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SUCCESS AND
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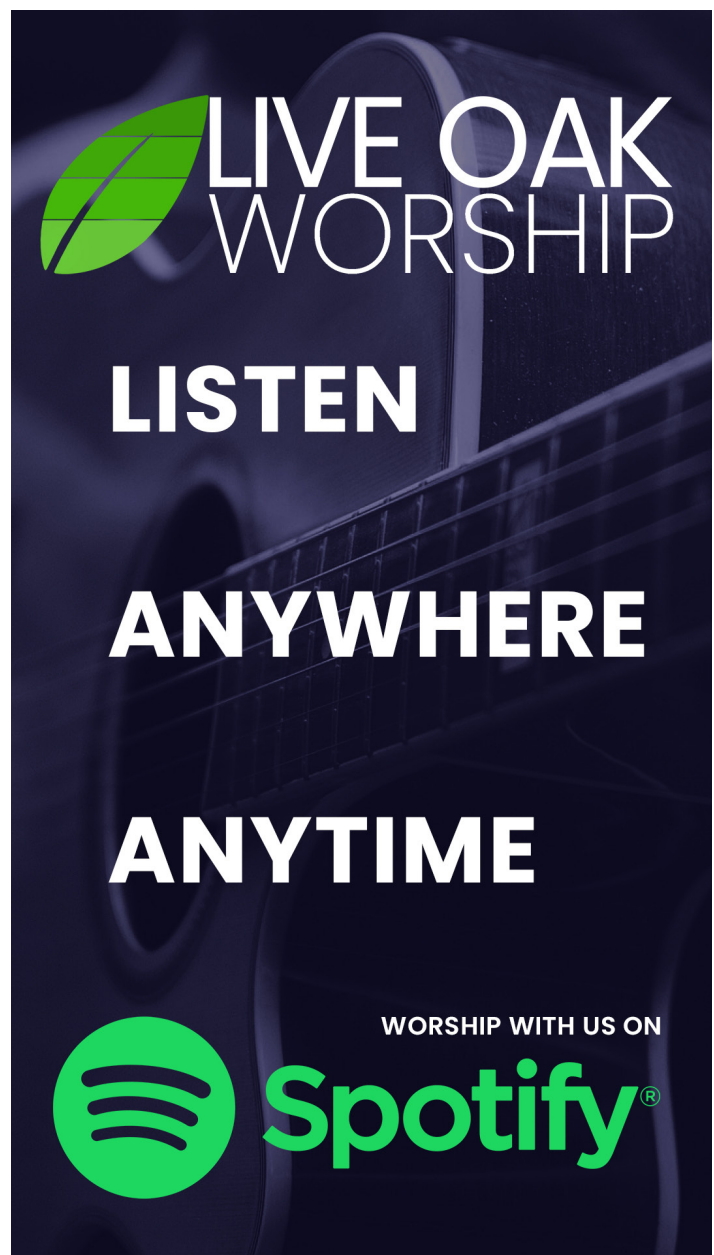
Monday: 8:00am - 6:00pm

Tuesday: 8:00am - 6:00pm

Wednesday: 8:00am - 6:00pm

Thursday: 8:00am - 6:00pm

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy New Year! These are the words we generally share after Christmas. The question I often ask is, how does that happen? How does one have a new year that is happy and hopeful? How does one keep the resolutions that many want to make as a new year begins? A better question may be, how does a person have a better or more successful year than the last year? What can we do different or better to make the new year more successful? These are all questions that we all ask at some time in our life's journey.

The Bible has some great counsel when it comes to these questions. In Joshua 1:8, the Bible says *"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and have good success."*

This promise from the Word of God is as powerful and meaningful today as it was when it was first written. Most of us would agree, had we meditated and applied God's wisdom to our situation in 2021, our circumstances may have been different (for the better) and our regrets would have been fewer.

The Bible is telling us that God wants us to be successful in our pursuits, goals and decisions in life and that the way that happens is when our choices are based on His Word. So come join us in the new year as we explore in January how God creates success, happiness and significance in our lives when we meditate and apply His Word to our situations as we begin the series, **"The Biblical Principles of Success and Happiness"** as we explore the Word of God together in 2022.

Hope to see you Sunday!

Mark C.



A DROP FROM THE ALTAR BY SAM LOBELLO

One of my seminary professors use 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.

