

SMALL GROUPS | A DROP FROM THE ALTAR | SENIOR ADULTS | EVENTS

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THE
PASTOR'S
DESK

FOOTSTEPS
OF LOVE

WORSHIP
ON
MISSION

SERVING

CELEBRATING OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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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
 Sherri Gardner: K-3rd - Room #214
 Jodi Rushing: 4th - 6th - Room #213
8:45 AM Student Ministry:
 Nathan Lott: 7-12th Grade - Upstairs in FLC
8:45 AM Adult Small Groups:
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9:30 AM Children's Ministry - FLC
9:30 AM Axis 456 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 Axis 456 Preteen - 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 - Bible Prophecy: The Essentials

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Quilters Ministry - FLC
9:30 AM Worship Wednesday - Online
6:00 - 7:15 PM Kingdom Kidz: K - 3rd Grade
6:00 - 7:30 PM Axis 456: 4th, 5th and 6th Grade
6:00 - 7:30 PM Student Ministry: 7th - 12th Grade
6:30 - 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.
Email Sam LoBello at sam@liveoak.church

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

6:30pm in the Chapel
Second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
For more information email Stephen Hebert at stephen@liveoak.church

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Second Saturday of each month at 7:30AM in Room #202.

LIVE OAK LADIES

Chocolate Night
February 10



church
map



BIBLE STUDIES

Blue = Small Group | Red = Large Group

SUNDAYS

Starting at 8:45 AM

Young Adult Couple's Class // *Gospel of Mark* // Krist & Katie Norsworthy - Room #212
Young Adult Co-ed Class // *Gospel of John* // Brayden Lott - Upstairs FLC
Median Adult Co-ed & Couple's Class // *The Book of Revelation* // Dickie Davis - Room #202
Senior Adult Class // *Explore the Bible* // 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 // *Book of Daniel* // Todd & Sealy Pettavino - Room #202

Starting at 6:00 PM

Young Adult Group // Nathan Lott - FLC
Co-ed Doctrinal Study // Layne Hutchinson - Room #202

WEEKDAYS

Monday

9:30 AM // **Women's Study** // *Hope for the Hurting* // Mallory Williams - Chapel
6:00 PM // **Deeper Life Men** // *Explore the Bible* // David Tate - Room #201
6:00 PM // **Deeper Life Women** // *Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life* // Jan Tate - Chapel
6:00 PM // **Men's Discipleship Group** // *Topical* // Robert Poole's Home

Tuesday

5:30 PM // **Ladies Bible Journaling** (2nd Tuesdays) // Jenny Bauer - Room #202
6:30 PM // **Bible Prophecy: The Essentials** (1st & 3rd Tuesday) // Stephen Hebert - Chapel
6:30 PM // **Grief Support Group** (2nd & 4th Tuesday) // Stephen Hebert - Chapel

Wednesday 6:30 PM

Co-ed Home Group // *2nd Timothy* // Jim & Janet Setoudeh's Home
Worship & Study // *Reasons to Believe (Apologetics)* // Pastor Mark - Sanctuary

Thursday

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

Friday

5:30 AM // **Men's Group** // *Gospel of John* // Jim Otken - Room #202
6:00 PM // **Co-ed** // *Book of James* // Robert Poole - Room #202

Second Saturday of Each Month

7:30 AM - **Men's Prayer Breakfast & Study** // *Daniel: Faithful in the Fire* // Sam LoBello - Room #202



LIVE OAK STUDENT MINISTRY



JOIN US FOR **FUGE** THIS SUMMER!

June 10th - 15th | Union University (Jackson, TN)
register on the church app



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The new year is off to a great start here at Live Oak Church. The month of January was a blessing as we saw many making their way back to church and getting involved in various ministries and opportunities. We also enjoyed having Dr. Frank Turek share reasons to believe and why he doesn't have "enough faith to be an atheist."

We also had our first Live Oak Church informational meeting which allowed the church to hear how Live Oak church is doing since the disaffiliation and share our vision for future ministries.

Though these were some new opportunities for our church, there are still some old favorite ministries and series that most of us love. One of the most popular



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series we share every year is the February series on "Love and Marriage." This series speaks to the important relationship that is the catalyst for families, and thus for society.

The family was the first institution created by God and love is the primary characteristic of the follower of Messiah (as a child of

God). However, if we do not know how Marriage and Love work and what is required and even expected of us, then we will struggle in our most important relationships.

This is why every February we focus our attention on what the Bible says about Love and Marriage. How to have a marriage and love that truly "hopes all things, believes all things and endures all things. So come join us for our series on "The Grace and Truth of Love and Marriage, how yours can endure."

