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From the Desk of Pastor Kimlyn.....

This spring brings new life to the earth, but it also brings exciting news of members of our church sent into mission.

Jayne McKercher will be leaving for Cameroon on May 14. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she ministers there. We had a wonderful commissioning service for her here at Oak Hills, and we rejoice in what God is going to do through her ministry there.

In addition to this news, we also wanted to share a letter with you from Aubrey Bohl, a member of Oak Hills who serves on our Worship Team and is a member of the Christian band Scarlet

Letter. With her band, Aubrey has served in mission in Haiti and elsewhere in the past year, and she and her band will be ministering in Mississippi this summer. Below is her letter:

Dear Friends,

With the summer approaching, we are preparing for things to come. I am excited to announce that Scarlet Letter and I will be worship leaders and mentors at a summer camp in Hancock County, Mississippi. This was the epicenter of Hurricane Katrina, where over 850,000 housing units were destroyed. Years later, the community is

still recovering. For 10 weeks, alongside 8 different groups of students, Scarlet Letter will be helping to rebuild this community as well as leading over 50 nights of worship.

As Leaders of the camp, we have a great responsibility on our shoulders. We must help encourage students to open up in their relationships with Christ and the community. We are extremely excited to see how we can work alongside these young people to accomplish things that we could never do on our own this summer. However, along with all of the other leaders at Next Step

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Leadership Council Spotlight: Jeff Clapper

I was born in Aberdeen, adopted at birth, and spent most of my childhood in Sioux Falls. I graduated from Creighton University before working at Citibank for a year. That work experience renewed my aspirations to attend Law School at the University of South Dakota. While graduating from law school was great, the best thing that happened to me while I was there was meeting the love of



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Ministries, we are going to need a solid support network from which to launch our ministry. There are two extremely important ways that you can help us:

Prayer.
Faithful and consistent prayers on

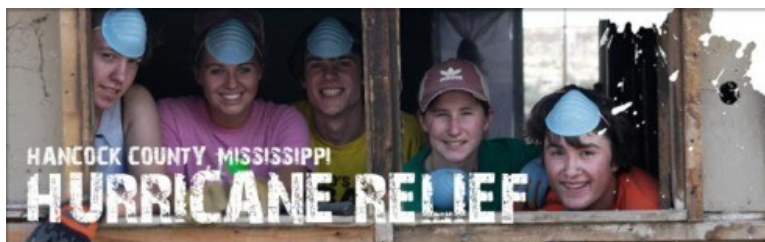
our behalf will help us more than anything in this world. The dedicated prayers for success in preparing for this camp and for servant hearts while there will allow us to go into this summer with much more strength than if we were going alone. Our God responds

graciously to committed prayers.

Giving. Another way you can help us is by making a financial donation to

would like to find out how to support us financially, you can contact me at aubreybohl@gmail.com.

We are not worried about making our goal as we know that with prayer God will provide a way for us. As always,



the band. We need to raise \$5000 for this camp. 100% of the funds go directly to our site, buying building materials for homes and providing supplies for the families and the necessities to provide a worthwhile interaction for the students. If you

we want to thank you so much for your continued support in everything we have been doing. We would not be where we are if it weren't for our friends and families helping us along the way.

In Christ's love,
Aubrey Bohl

Leadership Council Spotlight...continued from pg 1

my life, Cathi. We married a few months after I graduated and have lived in Sioux Falls ever since. We will celebrate our 18th anniversary this August.

Cathi (Schuchard) is a Watertown native, so we visit there often. We have been blessed with two children: Bevin, a sophomore, and Vince, a 7th grader, both are at Sioux Falls Christian school. Bevin is involved in cheerleading and debate, while Vince is active in cross-country,

track and Boy Scouts.

I have worked as a federal prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Sioux Falls for the past eight years. I enjoy running, hunting, helping with Boy Scouts and assisting Bevin's debate team. Cathi is the glue that holds our family together and still finds time to substitute teach at SFC and work at Josephine's Floral Design.

We have been members at Oak Hills for many years. I have been

involved in and led small group Bible studies and have previously served as the moderator for the Leadership Council. I look forward to serving on the current Transitional Leadership Council as we rewrite the constitution of Oak Hills Baptist Church. It is my hope that all of those attending Oak Hills will feel welcome, nurtured to grow spiritually and willing to serve.

Search Committee Update

The search committee has been working on narrowing down the applications that came in the last 4 – 5 weeks. So far we have processed 111 applicants, narrowed it down to 10 and by the end of the week we should have 5 possible candidates. We will do reference checks shortly and keep moving forward as we pray and seek God's direction.

