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REFUGE

Support. Instruction. Accountability.

“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?
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WE MEET IN ROOM #201.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A time and a place for everyone

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Worship Service

8:45 AM Children & Pre-Teen Sunday School
Sherri Gardner: 1st-4th Grade - Upstairs in FLC
Jodi Rushing: 5th-6th

8:45 AM Students 7th-12th Grade:
Dawn Lott - Upstairs in FLC

8:45 AM Adult Small Groups:
See Page 5 for Full List

9:30 AM Children's Ministry - 1st-4th Grade - FLC

9:30 AM Preteen - 5th-6th Grade - Chapel

9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Children's Ministry - 1st-4th Grade - FLC

11:00 AM Preteen - 5th-6th Grade - Chapel

11:00 AM Worship Service

6:00 PM Young Adults Worship Service - Chapel

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Quilters Ministry - FLC

9:30 AM Worship Wednesday - Online

6:30 - 7:30 | Nursery | Infants-2 y/o

6:30 - 7:30 | Preschool | Pre-K3 to Kindergarten

6:30 - 7:30 | Kids | 1st-4th

6:30 - 7:30 | Preteen | 5th-6th

6:30 - 7:30 | Student Ministry | 7th-12th

6:30 - 7:30 | Worship & Study | Adults

6:30 - 7:30 | Study | Young Adults

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Church Map



ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

small group | large group

Sunday 8:45 AM

Young Adults Class // **Evangelism** // Krist & Katie Norsworthy - The Loft (Sanctuary Upstairs)

Adults Class // **Genesis** // David Orges - Room #214

Median Adult Class // **Habakuk** // Dickie Davis - Room #202

Senior Adult Class // **Topical** // Layne Hutchinson - Room #212

Pastor's Class // **Gospel of Luke** // Dr. Mark Crosby - Choir Room

New Member Class // Bro. Sam LoBello - Room #201

Monday

9:30 AM // Live Oak Ladies // **Daughters of Grace** // Chapel

6:00 PM // Men's Discipleship Group // **Topical** // Robert Poole's Home

6:30 PM // Deeper Life Men // **The Gospel of Matthew** // David Tate - Room #201

6:30 PM // Deeper Life Women // **Angels** // Jan Tate - Chapel

Tuesday

6:30 PM // **Exploring Ezekiel** (1st & 3rd Tuesday) // Stephen Hebert - Chapel

6:30 PM // **Grief Support Group** (2nd & 4th Tuesday) // Stephen Hebert - Chapel

Wednesday 6:30 PM

Worship & Study // **Topical** // Dr. Mark // Sanctuary

Young Adults Class // **A Biblical Guide to Life and Faith (Adulting 101)** // Krist Norsworthy - The Loft

Sunday 9:30 AM

Co-ed Class // **Topical** // Robert Poole - Room #211

Couples Class // **Romans** // Todd & Sealy Pettavino - Room #202

Sunday Evenings

4:00 PM // **Doctrinal Study** // Layne Hutchinson & Jon Williams - Room #202

6:00 PM // Young Adults // **Worship Service** // Krist Norsworthy - Chapel

Thursday

6:00 PM // **Men's Play & Pray Basketball** // Jim Otken - FLC

6:30 PM // **Ministering to the Most Helpless** // Conference Room

7:00 PM // **REFUGE Addiction Recovery** // Sam LoBello - Room #201

Friday

5:30 AM // Men's Group // **Acts** // Jim Otken - Room #202

6:00 PM // Co-ed // **Acts** // Robert Poole - Room #202



Second Saturday of Each Month

7:30 AM // Mens Prayer Breakfast & Study // **UNLEASHED!: Releasing God's Glorious Kingdom in and Through You** // Sam LoBello - Room #202

TASTE

THE EASTER STORY EXPERIENCE

AN INTERACTIVE FAMILY JOURNEY TO THE TOMB

MARCH 28TH @ 5:00PM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

& SEE



REMARKABLE DAY CAMP EXPERIENCE

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from the PASTOR'S DESK



Most of us are looking forward to Spring, with warmer temperatures and the budding of the trees and flowers, and all that comes with the season. We also look forward to this season and the joy that Easter brings as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord.

However, before the resurrection, there was the crucifixion, a time and event that God ordained in human history for the redemption of humanity. An event that changed the world, how we see God, and how we understand salvation.

The crucifixion included a “cast of characters” and a prequel of circumstances that fulfilled prophecy and demonstrated God’s amazing grace and love for humanity (John 3:16).

This event revealed the hearts of many as the moment of the crucifixion was being prepared. It revealed Pilate’s hesitation and personal struggle, it revealed the heart of the Pharisees, and the change of heart a terrorist being crucified on a cross next to Jesus experienced. It revealed the devotion

of a man named Joseph of Arimathea, who placed Jesus in his own tomb.

