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# AUGUST 2024 | CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## 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: Completed 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 - 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 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

## EVENTS

### NEW MEMBERS CLASS

8:45am in Room #102  
4 Week class that restarts the first Sunday of every month.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

8:30pm in the Chapel  
Second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

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## church map



# ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

**blue = small group**      **red = large group**

## SUNDAYS

### Starting at 8:45 AM

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

**Young Adult Co-ed Class** // *Gospel of John* // Collin McClure - Upstairs FLC

**Median Adult Co-ed & Couple's 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

### Starting at 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 - FLC



## WEEKDAYS

### 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

5:30 PM // **Ladies Bible Journaling** (2nd Tuesdays) // Jenny Bauer - Room #202

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 (Aug. 20)

### 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 and Lesson** // Jim Otken - FLC

7:00 PM // **REFUGE Addiction Recovery Group** // 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



# CELEBRATING OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Gwen Bailey  
Jerry Blouin  
Keith Carlisle  
Renee Carlisle  
Jay Caruso  
Shannon Caruso  
Alex Chauvin  
Carson Cupit  
John Cupit  
Kelle Cupit  
Presley Delanoix  
Jesse Drinnon  
Karen Drinnon  
Wayne Eisworth  
Shane Farrow  
Joey Fauntleroy  
Gwen Garnett  
John Garnett  
Ashley Hebert  
Chris Holmes  
Lauren Holmes  
Courtleigh Hoth  
Brandie Hoth

Cody Lancon  
Morgan Lancon  
Kaleb Lancon  
Mark Lancon  
Sue Lancon  
Allye LeBlanc  
Araceli (Addie) Maldonado  
Chad Martin  
Jimmie Parker  
Frank Rizzi  
Jennifer Rizzi  
Jessica Semons  
Anna Shotwell  
Trent Shotwell  
Amanda Titone  
Cody Titone  
Ava Tomlinson  
Byron Tomlinson  
Dacia Tomlinson  
Caden Turner  
Sloane Turner  
Monica Vance  
William Vance





## from the PASTOR'S DESK



This has been an incredible summer, with record attendances at our Connect Camp, Summer Kids Musical, and many amazing camps, as well as the joy of so many baptisms. This summer, we also had our first VBS mission trip to Grand Isle, Louisiana. This small, isolated church has experienced many challenges over the years, from hurricanes to pandemics to repeated turnovers in leadership. Therefore, this little church has not had a VBS in approximately 20 years.

This summer has been a transformative period for our students, with new classes and studies enriching their understanding of God's grace, love, and His will for their lives. We are incredibly grateful for the support and commitment of our community, which has made all these blessings possible. We are truly blessed by what God has done this summer here at Live Oak.

As the summer break comes to a close and school resumes in just a few days,

new challenges and opportunities begin to emerge. One of the great challenges is sharing and defending our faith, as many seek to challenge our faith and the credibility of our beliefs.

The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 3:15, "to be able to give a reason for the hope within us and to do so with gentleness and reverence." We are called to defend our faith whenever the opportunity arises. I often ask whether you can defend your faith against the skeptic, the doubter, the aggressive challenger. Every day, someone in your circle wants answers about God, faith, and the Bible, and many are hoping someone has an answer to their question as they seek something to believe in during these difficult times.

This is why we are excited to share the upcoming series, "Defending Your Faith, During Difficult Times." This series is specifically designed to equip you and help you share and defend your faith when challenged, or when someone seeks answers to their questions about God, faith, the

Bible, and more. We believe this series will be a valuable resource for our community.

### *DEFENDING YOUR FAITH, DURING DIFFICULT TIMES*

I hope you will join us this month and bring someone who wants answers to some of faith's most challenging questions.

Hope to see you Sunday!

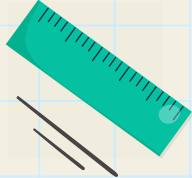
Dr. Mark Crosby  
Senior Pastor



# BACK TO SCHOOL

## SPIRITUAL PREP FOR KIDS

by Faith Storck



As the new school year approaches, we find ourselves in a whirlwind of preparations. From shopping for supplies to setting routines, there's much to be done to ensure our children are ready for the academic year. Amidst this hustle, it's equally important to prepare our kids spiritually for the challenges and opportunities they'll encounter at school.

