

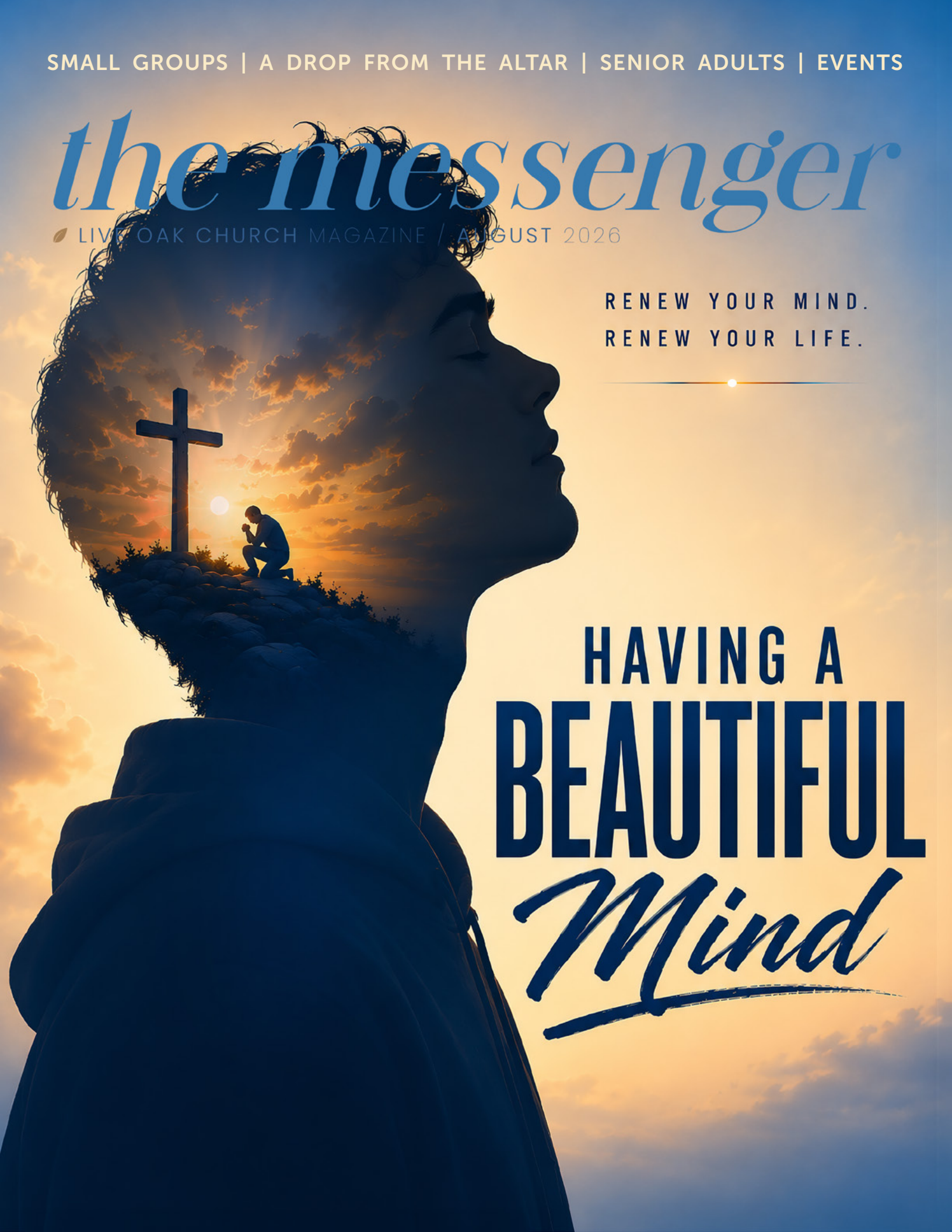
SMALL GROUPS | A DROP FROM THE ALTAR | SENIOR ADULTS | EVENTS

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RENEW YOUR MIND.
RENEW YOUR LIFE.