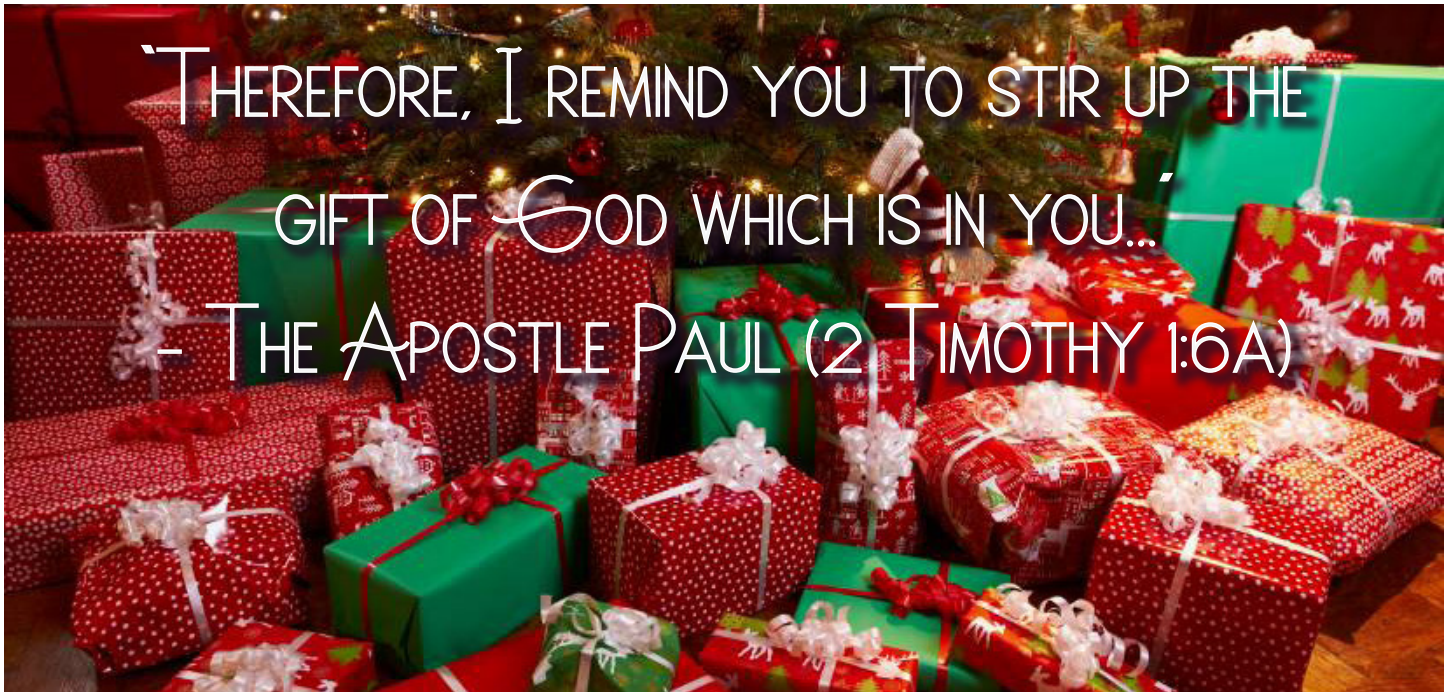
As I have journeyed through life God has given me *"Drops from the Altar"* from time to time. I have tried to remember them and apply them to my life. I will share one with you each month. I hope you find them to be helpful in your journey, as well.



"WHEN WE COME TO THE END OF
OURSELVES, GOD SHOWS UP."

- KYLE IDLEMAN

GIFTS BY SAM LOBELLO



Many of us gave gifts at Christmas. Sacrifices of time, energy and finances were made to purchase these gifts. We experienced the joy of giving as we watched our family members unwrap their gifts. Even more joy is experienced when we observe a family member utilizing a gift that we purchased for them.

God the Father gave us the greatest gift when He sent His Son, Jesus from the glory and majesty of Heaven to earth to purchase for us redemption, atonement for our sins and salvation. This gift involved an amazing sacrifice and was provided at a great cost. Our Heavenly Father desires that we receive this gift, that we accept Jesus. When we do, we are made right with God the Father. We are forgiven. We are declared to be children of God and given other gifts...eternal life and the opportunity to experience the abundant life here on earth. That's awesome! It brings Him great joy when we accept His gift and receive Jesus.