Here are some meaningful ways to nurture their spiritual growth and help them start the year with a strong foundation:

### 1. DAILY PRAYER

Encourage your children to begin and end each day with prayer. This can be a time to express gratitude, seek guidance, and find peace. Praying together as a family can also strengthen bonds and set a positive tone for the day ahead.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." – Colossians 4:2

### 2. BIBLE STUDY

Incorporate age-appropriate Bible stories and lessons into your children's daily routine. Discussing these stories can help them understand moral values and how to apply biblical teachings in their everyday lives. Consider setting aside a specific time each week for a family Bible study session.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." – Psalm 119:105

### 3. ENCOURAGING A HEART OF SERVICE

Teach your children the importance of

helping others. Whether it's through simple acts of kindness at school or participating in community service, fostering a heart of service can make a significant impact. Encourage them to look for opportunities to be kind, compassionate, and helpful to their peers and teachers.

"Serve one another humbly in love." – Galatians 5:13

### 4. BUILDING A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Create a supportive and open environment at home where your children feel comfortable sharing their experiences, challenges, and successes. Regularly check in with them about their day and listen attentively. This not only helps them feel valued but also provides an opportunity to offer spiritual guidance when needed.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

### 5. AFFIRMATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Positive reinforcement goes a long way in building confidence and self-worth. Regularly affirm your children's strengths and efforts, reminding them that their value is not solely based on academic achievements but also on their character and actions. Encourage them to trust in their abilities and in God's plan for them.

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." – 1 Corinthians 15:58

### 6. SETTING GOALS

Help your children set realistic and spiritually enriching goals for the school year. These goals can include academic achievements, personal growth, and spiritual milestones. Work with them to create a plan on how to achieve these goals and regularly revisit them to celebrate progress and make adjustments.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." – Proverbs 16:3

### 7. INVOLVEMENT IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Ensure your children remain actively involved in church activities, even during the busy school year. Participation in youth groups, Sunday school, and other church-related events provides a sense of community and reinforces their spiritual education.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." – Hebrews 10:24-25

As we send our children off to school, let's equip them not only with the necessary academic tools but also with a strong spiritual foundation. By integrating these practices into their daily lives, we can help them navigate the school year with faith, resilience, and a heart full of God's love.

We are praying for all of our Live Oak Kids as they begin school and for a successful school year. 🌿



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BEGINNING  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18



MOTHER-DAUGHTER  
+  
FATHER-SON

BIBLE STUDIES

3-6 GRADERS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



# DAYS FILLED WITH WORSHIP



by Pastor Trent Barnett

Music has an incredible power to connect in meaningful ways. Andy Stanley says, “truth put to music penetrates the heart like few things can.” The truths we learn about God from songs become the lyrics we sing throughout the day. These songs shape our view of the world, and inform our response to the situations that come our way. Songs are the theology we carry with us. When painful times come, we often recall a song or a lyric that calms our soul, calling us beyond our present situation into a moment of worship. Scripture has hundreds of references and commands for God’s people to sing. Psalm 104:33 is one of those: “I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.”

My family often listens to worship music in the car or at home. When we do, I hear our daughter Caroline singing about the goodness and the love of God, about Him being our only source of hope. What could be better for her (or for us) to be singing about, for us to be carrying throughout the day? When she sings in worship, it pleases the heart of God. It also speaks to my soul, and makes me want to maximize those moments as much as possible.

With school starting back up, many families will establish new routines in their schedules. I want to encourage each of us to

leverage drive time with your kids. If you do carline, or have to drive your kids to after-school activities, these can often be seen as “throw away” moments. You have to wait in carline, and there’s not much else to do. Choose to reframe these moments as precious times each morning to help center your day on Christ. Listen to songs of worship with your kids, and ask God to lead each of you to moments of worship throughout the day. Over a week, 5 minutes each day can add up to a solid block of time. Over a school year, these short moments become new habits and routines that define your family’s rhythms and response, shaping your view of the God we worship. Our kids are watching the way we go about our day, taking their cues from the things that are important to us. Let worship of Jesus Christ be the greatest lesson they ever catch.

