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Monday: 8:00am - 6:00pm

Tuesday: 8:00am - 6:00pm

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GET CONNECTED BY SAM LOBELLO

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK BY DR. MARK CROSBY



Hove the Easter Season! I love the warmer temperatures, the near perfect weather, and the beauty of the Spring. What I really love is reminding the world of the resurrection of Jesus! The resurrection of Jesus is the greatest hope for humanity as it brings life abundant and life eternal to all who believe.

One of the reasons I went into full time ministry was because of the call of God, to share with as many as possible the great hope of Messiah. I realized many years ago there are so many who do not fully understand just who Jesus is (Yeshua in Hebrew) and why He came into the world, and once we understand who He is and believe in Him for eternal life, how He changes everything.

In the month of April we will be looking at the Ministry, Mystery and Message of Messiah, as we explore Jesus as the creator of life, the redeemer of humanity and the victor over sin, death and the grave.

So come join us this Easter season as we celebrate life in Messiah and remind the world once again who Jesus is and the hope, and joy we can have in Him.

I hope to see you Sunday.

Mark C.



FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

s Christians, we value all Scripture. We know and cherish every word that comes from the mouth of God. Yet, there are some scriptures that are so well known, that almost everyone has heard them in some form or fashion; "Love thy neighbor," "It is more blessed to give than to receive," "Turn the other cheek," and "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you" are all prime examples. Ecclesiastes 3 is another passage that has permeated culture. Solomon wrote, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build..." These words are true, and a poignant reminder that although we may not always be ready for the next season in life, we must let go of what has been, and allow God to lead us into what He is doing in front of us; fulfilling the mission which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As old news clippings attest to, Watson was abuzz in 1950. Live Oak Methodist had just completed the construction of a brand new building. The new white building would replace the cherished 1893 church that had served this community for 57 years. The 1893 church was preceded by the pre-Civil War church that was destroyed, and rebuilt shortly after the war. Half a dozen church buildings and 150+ years later, Live Oak Church is blessed to have a deep and rich history of God working.

The old white building on our campus is that building built in 1950, and most recently housed our Thrift Shop and Food Pantry. In fact, the old white building has undergone a number of iterations, and housed many different ministries. Originally constructed to serve as a Sanctuary for worship, it hosted fellowships, had education rooms, scouting space, the aforementioned food pantry and thrift shop, disaster relief distribution, and so much more. The old white building has been an incredible asset through the years to our church and this community.

Unfortunately, and with great regret, the time has finally come to allow the old white building to go with dignity. Due to a host of reasons - unsafe asbestos levels, black mold throughout the building, unsafe electrical wiring, new building standards, and many

other reasons - the building is no longer safe, capable, or viable for continued ministry use. Although this was a difficult decision, having been discussed for years, and by dozens upon dozens of committee members, taking action now allows us to properly dismantle the building with dignity and maintain the integrity of what this building stood for.

The site will be returned level to the ground when the project is complete. Special protocols will be followed for abatement and remediation of hazardous environmental factors present. After the full abatement and

remediation of the building, the church is planning to secure, as able, significant and meaningful pieces of the old building (stained glass, the cross on the top of the building, etc.) for display or use in future buildings. This will allow us to honor our rich past as we continue to move forward into the bright future God has before us.

We are reminded of Paul's words to the Philippians: "One thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead." God has great things in store for Live Oak Church, and we can all be excited to be a part of His work as He continues to use His people for His glory, and for the Kingdom of God.



A DROP FROM THE ALTAR BY SAM LOBELLO

ne 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.



"Jesus manages the tension of love, yet never condoning or participating in sin. This is the tension we are called to strive for." Mr. Mark Crosby

FOR GOODNESS SAKE, MAN UP! BY SAM LOBELLO



had been saved for 3 ½ years growing spiritually while being faithful to worship and Bible study. My second 3 ½ years, as a believer, I pastored a rural church in Springfield, LA. Next, I was called to be the Associate Pastor/Education/Youth at a Church in Baton Rouge.

I was attending my first Deacons Meeting ever. One of the deacons was speaking to our Senior Pastor in a way that I felt was disrespectful. Our Senior Pastor never lost his cool. Instead, he was patient, kind, gentle, loving and self-controlled.