HAVING A
BEAUTIFUL
Mind



A NEW BIBLE STUDY AT LIVE OAK CHURCH

FIND YOUR RALLY POINT.

A study for the ones who serve.

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THINGS HAPPEN?**

**COMMUNITY
THAT HAS YOUR SIX**

**LOSS
& GRIEF**

**IDENTITY
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.

Questions? Colt Waagner · (337) 509-8888 · colt@liveoak.church

8-Week Course Beginning September 16
taught by dr. mark crosby

FAITH FORMATION



STUDENTS AGES 11 – 17
Registration Required

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: The Chapel

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

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 // **Jesus in the Old Testament** // 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 // **Trustworthy** // 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

LIVE OAK CHURCH YOUNG ADULTS

PASSION 2027

A GATHERING OF A GENERATION
FOR HIS GLORY.



DEC 29-31, 2026
Ages 18-25



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UNSHAKABLE.



from the PASTOR'S DESK



This summer was another amazing summer. Many in our church attended conferences, youth camps, and music camps, just to name a few of the highlights. As we approach the Fall season with school resuming and family routines go back to “normal” we want to encourage you to come back to church and let the Lord renew your strength and renew your mind.

The Bible speaks of the importance of renewing our mind and taking captive each thought. The reason for these powerful scriptural principles is that the greatest challenge, battle and temptation begins in our mind. Many today understand that what the Bible says about our thought life truly does impact our behavior, actions, and reactions.

So the question is: how does a person renew their mind, overcome the challenges that lead to temptation, and take captive the thoughts that want to control us by causing anxiety and depression?

The truth is we are called to “Love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.”

So how are things in your mind? What do you think about? Where do you struggle when it comes to your mind?

Do you love the Lord with all your mind?

The Bible teaches we can have a “renewed mind”; therefore, we can have a “beautiful mind” one that overcomes the temptations in life, faces challenges, and discovers our potential in serving the Lord and knowing his blessing in a brand new way.

So come see us this month as we study “How we can have a Beautiful Mind.”

We hope to see you Sunday as we worship the Lord together with our heart, soul and mind.

Hope to see you Sunday!

*WE ARE CALLED
TO “LOVE THE
LORD WITH
ALL OUR HEART
SOUL, MIND AND
STRENGTH”*


Dr. Mark Crosby
Senior Pastor

Musical

LIVE OAK
Ladies



Hear it. Sing it. Mark it. Win it.

August 7 at 6:30pm | FLC

18+ | \$5 | Registration Required

Bring a snack to share with others.

The Most Important Thing They'll Learn This Year

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

As another school year begins, our homes are filled with fresh school supplies, new backpacks, class schedules, and the excitement or maybe a few nerves that come with a new beginning. It is a season of fresh starts, new friendships, and countless opportunities to learn and grow.

This year, our children will learn to solve math problems, write essays, conduct science experiments, and memorize historical dates. They will discover new skills, tackle new challenges, and hopefully grow in confidence along the way.

Those lessons are important.

But there is one lesson that matters more than all the rest.

Our greatest desire isn't simply that our children become successful students. It's that they become faithful followers of Jesus.

Grades will eventually be forgotten. Class assignments will end. Sports seasons will come and go. But a relationship with Jesus is eternal.

In Mark 8:36, Jesus asked, *"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"* While we want our children to work hard and do their best in school, we never want academic success, extracurricular activities, or busy schedules to push the most important priority to the side... knowing and following Christ.

As parents, grandparents, and church family, we have the incredible privilege of pointing the next generation to Jesus every single day. Some of the most meaningful discipleship does not happen in a church building. It happens around the dinner table, during the drive to school, at bedtime, or through simple conversations about what God is doing in our lives.

As this school year begins, I want to encourage you to make faith part of your family's daily rhythm:

- Pray with your child before they leave for school.
- Read a few verses of Scripture together each week.
- Ask them what they learned about God, not just what they learned in class.
- Make worship and church attendance a priority, even when life gets busy.
- Remind them that their identity is found in Christ, not in their grades, popularity, or achievements.