One of the great things about music today is we can find anything we want to listen to at any given time. We’re (thankfully) no longer stuck with whatever happens to be on the radio. Go to your preferred streaming site and follow your favorite worship leader, or playlists of your favorite worship songs. No matter your preference or style, there is a wealth of content available for you. Let the songs that fill your day be uplifting songs of God’s truth and love. Let our days be filled with worship. 🍃



LIVE OAK Ladies  
BEGINS AUGUST 20

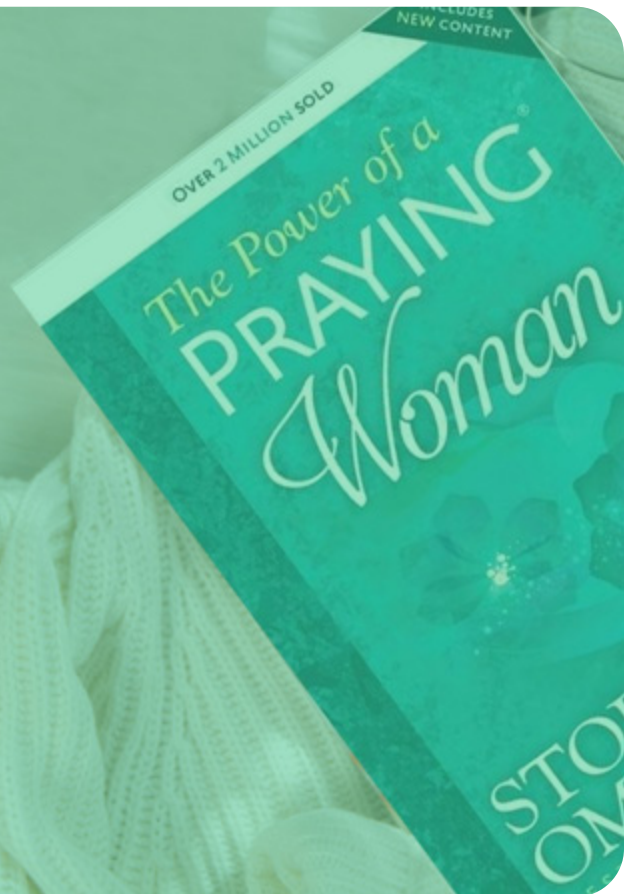
*Ladies Tuesday Evening  
Bible Study*

6:30P  
CONFERENCE ROOM

*Registration Required*

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*Led by Jeanelle Clark*



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## HELPING THE MOST HELPLESS AMONG US

We will meet in the Chapel at 6:30pm on Thursdays beginning on August 15th 2024 with the last class on November 7th 2024

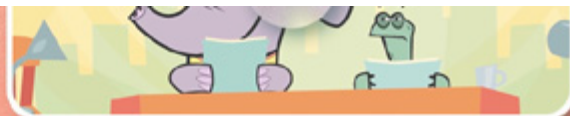
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# SA SENIOR ADULTS

Matthew 8:26

And He saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Storms, or what we may refer to as chaos in our lives, is sometimes necessary. The storms we weather say a lot about our walk with Christ. Are we firmly rooted, or can we be taken swiftly by the winds? Sometimes weathering the storm is the way to finding and appreciating greater gifts that God has in store for us.

We had a great turnout for the 4th of July. Thank you everyone for your help either in setting up, serving, picking up, or all of the above.

Our next outing will be to South Plains Food Company in Zachary. The address is 1605 Mount Pleasant-Zachary Rd, Zachary LA 70791. Their phone number is 225-286-3430. We will meet at 11 o'clock on August 6th. Please sign up so we can give them a rough estimate of how many are going.

Our next small trip will be Sept. 16th to the WWII Museum. More info to come; however, we only have 30 spots available on the bus. Please sign up by Sept. 9th. The cost is \$50pp. This covers your entry fee and lunch.

We are heading to Natchitoches LA on December 5th – 8th. The cost is \$350pp. Text me if you wish to join us. More info to come. 🌿





# MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN HELPING MEN BE MEN



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST, Saturday, August 10, 7:30 AM in Conference Room. Topic of Study: *The Life and Ministry of Jesus...One at a Time*

FRIDAY

AUG 16

6:30 PM

LIVE OAK Ladies  
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REQUIRED



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TO SHARE  
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# REFUGE

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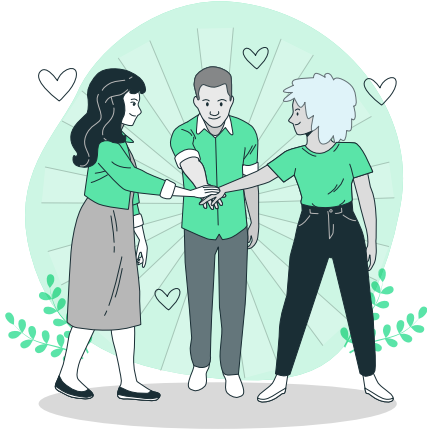
**“Taste and see the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.”**

