!

After almost ten years of service with us at Oakwoods, Rev. Victor Church has resigned his duties as Associate Pastor/Youth Minister, effective August 27, 2006. He feels God is leading him in another ministry direction. We pray God will bless Victor, his wife Robin and their two children as they follow God's will.

The first class of the Stephen Ministry participants have "graduated" and a new class will begin this fall. This class is being taught by Rev. Carlton Waddell and Jim Zimmerman.

The church continues its support of the Wilkes Christian Sportsmen's Banquet. This year the meetings will be held for two nights. Eight hundred tickets are being given out for each night. We are trusting many will accept Christ through this activity as they have each year in the past.

God continues to bless at Oakwoods.

Respectfully submitted,

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Church Historians