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LIVE OAK CHURCH MAGAZINE / SEPTEMBER 2024

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**FROM
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**ENGAGING
IN THE
LOCAL
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**TEXAS
DISASTER
RELIEF**



**GROWING
GODLY
KIDS**

**IF YOU DON'T
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YOU WILL
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**WEEKEND
RETREAT**

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a time and a place for everyone

For more information about groups and events visit www.liveoak.church or call (225) 664-4801.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM Worship Service
- 8:45 AM Children & Pre-Teen Sunday School
 - Sherrri Gardner: 1st-4th Grade - Room #214
 - Jodi Rushing: 5th-6th - Room #213
- 8:45 AM Student Ministry:
 - Nathan Lott: 7th-12th Grade - in FLC
- 8:45 AM Adult Small Groups:
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- 9:30 AM Children's Ministry - 1st-4th Grade - FLC
- 9:30 AM Preteen - Chapel
- 9:30 AM Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Students 7th-12th Grade:
 - Jonny Carroll - Upstairs in FLC
- 11:00 AM Children's Ministry - 1st-4th Grade - FLC
- 11:00 AM Preteen - 5th-6th Grade - Chapel
- 11:00 AM Worship Service

MONDAY

- 6:30 PM Women's Deeper Life - Chapel
- 6:30 PM Men's Deeper Life - Room #201
- 6:30 PM Men's Home Bible Study - Robert Poole's House

TUESDAY

- 6:30 PM - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month - Chapel
 - Stephen Hebert - Discovering Daniel

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 AM Quilters Ministry - FLC
- 9:30 AM Worship Wednesday - Online
- 6:00 - 7:15 PM Kingdom Kidz: 1st-4th Grade
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM Preteen: Completed 5th-6th Grade
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM Student Ministry: 7th-12th Grade
- 6:30 - 7:20 Preschool (pre-k3 to kindergarten)
- 6:30 - 7:20 PM Worship & Study - Adults

THURSDAY

- 6:00 PM Men's Play and Pray Basketball - FLC
- 7:00 PM Refuge - Room #201

FRIDAY

- 5:30 AM Iron Man Study - Room #202
- 6:00 PM Adult Co-ed Bible Study - Room #202

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ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

blue = small group | green = large group

Sunday 8:45 AM

Young Adult Couple's Class // *Apologetics* //
Krist & Katie Norsworthy - Room #212

Young Adult Co-ed Class // *Gospel of John* //
Collin McClure - Room #215

Median Adult Class // *The Book of Revelation* //
Dickie Davis - Room #202

Senior Adult Class // *More Than a SideKick* //
Layne Hutchinson - Room #201

Pastor's Class // *Gospel of Luke* //
Dr. Mark Crosby - Choir Room

New Member Class //
Bro. Sam LoBello - Room #102



Sunday 9:30 AM

Co-ed Class // *Book of Romans* //
Robert Poole - Room #211

Couple's Class // *Gospel of John* //
Todd & Sealy Pettavino - Room #202



Sunday Evenings

4:00 PM // **Co-ed Doctrinal Study** //
Layne Hutchinson - Room #202

6:00 PM // **Young Adult Group** //
Nathan Lott & Krist Norsworthy - FLC

Monday

9:30 AM // **Women's Study** //
Hosea: Unfailing Love Changes Everything (Sept. 9)

6:00 PM // **Men's Discipleship Group** //
Topical // Robert Poole's Home

6:30 PM // **Deeper Life Men** //
Explore the Bible // David Tate - Room #201

6:30 PM // **Deeper Life Women** // *Amos: An Invitation to The Good Life* // Jan Tate - Chapel



Tuesday

6:30 PM // **Discovering Daniel**
(1st & 3rd Tuesday) // Stephen Hebert - Chapel

6:30 PM // **Grief Support Group**
(2nd & 4th Tuesday) // Stephen Hebert - Chapel