I didn't want to make a scene in my first Deacons Meeting, so I said nothing. However, after the meeting I followed my Senior Pastor into his office and said, "For goodness sake, man up! Don't let him talk to you that way!"

My Senior Pastor responded with these words, "Sam, do you believe Jesus was weak?" I said, "No! He has all power and authority in Heaven and on earth. He's not weak!" My pastor then said, "That's right, Jesus is not weak, He is meek. Do you know what meekness is?" (As I was

pondering my answer he said) "Sam, meekness is harnessed strength. Indeed, Jesus was not weak. He harnessed His strength. He was meek. I came up in a family that could not often afford to buy meat. We couldn't afford a TV. So, what we did for a hobby was debate. As a result, I was constantly debating with my sisters, my mom and my dad on a variety of topics. I took debate at LSU. Sam, I could take those deacons and turn them upside down and inside out in a debate. But I choose not to, because I'm the one God has sent here to be the shepherd of this flock and I love them. I don't want to render harm to them. So, I harness this strength. Sam, don't you ever confuse my meekness for weakness."

Needless to say, this Minister of Education got an education that night. I have never forgotten that lesson. Sometimes the profound things our Heavenly Father teaches us is not in a classroom, but as we do life. How about you? As you do life what has your Heavenly Father been teaching you?

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BY FAITH STORCK



ADULT EDUCATION BY SAM LOBELLO



- SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS -

Starting at 8:45 AM

Pastor's Coed Class - Q & A - Choir Room Dickie's Coed Class - The Book of Acts - Room #202 Sam LoBello - New Member Class - Room #102 Wesley's Senior Adult Class - Explore the Bible - Room #201

Starting at 9:30 AM

Robert's Coed Class - Book of Romans - Room #211

Starting at 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM

5:00PM - College & Career: High School Seniors - Age 25 - Chapel 6:00PM - Layne's Doctrinal Study (Coed) - Room #202

- WEEKDAY SMALL GROUPS -

Monday - 6:30 PM

Jan Tate - Deeper Life Women - Chapel David Tate - Deeper Life Men - Room #201 Robert Poole - Men's Home Group - Robert Poole's Home

Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Grief Recovery Group - (2nd & 4th Tuesday) - Chapel

Wednesday - 6:15 PM

Women's Bible Study - Overcomer - (April 20th - May) - Location TBA

Thursday

6:00PM - Jim Otken - Men's Play & Pray Basketball - FLC 7:00 PM - Sam LoBello - REFUGE Addiction Recovery - Room #201

Friday

5:30 AM - Jim Otken - Men's Group - Zephaniah - Room #202 6:00 PM - Robert Poole - COED - Jeremiah - Room #202 MEN'S MINISTRY BY SAM LOBELLO



WOMEN'S MINISTRY BY JEANETTE CLARK & MALLORY WILLIAMS

LIVE OK Ladies





NIC ALLEN





le have been blown away with participation for our last few events. We have used our skills to make tasty charcuterie boards under the instruction of Fête au Louisiane. We have pounded our stress out and made beautiful Easter string art led by Faith. If you have not been able to join us yet, make plans to attend one of the exciting events coming up. Our next adventure will be a little more relaxing as we don our pajamas and watch *Overcomer* with Priscilla Shirer. That will lead us into a 5 week Bible study based on the movie. The bible study will take place on Wednesday nights, perfect for moms dropping off their kids for church. Feel free to contact us with any

questions. Make sure to check out our Facebook page for more information and pictures of our events. Look forward to seeing you soon!