But our Heavenly Father is not done yet. He also provides for us spiritual gifts. God distributes to every believer at least one spiritual gift by

His sovereign oversight of our lives. Some of the spiritual gifts mentioned in Scripture are knowledge, wisdom, faith, healing, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretation of tongues, evangelists, pastors, teachers, serving, giving, encouraging, mercy, leading and hospitality.

Our Heavenly Father experiences great joy when we discover the spiritual gift(s) He gives to us. He desires that we open the gift(s) and that we are grateful for them. For these spiritual gifts are a result of His grace.

He experiences even more joy when He sees us utilizing the gift(s) He has given us. For you see, He wants us to utilize these gifts for His glory and in service of His Kingdom.

It is my hope that as we enter a new year, we might unwrap these gifts that our Heavenly Father has so graciously provided for us. They will help us accomplish the purpose for which God created us. God will be glorified. His Kingdom will be advanced, and we will experience the joy and fulfillment that comes from unwrapping and utilizing these wonderful gifts of God.

GOD'S MONEY AND YOU BY JIM OTKEN



The 2021 Annual Giving Statements will be emailed in mid-January. Please make sure your Pushpay account has your current email address. If you would prefer to receive a paper statement, or if you have a question, please email me at jim@loumc.org.

If you have moved, changed emails, changed cell phone numbers, or if your family structure has changed, please let the church office know so that we can update your member information. Having your current information on file will help us to minister to you and keep you better informed.

Even though we have accomplished much together this past year, there is still much to be done as we continue pressing on in our call to preach and teach the Word of God and to be a refuge and a lighthouse for our community.

We are grateful for your support. Thank you again for your generosity!

GET CONNECTED BY SAM LOBELLO

Considering Becoming a Member of Live Oak Church?

It begins right here!

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CONTACT INFORMATION

TODAY'S DATE

NAME

BIRTHDATE

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

EMAIL

PRIMARY PHONE

☐ HOME
☐ WORK

☐ MOBILE
☐ OTHER

☐ FIRST TIME GUEST

☐ RETURNING GUEST

☐ MEMBER OF LIVE OAK CHURCH

FAMILY INFORMATION

SPOUSE (IF APPLICABLE)

BIRTHDATE

CHILDREN (IF APPLICABLE)

BIRTHDATE

CHILDREN (IF APPLICABLE)

BIRTHDATE

CHILDREN (IF APPLICABLE)

BIRTHDATE

☐ I HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST

☐ I WANT TO JOIN LIVE OAK

☐ I AM INTERESTED IN BAPTISM

☐ UPDATE MY INFORMATION

☐ I AM INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY GROUPS

☐ TODAY I ACCEPTED JESUS AS MY SAVIOR

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BY FAITH STORCK



Up and Atom, our Wednesday night program for children in kindergarten through third grade, is in our second year of going through the Bible chronologically.

Each week the children learn a Bible verse that goes along with the story we are learning. After 12 weeks of lessons, I challenged the kids to tell me all of the verses they have learned so far this year in order.

Only two children accepted this challenge. I want to take a moment to brag on Blake and Olivia. Blake, who is homeschooled, is in second grade. Olivia goes to Victory Christian Academy and is in third grade. This is Olivia's second year to complete the verse challenge.

The verses they learn each week are not easy. They each came up to me and told me all of verses in order. No hesitation and no prompting. I couldn't be more proud of these two kids.

Please join me in congratulating Blake and Olivia on this accomplishment. Mrs. Faith is so excited to see the two of you reach this goal! We are so proud of you Blake and Olivia and that you are a part of our church family.



DOCTRINAL STUDY BY SAM LOBELLO

Foundational Doctrines of the Faith

Hold Fast To Sound Doctrine



Launches Sunday, January 2nd at 6 PM
Conference Room
Led by Layne Hutchinson
Bring your Bible