6:30 PM // *The Power of a Praying Woman* //
Janette Clark - Room #202

Wednesday 6:30 PM

Co-ed Home Group // *The Book of Acts* //
Jim & Janet Setoudeh's Home

Worship & Study // *Who Is Jesus? (Apologetics)* //
Pastor Mark - Sanctuary

Thursday

6:00 PM // **Men's Play & Pray Basketball** //
Jim Otken - FLC

7:00 PM // **REFUGE Addiction Recovery** //
Sam LoBello - Room #201

Friday

5:30 AM // **Men's Group** // *Book of Acts* //
Jim Otken - Room #202

6:00 PM // **Co-ed** // *Book of Hebrews* //
Robert Poole - Room #202

Second Saturday of Each Month

7:30 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast & Study //
One at a Time: The Life and Ministry of Jesus //
Sam LoBello - Room #202



HOSEA

UNFAILING LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING

LIVE OOK Ladies

7-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

BEGINNING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
AT 9:30A IN THE CHAPEL

LED BY MALLORY WILLIAMS

CHILDCARE PROVIDED
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

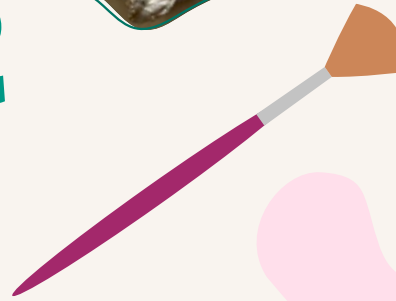


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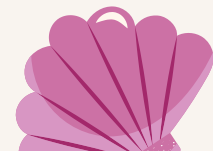


Sep.
20th

at
6:30 PM

FLC | REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED | \$10/PP

each person will make two oyster shells
bring a snack to share with others





from the PASTOR'S DESK



In the past few weeks, we have been so blessed by the response of so many to join Live Oak Church, to follow Jesus, and to be baptized as children of God. This has been such a wonderful, meaningful, and fruitful time in the life of our church.

This summer was a time of renewed vision, commitment, and involvement as so many have joined us, served alongside us, and simply sought to grow in God's grace and truth.

We are so honored and humbled by the outpouring of God's Spirit in the lives of so many.

As we begin a new season, we look forward to new opportunities to serve and challenges to overcome as we continue to grow and expand the ministry of the church.

One of the principles I have learned in life is to be aware of the details, the "little things" in life.

I love the line by the late, great John Denver,

who said, "It's the little things that make a house a home." This is so true—it is the little things that impact our faith, our relationships, our attitude, and our life in general.

What are some of the little things that have influenced you? A kind word, a rude remark, a thoughtless act, a gracious moment, a sincere word placed at the right time?

Little things really do add up and make a difference in our lives.

In the month of September, as we watch the political ads, listen to the debates, go back to school, go to the ball games, and watch what happens to our world, we will discover that, in many cases, it's the little things that really do matter.

So come see us in September as we preach the series, "It's the little things that make the difference," as we explore the book of 1st Samuel, a great prophet of God who God used during one of the darkest periods of Israel's history. Samuel called the people to

a revival of the true worship of God and was the prophet who became the "Kingmaker."

*IT'S THE
LITTLE
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MAKE THE
DIFFERENCE*

As Samuel looked at the "little things" that made a major difference.

So come see us this Sunday as we look at the importance of the "Little Things."


Dr. Mark Crosby
Senior Pastor

IF YOU DON'T GET THIS YOU'LL STRUGGLE...

by Sam LoBello

For many of the 47 years that I have been a Christian I have been blessed to sit under solid Biblical preachers. Gerald Martin at Amite Baptist, Marvin Collins at Park Forest Baptist and now Dr. Mark here at Live Oak.

Each time I worship our Lord, and hear His Word proclaimed, I look for what He is saying to me. I continue to want to learn, for we never arrive down here.

