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# What Child Is This?

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# OFFICE HOURS

***Monday:*** 8:00am - 6:00pm

***Tuesday:*** 8:00am - 6:00pm

***Wednesday:*** 8:00am - 6:00pm

***Thursday:*** 8:00am - 6:00pm

***Friday:*** 8:00am - 12:00pm

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK BY DR. MARK CROSBY

Merry Christmas! I pray that that Christmas 2021 will be a blessing to you and your family.

It seems the past couple of years there have been several "Grinches and Scrooges" that want to take away the joy of Christmas by discouraging gatherings, services, and family connections. As important as these traditions are, my hope is that all of us will be reminded that Christmas is about the moment that changed the world. It was about a moment that brought light to darkness, hope to the depressed and life to the dying.

Christmas is about the God of all creation coming down to our level and walking among us. God not only walked among us, but went to a cross for us to pay the debt of sin and then rise from the dead.

Therefore, Christmas is about this amazing moment when God showed up to give us the Gift. The Bible says the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

So what is Christmas? It is about reminding the world that God walked among us and that He (God) came down to our level to give us life abundant and eternal. Therefore in the month of December we will be answering the question asked by hymn writer William C. Dix (1865) "**What Child is This?**" As we look at the titles given to Messiah at, before and after his birth.

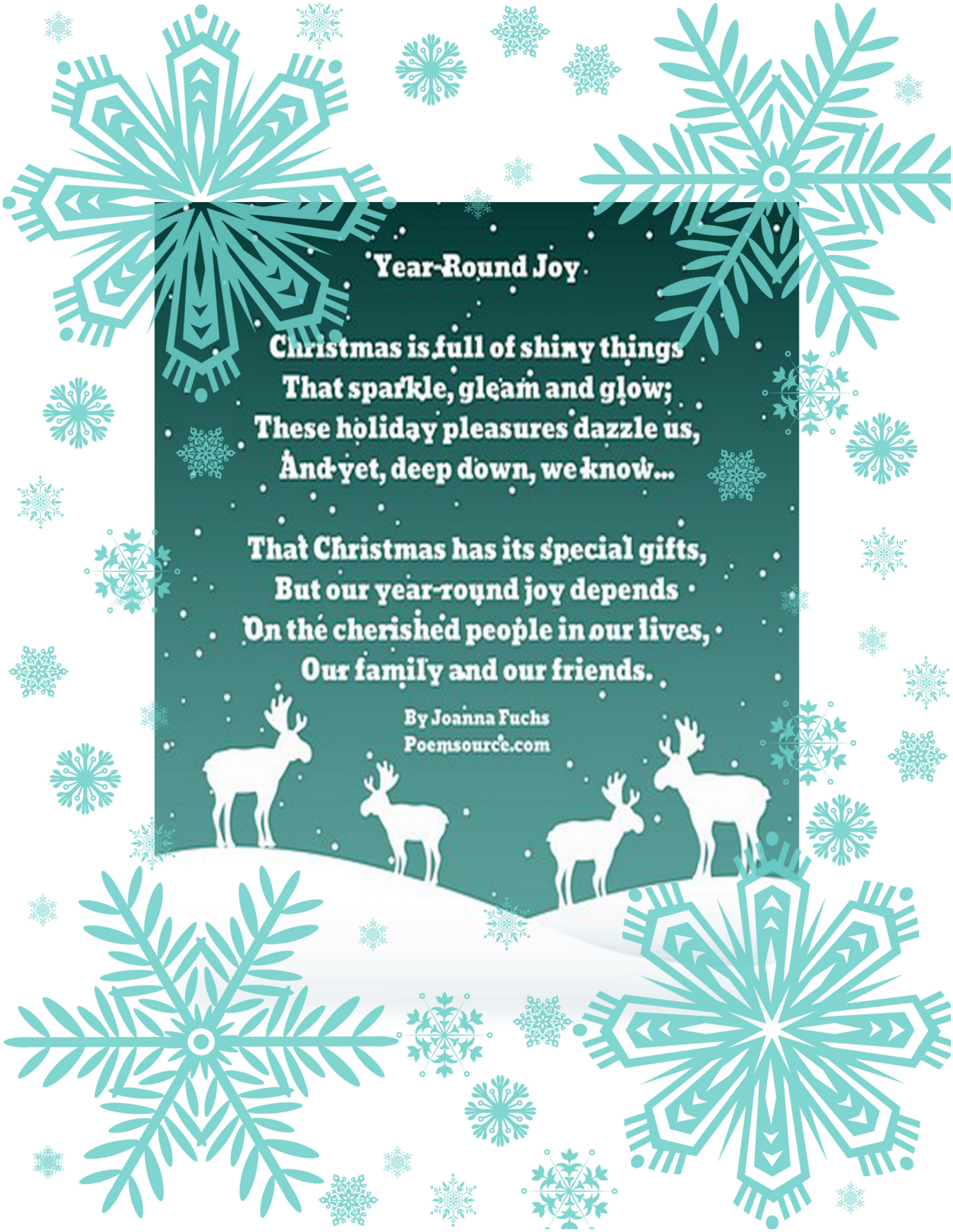
For once you know "**What Child is This**" you will know why we love and celebrate Christmas.