*Psalm 34:8*



**Thursdays at 7 PM**

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



# LIVE OAK MISSIONS

Dear Church family,

The Missions Team and the Gloves and Disaster Relief Ministry of Live Oak Church would like to 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 300 buckets that will be packed with cleaning items and supplies for disaster relief and approximately 300 hygiene kits that will be gifted to those in need when disaster strikes! To God be the Glory for you, his faithful servants!

We are planning to send 100 disaster relief buckets and 100 hygiene kits to Texas to help the families affected by the recent hurricane. Please pray that the recipients will be blessed and feel the love of our Lord through our 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! 🌿





# HELPING THE MOST HELPLESS AMONG US

It's been over half a year since our last article on this ministry. Thank you all for your patience. The material drive last fall was a great success, thanks to the generosity of our congregation, and especially thanks to the Lord! In June, we learned that Family Village would be able to put our resources to great use, so we donated our collected baby supplies to them. Please pray that Family Village is able to use these resources well, to serve their foster care and other clients.

We on the leadership team have been hearing from various people over the last 7 months; people really want to do something to help out. We appreciate that, and feel this way ourselves. It can be frustrating to “hurry up and wait”, as the saying goes. We desire to do something tangible, and see results, with women and men turned away from abortion and loose living, and toward the Gospel of Jesus Christ; bearing the fruit of a healthy, God and family focused lifestyle – and saving unborn lives. We've met as a core group a couple of times during these past 7 months, discussed and prayed in smaller settings, and we are now preparing for the next step of starting a small group to take a deeper dive. A big part of helping others, is being equipped.

Care Net is a national network of over a thousand life-affirming pregnancy resource centers and clinics. Care Net has spent several years helping churches develop a “Pro Abundant Life” vision, which is Gospel centered, and emphasizes God's design for marriage, family, and church community, in addition to the “core pro-life” position on

abortion. They have developed a 12-week curriculum for church small groups, Making Life Disciples, to equip people in the church to offer “help, hope, and discipleship to anyone facing a pregnancy decision” (oft-repeated quote in their literature and other media). We recently made the decision to move forward, to start a new small group to go through this curriculum. Additionally, we will have help from the Care Net church engagement staff as we go through this together.

We plan to launch it on Thursday, August 15, in the Chapel, from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. We encourage others to join us in this study!

We plan to meet weekly: watch a video, have a guided discussion afterwards and read Scripture and devotional material to discuss during the session and to ponder throughout the week. Some of the sessions can be weighty, so if you are interested, pray for God's hand of guidance and strength. We will be praying for each participant as well. Please know that by signing up for this study, you are not committing to doing anything afterwards; though you certainly can!

We are also planning to do the Born to Run 5K and 1/2 mile fun run/walk again this year, to support Woman's New Life Clinic, a Christian, life affirming pregnancy clinic in Baton Rouge that we have partnered with over the past year. The event will be on Saturday, November 16, in downtown Baton Rouge. Registration will be available soon, hopefully sometime this month. We look forward to seeing a great group there! 🍌





# the family answer man

*with Dr. Mark Crosby & Pastor David Orges*

## DADS DEALING WITH DEPRESSION

*Taken from Episode 101*

### 1. ACKNOWLEDGE DEPRESSION AS AN ISSUE

Depression is as real of an illness as high blood pressure or arthritis. It's not some-thing to simply "snap out of." Recognizing its seriousness is the first step toward seeking help.

### 2. UNDERSTAND THE ROOT CAUSES

Depression can stem from genetic factors, life circumstances, significant changes, or internalized anger. Identifying the cause can guide appropriate treatment.

### 3. SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP

Therapy is vital. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) helps reframe negative thoughts, while reality therapy addresses unmet needs. Consulting a therapist can provide personalized strategies for managing depression.

### 4. EXERCISE REGULARLY

Physical activity is a natural mood booster. Walking, biking, or engaging in sports like pickleball can significantly improve mental health. Aim for 25-35 minutes of exercise, four to five days a week.

