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MONEY
& YOU

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OR
ENTRUSTED?

WHEN
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CALLS

DRAWING
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*How do we draw near to God?
What does that look like?*

Considering Becoming a Member of Live Oak Church?

It begins right here!

CONNECT CARD

IF YOU ARE HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU! BE SURE TO FILL OUT THIS CARD AND BRING IT TO THE CONNECTION CENTER. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY.

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TODAY'S DATE

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CITY

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RETURNING GUEST

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I WANT TO JOIN LIVE OAK

I AM INTERESTED IN BAPTISM

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TODAY I ACCEPTED JESUS AS MY SAVIOR

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AMAZING RACE

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 AT 5-7P



FREE EVENT

APRIL 2023 | 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 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:
Linda Johnson: 7-11th Grade - Upstairs in FLC
Nathan Lott: 12th Grade - Age 25 - Upstairs in FLC
- 8:45 AM Adult Co-ed Sunday School Classes:
Pastor Mark Crosby - Choir Room
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 Children's Church
- 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 Church
- 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: Kindergarten - 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 Dr. Mark's Class - Adults
- 6:30 - 7:20 PM Bible Recap - Ladies - Room #202

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

- ADULT 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

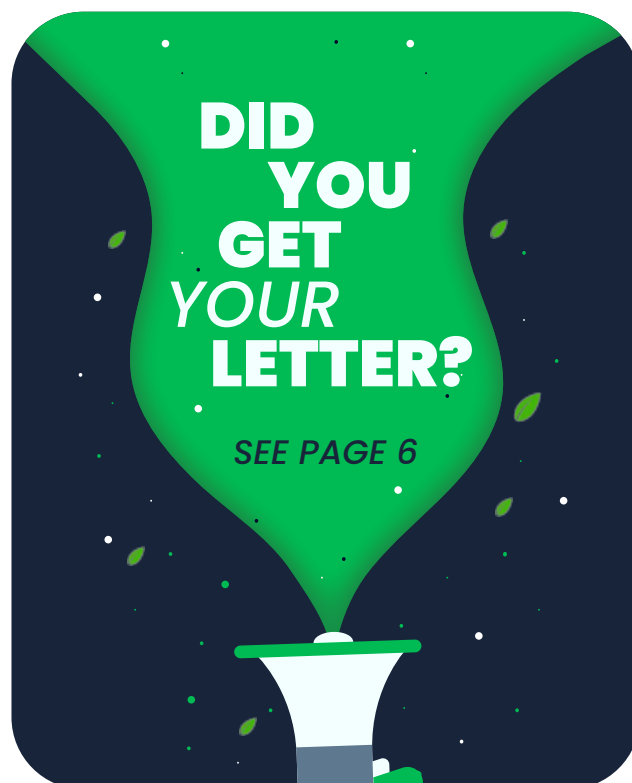
- Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Second Saturday of each month at 7:30AM in Room #202.

LIVE OAK LADIES

- Bible Recap
- Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the Room #202.

- Ladies Bingo Night
- May 12 at 6:30PM

- Ladies Tea
- April 1 at 10AM (tickets required)



RETURN YOUR LETTER!

You are formally invited to become a member of Live Oak Church. Join today!

On October 30, 2022, the members of Live Oak United Methodist Church voted by a 99% margin to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Conference. Subsequently, the Louisiana Annual Conference of the UMC formally affirmed the church's disaffiliation.

As of January 1, 2023, the organization formerly known as *Live Oak United Methodist Church* became *Live Oak Church*. Since this is a new organization, everyone has the opportunity to become a member of this brand-new church. The process for someone wishing to join Live Oak Church will remain the same, with candidates for membership completing a four-session class before membership is conferred. However, each person receiving this letter was a Live Oak United Methodist Church member, and eligible for a "transfer of membership."

For a limited time only, you can "transfer" your membership to Live Oak Church by affirming and signing the Live Oak Church Statement of Faith and professing your faith in Jesus Christ.