I hope to see you this Christmas Season. I hope to see you this Sunday.

God bless,

Mark C.

# CHRISTMAS POEM



# NEW MEMBERS BY SAM LOBELLO

**WE CELEBRATE OUR**

**NEW MEMBERS**

Jason Alexander

Rachel Alexander

Kelley Bellue

Chrystal Bolton

Barbara Hart

Fred Hart

Mikayla Morein

Nattley Morein

# I KNEW WHAT HE MEANT WHEN HE ASKED

BY SAM LOBELLO

The first church field the Lord led me to was seven miles back into the woods in Springfield, Louisiana. I had never lived in the country before so it was quite an adventure.

Once I got things set up in my office, I called the phone company to set me up a phone line. When I introduced myself to the phone guy he asked me this question, "*What in the world is an Italian doing pastoring a Baptist Church?*" I immediately knew what he meant. You see, I was raised in an Italian community in Bryan, Texas. In that community if you were born Italian, you attended a church with a certain denominational culture, period. It wasn't up for discussion.

Now to be clear, my intent is not to be negative towards any church or denomination. As a matter of fact, I received two principles from the childhood church I was raised in that have served me well throughout my life's journey. First, respect God's Word. Second, fear the Lord. Both of these principles have steered me well.

My intent is not to be negative or positive toward any church or denomination. My intent is to promote Jesus. For Jesus saves and only Jesus. The question he raised that morning, "*What in the world is an Italian doing pastoring a Baptist Church?*" gave me the opportunity to share my faith in Jesus with the phone guy.

I am so glad that 44 years ago one of my employees in the store I was managing took the time to share his faith in Jesus with his boss. On that Saturday night I came to realize that no church can save me from the condemnation I deserve from a Holy God. Nor could my works save me. For only Jesus saves!

As we follow Jesus, might we, too, share our faith in Jesus with those the Lord brings into our path. For no church or denomination nor amount of good works can save them. Only Jesus saves.

"Follow Me and I will make you to be fishers of men."

-Jesus (Matthew 4:19)

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BY FAITH STORCK

The children of Live Oak are on a mission to find baby Jesus. He is somewhere on campus and we must find him before King Herod does. Once He is found, the kids will make their very own gingerbread nativity scene, have craft time, do a science experiment as well as play games. This event is free and for children ages kindergarten through 3rd grade. Email faith@loumc.org with any questions.