Hope to see you Sunday!


Dr. Mark Crosby
Senior Pastor

WORSHIP ON MISSION



by Trent Barnett

When we experience a special event in our life, or even a great meal, we can't wait to tell others about it. We're eager to tell the story. C.S. Lewis said, "All enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise." We naturally give our time and our voice to the things we love. Joy shares joy. We can't help but share the excitement within us.

Our response should be similar when we experience the move of God in our lives. There should be an eagerness and excitement to share The Story - the Good News of salvation found in Jesus Christ. When the light of Christ shines brighter in our lives than the lights of this world, people want to know the source. We strive to share the hope of Christ within us that gives our life purpose, meaning, and a future.

The prophet Isaiah writes of seeing the majesty of God - His glory filling the temple and the angels singing "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, the

whole earth is full of His glory" (6:3). Isaiah responds in a posture of surrender saying, "Woe is me!" I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty'" (6:5). Isaiah experiences the mercy of God, then responds in surrender to God's mission, saying "Here I am. Send me!" (6:8).


When we see a clearer, brighter picture of who God is, we (should) respond in worship. Worship is a rhythm of revelation and response. Christian worship is ascribing worth - showing value - to God above all else. We see God in a fresh way (revelation) and we respond in adoration (response). As we see with Isaiah, part of responding to God's glory is being sent on mission to spread the Good News. As Paul says "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). We tell the story of Christ because it's

the power of God for the salvation of the world.

In Psalm 51, David repents of his sin and pleads for God's grace to make his life clean again. He asks God to "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (v. 10). At the same time, David recognizes repentance and salvation are not just about restoring his life. It should overflow into sharing what God has done that needs to be shared with others. In the next verse David says, "Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you." You see, our salvation should propel us to share the message of eternal life and hope with those around us.

Each of us are called to impact the world with the love of Jesus Christ. Peter tells us we are "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, so that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into

His marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9). We are chosen, and charged with going into our world with a bold declaration of how our lives have been changed by the grace of Jesus Christ. As we worship, it lifts the focus off ourselves and our present circumstances, and brings an eternal perspective into view. When our hearts and eyes are focused on God's glory, it helps us see and respond to the needs of those around us. It keeps our focus off our personal preferences, and puts the focus of worship back on the object of our worship - God alone.

Worship fuels missions. Our world desperately needs to experience the life-transforming power of Christ's love. Sharing the hope of Christ's joy within us is our calling as believers - to lead others into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Let's share that story with those around us - in our schools, our jobs, our homes, and even in our church. As we draw closer to Jesus, may we respond like Isaiah, "Here I am. Send me!" 

LIVE OOK Ladies

Bring your Bible and any supplies you may have. Don't have any supplies, don't worry, we've got you covered!

FEB. 13

18+ | No registration required.



LIVE OOK Ladies



Join us for an evening of chocolate!
Saturday, February 10 at 6:30p
Registration Required / 18+

FAMILY
Easter
EVENT

MARCH 17, 2024

This event is for our entire church family



THURSDAYS AT 7 PM

Women's Share Group!

A great opportunity for ladies to share and connect.