ADULT EDUCATION BY SAM LOBELLO

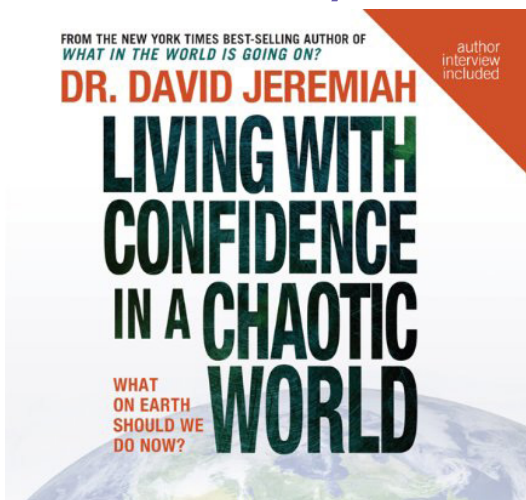
Bible Studies I'm Pondering for 2022



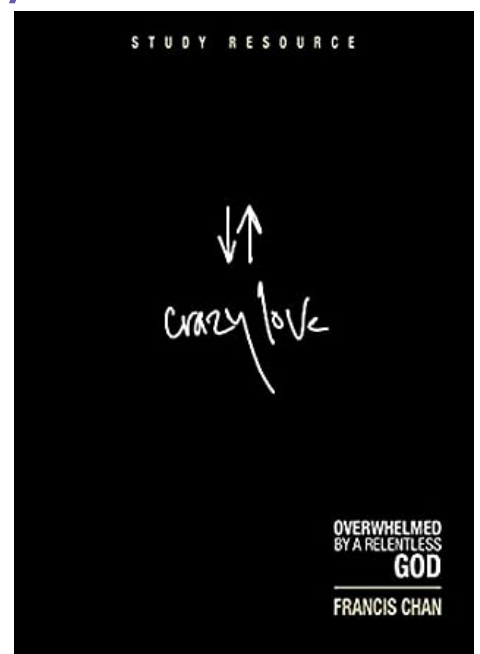
Perfect Love by Lisa Harper



Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World by David Jeremiah



Crazy Love by Francis Chan



If you have any other Bible studies you would like me to consider launching, please email me

sam@loumc.org

I will be glad to ponder them.

"BUT MARY TREASURED ALL THESE THINGS, GIVING CAREFUL THOUGHT TO THEM AND PONDERING THEM IN HER HEART." - LUKE 2:19 AMP

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BY JEANETTE CLARK & MALLORY WILLIAMS

LIVE OAK Ladies

Thank you so much for your support through last year! It's been so much fun getting to know everyone better and sharing our love for Christ. We look forward to growing with you and growing our fellowship in 2022.

The Christmas party in December was a blast. We loved that we got to celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus with good friends and with new friends. Thank you for your support with our food drive with Mighty Mom's in November. Y'all made the Thanksgiving holiday a little brighter for some families in our community. Be on the lookout for upcoming service opportunities!

Save these dates in your calendar! More info to come as each event gets closer:

February 18th:

Come and learn to make a charcuterie board with Feté Au Louisiane at 6:30 pm in the FLC!

Use the QR code to register.

March 11th:

String art project

April 8th:

PJ party and movie night

May 6th:

Cookie decorating class

Most of our events do require registration because we need to have enough materials.

If you need any help with registration, please visit the desk in the lobby and we will help you there or you can always call the church office and they can help you get registered.

We don't want anyone to miss out!

Love in Christ,

Mallory and Jeanette

LIVE OAK Ladies

FÊTE AU LOUISIANE

Join us and learn how to make your very own charcuterie board.

February 18 at 6:30p
FLC
\$20

Scan to Register

SENIOR ADULTS BY LANDRA REED



Looking at the past year we still had times the virus still put a damper on things, but all in all we had many events where we laughed, ate great food, played games, enjoyed each other's company, and celebrated life.

Now it's time to move forward and keep the past in the past. Let go of the things you did not finish and start fresh. We have a lot of exciting things coming up this year, starting with a lunch on January 17th in the FLC. Lunch will be provided, as well as drinks, but if you would like to bring a dessert that would be great. On that day we will discuss the plans ahead for the year. If you have places you would like to add to the list I will be sure to write them down.

Looking forward to embracing 2022 with you all.



THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION.
THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME.
- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022

FROM

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY

January 1st

Angela Meche
Jason Antle
Gabrielle Fitzgerald
Blake Johnson
Brandon Jolie
Shaina Young
Tyler Milano
Layne Barnum
Trish Tonquis
Jordan Worboys
Mika Bauer
Kaitlyn Couvillion
Kristin Wales
Ronald Brocksmith
Mona May

January 2nd

Alyssa Holden
Olivier Chenier
Adrena Devall
Maya Jeux Bond
Megan McDowell
Tyler Vickers
Tommy Bergeron
Callie Campbell
Peyton McCalla
Lucas Gates
Faith Gates
Presley Tarver
Addison Knight
Will Peake
Caidence Champagne
Tarin Milano
Joshua Hetrick
William Simpson
Jeff Wilson
Lilah Melton
Elliot Richardson
Billy Tholborn
Jennifer Breaux