SENIOR ADULTS BY LANDRA REED

Coming in September: Senior Adult Trip to the Ark



Departure: Live Oak Church 34890 LA Hwy 16. Denham Springs, LA @ 8 am

Day 1: Depart your group's location in a spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach and set off on your exciting trip! Tonight, settle into a comfortable en route hotel for a good night's rest. Day 2: Today after a Continental Breakfast, you'll arrive in your destination. Later that day, enjoy a relaxing Dinner and check into your accommodations in the Cincinnati area for a four-night stay. Day 3: Start the day with a Continental Breakfast before the big event you've been waiting for: THE ARK ENCOUNTER! Bigger than imagination, this life-sized Noah's Ark Experience will amaze you. Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. From the moment you turn the corner and the towering Ark comes into view, to the friendly animals in the zoo, or the jaw-dropping exhibits inside the Ark, you'll experience the pages of the Bible like never before. This evening, enjoy Dinner before heading back to your hotel. Day 4: Start the day with a Continental Breakfast before you head to The Ark Encounter's sister attraction: THE CREATION MUSEUM. Prepare to believe as you explore 75,000 square feet of state-of-the-art exhibits, full-size Allosaurus skeleton, stunning botanical gardens, petting zoo, and more. The state-of-the-art Creation Museum allows you to venture through biblical history. Tonight, enjoy a Dinner Party with Entertainment! Day 5: After a Continental Breakfast, you'll head to the CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER, a one-of-a-kind, multi-museum complex housed in Union Terminal, a historic Art Deco train station and National Historic Landmark. Your visit includes an admission to the Cincinnati History Museum, Museum of Natural History & Science, and an OMNIMAX Show. The Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater takes you to places you can only imagine, as you immerse yourself in epic adventures in the five-story domed theater. Afterwards, you'll enjoy a BB RIVERBOAT'S SIGHTSEEING CRUISE on the Ohio River. BB Riverboat's large vessel has both indoor and climate controlled seating, helping to ensure an enjoyable experience. This evening, enjoy Dinner before heading back to your hotel. Day 6: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before leaving for the Madame Tussauds Wax Museum in Nashville, TN. This evening, relax at your en route hotel.

Day 7: Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen and where your next group trip will take you!

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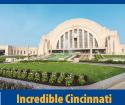
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SENIOR ADULTS BY LANDRA REED

SEMIOR

ADULTS

n Tuesday, April 19th Dixieland Tours is taking us to LaPlace, LA to visit the Kid Ory Historic House. Afterwards we will go to Frenier Landing for lunch. Frenier Landing Restaurant and Oyster Bar is located on the Western Shore of Lake Pontchartrain. We will depart from our church parking lot at 8:45 AM and should return by 2:30 PM. Cost to tour the Kid Ory House is \$15. Please be prepared to pay that fee when you get on the bus. You will be responsible for your meal. This will be a trip you won't want to miss!

CHURCH COOKBOOK BY LANDRA REED



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN APRIL

April 1st

Joey Weaver Hayden Tarver Jake Allain Ella Price April A Main

April 2nd

Beverly Thames
Bobby Allen
Shane Seals
Tallie Morace
Austin Peters
Taylor Clark
April 3rd

Brandi Watts
David Hetrick

Judy Chavers Madison Jarreau

Kristin Fritz Whitney Murphy

Vicki Arbour Dean Musfeldt

Heather Thibodeaux

Johnny Black Tammy Antle

April 4th

John Morehead Knox Fogle Colby Hilbert

Magnolia Thoroughman

Phoebe Landry

Amber Messina

Felicia Mitchell

Mckenzie Knippers

Jimmy White Bryan Leggett

Micah Morris

April 5th

Mallory Williams Katie Pourciau Marcia Arnold Margaret Elayne Garth Ramona Bitter Joshua Aguirre

