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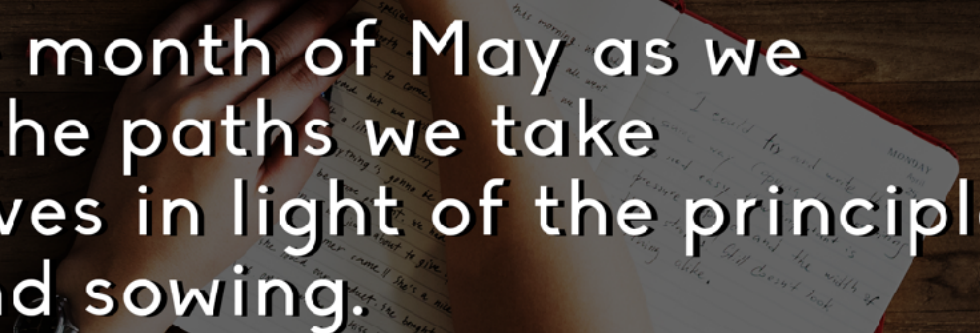
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May 2019 Newsletter



PLANNING & PREDICTING

Your future



Join us in the month of May as we explore how the paths we take impact our lives in light of the principle of reaping and sowing.

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Weekly Events

Sunday

Choir 9:30am – Sanctuary

Monday

Scouts 7:00pm - FLC

Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Chapel

Tuesday

Deeper Life 6:30pm

Men in room #2

Women in room #12

Wednesday

Quilting 8:00am - FLC

Ephesians 6:00pm – Prayer Room in Lobby

Axis 56/78 Jump 6:00pm - FLC

Focal Point 6:00pm - FLC

Bell Choir 6pm – Music Suite

Children in Action 6pm – Children's
Church

Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – Music Suite

Thursday

Pray N Play Basketball 6:00pm - FLC

Thursday Night Service 7:00pm - Chapel

Refuge 7:00pm

Men in room #2

Women in room #12

Friday

Iron Man 5:30am – Conference Room

Discipleship Group 6:30pm – Conference
Room

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The month of May is upon us and that means for many of us here at Live Oak, a new season of ministry. We had a great Easter Season with special services, well-received series of messages, and special events (Spring Fest, Easter egg hunt, etc). We now "switch gears" to our Spring/Summer schedule as we prepare for graduations, Mother's day and VBS.

As we congratulate our graduates we pray they will embark on a path that brings hope, success, and joy into their lives. We pray that they will choose the path that God has given them so they will have the blessing and the future that God desires for them. We as a community of faith pray that they will seek out God's will for their lives and choose the path He has set before them because what most of us know is that the path we choose to walk determines our future. Most of

us have discovered that the direction we take, the plans we make, and the preparation for tomorrow, predicts and determines our future.

Therefore in many cases, our future can be predicted by looking at the path we are on, the direction we are headed, the seeds we are sowing and the company we are keeping. So as you plan your future you can predict it with a certain degree of accuracy by applying the "principle of the path."

In the month of May we will be preaching/teaching on "Preparing and Predicting your Future". We hope you will join us during this new season of our church calendar as we examine the paths that we are on and the potential future that awaits.

God bless, hope to see you Sunday.

Mark C.



HELPING FAMILIES SUCCEED

REV. DAVID C. ORGES

EXECUTIVE PASTOR

SWERVE...

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

There I was, riding in the back seat of my blue '98 Honda Civic. We were half way into our ten and a half hour road trip to Gainesville, Florida. Louisiana Tech was playing the Gators in the Swamp, and I was headed to paint up and support my team with 10 of my best, and craziest friends... Naturally, I had driven the first leg of the trip, but tagged out so I could take a break. My buddy, Donald, was a great driver, but I started experiencing something I'd never felt before. My body temperature started rising. My head started spinning. There was a sick feeling, deep in my stomach, slowly rising up toward my throat. As a kid, I could never read a book while I was riding in a vehicle, but for the first time I was genuinely carsick... and a bit panicked.

If you've ever experienced that feeling, you know what I'm talking about. Thankfully, my friends noticed that I was green, sweaty, and looked like I was about to lose it. Dane switched out with me so I could ride shotgun and see where we were going. It wasn't until I could see what was coming, and I knew what to expect, that I was able to manage what I was experiencing.