# A DROP FROM THE ALTAR

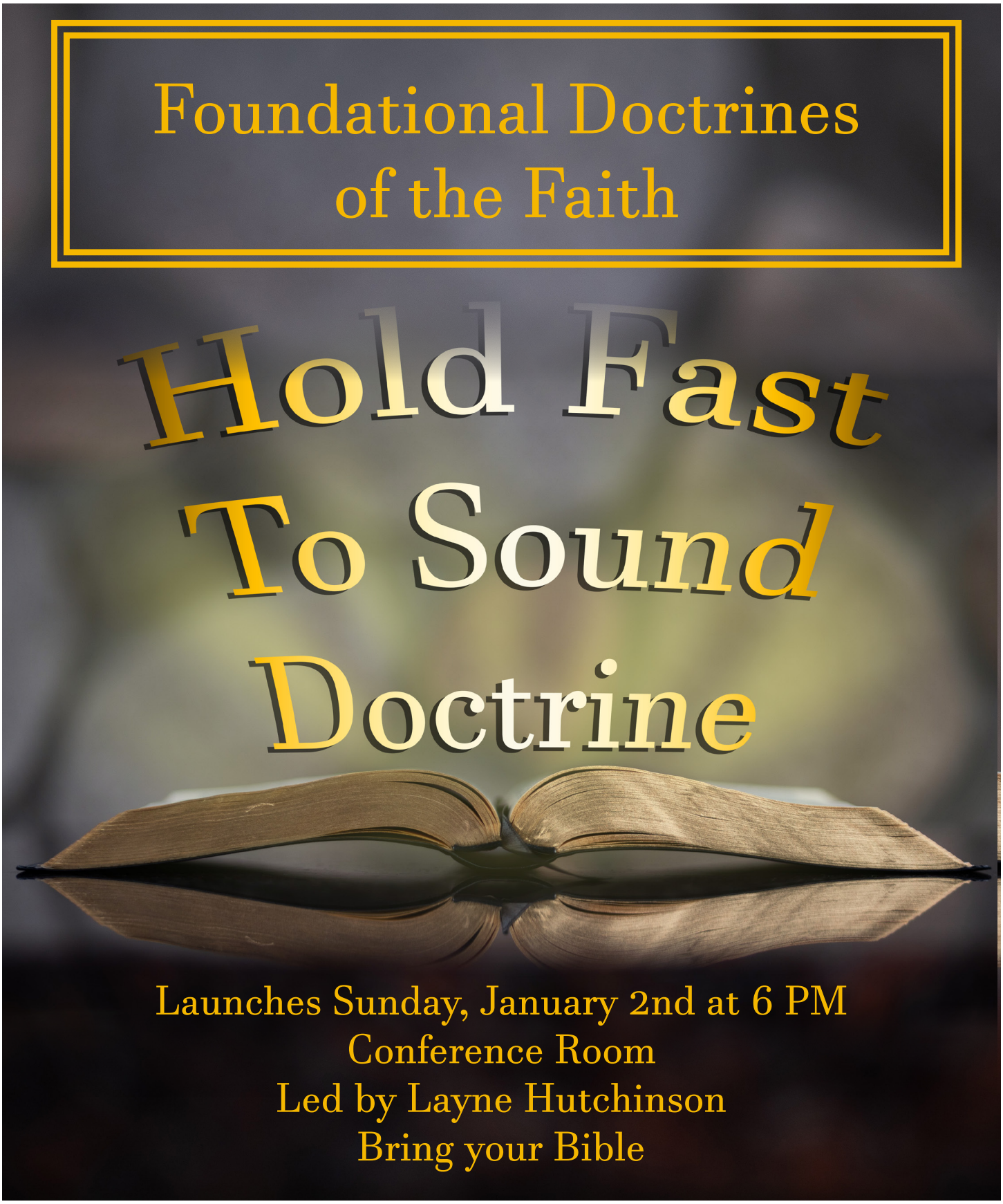
BY SAM LOBELLO

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.

"Your identity will be tied to whatever you give your heart to."