I served with Marvin for 20 years. He used to say, *“John 15:5 is the centerpiece of the New Testament. If you don’t get this, you will struggle as a Christian.”* What was he talking about?...

John 15:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing.”
-JESUS

It is easy for us in modern day Christianity in America to accept Jesus and then get too busy to engage in a relationship with Him. Jesus desires a relationship with us that is real and personal. Scripture calls us to that relationship...

1. *“Be still and know that I am God”* -Psalm 46:10
2. *“My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow Me.”* -John 10:27
3. *“This is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”* -John 17:3
4. *“...but **one thing** is necessary. Mary has made the right choice and it will not be taken away from her.”* What was Mary doing? Spending time with Jesus. -Luke 10:38-42 (HCSB)

Why is Scripture’s call for us to engage in a relationship with Jesus so important? Well, let’s consider John 15:5...

“I am the vine; you are the branches: Those who abide in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing.”

1. The **vine** provides the nutrients and empowering necessary for a branch to bear fruit.
2. For this to occur the branch must *abide in the vine*. The word “abide” in the Greek New Testament means *to remain attached to* or *to continue in*. In the Hebrew Old Testament, it means to pitch your tent, or to *come dwell with me*.



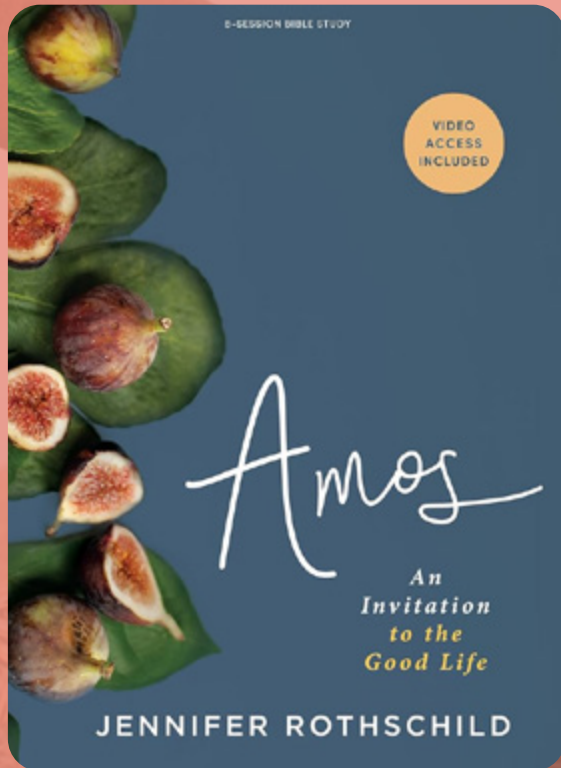
3. Jesus is calling us not to just accept Him and go on about our lives, but to continue in a relationship with Him, to remain attached to Him. Why? Because when a branch doesn’t continue in the vine it becomes dried out. It becomes a stick.

Kyle Idleman says of John 15:5... *“Life is not about production, it’s about connection.”* Early in my Christian journey I was caught in the *Performance Trap*. My focus was on going, doing, accomplishing and achieving. Those things can be good, but not when they have gotten to the point to where we no longer have time **to be** with Jesus. In all that doing I became burned out and frustrated. You see, healthy doing comes out of first having been with Jesus.

Jennie Allen says of Jesus’ call to our life in John 15:5 to abide in Him, to stay connected to Him in a relationship... *“Witness is the fuel of the Christian life.”* We can avoid burnout and our life can bear fruit. This will work for our own good and the good of others. It will also work to God’s glory!

Well, what about this **fruit** that Jesus speaks of? What’s He talking about? Jesus, out of our time with Him will begin to work transformation in our life. We will begin to reflect more clearly the nature and character traits of Jesus in and through our life. In Galatians 5:22-23 the Apostle Paul says, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”* These were the attributes and character traits that Jesus reflected when He walked on this earth in a human body. And when we stay connected in a relationship with Him, our life also begins to reflect those very same attributes and character traits!