But that's like so much of life isn't it? **WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE THE ROAD AHEAD, IT'S REALLY EASY TO GET OVERWHELMED**; the twists and turns can really get you. It's nice when you're surrounded by people who know what to do, people that help you look ahead and know what to expect before that big swerve catches you off guard.

That's exactly what parents do. As a parent, you're in the unique position of knowing where things are headed. **You're in the driver seat.** Sure things jump out of nowhere and dash in front of the car. **YOU'RE NEVER IN FULL CONTROL OF EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE, BUT YOU ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO SET THE COURSE FOR YOUR FAMILY.** To react. To respond. To Protect.

So, get your metaphorical "mom arm" ready... you know, the one that shoots out when there's danger. The one stronger than a seatbelt and quicker than an airbag. Why?



The month of May can be equivalent to seeing a curvy road and deer crossing signs right next to each other! May can be chaos! We already know that May is packed full of transitions, twists, and turns. Graduations. Moving to new grades, and new schools. The end of the structure of the school schedule and the freedom of summer.

TRANSITIONS CAN BE EXCITING, BUT IF YOU'RE CAUGHT OFF GUARD, THEY CAN BE NAUSEATING. Transitions can cause anxiety: the carsickness of life.

But remember, you know what to expect. Not only can you see it all coming, you've traveled this road. You're familiar with what's ahead of them. Embrace your role as a scout, or a guide. You get to lead your kiddos on an incredible adventure as they explore and experience things in life for the first time. **GOD HAS PLACED YOUR KIDS IN YOUR CHARGE. YOU'RE THEIR SHEPHERD. IF THAT SEEMS OVERWHELMING, REMEMBER, JESUS IS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD, AND HE'S GUIDING YOU.**

Listen to His voice. Pass on His instruction. Be ready to swerve. And remember to warn your passengers.





LIVE OAK WORSHIP

WORSHIP AS TRANSFORMATION

What is the purpose of “worship?” Why do we gather each week in “worship services” and have special times in the service called “worship”? **THE GOAL OF WORSHIP 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 to God involves a conscious decision to return back to the presence of God and to live in relationship with Him moment by moment. God created us to walk in fellowship with Him, to do life in relationship with Him.

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). We are to come before God with hearts tuned to His truths. When we do so, God has promised that we will find Him. Through the prophet Jeremiah, God told His people, “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart” (Jer. 29:13). You see, God is never far away. He hears our cries and is longing to meet with us. Isaiah writes that “the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear” (Isa. 59:1).

So we are to draw near to God in sincerity and humility - recognizing our dependence on Him for life. The worship team All Sons and Daughters (Daniel and Leslie Jordan) wrote the popular worship song “Great Are You Lord.” The lyrics of the chorus talk about God’s breath filling our lungs, so we “pour out our praise to You only.” This lyric of pouring out praise is describing an **INTENTIONAL ACT OF WORSHIP**. See, genuine worship is an intentional act - it’s not a ritualistic going through the motions. Sincere hearts can’t be faked, forced, or ritualized. One worship leader said, “Wherever

you worship today, I hope you are an active participant. Press in. God will meet you” (Brian Tabor). We have confidence that when we come before God with sincere hearts looking to draw close to Him, 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 coffeeshop, a hospital, or any other place. Anytime believers come together to worship, the Holy Spirit wants to save people, heal people, set people free from addiction, and free people from the bondage of the slavery of sin. The Holy Spirit wants to take people’s lives from death to life - every single time.

So when we come before the throne of God in worship, we are to do so with a **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 is 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 ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN WORSHIP.**

We know 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 are changed.

Trent Barnett
Worship & College Minister



KIDS LOUMC MIN

In the world of Kid Min, we are gearing up for our busiest, craziest time of the year! Conferences, summer camps, day camp, crazy-fun Wednesday nights and VBS are all right around the corner.



With everything going in family lives during the summer, it's important that you don't lose that church family connection. Stay plugged in whenever you can. One way you, as a parent, can stay connected with us is to become a summer-only volunteer. Summer volunteers help out with camps, VBS and Wednesday night activities and don't require a year-long commitment.

