



ENCOURAGER

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Pastor

Tim Crist
Music & Youth Director

Lynn Wood
Pianist

Dolores Catchings
Organist

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Drummer

Anneliese Varnado
Secretary

Services:

Sunday:

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM

Ministry Groups 5:00 PM

- Children
- Men's
- Prayer Meeting
- Women's
- Youth

Worship Service 6:00 PM

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Wednesday:

Supper 5:00 PM

Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM

From Your Pastor

March begins our North American Mission Board Emphasis as we look toward the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. In worship each week we will see video reports from missionaries whose work is funded through our Cooperative Program giving.

Our theme in the morning worship services will be **“Whatever It Takes.”**

- March 4th Whatever it Takes: Together We Can Do More
This message will explain how the Cooperative Program works.
- March 11th Whatever it Takes: Pray Continually
- March 18th Whatever it Takes: Giving it All
- March 25th Whatever it Takes: Here Am I, Send Me

On Sunday evening we will continue through the Old Testament Survey with the books of Leviticus & Numbers. Again, the emphasis is to show how the principles revealed in these Old Testament books have relevance in our lives today.

Also, in March we welcome Tim & Deanna Crist, and their children, Chris (in college), Jordan, and Peyton to the Odena Baptist Family. They are moving to Sylacauga on Feb 25th, and Tim will begin ministry at Odena on Sunday evening, March 4th, as our Minister of Music & Youth. We will also have a pounding to welcome the Crist family on the evening of March 4th. You may bring gift cards, or food items for the pounding to the collection box outside the church office.

Thank you for your continuing efforts in Outreach. We have already distributed half of the March - May edition of the *Word for You Today*. We have ordered 200 additional copies of the Gospel of John for this month. We also plan to have some customized invite-cards available in March. Also, if you know someone who needs a Bible, we have free copies of the Holman Christian Standard Bible available.

I am excited that Lauren Tyler will have the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Haiti at the end of March. I shared back in December that I felt God wanted us to support some of our members in overseas mission projects. Now God has called Lauren to go to Haiti, and also, Lesia Roddam to go to Honduras in May. As God provides, be sure to give towards the expenses for these ladies as they obey God and go out to bless others in Jesus' name.

Work is underway on the Easter Cantata and Drama. We have the potential to touch a lot of lives through this powerful ministry. This years production is strongly evangelistic. Be in prayer about this Outreach opportunity and begin inviting people to come on the evening of Sunday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Serving Christ Together,

Bro. Danny

Message from Tim Crist

We are so excited and humbled to be joining such a fantastic church family! As we look back on this journey that has led us to Odena Baptist Church, we have seen the hand of God in this process and we continually give Him praise for choosing to use us to further His gospel. We are constantly amazed that the Creator of all things remembers us, loves us, and uses us.

Our family is ready to jump in and be the hands and feet of Christ right alongside you – to be “doers of the word, and not merely hearers.” You all have been such an encouragement to our family with your outpouring of love, kindness, compassion, and with the ministries already in place to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Thanks to all of you who have been active in laboring for the sake of the gospel in the youth and music ministries. We look forward to you continuing to serve in these ministries and watching our Lord do miraculous things as we embark on the next stages together.

By His wounds,

Tim Crist & Family

Children's Ministry

Saturday, March 24th we will travel to “I-JUMP,” a place for JUMPING FUN. Details to be announced.

The “Easter Fun Day” will be held on Saturday, April 7th 10:30- 1:00pm at the home of Jimmy and Tracy Haney. Those participating will enjoy an Easter egg hunt, Easter activities, and refreshments. Don't forget to sign-up and bring a friend!

Children participating in the Easter Musical will practice on Sunday evenings at 5pm during Discipleship Training beginning March 4th.

New Sign-up list on the board for Children's Church: We need more volunteers to help with this very important ministry. Please sign up to help lead our children as they learn to trust Jesus.

Women On Missions

March 4th-11th is the Week of Prayer for North American Missions & the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The theme is “Whatever It Takes” based on Mark 2:1-5. When the four men couldn't get the paralytic to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above where Jesus was. Whatever It Takes.

Annie Armstrong shared this same kind of spirit. Her passion for missions led to Annie's role as founder and first president of what is now known as WMU. As corresponding secretary, she wrote more than 18,000 letters in one year, communicating among Southern Baptist leaders, local congregations and missionaries in the field. Whatever It Takes.

The AAEO originated in 1934. This offering is used to support our NAMB missionaries and their work. Offering envelopes will be on the table in the church vestibule.