Rick Warren says, *“I believe God’s number one goal for our life as Christians is that we become like Christ.”* It can happen. We can grow in Christlikeness, if we stay connected to Jesus in a daily...moment by moment relationship...as we do life with Jesus. If we don’t get this, as Christians, we will struggle. 🍇



DEEPER LIFE FOR WOMEN

**Amos:
An Invitation to
the Good Life**

**Mondays
at 6:30 PM**

**In the Chapel.
Led by Jan Tate**

**DISCOVERING
DANIEL
BIBLE
STUDY**

**1ST & 3RD
TUESDAYS
OF THE MONTH**

**DISCOVERING
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FINDING OUR HOPE IN GOD'S
PROPHETIC PLAN AMID GLOBAL CHAOS

AMIR TSARFATI
WITH DR. RICK YOHN

**6:30 PM
IN THE CHAPEL**

**LED BY
PASTOR
STEPHEN HEBERT**



ENGAGING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

by Trent Barnett


In our busy world, it's easy for our spiritual practices to be confined to Sunday mornings. Yet God desires His followers lead a lifestyle of worship, integrating our faith into every aspect of our life (Rom. 12:1). Worship is more than singing songs, or attending services. A worship pastor once said, "we are not called to make music; we're called to make disciples." The goal in worship is for believers to grow in Christ, and activate their faith by getting involved in the local church. Growth in the faith doesn't happen from a stage; it happens up close, and in relationship with other believers.

Our faith in Christ is to be the foundation on which our lives are built. Worship should lead to a deeper relationship with the Lord through Bible study, serving others, and being in community with like-minded believers. These help your faith get activated, and allows spiritual growth to take root in your life. Your relationship with the Lord grows from a once-a-week, check-the-box exercise to a way of life, defining your identity.

Engaging in the local church opens the door for opportunities to build genuine relationships with other believers. Our faith thrives on community. Participating in church life helps establish deep, meaningful connections with others. As you share life together - through worshiping, studying, and serving together - you create lifelong bonds supporting your spiritual journey. Other believers are close enough to notice, lift you up when you're down, pray for you when you're hurting, visit you in the hospital when things are difficult, or challenge you to look more Christlike in all things. These aspects of accountability and building one another up are essential to the life of a believer (Prov. 27:17; 1 Thess. 5:11).

At Live Oak, we have many opportunities to get involved in the church beyond Sunday morning. There are dozens of Bible studies throughout the week, service projects to help in our community, as well as weekly ministries to volunteer in and serve the Lord. One of those is Worship Ministry. A worship leader uses music and lyrics to point people to Jesus. But as Louie Giglio has said, "we are not offering a show; we're holding out a Savior." The melodies we use and the lyrics we sing are simply vehicles to point people to Jesus.