Camp volunteers help oversee part or all of a week-long, 8am - 5pm on-campus camp. Volunteers are needed to help set up, run activities, oversee the kitchen or be small group leaders. Day camp is June 3rd - 7th, 8am - 5pm, with before and after care available.

There are many opportunities to serve at our evening Vacation Bible School. We need help preparing crafts before VBS, kitchen help, cleaning, small group leaders, registration and much more. If you can't serve the week of VBS,

we can use help during the weeks before preparing decorations, pre-assembling crafts or binding lessons. VBS is June 30 - July 3rd, 6pm - 8pm, with a meal at 5pm and a skit following at 8:30pm Sunday - Tuesday. This year we will end our VBS on Wednesday night with a professional fire work display. You won't want to miss this!

Wednesday nights in Kid Min are super fun and action packed. We need parents that like to engage in fun activities and don't mind a mess that can help for a couple of hours each week. Wednesday night activities begin at 6pm and end at 7:30pm.



We would love to have you become one of our summer volunteers! If you can help, please email trish@loumc.org.

Trish Graves
Children's Education Director





YOUR JOB IS NOT OVER...

One of the hardest times in a teenager's life is bridging the gap between high school and college. I remember walking across the stage, while my brothers screamed like wild banshees. I remember the lecture I received from mom after not informing her about the reward I was unaware that I was getting. I remember dinner following, and a graduation party filled with good friends and good food. I also remember the terrifying feelings of anxiety for the things to come.

I was well prepared by my teachers, my parents, and my student pastor, but reality was about to set in. I'm no longer a kid. Now, I had longed for the freedom graduation offered, but I had no idea what was next. I knew what I was called to, but I struggled with the idea of if God was really willing to use me.

I realize not everyone is called to full-time ministry, but everyone is called to minister. The questions that would come, the doubts that I would face, and the fears that arose were real, and though I had people in my life that had prepared me, it didn't stop the hard times from coming.

Direct your child onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

Proverbs 22:6

I've come to realize that no matter the amount of preparation, life can still hit you hard. If you're a parent reading this, I know it may be hard to read that you can't always protect your baby from the hardships of life. If you're a soon to be graduate, it's equally as difficult to know that your parents can't make every bad situation go away. But, there's hope.

Here's what I know, **THE INFLUENCE OF A PARENT REACHES FURTHER THAN ANY OTHER INFLUENCE**, because you get 936 weeks with a child between birth and age 18. My questions to you are: What seeds are you sowing in the moments you have with your child? Do they know they are cherished by their heavenly father? Do they know that their worth is more precious than gold in the eyes of God? Do they know there's nothing that they can do to make God not love them? These questions are hard to answer if you haven't consistently pointed them

to a God who knows the very fabric of their being.

In addition to those things, your child needs to know you're on their side. They need to know that they will fail, but that failure is not final. They need to know that they have a support system behind them that will carry them when they can't seem to take that next step.

As I navigated the waters of uncertainty after graduation, I knew my parents loved me. I knew they had my back, and that my failure did not define me, but Jesus did. Because of that, I knew I could face the world. My prayer is that your student is prepared to face the world. **HARD TIMES WILL COME, BUT MAY OUR FAITH BE BIGGER THAN OUR FEARS.**

-Rev. Kyle Salpietra
Sr. High Student Minister



Family Feud

Every family feuds. Maybe the last fight was about who didn't do their chores, attitudes, or somebody else's bad decisions. The point is, we all know what it is like to be in a family, and we all know that without wasting too much time, family's fight. In this next four week series, Student Ministry is going to be teaching students and families how to fight more fairly. Because, even though we have disagreements, families love one another and need to know how to make it through conflict.

In week one we will be reminding students that God has always been patient with us even when we aren't following his direction for our life. Reading in James 1:19-20 students will see James' instructions on life. We've all been in a situation where if only we could have kept our mouth shut for another minute the problem could have been solved. As I go through life, I see the wisdom in James calling us to listen first and speak second. After week one our hope is that students will see this wisdom as well.