All of these characters (and others), as well as their circumstances, often reflect our story and situations when it comes to our encountering of Jesus. The 23rd chapter of Luke describes all these characters and circumstances that define this event that changed the world.

So in the month of March, we will be looking at “The Characters of the Cross,” a study of Luke 23. As we prepare for Easter, let us understand those at the Cross as we look at their story, we can often relate their story to our circumstances and situations and the grace God brings into our lives.

So, I hope you will join us this month as we begin a brand new series and a brand new season. Bring a friend and join us for a study in Luke 23 as we study “The Characters of the Cross.”

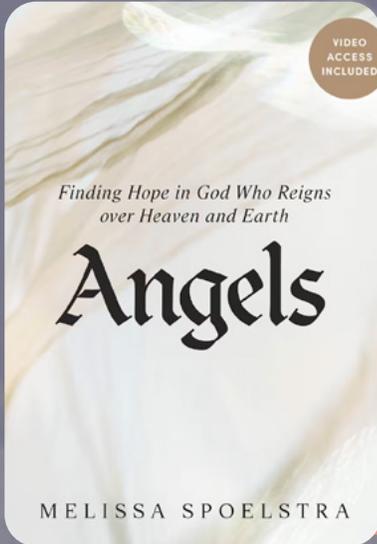
God bless.

Hope to see you Sunday!

*BEFORE THE
RESURRECTION,
THERE
WAS THE
CRUCIFIXION*


Dr. Mark Crosby
Senior Pastor

DEEPER LIFE



FOR MEN
Mondays at 6:30
in the 201

FOR WOMEN
Mondays at 6:30
in the Chapel



TASTE AND SEE: The Easter Story Experience

by Faith Storck, *Director of Children's Ministry*

Every time we plan an event in Children's Ministry, there's a *why* behind it. Some nights are simply about fun. Creating space for families to slow down, laugh together, and make memories. Other times, we plan with deep intention. Because discipleship doesn't happen by accident.

Taste & See is one of those intentional moments.

This year, we've created an interactive journey through Holy Week, designed for families to experience together and not just hear about on a Sunday morning. This is not a performance you sit and watch. It is a walk-through experience that invites parents and kids into the story of Easter in a way that is tangible, engaging, and meaningful.

The evening will begin with a Passover-style meal.

No, it will not be an exact recreation of what was eaten in biblical times. Allergies are real and kids are kids. But families will learn the meaning behind the meal and why it mattered so deeply in God's redemptive story.

From there, families will move together through Holy Week, guided

by Scripture and brought to life by more than 20 kids from our own church who are serving as actors along the way. Are they professional actors? Absolutely not. But they showed up, worked hard, and did an incredible job helping tell the Easter story. And honestly, that is part of what makes this night so special.

As families journey through the stations, they will walk through the key moments of Holy Week, including:

- Palm Sunday. Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem
- The Last Supper. Sharing the Passover meal with His disciples
- The Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus praying in surrender
- Jesus' Arrest and Trial. The cost of obedience
- The Crucifixion. The sacrifice that changed everything
- The Resurrection. The victory that gives us hope

This night is purposeful. It is meaningful.

And it is designed specifically for families with children in Live Oak Church Children's Ministry to experience the gospel together in a way kids can understand and parents can continue the conversation at home.

And at the end of the night, that is what this is really about.

Not the meal.
Not the acting.
Not even the experience.

Easter matters because Jesus is alive.

Because the cross was not the end of the story.
Because the tomb is empty.

Because through Jesus' death and resurrection, sin was defeated, hope was secured, and salvation was made available to everyone, offered freely to all.

Taste & See is simply our way of slowing down long enough to walk our families through the truth we celebrate every Easter. Jesus willingly went to the cross, rose again, and changed everything forever.

Our prayer is that this experience helps your family not just know the Easter story, but believe it, remember it, and live in light of it.

That is why we gather.
That is why we teach.
And that is why we celebrate Easter.

**HAVE YOU BEEN VISITING LIVE OAK CHURCH?
CONSIDERING BECOMING A MEMBER?
WE HAVE A CLASS JUST FOR YOU!**

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

This class begins the first Sunday morning of each month at 8:45 and ends on the fourth Sunday.

In these four sessions, you will encounter life-changing truths and learn more about Live Oak Church. You will look at Salvation in 3-D, learn to Enhance Your Relationship With God, Examine the Stages of Spiritual Growth, and Discover Your Spiritual Gifts.

This class meets in Room #201 and recycles each month.

We look forward to welcoming you into our Live Oak Church Community of Faith!

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Spend Awhile ON THE Nile

THE MIGHTY ANCIENT HERO CRUISE



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JUNE 22ND-26TH

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April 17, 2026 | 6:30 PM
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on the Live Oak App, our website liveoak.church
or booking a session by calling 225-664-4801



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LIVE OAK MISSIONS

It is time to “FILL A BUCKET”!!