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Mission Update—Jayme McKercher / Cameroon

Hi All,
Just wanted to share with you all my exciting news: my paperwork has finally been signed by the Cameroonian government and I now have a departure date for Cameroon!!! I will be flying out of Sioux Falls, SD on May 14th and arriving in Cameroon on May 15th. I will be posting pictures/ thoughts/etc on my blog: travelingjayme.blogspot.com if any of you are interested in following my journey with me (there are some pictures on there from fall of 2009 from my first visit to Cameroon also). Prayers for packing, preparations, healthy goodbyes, preparing my heart and

preparing the hearts of the Cameroonian people I will be working with are appreciated. Also, as some of you know this has been a really tough few months/year for my family and me with my grandpa McKercher's passing in March and my grandpa Tackett going on hospice a week ago. A special prayer for comfort and peace with leaving my family behind during this healing process and for my family having to say another 'goodbye' are also appreciated.

Thank you all for the prayers, encouragement and support. There were so many times I felt down and frustrated with having to wait for this



process only to have received an encouraging note or phone call. I am so blessed by you all :)

Jayme McKercher

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Men's Ministries Update

One of the greatest responsibilities men have is to prepare our family. We prepare the car for long trips, the lawn for the kids to play in, our financial records for our taxes or insurance in case something goes wrong. Very rarely are we prepared for something that many of us will experience in our lifetimes. My wife tells me that we're going to die in our sleep holding hands when we're 98

years old. I hope that happens but in all likelihood you (the husband) could outlive your wife. Gary Bertsch is a member of Oak Hills and he knows first hand what it's like to have his spouse pass away. Gary will talk with the men of our church and hopefully the friends of the men of our church on Saturday May 21st about how to prepare for and then deal with the loss of a spouse.

This is a topic no one wants to experience first hand but death is a reality we should all prepare for. Please visit <http://www.oakhills.net/mens-ministry/> and fill out the RSVP form so we know how many men to expect for our event on May 21st at 8am. A suggested donation of \$3 - 5 will be accepted for breakfast or you can eat for free because we're nice like that.

Women's Ministries Progressive Supper



Old friendships were deepened. New friendships were formed as about 40 ladies took a trip around the world on Friday, April 8. They traveled to 3 different homes for foods from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. It was a neat time to try new foods and enjoy



familiar ones while enjoying conversation and laughter with other ladies from Oak Hills.



Below and on the next page are two of the favorite recipes of the evening, plus some picture highlights.



Cranberry Cheese Dip

8oz of Cream Cheese
4 oz of Feta Cheese
1 can whole berry cranberry sauce
Toasted, sliced almonds

Mix cheeses thoroughly. Place cheese mixture in a pie plate and cover with cranberries. Bake at 350 for 15min. Sprinkle with almonds. Serve with crackers.

From the kitchen of: Yvonne Smith

Scottish Chicken and Mushroom Pie – Serves 6-8

From the kitchen of: Laurita McKercher

Chicken Pie is a favorite throughout Scotland because farmyard chickens provide a plentiful supply of fresh, free-range birds. Made with fresh vegetables and mushrooms this is truly a tasty Lowlands dish.

¼ c butter
 2 T all purpose flour
 1 c hot chicken stock
 4 T light cream (I use half and half)
 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
 2 carrots, sliced
 2 celery stalks, chopped
 2 oz fresh mushroom, sliced
 1½ lb cooked chicken meat, cubed
 ½ c fresh or frozen peas
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Beaten egg to glaze crust

For the Pastry

2 c all purpose flour
 ¼ t salt
 ½ c cold butter diced
 1/3 c Crisco diced
 8 T chilled water



Ladies enjoying the Scottish Chicken & Mushroom pie at the Progressive Dinner

Step #1

To make the pastry, put flour and salt into a bowl. Rub in the butter and Crisco until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Sprinkle with 6 T chilled water and mix until the dough holds together. If dough is still crumbly, add water 1 T at a time. Gather the dough into a ball and flatten it into a round. Wrap in clear plastic wrap so that it is airtight and chill for at least 30 minutes.

Step #2

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. To make the filling melt half the butter in a heavy pan over low heat. Whisk in the flour and cook until bubbling, whisking constantly. Gradually add the hot stock and whisk over a medium heat until the mixture boils. Cook for 2-3 minutes, then whisk in the cream. Season to taste with salt and pepper and set aside.