At Live Oak Kids, we are honored to partner with you as you disciple your children. Every Sunday and Wednesday, we are intentional about helping kids discover God's truth, build lasting friendships, and develop a faith of their own that will stand firm long after they leave elementary and middle school.

This school year, let's celebrate every report card, every milestone, and every accomplishment. But above all, let's celebrate the greatest lesson our children can ever learn, that Jesus loves them, has a purpose for their lives, and desires a relationship with them.

Because long after the backpacks are unpacked and another school year becomes a memory, knowing Jesus will still be the most important thing they have ever learned.



Newsletter & Updates

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men Helping Men Be Men

COMING TO MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



Saturday,
Aug 8th
Leaving a Mark



Saturday,
Sep 12th
Becoming Like
Christ

**WE WILL MEET FOR THESE
VIDEO SUPPORTED STUDIES
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT
7:30 AM.**

DAYS SMOKEHOUSE WILL
PROVIDE US BREAKFAST.

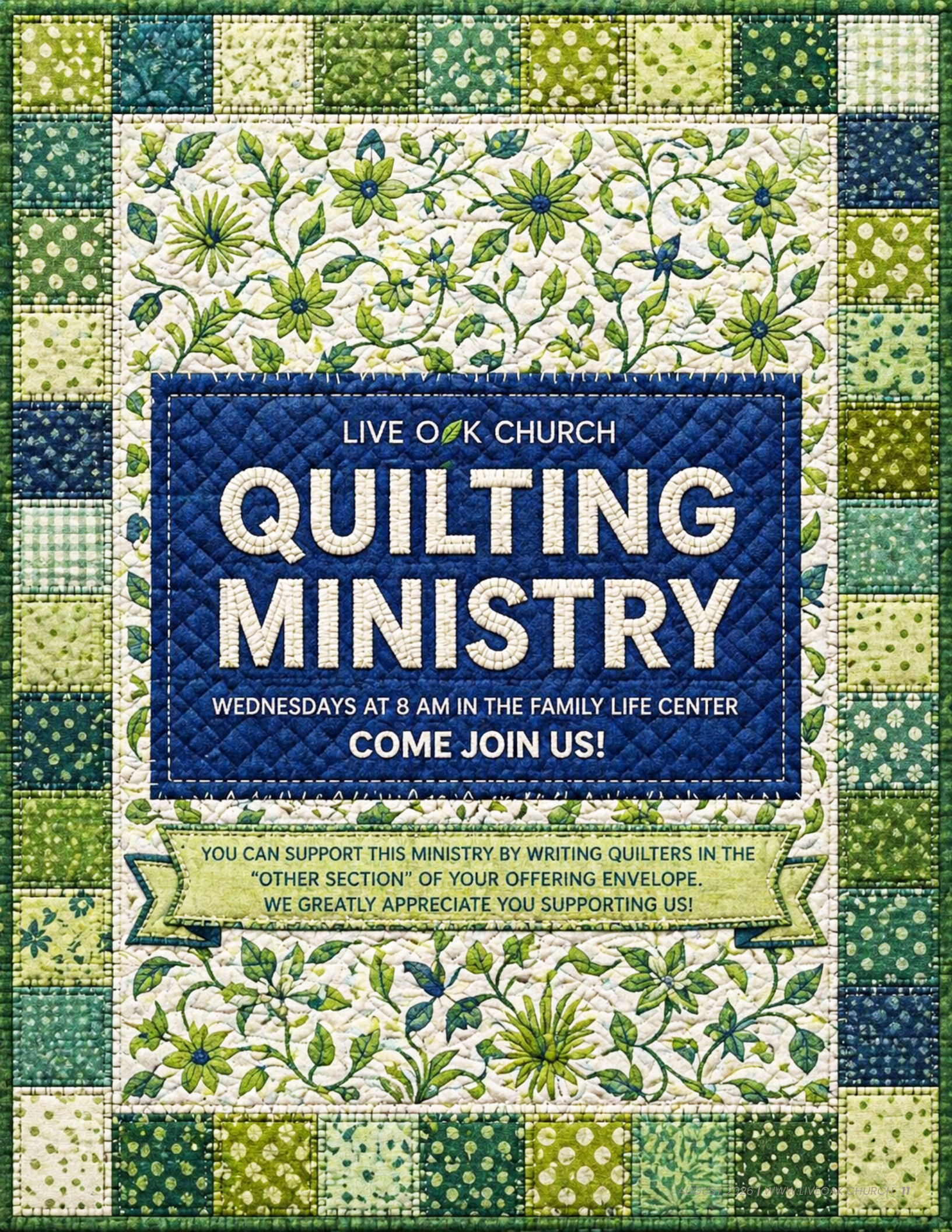
STEAK DINNER FELLOWSHIP



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

Testimony by Chad McMichael

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



LIVE OAK CHURCH

QUILTING MINISTRY

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

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

LIVE 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.



MEN'S PLAY AND PRAY

THURSDAYS 6-9 PM
BIBLE LESSON 7:15 PM

★ AGE 16+ ★

LOCATION: FLC





WOMEN OF JOY

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

email faith@liveoak.church to register

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

Volunteers Needed

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Counselor's Corner

By Destiny Sadler, M.S., PLPC

Hey there! My name is Destiny Sadler, and I am a Provisionally Licensed Professional Counselor at Live Oak Church. I received my Master's degree in Counseling from Southeastern Louisiana University in May 2025. I first began working with clients here at Live Oak Church as a graduate student in January 2024, and I loved it so much that I returned after graduation as a licensed counselor.