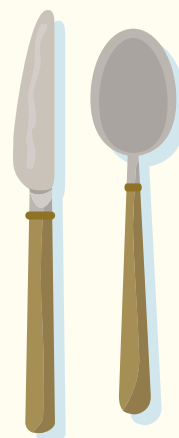
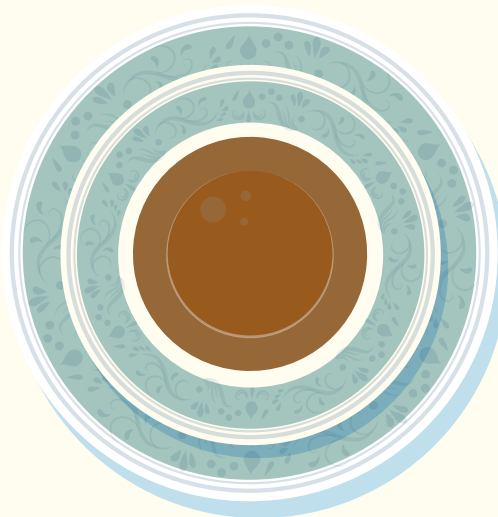
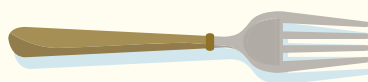
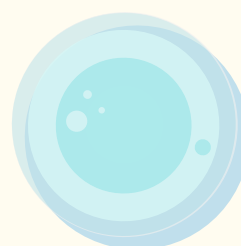
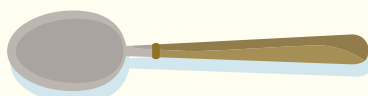
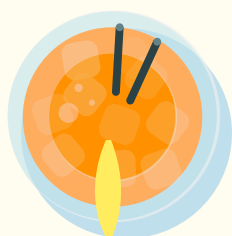
If you have a heart for the Lord, and want to use your talents to help others pursue Him, I'd love to hear from you! We have several opportunities to get involved - whether on Sunday or midweek, whether you're a singer, musician, or both. Our team also operates with a rotation model, giving volunteers opportunities to serve, while balancing that with opportunities to worship alongside your family and be spiritually filled. If you'd like to know more, email me at trent@liveoak.church so I can get to know you, and find the best place to connect you in serving the Kingdom!

Whether it's Worship Ministry, or another area of the church, get plugged in to serving the Lord. Making your relationship with the Lord an active part of your life helps transform your faith from a Sunday practice into a way of living. As you engage more fully in the work of Christ, you'll find your faith becomes an essential part of your identity. 

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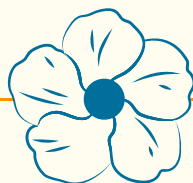
STUDENTS & FAMILY

GUMBO NIGHT



WEDNESDAY

DINNER AT 5:15PM



OCTOBER 30TH

5TH-12TH GRADE

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Have you been visiting Live Oak Church? Considering becoming a member? We have a New Members Class just for you! This class begins the first Sunday morning each month at 8:45 and ends on the fourth Sunday. In these four sessions you will encounter life changing truths and learn more about Live Oak Church. You will look at Salvation in 3-D, learn to Enhance Your Relationship With God, Examine the Stages of Spiritual Growth and Discover Your Spiritual Gifts. This class meets in Room #102 and recycles each month. You can sign up for our New Members Class at the Information Desk. We look forward welcoming you into our Live Oak Church Community of Faith!

GROWING GODLY KIDS: FUN & PRACTICAL WAYS TO INSTILL CHRISTIAN VALUES

by Faith Storck

Raising children with strong Christian values is an adventure filled with joy, challenges, and countless opportunities to grow together in faith. As parents, our goal is to help our kids reflect Christ's character and live according to biblical principles. Here are some fun and practical ways to instill these values and weave faith into your family's daily life, all backed by Scripture.

1. BE THEIR FAITH ROLE MODEL

Kids learn a lot by watching their parents, so let them see your faith in action every day!

- Scripture: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)
- Try This: Show them how you pray, read the Bible, and make decisions based on your faith. They'll learn a lot from your example!

2. MAKE PRAYER A FAMILY AFFAIR

Prayer is a cornerstone of a Christian's life, so make it a regular part of your family's routine.

- Scripture: "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- Try This: Create a family prayer jar where everyone can add their prayer requests. Pull out a few each day and pray for them together.

3. DIVE INTO THE BIBLE TOGETHER

The Bible is our guidebook for life, so make it fun and engaging for your kids.

- Scripture: "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Try This: Use colorful children's Bibles, Bible storybooks, or even act out stories with costumes and props. Make Bible time exciting!

4. USE EVERYDAY MOMENTS FOR TEACHING

Everyday moments are perfect for teaching your kids about God's love and principles.

- Scripture: "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
- Try This: Turn car rides, bedtime, and meal times into opportunities

for faith talks. Discuss how Bible lessons apply to real-life situations they face.

