

OAKWOODS BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY 2012 – 2013

Oakwoods Baptist Church continued to receive many blessings during the 2012-2013 church year.

Oakwoods continued its strong tradition of supporting missions with several endeavors during the church year. Several mission trips were organized, including trips to Mexico, West Virginia and various other locations.

This past year Oakwoods lost three members to death: Gwyn Edmond Church – December 25, 2012, Jack Thomas Sheets – January 22, 2013 and Connie Scott Call – May 31, 2013.

Deacons for the church year 2013-2014 were selected by election on Sunday August 18, 2013. Elected were Donald Faw and Kenny Owens, both of whom are ordained deacons. Also selected was Wayne Goff who was ordained in a special service on September 22, 2013.

Under the leadership of Chrystal Ward, the Building and Grounds Committee completed much needed renovations to the Oakwoods Fellowship Hall in the spring of 2013. Oakwoods held a fellowship and dedication service for the renovated Fellowship Hall on March 24, 2013.

Summary of Renovations

CHILDRENS CHURCH

Before Fellowship Hall renovations could begin, an area for Children's Church had to be found and renovated. Children's Church is now located on the ground floor of the Fellowship building. Two Sunday School classes were moved and an unused space claimed in the Fellowship Hall area. A temporary wall was removed and an opening cut in the cinder block wall to make one large L shaped space. Two storage closets were built, walls and ceiling painted, carpet installed by Sherwin Williams, new 2" blinds were installed, TV mounted on wall with updated sound system, and new light switches installed. All the work, with the exception of some contracted painting labor, was done by volunteers from the Church.

KITCHEN AREA – OFFICE AREA

The first workday focused on relocating Children's Church, as well as beginning complete renovation of the kitchen area in the old sanctuary. The church had a water problem for several years so all cabinets and sink were removed and walls were treated to help prevent any mold issues. A new sink and cabinet were installed; refrigerator and water heater relocated for better flow and a shelving unit was installed. New flooring was also installed. Cabinet and sink, shelving and flooring labor was donated by an outside source. The shelving was also donated by the same source. All other labor was by Church volunteers.

HALF BATH – OFFICE AREA

A storage closet in the office area was used as a half bath several years ago. The area underwent a complete remodel. New installations included bead board and fresh paint, a new sink and cabinet, new drop ceiling and new flooring. Once again, a majority of this labor was donated by an outside source. There was limited work by Church volunteers.

YOUTH ROOM & HALLWAY – OLD SANCTUARY

Youth room was painted, chair molding and new carpet installed. The church custodian did the painting, Sherwin Williams installed the carpet and an outside source installed the chair molding as a donation. The wallpaper was removed and walls were repainted in the hallways. Chair molding and shoe molding was installed. The painting was contracted and other work was by Church volunteers. Sherwin Williams did carpet installation.

Fellowship Hall

The proposed budget for renovation was \$37,000. This was presented and approved by the church body and work started in January 2013. Work was completed late March and was under budget by approximately \$1,000, which was returned to the Growth Fund. Several work days and tremendous Church participation were needed to complete the renovation. We would not have been able to accomplish so much without all the volunteer/donated labor.

- Walls: Removed wallpaper, paneling, and chair rail – Painted walls with two tone paint scheme and installed larger chair rail
- Windows: Removed molding, blinds and window treatments – Installed new larger trim, and new 2" blinds
- Floor: Installed new vinyl floor
- Ceiling: Removed old 2' x 4' ceiling tiles – Replaced with dimensional 2' x 2' tiles
- Storage: Removed small storage closet – Installed new cabinet with receptacles to accommodate crock pots – Also, constructed new storage closet and privacy hall to rest rooms
- Kitchen: Painted walls and installed new counter tops and blinds

- Rest Rooms: Installed new wall mounted sinks, flooring, and painted walls.
- Steps: Removed carpet – Replaced with vinyl step covers – Removed ceiling tiles and installed a sheetrock ceiling – Painted stair well.

Respectfully submitted:

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