To help with our record-keeping, this period of "membership transfer" will be open until April 9, 2023. Once this window closes, those wishing to join Live Oak Church will be required to complete our New Members Class.

To "transfer" your membership, we simply ask that you pray, read the Live Oak Church Statement of Faith (included in this envelope) in its entirety, complete the information form included with this letter, and return it to the church office via one of the following options:


Mail:
Live Oak Church
Attn: Linda Holdman
34890 La Hwy 16
Denham Springs, LA 70706

Digitally:
Scan the completed form and email it to office@loumc.org

In Person:
Submit the completed form to the office M-Th 8a-6p or F 8a-12p
Submit the completed form to the Information Desk on a Sunday morning

One form is required for each membership transfer. Please do not include information for multiple members on one form.

God has already done amazing things and opened doors for a new season of blessing and growth! We are thankful for your continued commitment to this amazing community of faith.


Rev. David Orges
Executive Pastor

**If you are a member
and did not get a letter,
let the office know ASAP!**

**Make sure to turn it
in by Easter!**

The month of April means the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. This is the cornerstone of our faith and our hope for life abundant and life eternal. The Resurrection proves that everything Jesus declared was/is true. That He is the way, the truth and the life. That in Him we can have life abundant and life eternal and that we can know the grace and forgiveness of God forever.

It is a wonderful time of celebration and joy for all who believe. However, there are others who aren't sure what it is we are celebrating. We are celebrating what everyone worries about, is concerned about and hopes for, which is the assurance of life. The assurance of seeing loved ones again, the assurance that death is not the victor but Jesus has defeated sin, death and the grave.

We all long for that hope of living life free from worry, pain, disappointment and sadness. Jesus promises to give us that forever, as He promises to provide us a place called paradise, so wonderful that eye has not seen nor ear heard of the great things God has prepared for those who love Him.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It is a wonderful time of celebration and joy for all who believe.

This is what we are celebrating and this is our sermon series in April. What did Jesus teach about eternity. What do you know about the place you are going to spend 99% of your time. Do you have the hope, assurance and joy of the life Messiah has provided and offered.

So come join us for the season of Resurrection as we look at what Jesus taught about eternal life, how to have it and the joy that it brings.

Hope to see you Sunday!

Dr. Mark Crosby
Senior Pastor

When God Calls...

by Sam LoBello

...A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" ... Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So, Eli told Samuel, "Go lie down and if He calls you say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.'" 1 Samuel 3:8-9

It was 1979. I had accepted Christ a couple years earlier. It had become clear to me that God was calling me to surrender my life to the Gospel Ministry. I knew He was calling, but Betty and I had recently bought our first house. I had been managing stores for seven years and there was talk of me promoting to the Home Office. As I wrestled with God's call our second child was born. If I surrendered to God's call, I would have to quit my job sell my house and go to Seminary. How would I be able to provide for my family? Plus, I didn't like school and hadn't been to school in seven years!

One evening a couple deacons came by to visit with me. They said I had been nominated to be a deacon. I tried to negotiate with God. Would this do? Will you accept this? You see, this way I could keep my job, we could keep our house and I wouldn't have to attend Seminary in New Orleans. As I look back at it, I was concerned. I was afraid. I wanted to do what was right. I was grateful for the sacrifice Christ had made for me at Calvary, but...

I could not escape God's call. Even my employees knew God had called me to preach, to teach, to reach out to others with the Gospel and to minister. I finally went to talk with my Pastor. He said, "Sam, if you can do anything else, do it." I thought that was odd advice. But then I said to myself, "Yippee! I can continue managing my store and we can continue our life as normal."

I became so miserable I couldn't stand myself. I was in rebellion against the God of my salvation, the one who had redeemed me! A short time later our Pastor was preaching from John 2 on the wedding at Cana. He pointed out that they had run out of wine. This was an immediate need for you see it would be an embarrassment to the bride and groom to run out of wine at their wedding celebration. Before Jesus turned the water into wine Mary, the mother of Jesus said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." The Pastor then pointed out that Mary was implying, "And do it promptly." My heart was broken. I couldn't hold back my tears. I had been making excuses for months. As the invitation was extended, I came to the altar and surrendered my life to God's call.

