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LIVE OAK CHURCH MAGAZINE / SEPTEMBER 2020

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THAN AN
EVENT**

**FROM
THE
PASTOR'S
DESK**

**FINDING
MEANING
IN GRIEF**

**THE POWER
OF
SHOWING UP**

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YOUR
FEELS**

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THINGS HAPPEN?**

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THAT HAS YOUR SIX**

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BEYOND THE BADGE**

**BALANCE
DUTY & HOME**

**PEACE
THAT LASTS**

Led by Colt Waagner

Army Guard combat medic · Air Force chaplain · pastor

TUESDAYS 6-7 PM · STARTING SEPTEMBER 1 · CONFERENCE ROOM

NO SIGN-UP NEEDED. COME AS YOU ARE - BRING A BUDDY.

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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 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 - Upstairs in FLC

8:45 AM Students 7th-12th Grade: The Chapel

8:45 AM Adult Small Groups:
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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

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

Adults Class // **Genesis** // David Orges - The Loft (Sanctuary Upstairs)

Median Adult Class // **Zechariah** // 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

Sunday 9:30 AM

Co-ed Class // **Theology 401** // Robert Poole - Room #211

Couples Class // **1 Corinthians** // Todd & Sealy Pettavino - Room #202

Sunday 10:45 AM

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

Sunday Evenings

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

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

Monday

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

6:30 PM // Deeper Life Men // **Leaders from Every Angle** // David Tate - Room #201

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

Tuesday

6:00 PM // **Rally Point (Military & First Responders)** // Colt Waagner - Conference Room

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

6:30 PM // Young Adults Class // **Adulting 101** // Krist Norsworthy - The Loft

Thursday

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

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

Friday

5:30 AM // Men's Group // **1 Corinthians** // Jim Otken - Room #202

6:00 PM // Co-ed // **Book of Hebrews** // 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



FIND YOUR PEOPLE



join a couples group



CONNECT

build
relationships



GROW

study's
God's Word



BELONG

a place for
everyone

**SCAN TO
JOIN THE LIST**



DETAILS COMING SOON



LEADERS NEEDED!

want to lead or host?

You help build community,
we'll help you lead.

— *life is better together* —



from the PASTOR'S DESK



September for me has always been the official end of Summer and the beginning of Fall. For many Labor Day weekend is the final farewell to Summer and the beginning of Fall with a significant distance to the next holiday (Thanksgiving).

In September there are so many things we reflect, recall and rejoice. For the past 25 years September is a reminder of 9/11. How that day has changed our nation on many levels and in many ways. We also reflect upon the Holy Days of Israel and their significance to our Savior. For many we rejoice that our routines are back, there is a hint of cool weather and football is in play (Thursday to Monday).

In the month of September I am looking forward to attending some conferences and getting some ideas for future ministries and missions. I am looking forward to seeing the doors and opportunities God will create as we look to the future of Live Oak.

The series in September will focus on what are the most important elements and messages of our ministry. If there is one thing we want you to know what would that be?

I hope you will think about that as well as we enter a new month and a new season of life, ministry and mission.

Come Join us Sunday as we look at "What's really important."

WHAT'S

REALLY

IMPORTANT


Dr. Mark Crosby
Senior Pastor



Newsletter & Updates

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men Helping Men Be Men

COMING TO MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



Saturday,
Sep 12th

Becoming Like Christ

7:30 AM.

DAYS SMOKEHOUSE WILL
PROVIDE US BREAKFAST.

STEAK DINNER FELLOWSHIP



**Date: Tuesday,
September 29
at 6:30 PM in the
Pre-School Chapel.
Cost: \$15.00.**

...Equipping Men...Building Leaders...

The Power of Showing Up

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

There is something pretty incredible that happens every week at Live Oak Church. People show up. They come from all different backgrounds and professions: nurses, teachers, business owners, college students, stay-at-home parents, and everything in between. They walk through the doors, step into a ministry area, and give their time to invest in the lives of others.

I get a front-row seat to see this happen every single week, and I am so incredibly grateful for the people who serve our children. Because they aren't just filling a spot on a volunteer schedule. They are living out their faith.

There is a belief in children's ministry that every child needs at least five trusted adults in their life besides their parents—five people who consistently speak truth, encouragement, and wisdom into their lives.

Five adults who take the time to discover what excites them and what they hope for.

Five adults who see who they really are; their unique personalities, gifts, and potential.

Five adults who create a safe place for them to be honest about what they're experiencing.