April 6th

Jude Barker

Yvette Crutchfield Josie Holland Allison Taylor Linda Juneau

Shannon Messina

Ty Patt

Josie Allison Holland

Wayne Hairston

Payton Morehead

April 7th

Candice Seipp Donna Heinrich Cody Lott

Vada Gainey

vada Gamey Luke Long

Jacob Bordelon Toni Thompson

Beckham Bunch

Stacie Farrow
Pat Minton

Landry Ward

April 8th

Lisa Fresina Deborah Offner Devin Hayden

Ronald Wiese Brian Emrick

Robert Johnsey

Brad Price Alex Mohr

Jacob Lemoine

April 9th

Liam Jude Mayeux James Harbin Kayla Miller

Hudson Hastings Louis Martin

Hunter Rowe

Adelyn Williams

April 10th

Beau Dunn

Avery Bassett

Joseph Young Rachel Henry

Caleb Naul

Caleb Naul

Masyn Walock

Cynthia Sabogal Paisley Green Brandi Vickers

Tanner Tate

Danny Church April 11th

Addison Kiger Jimmy Holden

Madelyn Roshto

Ashlyn Roshto Sarah Bates

Kevin Roy

Al Tonquis

Travis Lavergne

Tyler Lathrop

Joselynn Bailey Jayda Bailey

Colt Richards

Madi Efferson

April 12th

Donnie Overheim Bryan Bueche Jordan Griffin

April 13th

Andrew Michael Tassin

Angela Gann Tina Bagheri

Lucas Wassan

Camille Kilpatrick

Jamie Griffin

Lisa Thames

Marin Price

Kristi Chenier

Parker Levy Jude Campo

April 14th

Keila Leblanc

Paisley Gremillion Brittani Lejeune

Pam Sharp

John Shirley

Maverick Torrance April 15th

Dylan Lee

Shane Sandefer

Hayden Brown

April 16th Carleigh Paline Lily Buchmann Theresa Rankin Kitty Vodopija Denver Goudeau **April 21st Bobby Annison** Alexis Hayes Steve Pritchard Michelle Bryan **April 27th** Elijah Lee Graves **Hunter Hastings** Sharon Soileau Dillon Wang Michelle King **Madison Price** Trent Hebert Paul Pendas Julianna Champlin Tyler Wall Diane Hutchinson Shelton Melancon Ryleigh Little Krystal Dees Jaycee Causey Dawson Rand **April 22nd** Austin Deville Christian Hall Cathy Bermes Devin Rachal Ridley Crnko **Brad Doss** Joy Smith Gabe Amorello Brandi Lea Braelyn May **April 17th** Louella Thoroughman **April 28th** Charles Powell Brianna Tullier Patra Easley Katelyn Landry Ally Reynerson **Dustin Smith** Giona Bourdreaux Nicholas Venable Cannon Tycer Addison Botos Jerry Johnson Loretta Beird Melina Cutrer Michelle Emrick Miranda Barcelona Donise Boscareno Darlene Blount **Brooke Bull** April 18th **April 23rd** Gabriele Troxclair **Austin Wood** Deakn Sibley David Compau Dawn Guidry Scotty Underwood **Grant Giles** Katelyn Lorio Jonnelle Johnson **April 29th** Shevis Ball Nicole Bondi Francis Gatechair Monica Buckhalter Billie Crosbie Mary Timby Conner Stanley Kassidy Montgomery **Embry Shaw** Houston Idler Jaelyn Moore Jennifer McClary Monica Hooge **April 24th** Gatechair Francis Wyatt Spring Donald Cotton Kenleigh Gillespie Charlie Hoge Julea Albritton Jasbayla Gillespie Mike Truax Joel Hughes Brenda Fagan Scharlet Daenen Natalie Robinson Trevor O'Neal Robert Desoto April 19th Cameron DeLaughter Stephen Hebert Cade DeLaughter Gerard Landry Ric Leblanc Ethan Bunch Blair Many Paula Chavers **April 25th April 30th** Madelyn Torres Halle Maxwell **Buck Johnson** Victoria Dixon Gabriel Mistric Carter Fabre Allan Danos Ric Leblanc Benjamin Haley Al Forbes Sherrie Dougay Jillian Schenk Cam Rote Joseph Bondi Kody Alexander Bambi Achord **April 20th April 26th** Inell Harrison Alaina Griffin Thomas Brown Paul Antle **David Jones** Olivia Turner

Connor Taylor

Cole Crenshaw

FAMILY EASTER EVENT



i Church family!

We'd like to invite our entire church family to join us for our Family Easter event at Live Oak Middle School on Sunday, April 10th at 4:00p. You don't have to have kids to come to this event. We just want a time of fellowship for our entire church family. All you need to bring is a blanket or chairs to sit on while you eat. We will have an Easter egg hunt for the kids and dinner for the family. We are asking our church family to drop off pre-filled Easter eggs to the church lobby in the next few weeks. Thank you in advance for making this event successful. We do need a headcount so we have enough food, so please register by scanning the QR code provided, by calling the church office, or by going on the church app.

Please e-mail faith@loumc.org if you have any questions.