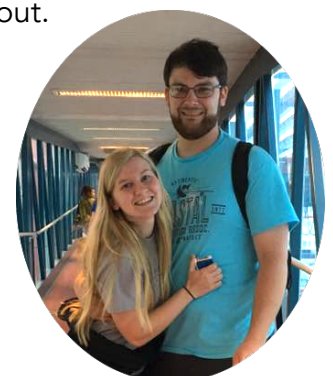
Week two brings another reminder to those attending service. A reminder that every member of our families are imperfect people. Every person has fallen short of the glory of God. Every person in our family has sinned, and will sin again. Sometimes, these sins can be the cause of our family drama. However, just like God forgave each and every one of us for our sins, we are called to forgive others in our lives. When our families fight, we are called to forgive them because Christ forgave us.

By week three we are going to be discussing why we have value and worth as human

beings. God gave us value simply by creating us in his own image and then dying for us on the cross. This should strike awe into our hearts and souls every time we are reminded of how much we mean to our creator, our savior, and our king. However, we aren't going to be reminding students of our value for that reason alone. Our focus is on the value our parents have in the eyes of God, and why that means we should respect and honor them as well. Our parents have sacrificed a lot in order to accomplish the difficult job of raising a child. That alone should give us reason to respect and honor them as we are called to do.

Week four wraps up the month's series with a definition of love given to us by Paul in 1 Corinthians. Paul writes "love is patient, love is kind, love does not envy..." This kind of love is what we are told to have for our family, but I can assure you, none of us are very good at it. However, when we love our family like this, we are loving them in the same manner that Christ loved us. Hopefully by the end of the month of May our students will have developed better relationships with their families and learned how to fight fairly in our continual feuding. If you want to hear more in depth teaching on this series, feel free to attend services on Wednesday. We love when parents get to hear what their students are learning about.

-Cameron McKenzie
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Words come in all different sizes. Some small, some big, some with hyphens, and some that are just impossible to pronounce the first time. All in all, each one of these have a meaning and give a different impression for both the giver and receiver. Words are powerful, I mean take a gander at the seven days of creation when God spoke things into existence.

"And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light." Genesis 1:3

It was direct and there was an immediate reaction. Now... I'm not saying that the next time you or I have a craving for ice cream, all we have to do is speak it and then a carton of Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla ice cream is going to appear nicely in our hands with the perfect size spoon. That's not the idea, but rather the things we say have an impact, whether we recognize it or not.

Middle school years are the years a student is being molded into who he or she will be for the years to come. According to their brain development, this is the stage of their lives where peers influence them the most. Not only do they have an influence, but what their friends, family, peers, and leaders say to them they remember the most. Why is that? Because during this period, their brain is like a sponge that is introduced to water for the first time. It soaks it up!



Since this is the case, the words that are used around, to, from, towards these students either have one of two effects. They build up or tear down. In the book of Ephesians, Paul speaks to this when he addresses the church of Ephesus.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29

Paul challenges us to mark our words. We have a choice to use these in a kind and loving way or a destructive one. He also tells us that if we use them for building up that the receivers of our words will benefit from them. For some, this benefit may be knowing someone actually cares for them; providing a feeling of hope, or a word that would change the trajectory for someone forever.

In Axis56, students are continually listening and watching for the people who are set apart - not of the world, but in the world doing what God has them do; people who genuinely care and love them through their struggles, mess-ups. They are looking for people to be there for them in the hard times as well as celebrate the wins. One kind word is all it takes! You up for it?

Carl Doescher
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SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

May is the month we show our love and appreciation to our moms for all they do for us through the year. For me, my mom was the one who always made sure I had a fulfilling and joyful childhood filled with culture, traditions and love. As a woman, she gives me advice on being a wife, a mother, and is one of my closest friends.

So to show honor and love to our senior church moms, LOUMC would like to treat you to a Windsor Tea at the English Tea House in Covington Louisiana on Tuesday, May 7th. We will be leaving the church at 9:45 am. We should arrive back around 1:30 p.m. space is limited so please make sure to sign up asap. June is the month we celebrate Fathers. For me, my dad always has been my biggest supporter at whatever sport

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

Exodus 20:12

I was in, as well as my strongest protector and adviser. He taught me to be strong, have faith in God and myself, to be a leader, but know how to follow, and a pillar for my husband and son so they can be the men God wants them to be.