Five adults they can turn to for encouragement, guidance, and godly wisdom.

Five adults who genuinely love them, consistently show up for them, and faithfully pray for them.

And here's what I love: our Children's Ministry volunteers get to be some of those five. I know firsthand just how much those people can matter. I can still remember the men and women who invested in me when I was a child. They weren't just people I saw at church on Sundays. They knew me. They encouraged me. They prayed for me. They watched me grow up, and they continued showing up long after I had aged out of their classroom.

Years later, when I was in college, many of those same people drove four hours just to attend my senior voice recital. Four hours. They didn't have to do that. Their name wasn't on a volunteer schedule anymore. I wasn't the little girl sitting in their Sunday School class. They came because somewhere along the way, serving had become a relationship. And those relationships didn't end when I grew up. At 48 years old, I am still in contact with many of them today. They have celebrated milestones with me, prayed for me, encouraged me, and remained part of my life. When I look back, I can see pieces of their influence woven into who I am today. They helped shape me.

That is why I believe so strongly in what our volunteers are doing every week. You may think you are *just* teaching a Bible lesson. *Just* checking a child in. *Just* rocking a baby. *Just* helping with a craft. *Just* sitting beside a preteen during a small group. But there is no "just" when you are investing in a person.

The child sitting in your group today may be 48 years old one day and still remember your name. They may remember that you showed up. They may remember that you listened. They may remember that you believed in them. And they may realize years later that God used you to help shape the person they became.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
- 1 Peter 4:10

And here's something else I've learned: serving doesn't just impact the person being served. It changes the person serving, too. I watch our volunteers build genuine community with other adults. People who might never have crossed paths otherwise become friends because they serve side by side week after week. I see the fulfillment that comes when someone realizes what I am doing matters. And the joy? You can see the joy on their faces. There is something different about

the joy that comes from knowing God is using you to make a difference in someone else's life. You walk in thinking you are giving something away, and somehow God has a way of filling you back up in the process.

And that isn't just true in Children's Ministry. It's true all across our church. Every week, people are greeting at doors, leading groups, serving students, caring for babies, making coffee, running technology, playing instruments, praying with people, helping behind the scenes, serving our community, and doing countless other things most people will never see. Every role matters because every role serves someone.

So here's my challenge:

Don't just come to church. Be part of the church. If Live Oak is your church home and you aren't currently serving somewhere, ask God where He might want to use you. Maybe it's Children's Ministry. Maybe it's Student Ministry. Maybe it's worship, hospitality, groups, missions, prayer, or something completely behind the scenes. You don't have to be a Bible scholar. You don't have to have all the answers. You don't have to be the most talented person in the room. And you definitely don't have to wait until life gets less busy... because I'm pretty sure that magical season doesn't exist.

You simply have to be willing to say, "God, use me." Because serving isn't ultimately about filling volunteer positions. It's about people. It's about relationships. It's about using what God has given us to invest in someone else. Somewhere in our church right now is a child, a teenager, a young adult, a struggling parent, a new believer, or someone who simply needs another person to know their name and care that they showed up.

You could be that person. I know what it feels like to have people like that in my life. Forty-plus years later, I still remember mine, and I will forever be grateful that they chose to show up.

LIVE OOK
Ladies

Peaks & Valleys

LEARNING TO LOOK TO CHRIST IN LIFE'S HIGHS AND LOWS
A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LIFE OF DAVID

SEPTEMBER 21
9AM IN THE CHAPEL
6 WEEKS



REFUGEE

**STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION?
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.
WE MEET IN ROOM #201.
COME JOIN US!**

**Thursdays
7 PM**

Support. Instruction. Accountability.

The Elijah Mandate: Biblical Courage from the Prophet Elijah for Standing Firm in a Compromising Culture

by Amir Tsarfati and Tolik Piflaks

#1 New Release in Christian Apologetics

When culture pressures believers to make political, social, and spiritual concessions, Elijah's example shows how to stand with courage and discernment.