5. ENCOURAGE A HEART FOR SERVICE

Serving others helps kids develop compassion and learn to put others first.

- Scripture: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16)
- Try This: Plan family service projects, like baking cookies for neighbors, volunteering at a local charity, or creating care packages for those in need.

6. CULTIVATE GRATITUDE

Teaching gratitude helps kids appreciate their blessings and see God's hand in their lives.

- Scripture: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- Try This: Start a gratitude wall where everyone can add sticky notes with things they're thankful for. Review them together during family time.

7. CREATE A LOVING HOME ENVIRONMENT

Kids thrive in a home filled with love, support, and encouragement.

- Scripture: "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins." (1 Peter 4:8)
- Try This: Have regular family game nights, movie nights, or just spend time together doing fun activities. Show them that home is a place where they are loved unconditionally.

Raising kids with strong Christian values is an exciting journey filled with joy, faith, and love. By living out your faith, engaging in family prayer and Bible study, and creating opportunities for service and gratitude, you can help your children grow into Christ-like individuals. Remember, the seeds you plant today will bear fruit in their lives as they grow. Enjoy this adventure and trust that God is guiding you every step of the way, helping you nurture the next generation of His followers. Let's embrace this joyful journey of faith-filled parenting together! 🌱

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN HELPING MEN BE MEN



Sept. 14
Men's Prayer Breakfast
"One at a Time"



Our next study,
"This Is the Day,"
Oct. 12
Men's Prayer Breakfast

REFUGE

Support. Instruction. Accountability.

“Taste and see the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.”

Psalm 34:8



Thursdays at 7 PM

**STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION?
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.
WE MEET IN ROOM #201.
COME JOIN US!**



the family answer man

with Dr. Mark Crosby & Pastor David Orges

6 INSIGHTS INTO ANGELS & DEMONS

Taken from Episode 108

Welcome to the Family Answer Man, where we address your questions about family dynamics from a Biblical perspective. In Episode 108, Dr. Mark and Pastor David delve into the topic of angels and demons and their impact on our lives and families.

1. ANGELS AND DEMONS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Angels and demons are not just supernatural concepts; they impact our daily lives and family dynamics. Many people have reported experiences they attribute to angelic or demonic interventions, often during pivotal moments. Whether it's a miraculous escape or a chilling encounter, these beings play an unseen role in our world.

2. ANGELS IN SCRIPTURE

The Bible references angels extensively, with 34 out of 66 books mentioning them. Angels are mentioned 275 times, from Genesis to Revelation. Their roles range from messengers and protectors to participants in key biblical events, like the birth of Jesus. This scriptural foundation affirms their significance in the spiritual realm.

3. THE NATURE OF ANGELS

Contrary to popular belief, humans do not become angels after death. Angels were created before the world, and they possess intellect, emotion, and will. They are incredibly powerful, with one angel in the Old Testament single-handedly defeating 185,000 Assyrians.

Their ministry includes proclaiming, predicting, protecting, and providing, particularly in the life of Jesus.

4. ANGELS IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

Angels played crucial roles throughout Jesus' life. They predicted and proclaimed His birth, protected Him during His childhood, and provided strength during His temptation and agony in Gethsemane. Even at His resurrection, angels announced His victory over death. Their involvement underscores their importance in God's plan.

5. DEMONS: FALLEN ANGELS WITH A MISSION

Demons, according to Dr. Mark, are fallen angels who oppose God's purposes. They possess intellect and are organized in their efforts to thwart believers. Demons can influence, oppress, and distress Christians, but they cannot possess them. Non-believers, however, are vulnerable to possession if they open themselves to demonic forces.

6. ANGELS IN EVANGELISM AND PROTECTION

Angels are actively involved in evangelism, sometimes opening doors or keeping demonic forces at bay. They also observe Christians' worship and prayers, supporting them in the spiritual battles they face. This unseen war between angels and demons influences the spiritual and physical realms, profoundly affecting our lives.