Answering God's call has been an adventure. It has led me to Seminary in New Orleans, to pastor in Springfield, Baker and Walker. It has brought me to serve as a Minister of Education in Baton Rouge, Denham Springs and now Watson. God has provided the entire time. Relationships have been formed, lives have been touched, souls have been saved and disciples have been made. God is willing to work in us and through us to accomplish all this and more, if we will only answer God's call. Is He calling you? 🌿



Graduating

CLASS OF

2023



April 16th - Graduate Dinner

May 7th - Ceremony



entitled *or* entrusted

by Chris Lacara

The word entrusted is used 24 times in the NASB version of the Bible. We can read that many of the things that were entrusted to others were the word of God, flocks, people, the law, possessions, etc. Our current culture likes to use another word instead of entrusted and it's, entitled. We hear time and time again how entitlement should be leading our lives. The difference in entrusted and entitled is in the core of the definition. Entitled means to believe that one is inherently deserving of privileges or special treatment. Entrusted means to have something committed to another with confidence. When we read about what God has entrusted to others, he is not merely giving them entitlement over a task or item, but he is trusting the individual with accountability over that task.

In Matthew 25:14-30, the Parable of the Talents is shared by Jesus. Three servants are entrusted with the wealth of their master. Two of the servants take the bag of talents and double the money of the master. The third servant buries the money instead of going out to multiply the money. The first two servants say to the master, "you have entrusted me with bags of gold, so I have made more," but the third servant said he was afraid and buried the money instead. The master rebukes the third servant for taking something he was



entrusted with and squandering the opportunity of being a good steward.

In Facilities Management, we are to be good stewards of the facilities we have been entrusted to by God. What does that mean? Well, it is our duty as believers to not look at our service as an ownership opportunity, but instead see that we have the privilege to have entrustment of a task from God. We cannot take ownership over something that is not ours but instead be intentional with doing more with the "talents" God has given us. Just as God has entrusted all things to Jesus's hand (John 3:35), we should strive to go out and multiply what God has given us stewardship over.

As we are entrusted stewards of the Live Oak Church building and grounds, we also have people on this journey with our Facilities team. One of these people is Ms. Katherine Helm who spends numerous hours planning, planting, and shaping our landscaping. She does so not for recognition, but to serve her church. I am thankful for her and would love for more parishioners to join our numerous volunteer teams. If you would like to get involved, please contact me at any time. My e-mail address is Chris@liveoak.church. 🌿

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DRAWING NEAR



by Trent Barnett

One of priorities of the Christian life is drawing near to the presence of God. James says, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” (James 4:8). Drawing near requires a conscious decision to return to the presence of God and to live in relationship with Him moment by moment. But how do we draw near to God? What does that look like?

The writer of Hebrews encourages us to “draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings” (Heb. 10:22). It’s not about making sure we check all the right boxes, say all the correct things, go here, don’t go here, all while hopping on one foot. Drawing near to God is all about the posture of our heart - a sincere heart seeking the Lord. “It’s not about a set of practices we need to get right; it’s about a Person we need to cling to - Jesus” (Ben Stuart). We are to come with hearts tuned to God’s truths and clinging to the finished work of our Savior who defeated sin, death, and the grave! When we approach God this way, He has promised that we will find Him. God spoke to His people through the prophet Jeremiah: “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart” (Jer. 29:13). God is never too far away to rescue or deliver. Isaiah writes that “the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear” (Isa. 59:1). The God of creation hears our cries and longs to have relationship with us. What an incredible thought!