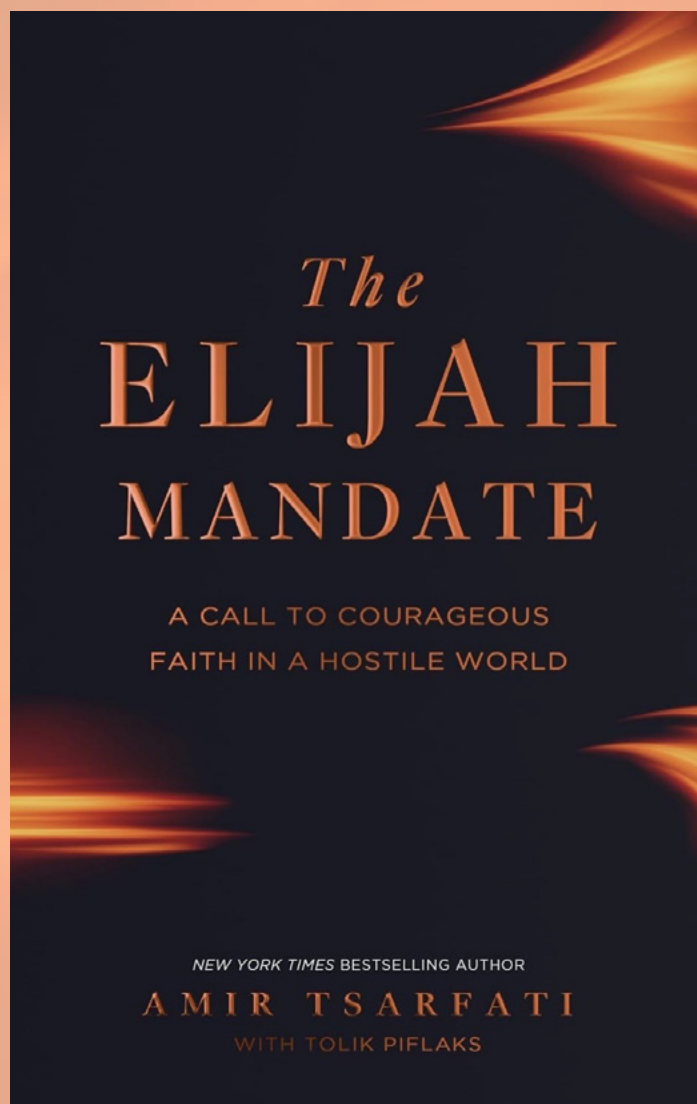
The prophet Elijah lived in an age of deception, opposition, and compromise—and his story speaks directly to believers facing today's cultural conflicts. This book helps you recognize pressure to redefine truth, strengthen spiritual resilience, and engage society with conviction that is both firm and loving.

In *The Elijah Mandate*, you will learn to

- stand for truth in a culture intent on redefining it
- guard your soul with spiritual disciplines that sustain you
- listen for the still, small voice of God for direction
- respond to opposition with conviction, humility, and discernment
- engage a hostile world as a faithful witness for the gospel

New York Times bestselling author Amir Tsarfati writes with Tolik Piflaks, a Middle East analyst and media professional, to explore the powerful parallels between Elijah's ancient battles and the pressures facing Christians today.

Live faithfully without fear. *The Elijah Mandate* will help you face cultural conflict with biblical courage, spiritual clarity, and confidence rooted in God's truth.



Starting on 9/15. The Study will be held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month starting at 630pm in the Chapel.

All In Your Feels

Handling emotions in a way that is right, rational, reasonable, responsible, and righteous.

Dr. David Orges
Executive Pastor

We all have feelings. Sometimes we have really big emotions.

We feel angry. We feel hurt. We feel disappointed. We feel jealous. We feel afraid. We feel discouraged. Dr. Mark preached a great sermon last month about how we feel depressed. Feeling strong emotions shouldn't surprise us, and being a Christian doesn't mean those emotions suddenly disappear.

The Bible is full of people experiencing very real emotions. David was afraid. Elijah was discouraged. Jeremiah grieved. Peter got angry. Jesus wept.

The issue isn't *whether* we have emotions. The issue is *what we allow* those emotions to do.

There is an important difference between saying, "My feelings are real," and saying, "My feelings are right."

I can feel rejected without actually being rejected. I can feel disrespected when no disrespect was intended. I can feel unloved while being loved deeply. I can feel hopeless when there's actually plenty of reason for hope. Feelings are real, but they aren't always reliable interpreters of reality.

That is one reason the Bible has so much to say about our minds. Romans 12:2 tells us, "be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Second Corinthians 10:5 tells us to take "every thought captive to obey Christ." Philippians 4:8 tells us to intentionally think about the things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and praiseworthy.

There is nothing passive about any of that.

You don't have to believe everything you think. You don't have to follow every feeling wherever it wants to take you. Sometimes you may need to stop and ask, "Is what I am telling myself actually true?"

