

# 100 YEARS

## OAKDALE

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

### PREPARING FOR A SECOND CENTURY



**T**hose who have supported, served, volunteered, and attended Oakdale Christian Academy since 1921 have been part of a 100-year history of effective and Christ-honoring ministry. A century of leading teenagers to lives of learning, serving others, and loving God is cause for great celebration!

The celebration is made more complete because Oakdale is **increasingly prepared for a second century** of service. By God's leading and supporters' involvement, the future promises hope for generations of Oakdale students yet to come.

A long-term future was not always a given. In 1986, Oakdale nearly closed because its enrollment was dwindling, its campus facilities were deteriorating, and it was difficult to attract and retain staff.

Oakdale stayed open, led by those who believed that God had a continuing purpose for the Oakdale ministry. Because of the financial investments of friends and the lifetime investment of its staff, God's faithfulness and His plan is seen in today's Oakdale Christian Academy – a thriving boarding and academic program.

Attracting students from around the world, Oakdale provides a distinctly quality ministry to a broadly diverse student body representing all socio-economic strata:

- Eight new buildings since 2005.
- ACSI and SACS accreditation.
- 1st in the U.S. with ACSI boarding accreditation.
- Balanced budgets.
- Technology integrated campus-wide.
- A growing enrollment.

Together we celebrate that Oakdale Christian Academy is equipped for its second century of service to a hurting world on behalf of the Free Methodist Church-USA.



Oakdale Christian Academy is a member of the Association of Human Service Ministries of the FMCUSA



# OAKDALE: A PLACE OF BELONGING

For many teenagers, their experience at Oakdale is the first time in their lives that they experience a sense of belonging. In addition to helping them accept God's love for them and succeed academically, they develop relationships with friends who encourage them to follow paths to success. It's a place where they belong!

Our **Promise to Serve** is that Oakdale will always reserve spaces for students to attend at every capacity of paying. When those reserved spaces are available, finances will not be the sole determining factor preventing a student from enrolling at Oakdale Christian Academy. We give special financial aid preference to students affiliated with the Free Methodist Church.

SERVING THOSE WHO ARE

## READY FOR A CHALLENGE

- A STRONGER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
- A MULTIFACETED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
- MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
- A CHRISTIAN LEARNING AND LIVING COMMUNITY

## CHALLENGED BY LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES

- FAMILY DYNAMICS MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE STUDENT TO SUCCEED
- OBSTACLES IN THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT KEEP STUDENTS FROM REACHING THEIR POTENTIAL
- THEY LACK A STRONG CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



# RENEWED AND PREPARED FOR A SECOND CENTURY OF MINISTRY

As Oakdale celebrates its **100th year of ministry in 2021**, it prepares for a second century of service. **Six new buildings** in the past 20 years include the Beacon Center (2005), The Inn (2015), and a renovated and expanded Odermann Hall (2018).

**SECOND CENTURY**  
**2021**  
established 1921  
**campaign**

THE BEACON CENTER, COMPLETED 2005



Oakdale is completing construction of May Hall, a 7,000 square foot, \$1.9 million cafeteria building. Large enough to handle our current enrollment plus growth, it will stand alongside the other spacious, durable, and ministry-focused facilities at Oakdale. May Hall, our new cafeteria building, will serve for generations!

THE INN, COMPLETED 2015



ODERMANN HALL, COMPLETED 2018