The worship team All Sons and Daughters wrote the popular song “Great Are You Lord.” The lyrics of the chorus talk about God’s breath filling our lungs, so in response, we “pour out our praise to You only.” This lyric of pouring out praise is describing an intentional, sincere act of worship. It’s a recognition of who God is, and responding accordingly. When we have a deeper understanding of our dependence on Him for life itself, there’s only one response - a life of worship surrendered to Him! When we come before God with sincere hearts, He meets us there - and changes us to look more like Him.

When we gather to worship the Savior, we are entering a holy place - whether it is a church building, our home, a coffee shop, a hospital, or any other place. Anytime believers come together to worship, the Holy Spirit works to save and heal, to set people free from addiction, and free people from the bondage of the slavery of sin. The Holy Spirit “convicts the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16:8) and seeks to transform people’s lives from death to life.

So when we come before the throne of God in worship, we are to do so with an attitude of holy expectancy - expecting to see God move in our midst and expecting to see lives changed. We should never grow tired of it. We should never not be in awe of what it taking place. Authentic worship of the Savior isn’t confined to a church service or even to a particular music style; it is a posture of the heart, meeting with God and ascribing worth to Him. This is why the mission of Live Oak Worship is to foster environments that inspire people to actively engage in worship.

“Wherever you worship today, I hope you are an active participant. Press in. God will meet you” (Brian Tabor). When people actively come before God seeking His heart in worship, He meets them there. Even more, when people encounter the power of God, their lives and their eternities are forever changed. 🌿

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NEVER
TOO FAR
AWAY**

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GOD'S MONEY AND YOU

by Jim Otken

As we move forward in 2023 as Live Oak Church, Watson, I think it may be beneficial to formally answer a few final questions about the financial aspects of disaffiliation from the UMC.

Question # 1

What was the cost of disaffiliation? Well, the formal disaffiliation fees included two years of conference apportionments totaling \$306,032 plus \$204,740 which was an amount determined as our portion of the conference's unfunded pension liability. If we add in another \$10,000 in legal fees, filing fees, mailings, etc., our grand total for disaffiliation was approximately \$520,772.

Question # 2

How did we pay for the disaffiliation? The disaffiliation fees were paid through the generosity of generations of believers who have attended our church. These budget donations were managed over the years by members who have served on our committees. And through these years, we were blessed to have a surplus of budget monies that allowed us to write the disaffiliation check. As I mentioned in one of the meetings, it was a blessing to be able to make our decision based on factors other than money.

Question # 3

What did we gain from disaffiliation? The biggest thing we gained was the freedom to operate our church based on the beliefs of our church members. All decisions are now made by committees composed of the people that live in our community. As an added bonus, the church's property (recently appraised at \$5,800,000) is now in our name.

And now we are closing the first quarter of 2023 as Live Oak Church, Watson. The disaffiliation is in the rearview mirror, and we are marching forward proclaiming Jesus Christ is the Risen Savior. Thank you to all who have given to Live Oak – in whatever form or amount. Your faithful obedience has made a difference in the past, and it does make a difference in the future.





IS CHILDREN'S CHURCH RIGHT FOR YOUR CHILD?

by Trish Graves

As a parent in our church, you may have heard of children's church, but you may not fully understand its value. Some may see it as a way to keep kids occupied while adults attend the main church service, but children's church is much more than just babysitting. In fact, the time spent in children's church can be life-altering for your child.

WE LEARN ABOUT THE BIBLE.

Kid's church is a place where children can learn about the Bible in an age-appropriate way. Our leaders teach the Bible in a way that is engaging and understandable for children. We use games, crafts and other lesson-specific activities to help children apply the stories and lessons they learn. By attending kid's church, your child can develop a strong foundation in their faith that will stay with them throughout their life.

WE LEARN HOW TO USE OUR BIBLES.

In Kid's church, your child will use their Bible every Sunday. They are taught the books of the Bible and how to find them. They follow along with their leader as Scripture is read. Kindergartners have a buddy that helps them find the Scripture and read along.

WORSHIP.


Children's church is also a place where kids engage in worship. They sing songs, pray, and learn how to worship God in a way that is meaningful to them. By participating in worship, children can develop a love for God and a desire to serve Him.