### 5. MAINTAIN A HEALTHY DIET

Proper nutrition supports mental health. Incorporate fruits, vegetables, and natural supplements into your diet while reducing processed foods. An apple a day might indeed keep the doctor away!

### 6. SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

Overcommitment can exacerbate stress and depression. Prioritize what's essential and learn to say no. Simplifying your schedule can alleviate pressure and improve mental well-being.

### 7. GET ENOUGH SLEEP

Quality sleep is crucial for mental health. Aim for seven to eight hours per night. If sleep issues persist, explore natural remedies or consult a healthcare professional.

### 8. FIND A SUPPORT GROUP

Surround yourself with a positive support network. Whether it's a small group, accountability partners, or friends, having people who understand and encourage you can be incredibly beneficial.

### 9. ENGAGE IN SERVICE TO OTHERS

Helping others can improve your own mood and outlook. Volunteer, assist a neighbor, or perform acts of kindness. Serving others provides a sense of purpose and fulfillment.

### 10. INCORPORATE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Prayer, scripture reading, and worship are essential for spiritual and mental health. Regularly engaging in these practices can offer comfort, guidance, and a sense of community.

By incorporating these strategies, dads dealing with depression can find hope and begin the journey toward better mental health. Remember, depression is treatable, and with the right support and practices, you can overcome it. For personalized advice, consult a professional therapist or counselor.

listen at [www.liveoak.church/media](http://www.liveoak.church/media)

## 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.

***"If your reputation were to bump into your character, would they recognize each other?"***

Dr. James Merritt



# HOSEA

UNFAILING LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING

LIVE OAK Ladies

7-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

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

LED BY MALLORY WILLIAMS

CHILDCARE PROVIDED  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED





A Service Ministry of Live Oak Church

Established in 2005

## THE GLOVES MINISTRY & DISASTER RELIEF

by Pastor Stephen Hebert

In the summer of 2005, a group of Church members from Live Oak Church got together and went on a Volunteers In Mission (VIM) trip to Mexico just after hurricane Emily had passed through. Our team was comprised of just five men and three women, and we packed up and headed out hoping to make a difference anyway we could. We were faced with many obstacles, and the following were just a few:

- We had a two day time constraint.
- We had limited supplies and a small budget.
- We had an extensive project to accomplish.
- We had no experience working together as a team, and we had all come from a variety of different backgrounds.
- And the biggest hurdle we had in front of us, was out of the eight of us, not one of us knew how to speak Spanish, and we were deep in Mexico without an interpreter! Our interpreters were reassigned to the border to handle issues regarding shipments of supplies for hurricane relief headed to the hardest hit areas. We were on our own, but God.

Despite all of the obstacles we faced, we worked together as a team, we utilized everyone's gifts in very specific and special ways, and we persevered to the very end. When we had finished:

- We had developed strong friendships and enjoyed thorough fellowship.
- We worked together as a strong, capable team where everyone could shine the love of God.
- We walked away with a strong and curiously interesting, fulfillment from serving God and serving His people.
- And we probably built the three strongest, wooden walls in all of Mexico!

At that point in my life, I had served in a handful of settings, but this particular mission was unlike the others. Each of us walked away with a new testimony. Each of us came home different than who we were when we had originally arrived there. We accomplished everything we had set out to do with just eight people, made up of men and women from totally different backgrounds and having totally different experiences. Imagine what we could accomplish if our Church members were involved in a ministry like this at home? Right here in Watson? Right here in Livingston Parish?



It wasn't long after this trip, in August of 2005, the GLOVES Ministry was birthed at Live Oak Church, and since, it has blessed hundreds of lives! The ministry hasn't just blessed the people we've served, but even more so, the people who have served!

**Romans 12 : 3 – 8** describes humble service in the Body of Christ. The Apostle Paul writes:

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

There are three basic components to the structure of the GLOVES Ministry:

- **Projects** (People in Need)
- **Volunteers** (The Servants)
- **Funding** (Offerings to the Ministry)

With these three things, we can accomplish our mission which is to bring Glory to God by helping His people that are in need. We have established a Church In-reach and Community Outreach ministry designed to address virtually any need.

### **Projects (People in Need)**

Whether it be Disaster Relief or a need from your neighbor down the street, the GLOVES Ministry may be able to help! Referring people in need to the ministry is easy. If you or if someone you know is sick, disabled, suffering or just unable to do something, then they can be a Project Referral.