I love the picture we get in Psalm 42. The writer is deeply discouraged, and instead of simply surrendering to that discouragement, he talks to himself pointing out what he knows to be true: "Why, my soul, are you downcast?" Then he tells his own soul, "Put your hope in God." He acknowledges his emotions, but he doesn't embrace them as his overlord.

Sometimes we need to *stop* listening to ourselves and *start* preaching to ourselves!

The Bible also makes an important distinction between what we feel and what we do. Ephesians 4:26 says, "Be angry and do not sin." Anger is an emotion. What I do with my anger is my choice.

I can be angry without being cruel. I can be hurt without hurting somebody else. I can be disappointed without blaming everybody around me. I can disagree without being disrespectful.

Your emotions may explain your response, but they don't excuse it.

That matters because Christians aren't to be controlled by whatever emotion happens to be loudest at the moment. We belong to Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is at work in us. There is a higher standard for God's children.

Galatians 5 says the fruit of the Spirit includes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Think about how much of that list affects the way we respond emotionally to everyday life.

This isn't simply about learning a few techniques to manage our emotions. This is about becoming more like Jesus.

Christians still have bad days. We still grieve. We still get frustrated. We still experience disappointment, fear, and anger. But those things shouldn't get the final word. Your life will increasingly be characterized by love, joy, peace, hope, and self-control because the very Spirit of God lives in you.

God transforms our lives by renewing our minds. It is important to learn to recognize and acknowledge what you are feeling, examine what you are thinking, compare it with what is true, and then choose a response that honors Christ.

Yes, your feelings are real.

But they don't have to be in charge.

Not every thought deserves your attention. Not every feeling deserves your agreement. And not every emotion gets to decide your next choice.

Jesus does.



SENIOR ADULTS

By Landra Reed



Ephesians 2:8-9

"For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is a gift from God, not a result from works, so that no one may boast."

It's that time of year when everyone seems to give a little more to those in need. But remember, it's not always money or things that people need; sometimes they need time, a sympathetic ear, or just a hug. How do you know what they need? Ask, just simply ask. But if they are that person who is always fine, but you can see they clearly are not, seek discernment from God. His ways are never wrong and can be more impactful than what you believe. May September be a month full of blessings.

This month starts at the end of our summer with a movie on September 21st at 10:30 in the FLC. The cost is \$5, which you pay the day when you arrive. The movie is *Unsung Hero* by Joel Smallbone and Richard Ramsey, based on a true story about the Smallbone family from Australia. Lunch will be provided by Jersey Mike's. Sign up by September 13th and choose your sandwich and drink. Please mark it on the sign-up sheet at the information desk in the binder. Popcorn and candy will be provided.

Tuesday, October 13th is our annual Fall Feast. Make sure to sign up at the information desk or online. Bring your favorite fall dessert and your appetite. This is my favorite event of the year! Cutoff is September 11th. 🍃

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.

“Truth is the absolute standard by which reality is measured. Truth is non-negotiable reality. Truth is tied to God’s view on any subject.”

-Tony Evans



**JAMBALAYA
COOK-OFF!**

**FALL FEST
OCTOBER 31**

 **BRING THE
FLAVOR**

 **BRING THE
FUN**

 **BE THE
CHAMPION**

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR COOKS TO BRING THEIR BEST POT
OF JAMBALAYA AND COMPETE AT OUR FALL FEST!**

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Nathan Iblings Announcement



Beginning September 1, Nathan Iblings will join the Live Oak Next Gen Ministry Team, serving alongside our students and leaders in Student Ministry.

Serving professionally in ministry since 2018, Nathan has a genuine love for students and a passion for helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. He is a gifted youth minister who understands that some of the most meaningful ministry happens through relationships, by showing up consistently, investing in students personally, and helping them take the next step in their faith. Nathan has a passion not only for seeing students come to know Jesus, but for helping the next generation fall in love with God and His Word and become equipped to impact their families and communities with the Gospel.

A significant part of Nathan's ministry at Live Oak Church will be focused on training, encouraging, and equipping students and small group leaders. We believe healthy student ministries are built around students who have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and faithful adults who know their students, love them well, and are equipped to disciple them. Nathan will invest intentionally in both students and leaders so that they are prepared to minister with excellence today and continue making an impact for years to come.

Nathan is a 2020 graduate of Louisiana Tech University and is currently pursuing his Master of Divinity full-time as he continues preparing for a lifetime of vocational ministry. He has a heart for the local church and feels God calling him toward pastoral ministry. We are excited that this season of that journey will include serving the students and families of Live Oak Church.