Led by Ashley Gonzales
Conference Room



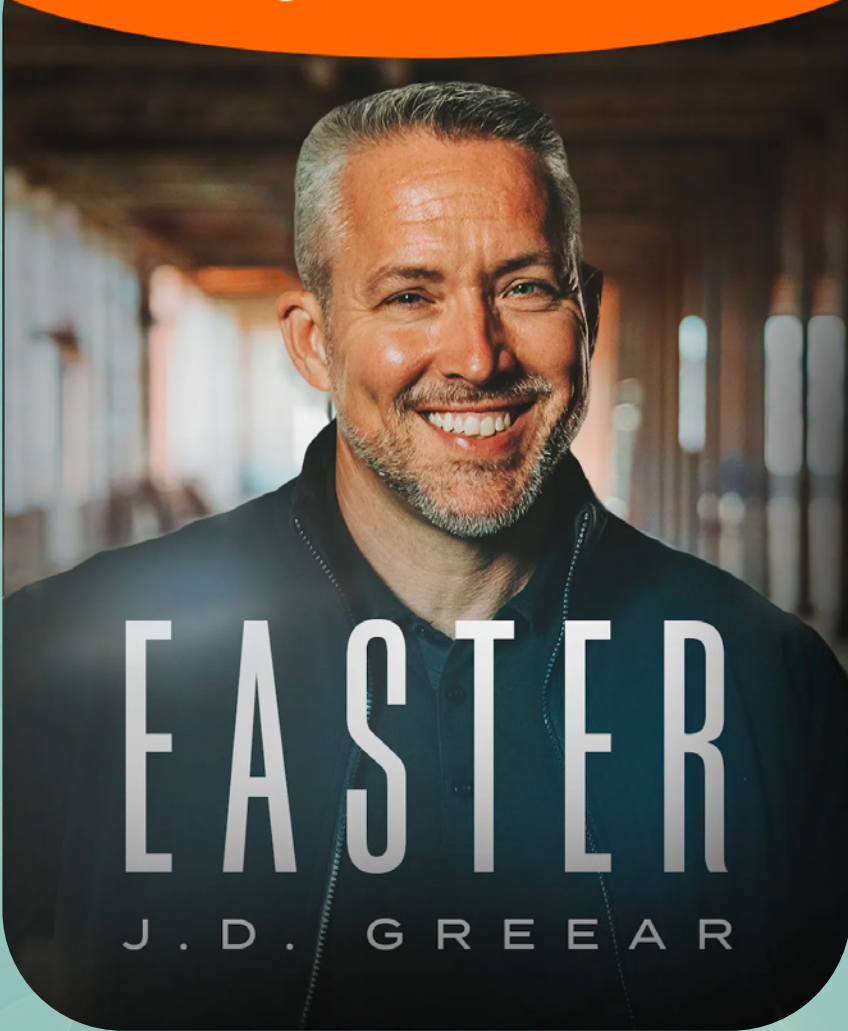
REFUGE

At Live Oak, our Addiction Recovery Ministry is called REFUGE. For God's Word declares, "Taste and see the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him." REFUGE is a Christ centered support group helping people who struggle with addiction. REFUGE has a unique blend of instruction, support, encouragement and accountability.

Led by Sam LoBello
Room 201

YOUNG ADULT COUPLES SMALL GROUP

rightnow MEDIA



Join us as
we take a
deeper look
at Jesus's life,
death, and
resurrection.

5 Weeks Starting March 3, 8:45 AM

Room 212

Led by Krist & Katie Norsworthy



SERVING

by Faith Storck

Recently, a friend on Facebook posed this question to her Facebook friends, “I might be opening a can of worms here, but what’s your opinion on expecting your teens to attend Sunday morning church with the family?” As I sat there looking through the two hundred plus comments and of course adding my own, it struck me why it wasn’t really an issue of wanting to go to church as a child, nor was it an issue for my own child. Why do you think that was, you may ask? I believe it was a result of serving Jesus.

From a very early age I can remember serving in the local church. Whether it was decorating for an over the top VBS room, playing the piano for an offertory, teaching music to preschoolers, singing in the choir, helping serve and clean up after an event to jumping in wherever there was a need...most of my fond memories of church as a young child/teen revolved around serving. Now why in the world would a child/teen serve so much in a church? Because it was modeled to me from an early age by my parents.

Growing up, I went to a very small church, where on a good day attendance was 100 people. Due to the small attendance, there were always multiple ways to serve in

our church and also to the people of our congregation. As a child, I watched my parents serve the Lord faithfully. Whether they were cooking meals or watching other peoples children, going on mission trips, teaching at a local nursing home, teaching at church, visiting those that were sick or hurting, fixing things up around the church on work days, and anything else that needed to be done.

My parents both turn 70 in the next few months, and I am so grateful that they are still serving the Lord and leading by example. I look at those in our church that are still serving the Lord in their later years and think how I want to be just like them when I “grow up.” One of those people at Live Oak Church for me is Mr. Craig Harris. Not many people know, but Mr. Craig is a behind the scenes kind of man, and is constantly here during the week when projects are happening. (Many thanks to Mr. Craig and Mr. Jeff Rush for using their gifts the past few months during the FLC renovation!)

What am I trying to say in all of this? Well I am so glad you asked! It’s time to start serving, and also serving with your children. There are so many verses on both training

your children and on serving. It’s on constant repeat in the Bible. The older I get, I realize it’s on constant repeat because humans aren’t the most intelligent all the time and we need to be told over and over before it sticks. Children love to help others. Give them a Clorox wipe and they think it’s the best thing ever. Along with shepherding your children in their relationship with Jesus, also shepherd them in the area of serving Jesus and others while they are young. Help them find ownership and a place to call home at church. Find ways to serve side by side.