Please continue to clip your Campbell labels and Boxtops for Education. We sent 362 labels and 115 Boxtops to Pinecrest School. We will be delivering pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House in May.

Two of us attended a World Craft party at Mignon Baptist. We thank their WOM for the invitation.

New meeting time for WOM is the Tuesday after the first Sunday of each month at 10:00am.

Carpenters for Christ thanks you. The Pioneer Missions Offering was \$376.00.

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Adult Drama Practice for the Easter Musical will be held every Wednesday at 7:00pm. Practice for Children will be held every Sunday at 5:00pm.				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Martin Bridal Tea						
Pounding for Crist family		WMU-10am	Business Mtg-6pm			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Butler Baby Shower 2-4pm				Senior Adults to Fincher's- 6pm		
<i>Spring Forward!</i>						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						Children to I-Jump
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Newsletter Deadline				Deacon's Mtg-7pm		

Up Coming Events:

- **Senior Adults to Fincher's in Childersburg** - Thurs, Mar 15th at 6:00pm. We will take the bus/van if needed. Please see Trish Wesson for more information.
- **Senior Adult Easter Brunch** - Saturday, April 3, 2012 at 10:00am in the CLC. Please see Trish Wesson for more information.
- **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** - Saturday, April 7, 2012 at the home of Jim & Tracy Haney from 10:30am-1:00pm. Sign-up list will be posted soon! Please see Nicole Peoples for more information. We will be collecting donations of plastic Easter eggs & individually wrapped candy.
- **Cemetery Offering** - Easter Sunday during the morning worship service.

Remember this stuff too . . .

- **Pounding for the Crist Family** - Sun, Mar 4th, 7pm.
- **Haley Martin Bridal Tea** - Sun, Mar 4th from 2-4pm.
- **WMU** - Tues, Mar 6th at 10am.
- **Business meeting** - Wed, Mar 7th at 6pm.
- **Daylight Savings Time** - Sun, Mar 11th.
- **Jessica Butler Baby Shower** - Sun, Mar 11th, 2-4pm.
- **Senior Adults to Fincher's** - Thurs, Mar 15th at 6pm.
- **Children to I-Jump** - Sat, Mar 25th. Details TBA.
- **Deacons meeting** - Wed, Mar 28th at 7pm.

March Nursery Schedule

Sundays:

- 4th-** Nursery: Jeanene, Randi & Katie Gill;
Toddler: Amanda Atchley & Chelsey Woods;
PM: Rena Carter
- 11th-** Nursery: Nicole Peoples & Loria Smith;
Toddler: Kristi Hamlet & Seth Harris;
PM: Brandon & Holly Harris
- 18th-** Nursery: Traci Roberson & Sonia Thibodeaux;
Toddler: Anna Tyler & Karen Culver;
PM: Myra Hathcock
- 25th-** Nursery: Ray & Janice Knight;
Toddler: Angie & Lexie Lawrence;
PM: Anneliese & Savannah Varnado

Wednesdays:

- 7th-** (N) Trish Wesson;
14th- (N) Rhonda Courson;
21st- (N) Cathy Shurum;
28th- (N) Amy McDonald.

Nursery Coordinators:

- Angie Lawrence
Cell: 256-267-4449
- Janice Knight
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ODENA BAPTIST CHURCH

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Welcome New Members

Tim Crist	By Letter
Deanna Crist	By Letter
Jordan Naugher	By Letter

Birthdays:

- Mar 1**—Lexi Morris
Mar 2—Madi Catchings; Ella Kate Haywood;
Mar 3—Amanda Luker
Mar 6—Lauren Smith
Mar 7—David Lawrence
Mar 10—Ruthie Courson; Krissy Morris;
Brandon McLain;
Mar 12—Payton Ingram
Mar 13—Kim Martin; Faye Myrick;
Becky Wadsworth
Mar 16—Lee Edwards
Mar 17—Gina Williams
Mar 25—Hannah Catchings
Mar 27—Brooke Carmack Smith
Mar 28—Barbara Peoples
Mar 29—Molly Catchings; Ronnie Hill



Anniversaries:

- Mar 08**—Rickey & Frieda Matthews
Mar 10—Steve & Stacey Vogel
Mar 14—Randy & Pam Rollins
Mar 17—Brett & Rachael Adair
Mar 27—Kevin & Dawn Hardiman
Mar 28—Glen & Barrie Hamilton
Mar 31—Kent & Regina Clifton



Daylight Savings Time

Begins at 2 am, Sunday, March 11th. Don't forget to "Spring forward" and set your clocks ahead by 1 hour before you go to bed.

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