Step #3

Heat the remaining butter in a large non-stick frying pan and cook the onion and carrots over a low heat for about 5 minutes. Add the celery and mushrooms and cook for another 5 minutes, until softened. Add the cooked chicken and peas and stir thoroughly. Add the chicken mixture to the hot cream sauce and stir to mix. Adjust the seasoning if necessary. Spoon the mixture into a 2½ quart baking dish. (I use a deep 9x9 inch dish.)

Step #4

Roll out the pastry on a floured surface to a thickness of about 1/8th of an inch. Lay the pastry over the filling. Gently press around the edge of the dish to seal, then trim off the excess pastry. Crimp the edge by pushing the forefinger of one hand into the edge, and using the thumb and forefinger of the other hand, pinch the pastry. Use the extra pastry to cut out mushroom shapes with a sharp knife and stick them on the pastry lid. Glaze with the beaten egg and cut several slits in the crust to allow steam to escape.

Bake for 30 minutes or until the crust has browned. Serve hot.



Children's Ministries News

Help the Sun Shine All Summer! (no sunscreen required)

Many churches take the summer off from Sunday School. Oak Hills does not, but we need your help to continue to minister to our kids.

1. Choose a date you would like to teach.
2. Choose what grade level you would like to help with:
Elementary or Preschool
3. Send an e-mail (shaan@oakhills.net) or call Shelly Haan 376-4396 and provide your **name, phone number and e-mail**. You can also sign up on the form on the door at Room 100 or 101.



faith, friends & fun



A representative of children's ministry will contact you to set up time and provide you with the material. You can teach as much or as little as you want as scheduling is on a sign up basis.

Never taught before? Not a problem. We provide you with everything you need for a great experience.

Please consider how you may serve this summer. Keep the Sun shining for our kids.

Save the Date—Big Apple Adventure VBS

July 10: 6:30-8:00 pm

July 11-14: 9:00-11:30 am

Ages 4 years - 5th grade

Before care and breakfast is available starting at 7:30 Monday through Thursday.

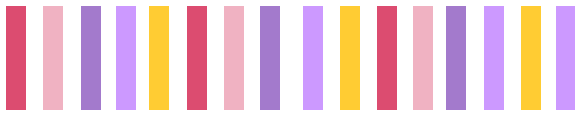
This year, Oak Hills Kids will be taking on the "Big Apple Adventure"! Whether it's attending the Worship Rally at Times Square or connecting with Jesus at Bible Study at Battery Park, kids will learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus. Grab a friend...



and a cab and join us for this amazing adventure!!

Register online at www.oakhills.net/vbs-registration or at the table in the entry way.

We need volunteers **before, during and after VBS, days and nights**. If you are willing to help, we will find a time and date that works in your schedule. Please see the volunteer sign up in the foyer or contact Shelly 376.4396.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **May 9th**
Senior Dessert
7:30pm
Fellowship Hall
- **May 11th**
No High School
Youth Group
- **May 12th**
College Study Break
In Kroske Hall
8-10pm
- **May 18th**
No Middle School
Youth Group
- **May 25th**
No Middle School
OR High School
Youth Group
- **June 1**
Summer Youth
Group begins
- **June 25-30th**
Middle School
Camp

What's Goin' On Here?

What's Going On This Summer?

June 25-30th—Middle School Camp at Crystal Springs (Grades 6-8)

July 5-10th—High School Camp at Crystal Springs (Grades 9-12)

July 10-14th—VBS (We need some students to help out Children's Ministry)

July 17-24th—Youth Gathering 2011 (Grades 9-12)

August 8-10th—Mini-Apple Experience (Grades 6-8)

****MS/HS Youth Group each Wed Nite during June & July****

What's Next??



With summer right around the corner, the student ministries staff wanted to share with you about what is next for all of the students who will be either joining student ministries or moving up in student ministries. We are super excited to have all of our new middle school and high school students join us! If you are a parent of an incoming sixth grader, your student is invited to join us for youth group beginning June 1st and Sunday school beginning Sunday, June 5th. Middle School youth group meets in the youth room on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:45pm. If you are a parent of an

incoming freshman, your student is invited to join us for youth group beginning June 1st and Sunday school beginning Sunday June 5th. High School youth group meets in the youth room from 8:08-9:15pm. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call or email me at the church! —Dave



Oak Hills Baptist Student Ministries Staff

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PRAYER WALL

¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^{of} of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

—Ephesians 1:15-19a

College Ministry



Hey College Students, come to the RD Apartment in Kroske Hall on Thursday May 12th from 8-10pm for a study break. Come grab some chips-n-salsa, drinks and also....your finals survival kit! Bring a friend, roommate or fellow student and come to Kroske to hang out!