Church for me and my family isn’t just something to mark off of a checklist every week. It is a way of life. Aside from our own personal relationship with Jesus, serving Him really is a joy. I believe it is something that should be taught to our children. I’ve said it many times, but my church is my family. They are the ones I want to spend my time with. They are the ones I want to serve Jesus with. Sunday truly is the best day of the week for me, but anytime I can serve Jesus with others is a great day! Like the old hymn states, “There is joy in serving Jesus.”

P.S. If you are looking for an area to serve at Live Oak Church, let’s talk! 🌿

Mission Team – Footsteps of Love

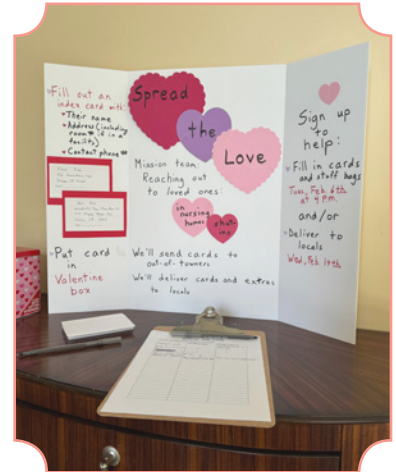
By Coralee Davis

To all who filled and sent shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, this is what you did: you took footsteps of love around the world. We thank you for your caring and love-filled hearts and souls!

Look on the Mission Board on your way to the Sanctuary foyer. You will see hearts marking where some of your shoe boxes went to spread love in our world. So far, we've heard from people who have tracked their boxes to the Ukraine and Mexico. Please let us know where your boxes went.

We hope you will continue taking footsteps of love to spread love to those in nursing homes and those who can't get out on their own. Please check out the "Spread the Love" ad and help.

God bless you!



“SPREAD THE LOVE”

Hello from the Mission Team! We have a “Spread the Love” project planned for the next week and a half. If you have not already filled in an index card for a loved one who is either in a nursing home or is a shut-in and put it in the Valentine box at the Welcome Center, please do so as soon as possible.

We need their name, address (including their Room Number if they are in a facility) and a contact phone number for the person.

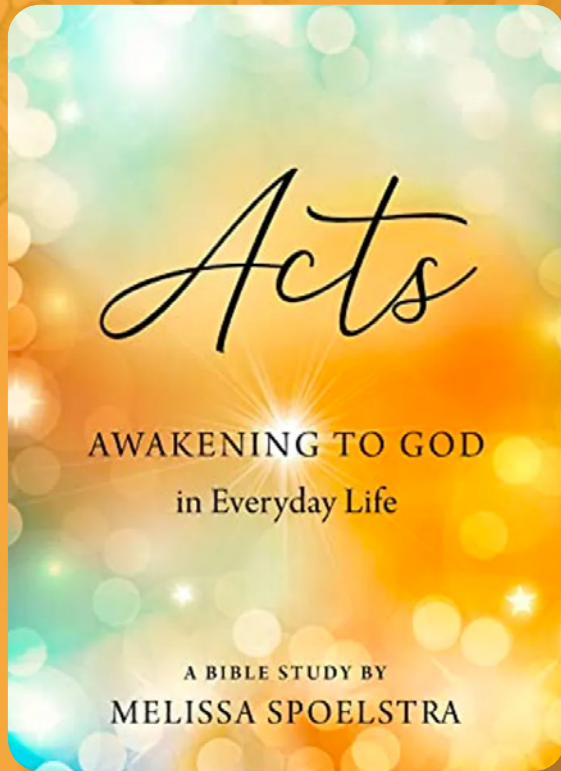
If you would like to help by filling out cards, stuffing bags, and/or bringing items to local nursing homes or shut-ins, there is sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

To fill out cards & stuff bags: meet in the Conference room on Tuesday, February 6th at 4 PM.

We will be delivering cards & bags on Wednesday, February 14th. Meet in the Sanctuary foyer at 10 AM.

COME SPREAD THE LOVE!