You may hear Nathan simply introduce himself as “the youth guy,” but we believe he will quickly become much more than that to our students, leaders, and families. He brings a strong combination of ministry experience, relational ability, leadership, and a desire to develop others as he serves Live Oak Church.

We are excited to welcome Nathan and his wife, Hannah, to the Live Oak team and look forward to seeing how God uses him to invest in our students, strengthen our leaders, and help us continue building a Student Ministry that leads the next generation into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ!

Please join us in welcoming Nathan & Hannah Iblings to Live Oak Church!





WOMEN OF JOY

**OCTOBER 16-19
PIGEON FORGE, TN**

email faith@liveoak.church to register



Counselor's Corner

Finding Meaning in the Midst of Grief

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

Grief is something we all experience, but it does not look the same for everyone. We often associate grief with the death of someone we love, yet grief can also follow many kinds of loss

a relationship, a marriage, a dream, a season of life, or even the future we once imagined.

As a counselor, I have learned that grief is not simply about "moving on." **It is about learning how to move forward while honoring what and who we have lost.**

One approach that has become meaningful in my work with individuals and families is **meaning reconstruction**. When we experience a significant loss, it can shake the way we understand ourselves, our relationships, our faith, and our future. We may find ourselves asking, *"Why did this happen?" "Who am I now?" or "How do I move forward from here?"*

These questions are a natural part of grief.

Meaning reconstruction allows us to acknowledge the loss while gradually discovering how to make sense of life again. It does not mean pretending the loss was good or finding an easy explanation for why it happened. Instead, it gives us space to process what happened, honor what was lost, and begin creating a new understanding of our lives.

As a **PLPC and PLMFT**, I also recognize that grief rarely affects only one person. When a family experiences loss, each member may respond differently. One person may want to talk about it, while another becomes quiet. Someone may return quickly to normal routines, while another struggles to function.

Different expressions of grief do not mean that someone cares more or less. Sometimes families need help learning how to grieve together while allowing each person the freedom to grieve differently.

From a Christian perspective, I believe God meets us in those places of uncertainty and pain. Scripture does not promise that we will never experience sorrow. Instead, it reminds us that

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted" (Psalm 34:18). Jesus Himself wept.

Our faith does not require us to rush through grief or pretend that we are okay. **We can trust God and still have questions. We can have faith and still hurt. We can believe in hope while acknowledging that something deeply painful has happened.**

Healing does not mean forgetting. It does not mean that the loss no longer matters.

Sometimes healing means learning how to carry the memory of what we lost while continuing to live a meaningful life.

The goal is not to erase the loss, but to integrate it into our story without allowing it to become the end of our story.

If you are walking through grief, you do not have to navigate it alone. Counseling can provide a safe place to process your loss, explore the questions that come with it, strengthen relationships, and begin discovering meaning and hope again.

There is room for your grief.

There is room for your questions.

And there is room for healing.

Melissa Benton-Hebert is a PLPC and PLMFT at Live Oak Church Counseling Center, where she works with individuals, couples, and families.



More Than an Event

Madison Cody, Children's Minister

When we talk about community outreach, it can be easy to think first about the event. The food, the games, the candy, the volunteers, and all the details that go into making it happen. And while those things matter, they aren't the reason we do it.

The heart behind outreach is people.

Jesus consistently went toward people. He noticed those who were overlooked. He welcomed those who felt like outsiders. He met practical needs. And He created opportunities for people to experience the love of God. As *the* Church, we have the privilege of doing the same.

Community outreach gives us an opportunity to say to our neighbors, "We see you. We care about you. There is a place for you here."

That's the heart behind events like Candy Quest at Fall Fest. On October 31, our campus will be filled with families enjoying free food, games, candy, and plenty of fun together. But our hope is that what families remember most isn't how much candy they collected or which game was their favorite. We hope they remember how they felt when they were here.

We want families to feel known, loved, welcomed, and valued.

For some families, an outreach event may be their very first interaction with our church. Walking through the doors on a Sunday morning can feel intimidating when you don't know anyone or aren't sure what to expect. But coming to a community event for food, games, and family fun can feel a little easier. It gives us the opportunity to begin building relationships with people right where they are.

And sometimes, something as simple as a smile at the welcome tent, someone taking the time to learn a child's name, a conversation over a meal, or an invitation to come back can open the door to something much bigger.

Outreach creates a bridge from our church to our community and relationships are built on that bridge.