So to honor our LOUMC senior dads, Bro. Sam will be escorting a group to Charlie's in Springfield for a father's day feast on Thursday, May 23rd. You will depart the church at 10 am. You will be returning around 1:30 p.m.

Thank you for being the pillars of our church family! May God bless you all!

Your sister in Christ,

Landra Reed



Landra's Parents



Landra with her parents

MEN'S MINISTRY

Bring your pillow, twin sheets and blanket or sleeping bag and come on over to a time of great fellowship and spiritual renewal at Camp Istrouma! Camp Istrouma is located at 25975 Greenwell Springs Road, Greenwell Springs, LA less than 10 miles from LOUMC.

Come enjoy our Men's Retreat as we gather at 4:00 PM Friday or as soon as you can thereafter. Roasted pig, sides, dessert and drink will be our dinner. Breakfast will be provided by Camp Istrouma Saturday morning. After extended

MEN'S RETREAT & PIG ROAST
Camp Istrouma
May 10 - May 11
FREE EVENT!

fellowship time and meal there will be a teaching segment Friday evening and Saturday morning after breakfast. The topic will be...Our Story. We will be heading home by noon Saturday.

Times such as these provide a great opportunity to enhance friendships and experience Spiritual Renewal. I hope to see you there!

The Adventure Continues,

Bro. Sam

GridIron Men's Conference \$175 FEE DUE MAY 7th

Maintenance Department

Spring is upon us and our focus in the Maintenance Department has been grass cutting and landscaping. This time of year presents plenty of opportunities to have volunteer projects around our church. A main project that we had a couple of weeks ago was to put out pine straw around all of the trees and plants on the church campus. The pine straw helps to keep the weed growth down around the landscaping and give the plants and trees extra nutrients throughout the year. Of course, our campus has a lot of plants and it would take two people almost a full day to put out the pine straw. After reaching out to several volunteers, they were able to finish the project in less than two hours! These eight men and women selflessly showed up early one morning to help make the campus look beautiful. These volunteers also decided to pull weeds in a

flower bed that needed some extra attention as well. They went above and beyond, and I am thankful for them as they decide to volunteer at our church. If you are interested in volunteering please don't hesitate to e-mail me at Chris@loumc.org or call the church office. I would love to serve with new volunteers.

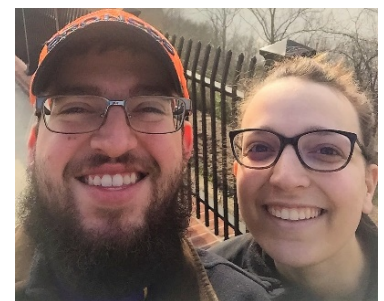


In other news, we have hired a new Maintenance Assistant at Live Oak. Please welcome Josh Feske as he joins our staff.

Josh will be a great asset to our staff and our church as he focuses on the maintenance side of our facilities. I ask that you pray for him and introduce yourself to him when you see him at the church.



I am excited for new opportunities on the rise in our Maintenance Dept. and I continuously look forward to serving our church and community.



In Christ,
Chris Lacara



COMMUNITY

groups

I feel as though people go through phases in life even when it comes to food and drinks. What you liked as a kid, you don't necessarily like as an adult, and vice versa. I remember as a child, that when an adult offered you coffee, they served it to you in the form of "coffee milk." I personally had no desire to drink that stuff. In fact, I felt it was awful. Honestly, up until recently, I told people I was still in the "hot chocolate phase of life." I never understood why people liked the stuff.

Then one day, I feel as though the Lord knocked me over the head and introduced me to one of His finest creations. I finally understood what the coffee slogans meant when they said, "The best part of waking up" and that it's "Good to the last drop." I wouldn't say I'm addicted to it per se, because I don't discriminate. I'll drink both decaf and caffeinated coffee, but I'm picky in the way I take my coffee." I haven't made it to the "I'll take mine black" part of life. I guess if I had to say what part of the coffee journey I am on in life, it would be the "coffee, heavy on the cream."