Visit the Church website at [www.liveoak.church/missions-outreach](http://www.liveoak.church/missions-outreach) and there you can fill out the Project Referral Application and submit it to the GLOVES Ministry at Live Oak Church.

This is the criteria we use when determining if we are able to accept and complete a Project Referral.

### **PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- **Job Description**
- **Extent of Workload**
- **Geographic Location**
- **Number of Team Members Required**

- **Number of Team Members Available**
- **Cost of Items / Materials**
- **Availability of Funds**
- **Priority**

*GLOVES bases project selection by the criteria listed above. GLOVES does not discriminate against any project by social class, race, ethnic background, or religion.*

### **Volunteers (The Servants – YOU!)**

If you are interested in volunteering with the GLOVES Ministry and our Disaster Relief Team visit the Church website: [www.liveoak.church/missions-outreach](http://www.liveoak.church/missions-outreach) and there you can fill out the Volunteer Application.

*\*You must be 18 years old or older in order to volunteer unless you are accompanied by a parent or guardian to the projects. There will be projects that will involve youth, and youth may attend those projects without a parent or guardian with written permission from their parent or guardian.*

### **GLOVES is a Team of individuals who are:**

- **Giving** their time
- **Living** the life that God intends
- **Obedying** His word
- **Venturing** into the community
- **Embracing** the needs of others
- **Serving** His people

### **Contributions (Offerings to the Ministry)**

We have a financial fund established at Live Oak Church for direct contributions to support the GLOVES Ministry and Disaster Relief. If you are interested in supporting the Ministry, all you have to do is designate your offering to the GLOVES fund.

### **Ephesians 2 : 8 – 10**

*<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Just as years, decades and even centuries have passed, God is still preparing good works for Us (His people) to do. We are His handiwork! We were created in Christ Jesus to do good works for Him! God has prepared and is right now preparing opportunities for you to serve! Join with your brothers and sisters in Christ at Live Oak Church and let's make a lasting difference for the Kingdom! Whether it be Disaster Relief in Louisiana or the Gulf Coast, or one of the local projects right here in Watson or Livingston Parish, I look forward to serving and making a difference right alongside with you! 🍀

# meet our team

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Executive Pastor



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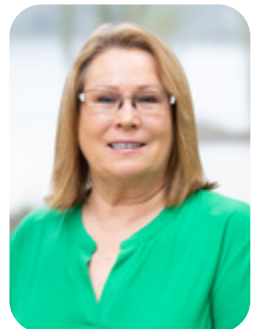
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Manager



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Treasurer



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Secretary

Coming together from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences, our skilled team of pastors and ministry professionals are the backbone of Live Oak Church. Their ideas and leadership help shape the direction and mission of our organization as we continue to grow.

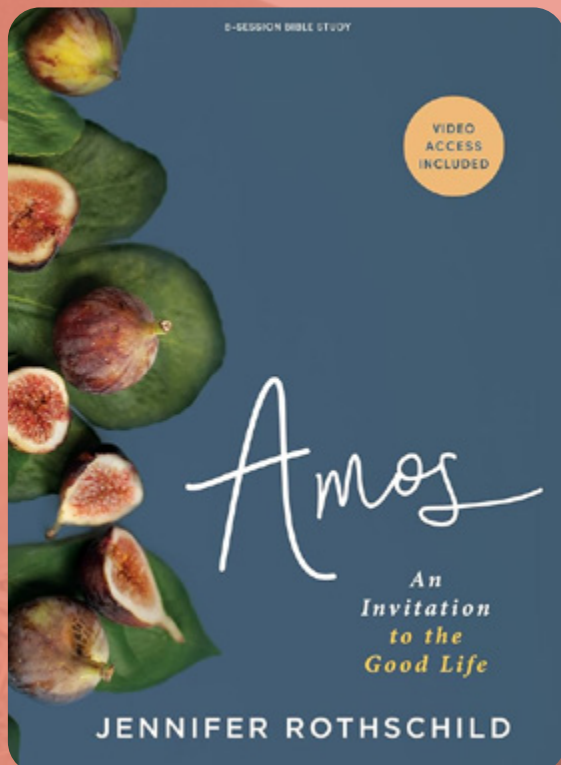


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Sunday, Aug 11th, is the first day incoming 7th graders can join youth services.

Wednesday Nights — 6-7:30 PM

Sunday Mornings — 8:45 & 10:00 AM



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