## DOCTRINAL STUDY BY SAM LOBELLO

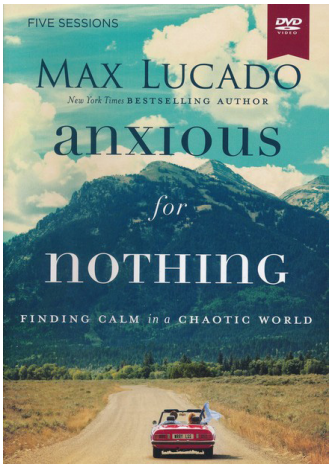


# TIDBITS BY SAM LOBELLO

## From Max Lacado's Video Supported Bible study
## Anxious for Nothing
## from Philippians 4:4-9

**C.A.L.M.**

**C**elebrate God's Goodness
**A**sk God for Help
**L**eave Your Concerns With God
**M**editate on Good Things




## From Rick Warren's Video Supported Bible study
## What On Earth Am I Here For?

WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

**God doesn't cause, but He uses:**

**TROUBLE** to teach us to trust Him
**TEMPTATION** to teach us to obey Him
**TRESPASSES** to teach us to forgive

# REFUGE BY SAM LOBELLO

## Thursdays at 7 PM in Room #201

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.

The teaching and sharing that takes place within our group is helpful and enriching. What is taught is often life changing!

If you wrestle with addiction issues we are here to assist you on your journey to life recovery!

Your questions about our REFUGE Ministry can be answered by calling our Church Office at 664-4801 or email Bro. Sam at sam@loumc.org.

## MEN'S MINISTRY BY SAM LOBELLO

# Men's Prayer Breakfast

## Saturday, December 11th, 7:30AM

## Conference Room

# TOPIC: What On Earth Am I Here For?

## The sequel to Rick Warren's book:

## *The Purpose Driven Life*

## Come join us!

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BY JEANETTE CLARK & MALLORY WILLIAMS

We had such a good time together at the English Tea Room in Covington. It was wonderful to fellowship!

We are so excited about the upcoming Christmas dinner and ornament swap! We will share dinner and dessert, fellowship together, and play a game so bring an ornament to swap if you would like to participate in the game. It will be held on Friday December 10th at 6:30 pm in the FLC. YOU MUST RSVP for this event so that we can make sure that we have enough for everyone! You can RSVP using the QR provided in this article or on Sunday morning before or after service at the reception desk in the church lobby. There will be an attendant at the reception desk to provide assistance if needed. If you have questions, please call the church office. This is for our adult ladies only!

**--- We will NOT have breakfast in December!**

Please remember to check the Live Oak Ladies Facebook page regularly for changes, updates, and news! You can also find the link on the Facebook page to sign up for emails about upcoming events! Lastly, please consider filling out our questionnaire to give us your ideas for the Live Oak Ladies women's ministry! The link can be found on Facebook. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the church office!

We hope you have a blessed and merry Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
- Matthew 18:20

# SENIOR ADULTS BY LANDRA REED

This time of the year is so intoxicating. No matter what hardships or negative things are going on there is one truth, one thankful joy to ponder over. Our Lord and Savior was born to free us. He was born so that we may be welcomed home some day. Without His birth, without His sacrifice, we would have perished into eternal darkness. As I look at the lights on the Christmas tree I am reminded of the light that has been left in each and every one of our hearts by this gift. Merry Christmas!

On Monday, January 17th, we will be having lunch in the FLC at 11 AM. Stromboli Sandwiches and chips will be provided. If you would like to bring desserts that would be nice. Drinks will also be provided. Sign up at the Information Desk. There will be somebody there to show you how easy it is to sign up. We will be discussing the trip to the ark and get ideas of what you all would like to do.