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A DROP FROM THE ALTAR

by sam lobello

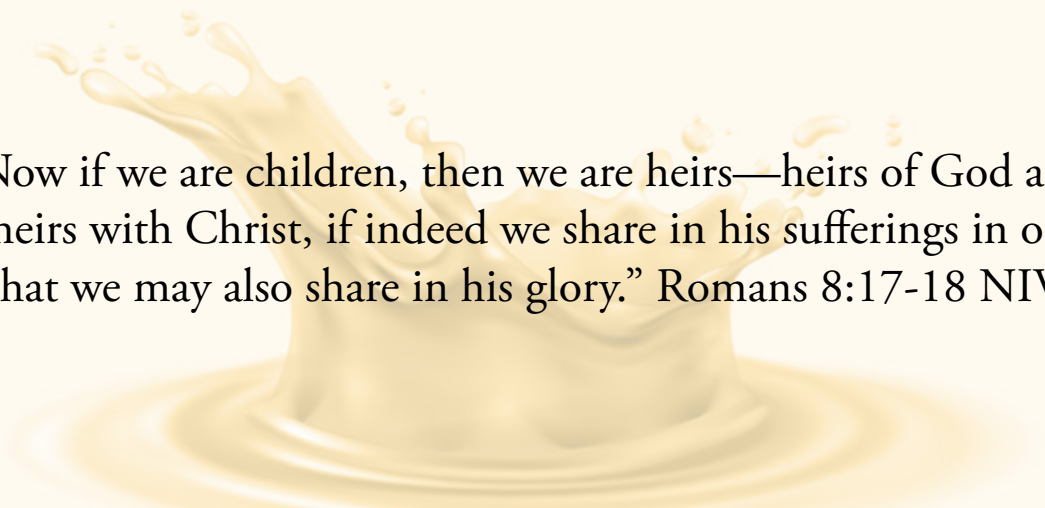
One of my seminary professors used to say to his class while teaching, “This is a drop from the altar.” He was communicating to his students that what he was about to say was important and may well appear on the next test.

As a result, it would be wise for us to remember it.

As I have journeyed through life God has given me “Drops from the Altar” from time to time. I have tried to remember them and apply them to my life. I will share one with you each month. I hope you find them to be helpful in your journey, as well.

“When we give our life to Christ, we become heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ. We get all that Jesus got!”

Martyn Lloyd Jones



“Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.” Romans 8:17-18 NIV

NURSING HOME SING MINISTRY



Join Us for a Special Time of Worship at Harvest Manor

Every 4th Sunday, a group from our Worship Choir gathers at Harvest Manor Nursing Home on Range Ave. to share a time of worship through hymns, Scripture, and prayer.

We meet at 3:30 PM and stay for about an hour.

This is an incredible opportunity to be a blessing and to be blessed as we sing beloved hymns like "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," and "Blessed Assurance,"

Come and be a part of this wonderful ministry as we bring joy and encouragement to the residents of Harvest Manor. Your presence and participation can make a meaningful difference.

Contact liz@liveoak.church for more information.

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, September 22nd

Sunday, October 27th

Sunday, November 24th

Sunday, December 22nd

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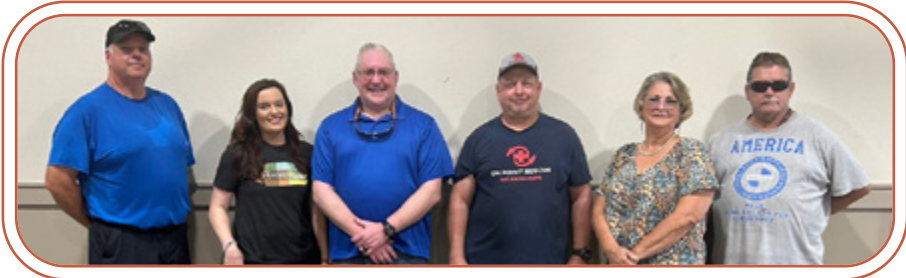
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Texas Mission Disaster Relief