April 2022 | Calendar of Events A TIME AND A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Worship Service

8:45 AM Children's Sunday School

8:45 AM Student Ministry:

Linda Johnson: 7-11th Grade - Upstairs in FLC Nathan Lott: 12th Grade - Age 25 - Upstairs in FLC

8:45 AM Adult Co-ed Sunday School Classes:

Pastor Mark Crosby - Choir Room

Dickie Davis - Room #202

Sam LoBello - New Members Class - Room #102

8:45 AM Senior Adults Sunday School Class:

Layne Hutchinson - Room #201

9:30 AM Co-ed Sunday School Class:

Robert Poole - Room #211

9:30 AM Children's Church

9:30 AM Axis 456 Preteen - Chapel

9:30 AM Worship Service - In-person & Livestream

10:00 AM Students 7th-12th Grade:

Jonny Carroll - Upstairs in FLC

11:00 AM Children's Church

11:00 AM Axis 456 Preteen - Chapel

11:00 AM Worship Service - In-person & Livestream

6:00 PM Doctrinal Study - Conference Room

First and third Sundays of each month

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

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM Worship Wednesday - Online

6:00 - 7:15 PM Kingdom Kidz: Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

6:00 - 7:30 PM Axis 456: 4th, 5th and 6th Grade

6:00 - 7:30 PM Student Ministry: 7th - 12th Grade

6:15 PM Women's Bible Study

Overcomer: April 20th - May

THURSDAY

6:00 PM Men's Play and Pray Basketball - FLC

7:00 PM Refuge - Room #201

7:00 PM Mid Week Worship - Chapel

FRIDAY

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

ADULT EVENTS

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

8:45am in Room #102

4 Week class that restarts the first Sunday of every month.

For more information email Sam LoBello at sam@loumc.org

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

6:30pm in the Chapel

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

For more information email Stephen Hebert at stephen@loumc.org

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Second Saturday of each month at 7:30am in Room #202.

Saturday, April 30th at 1:00pm under the FLC Awning. This is a free event.

Gridiron Men's Conference will be June 17th - 18th.

We will be departing Friday, June 17th at 8:00am and returning Saturday, June 18th at 8:00pm. Transportation provided by Dixieland Tours. Cost is \$175 with a \$50 deposit due by May 1st. Sign up at the Information Desk, on our Live Oak App, or email sam@loumc.org

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies Movie Night Out, April 8th at 6:30pm in the Chapel. Don your pajamas and relax as we watch Overcomer featuring Priscilla Shirer.

Must be 18+ to attend.

This will lead into a 5 week Bible study beginning Wednesday, April 20th at 6:15pm. Location TBD based on number of participants.

Use the QR code on the Ladies Ministry page (11) to register.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

September 11th - 17th will be our trip to the Ark. There are 48 spots available. To sign up for this trip you must call Landra Reed. A deposit of \$75 is due by May 11th to ensure your spot on the bus. The \$75 will go towards the \$699 for the trip. You may make payments instead of paying all at once if needed. All final payments are due by August 11th. For more information or if you would like to sign up, please call Landra Reed at 225-400-1687.

FAMILY EVENTS

CHURCH COOKBOOK

We are creating a church cookbook to share for many generations to come and we need your help. Sign on to http://liveoakcookbook.pythonanywhere.com, or scan the QR code on page (13). You may share a recipe for each category. There is also a section for your child's creations. One recipe per child please. This book will also be filled with history about our church, its people, and some of their favorite Bible verses. So please be a part of our history as a church family and share the recipes your family loves to gather around the table for.

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MEET OUR TEAM

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

PASTORAL



Dr. Mark Crosby Senior Pastor



Rev. David Orges **Executive Pastor**



Rev. Dickie Davis Associate Pastor



Rev. Stephen Hebert Minister of Pastoral Care

FINANCE



Jim Otken Treasurer

ADULT MINISTRY



Rev. Sam LoBello Director of Adult Ministries

COLLEGE & STUDENT **MINISTRY**



Rev. Nathan Lott Director of College and Student Ministries

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MOTHER'S DAY OUT



Trish Graves Children's Ministry Director



Faith Storck Children's Ministry Assistant



Ila Clark Mother's Day Out Program Administrator



Austyn Chopin Mother's Day Out Curriculum Administrator

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