"The word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."
- John 1:14

# QUILTERS BY SAM LOBELLO

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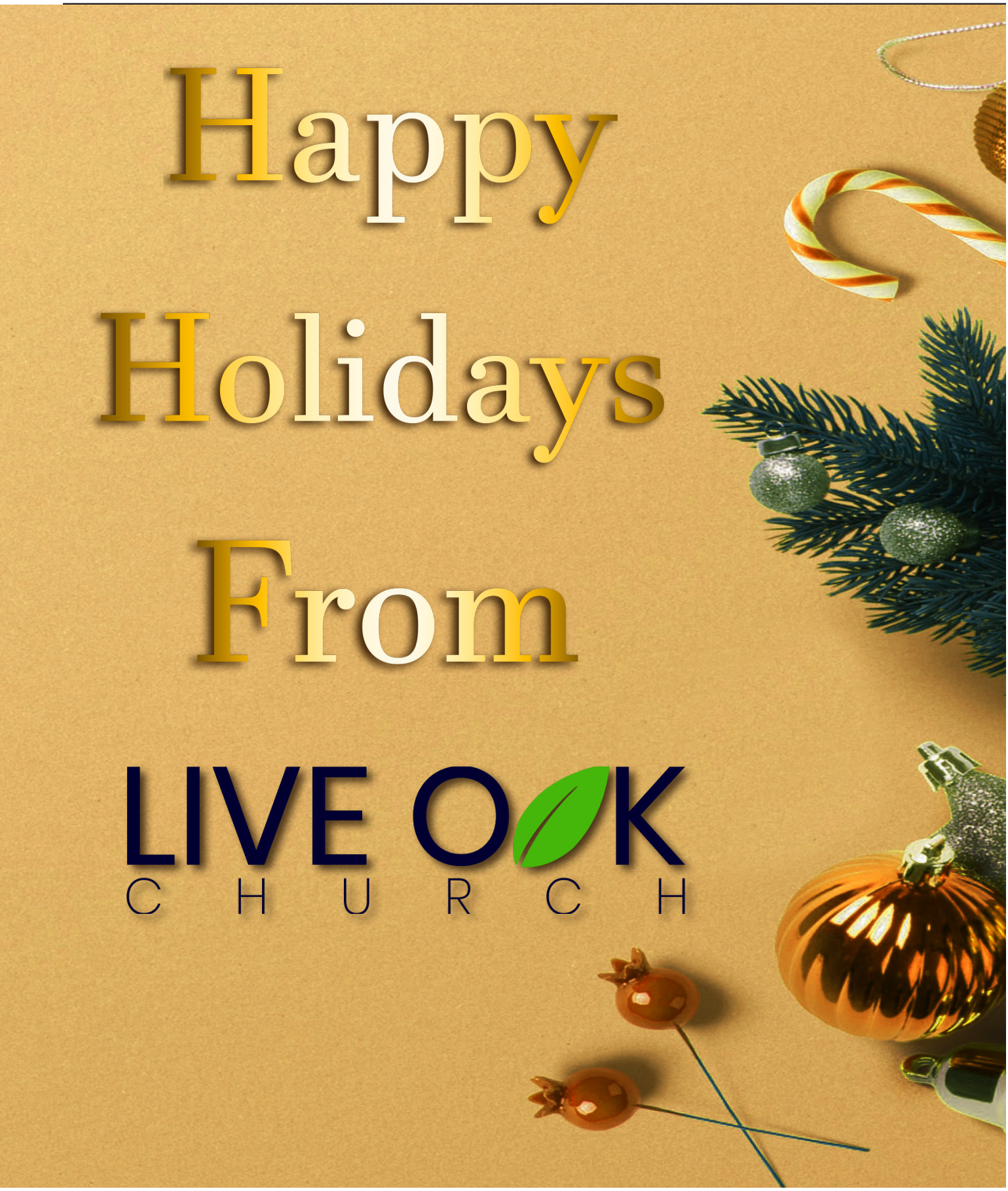
Christmas
And