DEVELOP CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS.

Children's church is a great place for children to make friends with other kids who share their faith which helps them develop a sense of community. They can also learn how to support and encourage one another in their faith and often are given opportunities to serve together.

Here are some tips for helping your child attend Children's Church for the first time:

- Talk about it with them for a week or so before their first visit so that it's not a surprise.
- Arrive 10 minutes early before it gets busy so we have time for introductions without a lot of distractions.
- Let us know when you arrive about any allergies or other things we need know about your child.
- Make drop-off quick. We will call you within 10 minutes if your child isn't settling in. They are usually fine after you leave.

Our goal is Children's Ministry is to provide a place where kids can learn about the Bible, engage in worship, make friends and develop a strong faith foundation that will stay with them throughout their life. Encourage your child to visit with us on Sundays or Wednesdays. You can find out more at liveoakkids.org. 

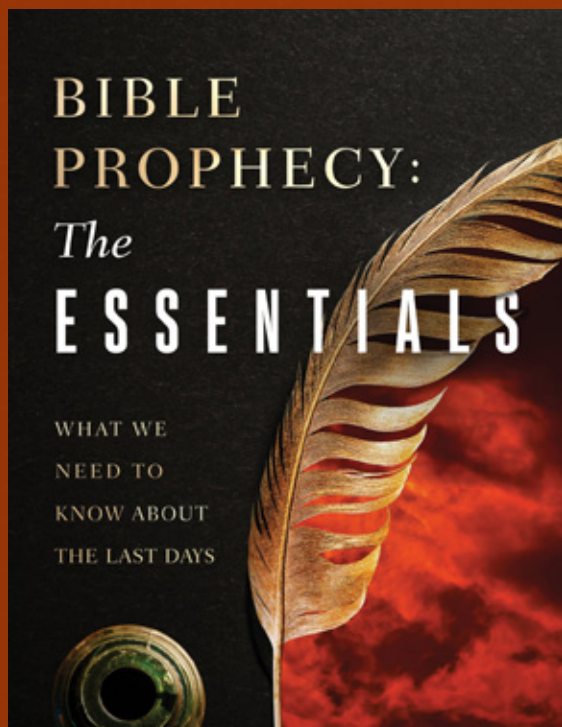
A DROP FROM THE ALTAR by sam lobello

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.

“It’s not the years in your life that count, it’s the life in the years”

- Abraham Lincoln



BIBLE PROPHECY: THE ESSENTIALS BIBLE STUDY

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays
of the Month
6:30 PM
in the Chapel**

SMALL GROUPS



Over 700 Attenders in 21 Adult Bible Study Groups

SUNDAYS

Starting at 8:45 AM

- Pastor's Coed Class - 2nd Timothy - Choir Room
- Dickie's Coed Class - The Book of Acts - Room #202
- Bro. Sam's - New Member Class - Room #102
- Wesley Senior Adult Class - Explore the Bible - Room #201

Starting at 9:30 AM

- Robert's Coed Class - Book of Romans - Room #211
- Todd & Sealy Couple's Class - Miracles of Jesus - Room #202

Starting at 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM

- 5:00 PM - Nathan Lott - Young Adult Group - FLC
- 6:00 PM - Layne Hutchinson's Doctrinal Study (Coed) - Room #202

WEEKDAYS

Monday - 6:30 PM

- Deeper Life Women - Experiencing God - Jan Tate - Chapel
- Deeper Life Men: Explore the Bible - David Tate - Room #201
- Men's Home Group - Book of Romans - Robert Poole's Home

Tuesday - 6:30 PM

- Grief Support Group - (2nd & 4th Tuesday) - Stephen Hebert - Chapel
- Bible Prophecy: The Essentials - (1st & 3rd Tuesday) - Stephen Hebert - Chapel

Wednesday 6:30 PM

- Worship & Study - A Reason to Believe - Pastor Mark - Sanctuary
- Coed Home Group - Jim & Janet Setoudeh's Home
- Ladies Bible Recap - Room #202 - Jeanette Clark

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 - Gospel of John - Men's Group - Jim Otken - Room #202
- 6:00 PM - 1 John - Coed - Robert Poole - Room #202

Second Saturday of Each Month

- 7:30 AM - Men's Study/Prayer Breakfast - Sam LoBello - Room #202



SENIOR ADULTS



"JESUS SAID TO HER, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, THOUGH HE DIE, YET SHALL HE LIVE, AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE."