Praying for you as you finish another semester of college!

Senior Dessert



With graduation right around the corner, and with our May calendars filling up more and more quickly with each passing day, I wanted to take a moment to make you aware of our plan in Student Ministries to bless our seniors as they

prepare themselves for the next step in their lives. I know that May is a busy, busy month with finishing up schoolwork, making plans for next year, and attending graduation parties, but I hope that in the midst of all the craziness, your family will join us **Monday, May 9th, at 7:30pm** in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship and dessert as we bless our seniors. Each of the seniors will receive a gift from student ministries as they embark upon a new chapter in their lives. Please make plans now to join us as we publicly bless our seniors sending them off to do great things for the kingdom, and being the kind of people God has created them to be. —Dave



May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>7:30 am Prayer</p> <p>8:30 am Worship</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p> <p>7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 am Women's Bible Study</p>  <p>5:30 pm Cuatro de Mayo Festival</p> <p>6:30 pm MS Youth</p> <p>8:00 pm HS Youth</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>5:20 pm Men's Golf</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 pm Marriage Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Mother's Day</p> <p>7:30 am Prayer</p> <p>8:30 am Worship</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p> <p>7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 pm Senior Dessert</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 pm MS Youth</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>5:20 pm Men's Golf</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 pm College Study Break</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>7:30 am Prayer</p> <p>8:30 am Worship</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p> <p>4:00 pm MS Game Night</p> <p>7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>5:20 pm Men's Golf</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>22 Graduation Sunday</p> <p>7:30 am Prayer</p> <p>8:30 am Worship</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>5:20 pm Men's Golf</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>7:30 am Prayer</p> <p>8:30 am Worship</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p>	<p>30 Memorial Day</p>  <p>Church office is closed</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Graduation Time is here!</p> <p>If you have Spring/Summer 2011 graduation plans for yourself or someone in your family , please contact the church office with the graduate's name, degree, and institution so we can celebrate along with you!</p>			

Anniversaries:

- May 2 Jay & Sharon Schmidt
- May 11 John & Sandra Brooks
- May 12 Dale & Nancy Jelen
- May 16 Bill & Becky Blogg
- May 18 Doug & Jan Lee
- May 23 Stuart & Lisa Norberg
Terry & Kathy Thorson
- May 24 Dee & Rani Samuel
- May 25 Neil & Janis Hoogestraat
- May 27 Jeff & Mindy Bakker
- May 28 Dennis & Lillian Beukelman
Doug & Kristi Beukelman
- May 29 Scott & Laurita Mc Kercher
Randy & Lori Williamson
- May 31 Monte & Jane Bertsch
Mike & Karen Dunlap
Rick & Jan Johnson

Birthdays:

- May 1 Karalyn Bender
Tavniah Dyer
Chase Watley
Jamie Westphalen
- May 2 Seth Chaplin
Kate Friesen
Barb Ramse
- May 3 Josiah Hutton
Carly Patrick
- May 4 Lisa Norberg
William O'Connor
- May 5 Makenna Kindt
- May 6 Ian Gregg
Janelle Moe
Derek Outland
- May 7 Guy Hebner
Taylor VanHolland
- May 8 Eli Hutton
- May 10 Amy Prouty
- May 11 Sheila Jucht
- May 12 Jessica Anderson
Anna Boyd
- May 14 Jeff Nelson
- May 16 Jack Scott
Valerie Winegar
- May 18 Garth Caselli
- May 19 Heather Jelen
Del Kroon
Terry Thorson
- May 20 Kim Lawrenz
Nealie Stanford
- May 23 Ellie Larsen
- May 24 Jay Hutton
- May 25 Jan Johnson
Porter Swanstrom
Mark Terveen
Michael VanDriesen
- May 28 Seri Norberg
- May 29 Canon Dyer
Toni Outland
Dee Samuel
- May 31 John Brooks
Luke Reimnitz



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Here are some highlights for the month of May

May 4th—Cuatro de Mayo 5:30 pm dinner; 7:00 pm Pinatas

May 9th - Senior Dessert:

7:30pm @ Fellowship Hall for Seniors and parents/guardians.

May 15th - MS Game Night: 4:00 - 6:00pm at Trinity Baptist

May 21st - Men's Breakfast:

8:00am . "How to prepare and deal with the loss of your spouse."

May 22nd - Graduation Sunday

Looking Ahead.....July 10-14 Big Apple Adventure VBS