Happy
Holidays
From
LIVE OAK
CHURCH

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN DECEMBER

**December 1st**
Krystal Lynn Williamson
Monica Troxclair
Boo Foster
Stephanie Gibson
Peyton Normand
Micah Deville
Ian Capestany
Bennett Little
Danielle Bunch
Roy Soileau

**December 2nd**
Layvin Larue
Aubrey Mixon
Grace Mizell
Donna Allen
Beverly Albin
Lauren Guidry
Curt Delee
Sandy Starks
Jessica Michgelsen
Garrett Mertz

**December 3rd**
Larry Adams
Christian Allen
Jarrod Hegwood
Vicki Prescott
Gerald Brown
Brady Foster
Fisher Fontenot
Stephanie Hunt
Cynthia Creel
Jonathon Bordelon
Janice Sandefer

**December 4th**
Travis Parker
John Hay
Marc McCulley
Charles Arlo Raines
Rose Madar
Joanie Veenendaal
Jody Shilling
Arlene Valenti
Helen Rogers

**December 5th**
Jenna Holman
Vicki Linder
Lynne Jones
Stacey Oxley
Justin Goins
Mark Robertson
Jamie Alello
Aubree Harris

**December 6th**
Carson Jones
David Wallace
Lane Martin
Sophia Duplantis
Kingston Shaidaee
Greg Lindsey
Max Rabalais
Ava Attaway

**December 7th**
Daryl Stevens
Lyla Achord
Patti Campbell
Sadie McGowan
Betty Dupuy
Matthew Bunch
Brantley Bueche
Kate Leonard
Owen Linton
Caysen Hood
Lynda Mistric
Aubrey Kay Bueche

**December 8th**
Stacy Drennan
Dwight Thibodeaux
Darryl Curtis
Carl Plitt
Chase Lindsey
Brody Landry

**December 9th**
Ruth O'neal
Jayden Turner
Dorothy Morrison
Joy McGee
Shirley Judge
Raymond Easterly
Gwen Achord
Kristi Ladut

**December 10th**
Brennon Rogers
Pam Coleman
Stephanie Hadden
Madison Lovette
Grace DeLaughter
Brent Charlet
Ryan Jones
Perry Rushing
Bonnie Perkins
Nicole Perkins

**December 11th**
Chris Lacara
Austyn Chopin
Sarah Campbell
Linda Compau
Noah Rodriguez
Jordan Daenen
Sharon King
J Moore
Sue Lancon
Meghan Smith

**December 12th**
Karley Chaney
Kenny Smith
Bill Jackson
Marilea Spedale

**December 13th**
Adam Dupuy
Caroline Schiltz
Richard Boso
Martha Story
Emma Woolie
Alvaro Santiago
Sheila Gunthrie
Kaleb Gibson
Rene Jarreau
Kimber Little
Matthew Cobb
Mallory Grace
Nicole Dixon

**December 14th**
Lee Thornton
Nathan Shepherd
Kaleb Bryan Robinson
Juliana Signorino
Matthew Rayburn
Jason McGowan
Will Knippers
Ben Gonzales
Kaleb Robinson
Edlena Wattigney
Cooper Sandifer

**December 15th**
Chris Mycoskie
Jennessa Desrosiers
Rhonda McGehee
Josh Hughes
Avalee Webb
Randi Martin
Megan Juneau
Michelle Rabalais
Sadie Goldsmith
Brittany Tullier
Isabella Biscotto

**December 16th**
Blane Roy
Maryssa Corkern
Sue Hoge
Shelby Antle
Sara Wilson

Parker Johnson
Lori Holder
Tasha Rowe

**December 17th**

Debra Kennard
Heather Kipp
Shelly Fillyaw
Maghen Bell
Brandon Lawley
Caleb Day
Kristopher Easterly
Norma Morgan
Christy Bellue
Ryder Robinson

**December 18th**

Phoebe Mizell
Scott Kimble
Kim Guzzardo
Sarah Futch
Kailyn Sibley
Roman Ray
Hannah Hudnall
Travis Johnson
Kimberly Guzzardo
Gazelda Charbonnet
Laurie Dauzat
Brian Hall