JOHN 11:25-26A

by Landra Reed

April is a beautiful time of the year! Everything is in bloom, everyone is working in their yards, and most importantly we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. So with every seed you plant, remember that we are to plant seeds in man as well, spreading the beauty of the precious gift of blood Jesus shed for our sins and transgressions.

On April 17th we are taking a trip to the Alexandria Zoo. We are meeting in the church parking lot at 6:45 am, leaving at 7 am. We are taking a charter bus so we have room for 50 people. Bring the grandkids if you want. There we will feed koi fish, feed some larger animals, and observe a private demonstration. The cost is \$12, which can be paid on the day of the trip.

Ladies, get ready to celebrate you on Mother's Day May 8th at the Lakehouse on Old Hammond at 11 am. We will have our usual treats, and we also have hats this year. So put on your pretty outfits and we will provide the hats. Nancy will be our photographer so be picture ready.

Happy Easter! 🍀

MEN'S MINISTRY

men helping men be men.



Saturday, Apr. 8 at 7:30 AM
at Our Men's Prayer
Breakfast in Room #202

May 6th at 1 PM
Under FLC Awning
Free Event



LIVE OAK Ladies

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FRIDAY

MAY 12

6:30 PM

REGISTRATION
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JOIN US!

PRIZES
& FELLOWSHIP

THE WORD CHANGES EVERYTHING

by Stephen Hebert



When my family and I first came to Live Oak Church, we really didn't know much about it. All we knew is that two of our dear friends and their kids came here, and they had invited us to join them. We were seeking a

good home church to raise our kids in, and back in the day, people were actually called "seekers" when they were checking out churches in order to find one they could call home. Personally, I had multiple bad experiences from past religions, denominations and churches, so I was extremely cautious of each place I/we visited. In addition to looking for a good church we could call home, I was also seeking a good Bible teaching church, one where I could really dig into the Scriptures. I wanted to know what God had to say to humanity and what He had to say to me. I came to Live Oak Church as a searching skeptic, and I ended up a pastor. Go figure.

This Church has been through a lot over the last few decades, yet it continues to grow; not just in number but in Spirit as well. I know it is because the Spirit of God is present

here, and I also know it is because we have a Senior Pastor that has always and continues to teach the truth – the Word of the Living God. Here at Live Oak Church, I have learned what God has to say to humanity. I

have also learned what He wanted to say to me. Today, His Word continues to speak in all of our lives as long as we allow it. It is the art of sowing and reaping. If you have a garden, and you plant and tend to one row of strawberries, you should get some nice strawberries. If you plant and tend to five rows of strawberries, you should have plenty for your household, your extended family and even some for your neighbors! Just as it is with God's Word; the time you put into it, the more you will get out of it. Who knows, your harvest may be enough for your neighbors!

Check out our "Calendar of Events" in the newsletter, and get involved as the Lord leads you. There are a lot of things going on for all ages, and through your involvement, the Spirit of God does and will change your life. I promise you. 🍓

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 Church. 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. Stephen Hebert
Minister of Pastoral Care

WORSHIP



Rev. Trent Barnett
Worship Pastor

YOUNG ADULT & STUDENT MINISTRY



Rev. Nathan Lott
Director of Young Adult and Student Ministries

ADULT MINISTRY



Rev. Sam LoBello
Director of Adult Ministries

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Trish Graves
Children's
Ministry Director



Faith Storck
Children's
Ministry Assistant

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Mother's Day Out
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