DEEPER LIFE GROUPS



DEEPER LIFE FOR WOMEN

**Book of Acts:
Awakening to God
in Everyday Life.**

**Mondays at 6:30 PM
In the Chapel.**

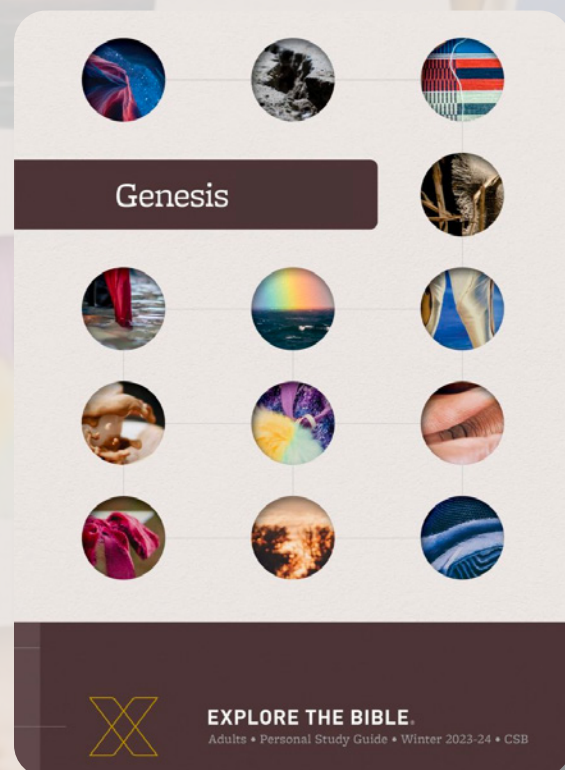
Led by Jan Tate

DEEPER LIFE FOR MEN

**Book of Genesis:
Humanity's Origin Story**

**Mondays at 6:30 PM
In Room #202.**

Led by David Tate





Large Group Bible Study

JOIN DR. MARK TO HEAR HIS TEACHING ON
REASONS TO BELIEVE

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
6:30-7:20

YOUNG ADULT COED CLASS

Gospel of John



Sundays at 8:45 AM
in the FLC Upstairs
Led by Brayden Lott



SENIOR ADULTS

by Landra Reed

During the winter months, it's easy to find yourself depressed or lonely because it's just too cold to get out. The best way to utilize your winter time at home is to draw closer to God. Use the quiet time to read his word, start a new devotional, or listen to a podcast like The Family Answer Man on the Live Oak App, educating yourself on God's discernment. Who says spring is the only season for growing?

We had an amazing turnout for our movie in January! Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up. A special thank you to Sandi Orges for picking up all the food. Our next get-together will be on Valentine's Day, February 14th, at 11:00 at Marlie's. The address is 16525 LA-16, French Settlement, LA 70733. Please make sure to sign up with Nancy McGraw at the kiosk at the welcome center, or you can call me.

Here is a list of events coming up this year...

March 13th	Dinner Bell
April 11th	Iron Horse Restaurant in Jackson Mississippi
May 6th	Mother's Day Tea at the Lake House
June 10th	Dad's Day at Duke's
June 21st	Breakfast at I-Hop at 9:00am
July 4th	Independence Day BBQ in FLC
August 6th	South Plains Restaurant in Zachary
September 16th	WWII Museum
October 27th	Fall Feast in FLC

Job 37:5-7

***"God's voice
thunders in
marvelous ways.
He does great
things beyond our
understanding.
He says to the
snow, 'Fall on the
earth,' and to the
rain shower, 'Be a
mighty downpour.'
So that everyone
He has made may
know His work, He
stops all people
from their labor."***

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN HELPING MEN BE MEN

TOP GOLF: A BIG HIT!



TEED UP NEXT?...

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 10, 7:30 AM

Conference Room



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.

“What comes into your mind when you think about God is the most important thing about you.”

A.W. Tozer



LIVE OAK Ladies

Decorate Easter Eggs

March 9 at 6:30p

(if you want to decorate)

BRING A DOZEN
HARDBOILED EGGS
TO DECORATE

FLC | 18+ | Dinner provided

LIVE OAK CHURCH

QUILTING MINISTRY

WEDNESDAYS AT 8 AM IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
COME JOIN US!

YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY BY WRITING QUILTERS IN THE "OTHER SECTION" OF YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOU SUPPORTING US!

LIVE OAK *Ladies*

7-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

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for the Hurting

BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
AT 9:30-10:30A IN THE CHAPEL

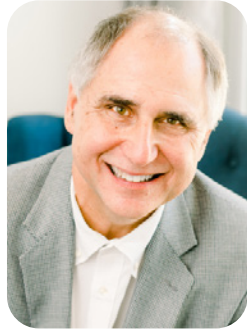
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Led by Mallory Williams

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meet our team



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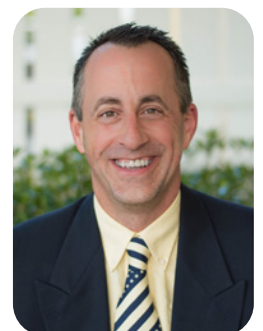
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Treasurer

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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