Local missions are the best! This mission opportunity takes place right here each year. Not able to travel to another state or another country, we got you! For the past few years, we have helped so many with the cleaning buckets. Floods, fires, mud slides~ you have been able to be a part of with the generous donations you have made with the “Fill a Bucket” mission. Thank You!!! So grateful for the birds singing and the sun shining today, but we want to be ready when our neighbors need a helping hand. During March, we will have buckets in the foyer for you to pick up and fill, then bring back so we will be ready when disaster hits. Prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do.



CLEANING BUCKETS

- 5-gallon bucket with lid (pick up in the foyer)
- 3-5 N95 Masks
- 2 pair of Kitchen Gloves
- Work Gloves
- Safety glasses
- Wipes
- Garbage Bags
- 5 Scouring Pads
- 1 Scrub Brush
- Laundry Detergent
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Household Cleaner
- Disinfectant Spray
- Insect Repellant

**Please make sure all items fit in the bucket with the lid closed!



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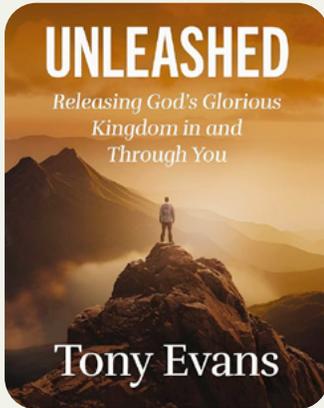
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MEN'S MINISTRY

Men Helping Men Be Men



COMING TO MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Tony Evan's new study:
UNLEASHED! Releasing God's Glorious Kingdom in and Through You

This study is launching Saturday, March 14, 7:30 AM in the Conference Room.

GRIDIRON MEN'S CONFERENCE



June 19-20
Tim Tebow,
Willie Robertson
and more!

Sign up now at
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Cost: \$175



STEAK DINNER FELLOWSHIP

March 31st at 6:30pm
in the Chapel

Cost: \$15.
Brian Williams will be
sharing his testimony.

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**QUILTING
MINISTRY**





SENIOR ADULTS

By Landra Reed



We had a great turnout for the Valentine's Day lunch. Thank you to all who helped serve and clean up! A special thanks to Day's Smokehouse for catering. Everyone thought the food was delicious!

Our next adventure is to Avery Island on Thursday, March 26th. The bus arrives at 8:00 a.m. We will then start our visit with a tour of the Tabasco Factory, followed by lunch at 11:30 at the Restaurant 1868. We will conclude our day with a tour of the Jungle Garden. Make sure to wear comfortable shoes, and to sign up by March 19th. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes both tours and lunch. There are only 32 spots available.

On Monday, April 20th, we will visit the Dinner Bell and the

Railroad Museum. Only 31 spots are available. Please make sure to sign up at the Connection Center. Last day to sign up is April 12th.

Finally, don't forget that we are showing The Chosen series on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. This is available to everyone. No sign up is necessary. You can find us through the double glass doors in the Chapel. 🍀



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.

“Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion. It is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ”

Billy Graham



HELPING THE MOST HELPLESS AMONG US



This course will help you look through a window into the world of people facing difficult pregnancy decisions. You'll learn about the emotions of fear, confusion, worthlessness, anger, guilt and joy as well as the pressures that can come from people, circumstances and culture. This Making Life Disciples course will help you look at the abortion issue from the Pro Abundant Life Perspective while equipping you to have the difficult conversations with people that are considering abortion. This

study is designed to equip everyday believers to be the hands and feet of Jesus, bringing hope, love and practical guidance to those facing life's toughest challenges such as challenging pregnancy circumstances. Join us on Thursday evenings at 630pm in the Conference Room from February 5th thru April 23rd, 2026. For more information email Pastor Stephen at stephen@liveoak.church.





 YOUNG
ADULTS

MOVIE & Discussion



A FREE

Event

join us in the chapel

MAR 29

6pm

DINNER

& Popcorn

Watch. Think. Talk.

LIVE OAK CHURCH

we are driven by a single goal:
to do our part in leading people
into a growing relationship with
Jesus Christ

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The background features a stylized, colorful landscape with purple and pink mountains, a sunburst at the top, and birds flying in the sky. The text 'HE IS RISEN' is prominently displayed in a large, white, serif font with a teal shadow effect. The word 'HE' is on the top line, 'IS' is on the second line, and 'RISEN' is on the third line. The letters are decorated with teal and yellow accents.

HE IS RISEN

Find an Easter Service That's Right for You!

Friday, April 3rd

Good Friday Service: 12:00pm

Sunday, April 5th

Sunrise Service: 6:30am

Regular Service Times:

8:00, 9:30, & 11:00am

*You're
Invited*