January 3rd

Michael Mckey
Alex Shaw
Jace Johnson, IV
Stacy Easley
Yvonne Trcalek
Lucille Martin
Katie Devenney
Carolyn Hatcher
Frank Rizzi
Townes Betz
John Curtis
Claire Bynum
Paul Kimble
Bert Achord

January 4th

Alexis Venable
Blair Alexander
Alexis Venable

January 5th

Samantha Osburn
Georgia Papizan
Gavin Rockford

January 6th

Kyle Salpietra
Ben Parker
Wendi Lemoine
Lara Gardner
Stacey Lovette
Barbara Hart
Jesse Keesler

January 7th

J.C. Fresina
Jodi McCleary
Sarah Mestepey
Sylar Boyett
Dylan Doiga
Harper Risher
Jackie Guillory
Valarie Aucoin
Tim Truax

January 8th

Bryce McClendon
Christian Shaw
James Sanders
Vicki Brown
Hailey Knight

January 9th

Jordyn Madison Moore
Scott Landry
Adrienne Crumholt
Jennifer Lemoine
Josie Johnson
Parker Watts
Emerald Orges
Micah Hooe
Charlotte Sullivan
Jaci Bergeron
Adam Stoltz
Alexander Jumonville
Brandon Smith

January 10th

Brandon Smith
Brenda Comeaux
Donald Tyler
Halli Ward

January 11th

Raleigh Gill
Gail Williams
Leighton Rhodes
Rachel Roussel
Caitlin Rush
Jeff Williams

January 12th

Linda Holdman
E.S. Dunnam
Owen Bomar
Jezebel Hebert
Bret Lott
Reba Lockhart

Leighton Thomas
Ella Snellgrove
Wanetta Riegling
Logan Fossett
Burklee Bassett

January 14th

James Clark
Michael Signorino
Jason McKenzie
Lane Mestepey
Robbi Lewis
Matt McCumsey
Gabriel Ridgell
Meagan Stansbury
Denver Robinson
Trish Crnko

January 15th

Connor Dawson
Campbell Mestepey
Renee Hood
Brittany Runnels
Kasen Tuminello
Leah Stewart
Kimberly Grimes LeBright
Carl Griffin
Jacob Thomas
Maggie Justice
Kim McClure
Jacob Thomas
Jo Lynn Hegwood

January 16th

Bryce Martin
Lexi Brewer
Ronald Lemoine
Melissa Giering
Iris Cody
Olivia Duhon
David Brignac
Rene' Chedraui
Kelli Nolan
Jessica Plana
Dale Clark
Tyler Corkern

January 17th

Tess Schollian
Jackson Wade Roddy
Lois Wiese
Joey Brewer
Rhonda Goudeau
Casey Long
Gabriella Klug
Joshua Durum

January 18th

Jim Otken
Tyler Linder
Ethan Williams
Callie Maxwell
Sharon Rogillio
Terri Baker
Ray Lane

James McClure
January 19th
 Robbie Hancock
 Brandi Smart
 Rance Attaway
 Deirdre Creel
 Ally Frelich
 Megan Lathrop
 Roseanne Erwin
 Claire Findley
January 20th
 Rye Ledet
 Hillary Hicks
 Trey Ladut
 Noah Ledet
 Damon Bossom
 Emma Stanton
 Emma Catalano
 Matthew Desrosiers
 Braxton Couvillion
 Regan Marquez
 Rainey Price
 Dylan Schroeder
 Macaelyn Desrosiers
 Amelia Catalano
 Cara Marquez
 Jeremy Stanley
 Steve Easley
 Holly Wilson
 Breanna Allen
 Audrey Ferrand
 Ethan Clark
 Madelyn Muse
 Ethan Bousquet
 Izzy Kohler
 Isabella Muse
 Devin Gilliland
 Kailey Bauer
 Jaden Lawdermilt
 Breana Gilliland
 Holly Wilson
 Bailey Bryant
 Kennedy Roblin
January 21st
 Brody Bailey
 Linkin Tarver
 Sydney Lawson
 Renea Risher
 Gracie Lawson
 Molly Spring
 Eddie Hood
 Jackson Dougay
 Katie McKay
 Andy Rowe
 Charles Wascom
 Noah Rodriguez
 Samuel Woods
 Joey Fontaine
 Samuel Coniglio
 Olivia Chenier