While my studies at SELU placed a strong emphasis on marriage, couples, and family counseling, I also enjoy working with individuals ages 10 and up. Throughout my professional journey, I have developed a special passion for supporting those who have experienced loss. It is a privilege to walk alongside individuals as they navigate the complex emotions that often follow the loss of someone significant. I have experience working with grief, anxiety, depression, self-concept, life transitions, and relational challenges. I also enjoy helping couples strengthen trust, improve communication, and navigate the unique challenges that arise within relationships.

My approach to counseling is grounded in the belief that every person deserves to experience empathy, understanding, and acceptance. Within that kind of environment, we are free to be our authentic selves, allowing healing, growth, and meaningful change to take place. It is truly an honor to support my clients as they move through their unique journeys.

Outside of counseling, I really love cats—especially my cat, Gidget, who is the sweetest girl in the world! I also enjoy spending time with my fiancé, Josiah, as well as baking, singing, and reading. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve at Live Oak Church and for the relationships that have grown from my time here.





Just For
YOU

find yours in the lobby

JOURNEYING *Through* GRIEF

AT LIVE OAK CHURCH

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month
6:30 pm in the Chapel

For More Information Contact:

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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.

**“If our faith isn’t rooted in
the Bible, it will wither like a
plant pulled out of the soil”
Billy Graham**

MISSIONS

— MINISTRY —

TOGETHER, WE CAN BE THE HANDS AND FEET
OF JESUS TO A HURTING WORLD.

1 HELP US FILL FLOOD BUCKETS AND HYGIENE KITS

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essential supplies and
hope to those in need
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STEPHEN@LIVEOAK.CHURCH



3 DONATE TO THE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

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Dr. David Orges
Executive Pastor



Trish Graves
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Rev. Trent Barnett
Worship Pastor



Rev. Sam LoBello
Director of Adult
Ministries



Rev. Stephen Hebert
Minister of
Pastoral Care



Faith Storck
Director of
Children's Ministry



Madison Cody
Children's
Minister



Seth Doiga
Worship Minister



Rev. Krist Norsworthy
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& Communications



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Facilities
Director

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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

**NEW
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RECOGNITION
AUGUST 30**



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