**December 19th**

Colton Estave
Lauryn Prescott
Rachel Burke
Mary Ann Allen
Ragen Mullins
Mark Oxley
Brittany Torrance
Christine Stafford
Kye Payton

**December 20th**

Joycelyn Russo
Matthew Booth
Allison Wilson
Eva Walker
Michael Polozola
Devona Foster
Brady Butler
Jane Kojeski
Brandy Venable
Joseph Boutwell

**December 21st**

Zachary Heuvel
Kyleigh Spring
Noel Alessi
Justin Simoneaux
Sue Hickman
Brent Cutrer
Calvin Underwood

**December 22nd**

Claire Barker
Betty Pique
Alexandra Poole
Brett Scivicque
Quentin Bermes
Nathaniel Bermes
Andy Davison
Brielle Callegan
Gentry Rogers
Sammi Parker

**December 23rd**

Evan Capestany
Miriam Kieronshi
Betty Amacker
Wyndham Pomeroy
Miriam Kierenshi
Jason Conrad
Janna Taylor
Laurie Kierenshi
Bob Griffin
Rene' Chedraui
Aimee Chavers

**December 24th**

Steven Petty
John Keith Johnson
Michael White
Robin Wilson
Bob Wascom
Ashley Territo

**December 25th**

Tobin Boyett
Scott Griggs
Jason Vineyard
Skylar Peckham
Tammy Hinds
L Moore

**December 26th**

Paul Bejeaux
James Griffith
Carrie McKenzie
Kevin Corkern
Morio Solomon
Lacie Thomas
Daniel Sibley
Janelle McInnis

**December 27th**

Madison Waldrep
Amelia Newell
Craig Harris
Mandy Wilson
Kalaya Lusby
Jamie Bueche
Olivia Tuminello
Zachary Morgan
Piper Horne
Cody Reine

**December 28th**

Sonny Soileau
Layla Wilkinson
Robert Poole
Reagan Erwin
Lisa Keesler
Harleigh Emrick
Mike Martin
Matthew Sandifer

**December 29th**

Rhonda Brown
Brady Gerstein
Mike McCumsey
Roger Guillory
Alayna Page
Amelia Melancon
Joanne Harthoorn
Vetra Wilson
Hayes Williams

**December 30th**

Angela Hardin
Shawn Weishar
Morgan Roberts
Benny Corkern
Gracie Pettavino
Roger Bailey
Thomas Hodges
Jimmy Manno
Knight Lavergne
Artie Lentz
Lee Sauceda
Sarah Campo
Laken Griffin

**December 31st**

Killian Thoroughmann
Beth Jackson
Ben Cowart
Hudson Perry
Malakai Frawley

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## 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.
Our next one will be December 11th.
Topic: *What On Earth Am I Here For?*

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**
Live Oak Ladies will not have breakfast in December.

Friday, December 10th at 6:30pm in the FLC we are having our Christmas dinner and ornament swap!
We will share dinner, dessert, fellowship together, and play a game so bring an ornament to swap if you would like to participate.
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## EVENTS FOR KIDS

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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

Trish Graves
Children's
Ministry Director

Faith Storck
Children's
Ministry Assistant

## NURSERY

Ila Clark
Mother's Day Out
Director

## WORSHIP

Rev. Trent Barnett
Director of
Worship Ministries

Seth Doiga
Music Director

Rev. David Easley
Assistant Music
Director

Danny Wilson
Audio Engineer

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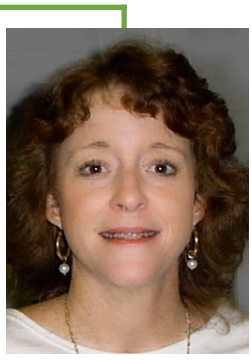

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## MAINTENANCE

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Maintenance
Director

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