Cassidy Newman
 Janae Delisle
 Jackson Arms
 Elijah Armstrong
 Isabella Champlin
 Noah Beckman
 Annie Belcher
 Parker Fasbender
January 22nd
 Patsy Martin
 Krista Adams
 Rowyn Guillory
 Laura Rayburn
January 23rd
 Emberly Runnels
 Laurie Brian
 Joy Lewis
 Jodi Rushing
January 24th
 Alexis Stokely
 Cade Delafosse
 Mary McCleary
 Annabelle Caine
 Leo Perry Seaman
 Nicholas Easterly
 Rachel Chavers
 Ryan Bowser
 Erica Wilson
 Brad Bordelon
 Allyson Williams
January 25th
 Gavin Ladut
 Everett Rydeen
 Emily Rydeen
 Charlene Fugler
 Ashley Roddy
 Stephen Valentine
 Shirley King
 Coralee Davis
 Jessica Bailey
 Noah Long
 Jenna Valentine
 Cinder Boudreaux
 Megan Campo
 Bethany Alexander
January 26th
 Isaac Ross
 McKenna Cook
 Sadie Taylor
 Gwen Marionneaux
 Clinton Villagomez
 Beaux Hodges
 Elizabeth Torres
 Rhonda Lane
 Darlene Landry
 Clinton Villagnez
 Lauren Sibley
 Kaden Tucker
 Alyssa Padgett

January 27th
 Grace Fabre
 Taysha Anderson
 James Lemoine
 Tasha Young
 Olivia Dunn
 Kirsten Beary
 Taysha Anderson
 Jennifer Blouin
 Joseph Thames
January 28th
 Ashley Santiago
 Alden Hooe
 Tim Oxley
 Shirley Smith
 Kayla Laird
 Dottie Kimble
 Holly Fortado
 Janet Williamson
 Bryan Robinson
 Kara Smith
January 29th
 Emily Meyers
 Asher Vincent
 Michelle Scivicque
 Terrilee Haley
January 30th
 Ashley Fogle
 Harper Fresina
 Brandon Gautreau
 Jared Pratt
 Breanna Allen
 Mary Stebbing
 Zavannah Champagne
 Carlisle Ruff
 Caroline Fernon
 Garret Wilson
 Larissa Prejean
 Emily Loper
January 31st
 Mia Carroll
 Mary Owenby
 Jamie Robertson
 Judy Cunningham
 Brittane McGowan
 Hope Alessi
 Brayden Martin
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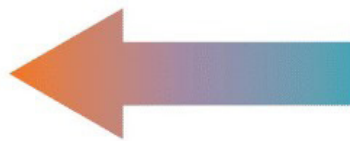
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January 2022 | Calendar of Events

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 and Student Ministry Sunday School
 8:45 AM Adult Co-ed Sunday School Classes:
 Pastor Mark Crosby - Chapel
 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 College and Career
 Nathan Lott - FLC
 9:30 AM Children's Church
 9:30 AM Worship Service - In-person & Livestream
 11:00 AM Children's Church
 11:00 AM Worship Service - In-person & Livestream

Last Sunday of each month:

6:00 - 8:00 PM College & Career Worship Service - Chapel

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 through 3rd Grade
 6:00 - 7:30 PM Axis 456 - 4th, 5th and 6th Grade
 6:00 - 7:30 PM Student Ministry (7th - 12th Grade)

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

February 18th at 6:30pm in the FLC.

Come and learn to make a charcuterie board with Feté Au Louisiane.

Use the QR code in the Women's Ministry article to register.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

On Monday, January 17th, we will be having lunch in the FLC at 11:00AM.

Drinks will also be provided.

If you would like to bring a dessert that would be great.

Sign up at the Information Desk.

There will be somebody there to show you how easy it is to sign up.

We will discuss the plans ahead for the year.

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



Trish Graves
Children's
Ministry Director



Faith Storck
Children's
Ministry Assistant

MOTHER'S DAY OUT



Ila Clark
Mother's Day Out
Program
Administrator



Austyn Chopin
Mother's Day Out
Curriculum
Administrator

WORSHIP



Rev. Trent Barnett
Director of
Worship Ministries



Seth Doiga
Music Director



Rev. David Easley
Assistant Music
Director



Danny Wilson
Audio Engineer

OFFICE



Linda Holdman
Administrative
Assistant



Kim Pamplin
Office
Professional



Thanette
Hunsberger
Office
Professional

MAINTENANCE



Chris Lacara
Maintenance
Director

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