If I had to put a title to my love of coffee, I'm sure I it would be called "comfort in a cup." I love not only the taste of my coffee, but I also love the aroma and the warmth it provides my hands on a cold Louisiana morning. There's nothing like that first sip of coffee in the morning.

This past month was a rollercoaster of emotions for me. Chris and I were in the process of trying to purchase a house, and in the end, it didn't

work out. During one of our nosedives in this house purchasing rollercoaster, David (whom I now refer to as boss man), bought me a cup of coffee from Starbucks to bring a little happiness to my day. Along with the coffee, was a short note letting me know that he was praying

for me. Now, I love coffee and I was so thankful for this extremely kind gesture, but what I loved more than anything was that my friend was praying for me. I needed that comfort more than he could possibly know. I loved that taste of Skinny Cinnamon Dolce Latte Breve, (which David somehow remembered), but I loved a

little reminder of how good the Lord is by this simple gesture from a friend. Reach out to your community of people and encourage one another. You'll never know what a simple gesture or a kind and encouraging word can make someone's day. May our friendships with those at Live Oak be "Good to the last drop."

**"O taste and see that
the Lord is good."**

Psalms 34:8



Faith Storck
Children's Ministry
Assistant

This photo was taken
at the original Star-
bucks in Seattle!

GLOVES MINISTRY



Our Gloves Ministry is composed of men and women who have a skill set to build and repair things and a heart to help others.

Most of our Gloves Ministry Team are retired such as our two previous Gloves Ministry Directors, Ron Juneau and David Rodriguez. These men, along with others have served our Watson community tirelessly for years.

Our current Gloves Ministry Director works full time as a CDL Driver for the Industrial Construction Industry. His wife, Lena assists him. Lena also works full time as a nurse.

Through the years Marci Hancock has been

very helpful to our Gloves Ministry Team by communicating upcoming projects via group email.

Potential projects are to come to me, Bro. Sam, as the staff member assigned oversight of Special Ministries. You can reach me by calling the Church Office at 664-4801 or emailing me at brosam17@gmail.com.

If you are interested in serving in our Gloves Ministry please contact me. Our Gloves Team can sure use your helping hands!

The Adventure Continues...

Bro. Sam





Our Thrift Store is a thriving ministry created decades ago to serve our Watson community. It is a non-profit organization which ministers aid to those in need. Our parking lot is often full due to the volume of people our Thrift Store touches. Most come to shop, but some come to socialize with friends. Our summer inventory is currently been put out. We invite you to come shop and visit with us!

We are open Monday and Friday, 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM; and Wednesday 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. We are grateful for our hard working Thrift Store Volunteer Team. Without you this ministry would not be possible. If you would like to join our Volunteer Team call our Thrift Store Director, Peggy Langois at 665-1314. We would love to have you on our Thrift Store team!

Food Pantry



Our Food Pantry is open on Mondays from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and Wednesdays from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM. We are able to help many families in our Watson community throughout the year.

This ministry is carried out by volunteers. We are funded by designated offerings to LOUMC, donations to our Food Pantry Fund and supported by local businesses and schools.

In May, Eagle Scouts will be painting the interior of our Food Pantry, pressure washing the exterior and placing in sealant the porch area. We are grateful for these Eagle Scouts for tackling these projects for us!

If you have questions concerning our Food Pantry or would like to volunteer or give to our Food Pantry please contact Dale Clark, our Food Pantry Director at 243-5678. Thank you for supporting our Food Pantry Ministry with your time, offerings and prayers!



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Our New Members Class in April has been packed with 20 in attendance! Topics we are looking at are...

- How to Be Saved (Salvation)
- How to Establish/Enhance Your Relationship With God
- What Does it Mean to Be Jesus' Disciple?
- Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

We will reload and do it again beginning the first Sunday in May for those requesting membership to LOUMC. We will meet in Room #16 on May 5th at 9:00 AM. The teachings you encounter will enrich your life here on earth and throughout eternity.

I will lead this four week class as your Adult Education Pastor here at LOUMC. Upon completion, each participant will receive a

Certificate of Completion and a New Member Packet welcoming them into the Live Oak Family!