That is why every part matters. The person handing out candy matters. The volunteer serving food matters. The person helping with parking matters. The person welcoming a family matters. The person making sure a child with sensory needs has a place to take a break matters. Every interaction is an opportunity to reflect the love and hospitality of Jesus.

Matthew 5:16 reminds us, "*Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*"

Our goal isn't simply to get people onto our campus. Our goal is to love our community well enough that people see something different in us; something that points them toward Jesus.

We may never know the full impact of one afternoon. A family may come for candy and return for church. A child may receive their first Bible. A parent may find the community they've desperately needed. Someone may have a conversation that eventually leads them to Jesus.

That's why we reach out. Because behind every number is a name. Behind every family is a story. And behind every event is an opportunity to show our community that the Church isn't simply a building they drive past each week.

We are here. We care. And most importantly, Jesus loves them.

As we prepare for Candy Quest at Fall Fest, let's pray for more than a successful event. Let's pray for conversations, connections, relationships, and open doors. Let's pray that every person who steps onto our campus experiences genuine love and hospitality and that through something as simple as food, games, and candy, God begins something that lasts far beyond October 31.

BUILT DIFFERENT

ROMANS 12:2

FAMILY RETREAT
OCTOBER 2ND - 3RD

TWO RETREATS.
ONE LOCATION!



MOTHER | DAUGHTER RETREAT AND FATHER | SON RETREAT

OCTOBER 31ST | 3PM - 5PM

Candy Quest

@ FALL FEST

LIVE OOK CHURCH

Brayden Lott Celebration



For the past three years, Brayden Lott has faithfully served as part of Live Oak's Next Gen Ministry Team, first as our Preteen Minister and, more recently, as our Interim Student Minister.

During his time at Live Oak, Brayden has made a meaningful impact on the lives of many students and families. Under his leadership, our preteen ministry experienced growth, and he built strong, genuine relationships with the students. When our Student Ministry entered a season of transition, Brayden stepped into the interim role with excellence, providing consistency, maintaining momentum, and caring for students through a season of uncertainty.

More than any particular accomplishment, however, we are grateful for the kind of person Brayden has been while serving here. His integrity, character, work ethic, loyalty, teachability, and willingness to serve wherever needed have made him a valued member of our staff. He works hard, loves students deeply, brings plenty of humor along the way, and has been a trusted friend and teammate to those who have had the privilege of serving alongside him.

We are also thankful for his wife, Madison, who has been a tremendous blessing to our Student Ministry. Her sweet spirit and care for our students, especially the young ladies in the ministry, have made an impact that will be remembered and cherished.

As Brayden and Madison step into the next season of their lives and ministry, we are both grateful and excited for them. We will miss having them as part of the day-to-day ministry of Live Oak. We celebrate what God has done through them at Live Oak Church and look forward to seeing how He continues to use their lives in the days ahead.

Brayden and Madison, thank you for serving Live Oak so faithfully. You have been a blessing to our church, our staff, and an entire generation of students. We are grateful for you, proud of you, and praying for God's very best as you follow Him into the next chapter of your ministry.

FOOD, FIZZ & FINAL PIECE

4 WOMEN • 3 CHALLENGES • 1 WINNING TEAM

SEPTEMBER 25 • 6:30PM • FLC • 16+

SCAN
ME!



LIVE OAK
Ladies

LIVE OAK
CHURCH

Helping Kids Navigate Anxiety

September 18 at 6:30pm

REGISTER
NOW



meet our team



Dr. Mark Crosby
Senior Pastor



Dr. David Orges
Executive Pastor



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Business
Administrator



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Worship Pastor



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Director of Adult
Ministries



Rev. Stephen Hebert
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Pastoral Care



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Director of
Children's Ministry



Madison Cody
Children's
Minister



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Worship Minister



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Young Adults Pastor
& Communications



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NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Four Sundays. Life-changing truths - and everything
you need to know about Live Oak Church.



WEEK 1

**SALVATION
IN 3-D**



WEEK 2

**ENHANCE YOUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**



WEEK 3

**THE STAGES OF
SPIRITUAL GROWTH**



WEEK 4

**DISCOVER YOUR
SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

SUNDAYS 8:45-9:30 AM • ROOM 201

BEGINS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH • ENDS THE FOURTH - JOIN ANY MONTH

NO SIGN-UP NEEDED - JUST SHOW UP

**Kids have Sunday School at 8:45 too.
Class ends right as the 9:30 service begins.**

We look forward to welcoming you into our
Live Oak Church community of faith!

Led by Bro. Sam LoBello