by Stephen Hebert



Dear Church Family,

The *Missions Team* and the *Gloves and Disaster Relief Ministry* of Live Oak Church offer our sincere gratitude to those of you who have participated in our supplies drive in our preparations for disasters. We appreciate the outpouring of love and support and your concern for others. With the combination of Stine's gracious donation of buckets and our supplies and ministry funds that were graciously donated by many of you, these combined efforts have allowed us to attain buckets packed with cleaning items and supplies for disaster relief as well as hygiene kits that will be gifted to those in need when disaster strikes. To God be the Glory for you, his faithful servants!

On Wednesday, August 14, 2024, we delivered 110 Disaster Relief Buckets and 125 Hygiene Kits to Cleveland, Texas. The supplies will be distributed to people and families in the Trinity, Shepherd, and Coldspring, Texas, areas. In addition, we sent nearly 30 quilts donated by our own "Piecemakers" (Quilting) Ministry. Please pray that the recipients will be blessed and feel the love of our Lord through our heartfelt donations.

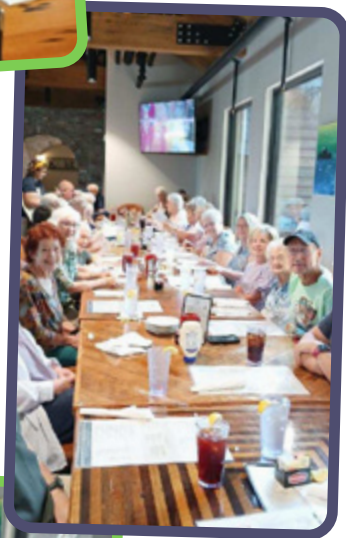
Thank you again for your generosity, your compassionate hearts, and your willingness to help those in need!

May God Bless You & Live Oak Church Always! 🌿





SENIOR ADULTS



Hey Senior Adults!

2 SAMUEL 22:31

"AS FOR GOD, HIS WAY IS PERFECT; THE WORD OF THE LORD PROVES TRUE; HE IS A SHIELD FOR ALL THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM."

His way is definitely good and true. We may not always understand the trials and the heartaches we are going through, but when we read His words, and we take rest in His presence to listen, we will see His great design that He has mapped out for our lives.

We had a great turnout for lunch at the South Plains restaurant in Zachary. If you missed it, I highly suggest you take a trip out there with friends or family.

Our next get together will be on Monday, September 16th. We are heading to the World War II Museum! We will meet at the church at 7:30 a.m., where we will ride in a 31 passenger bus. The cost is \$50 per person. This covers your ticket to get in, lunch, and a show called 'Beyond all Borders', narrated by Tom Hanks. Please make sure to sign up! Seats are limited.

If you choose to drive yourself, that is acceptable as well. The cost is the same, but you still need to sign up. The last day to sign up is September 9th. If you are a veteran, you and your spouse get a \$7.50 discount per person. Make sure to write on the sign up sheet that you are a vet.

Well, you have been asking, and we are finally doing it. We are heading to Natchitoches, Louisiana, for the Christmas Festival! The dates for this trip are December 5th through the 8th. We will be staying at the Fairfield Inn & Suites. The cost is \$350 per person.

This includes your hotel room, breakfast, and your ticket to the Mistletoe Market. Lunch and dinner are on you.

During this trip, we will be entertained by Christmas music from Northwestern State University, the Mistletoe Market, the Festival of Lights Parade, fireworks over Cane River Lake, and so much more. We will be riding in vans, which Jeff and myself will be driving. We have enough room for 20 people at the moment, but more can be added if we are quick about it. Rooms are running out. Please sign up at the Information Desk. We are asking for a \$100 deposit. The cutoff date for signing up for this trip is October 31st. 🍀

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