To give ample opportunity to all desiring to become members, this class will re-cycle beginning the first Sunday of each month. If a week of content is missed due to an absence it can be achieved in one of two ways. First, by attending the week missed the following month or secondly, by making an appointment to sit down with Bro. Sam so he can go over that week's content with you. That can be scheduled by calling the Church Office at 664-4801.

We are excited about your interest in joining Live Oak Church and look forward to our journey together!

The Adventure Continues,

Bro. Sam



Come join us on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Room #2 for REFUGE!

Our **REFUGE Group** is a Christ Centered Support Group helping people who struggle with addiction and families and friends who are trying to help. REFUGE is a unique blend of instruction, support encouragement and accountability.

The teaching and sharing that takes place within our group is very helpful and what we teach is often life changing!

If you wrestle with addiction issues or are trying to help someone who is, 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 me @brosam17@gmail.com.

The Adventure Continues...

Bro. Sam



GOD'S MONEY AND YOU

May. The end of school is in sight, and perhaps so is a vacation. Summer is almost here.

Rev. Billy Graham shared his thoughts in his 'Giving' entry on March 23rd of his daily devotional *Unto The Hills*. He writes:

"The Bible teaches that blessings follow those who give liberally. Proverbs 11:25 says, "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

I have heard countless testimonies from men and women who were afraid to prove God's promise by tithing as commanded by Scripture for fear they would never have enough. Of course, they never did have "enough" because they did not tithe. Then, when at last they decided to obey God and give to Him the first tenth of all their income, they began to prosper and to prove for themselves what has been proved by everyone who has done it, that no one can outgive God.

Two things happen when we give. First, God wants to produce in us the attitude that what we have is not really ours. Everything we possess belongs to God.

Second, giving is a means by which we meet the needs of others whom God also loves. By giving to others we testify to God's love for them. So giving becomes not only a means by which people's needs are met; it also is a form of evangelism which allows us to tell of God's greatest gift, His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will meet far more than their momentary physical needs.

Giving to God is a guaranteed investment with a certain return. Investment in God is a no-risk, always-profitable act that is not subject to the whims of the stock market or of economic uncertainties.

It has been said that our lives should resemble a channel, not a reservoir. A reservoir stores up water. A channel is constantly flowing. God wants us to be a channel of blessing to others. When we are, it is we who receive the greatest blessing of all."

Be encouraged, trust God in all areas of your life, and ask Him for guidance in your support of Live Oak.

~ Jim

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Our Monday evening spring semester Bible study, "One in a Million," by Priscilla Shirer has reached its conclusion. This was a great study showing us how to experience God's Promised Land for us today! Jan Tate's Tuesday evening study continues on the *Book of James: Mercy Triumphs*. This is a Beth Moore study. They are meeting in Room # 2.

Women's Dinner and Priscilla Shirer Live...FERVENT TOUR at Bethany South, Sunday May 19th at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:15. Get your tickets at www.ferventtheevent.com for only \$20. Everyone is in charge of getting their own tickets and transportation. If you are interested in meeting up with the group for dinner before please contact Ashley at ashleyvallot@yahoo.com for details

The Adventure Continues,

Bro. Sam



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



After 25 years of faithful service running computer lyrics and scripture, starting on PowerPoint (yuck) and progressing to our current software choice of ProPresenter, Reubin Gourley has decided to retire. 25 years is a long time, and I am extremely grateful for Reubin's dedicated effort. This means we have an opening in our media team to run ProPresenter in the 10:00 service. Don't worry if you think you don't know anything about what to do. We will teach you all you need to know. Ideally, I would like to have three or four people to rotate in the position so it's not much of a burden on any one person as well as making it easier to get a replacement when necessary. So, if you've been wanting to serve, but don't know what you want to do, please give me a call at [335-0272](tel:335-0272) or shoot me an e-mail at dannywilson7@cox.net and let's talk. I promise it will be fun.

Ever upward,
Danny Wilson

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 Amy Hunter
 Jan Plana
 Mark Robinson

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 Matt Desrosiers
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 Caleb Stafford
 Ashley Vallot

MAY 3RD
 Kinslee Bozeman
 Cade Chenier
 Rickie Leblanc
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 Jace Blouin
 Cooper Causey
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 Katie Devenney
 Caden Griffith
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