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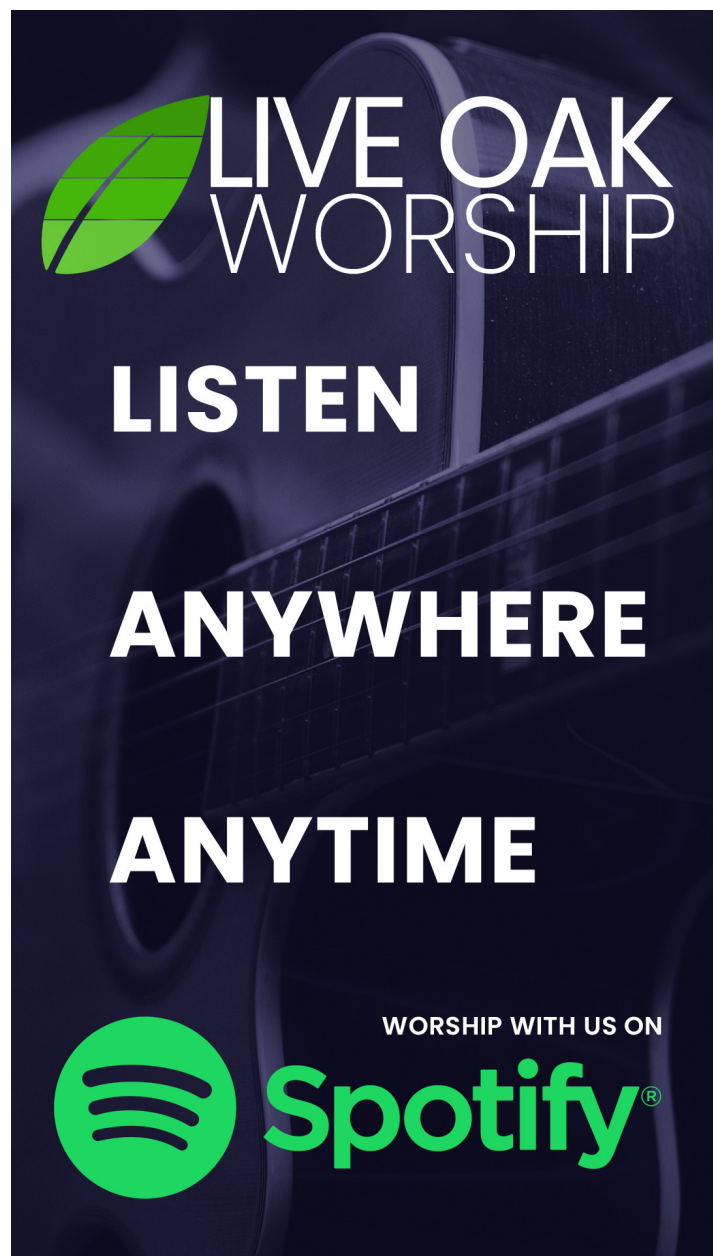
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**Tuesday:** 8:00am - 6:00pm

**Wednesday:** 8:00am - 6:00pm

**Thursday:** 8:00am - 6:00pm

**Friday:** 8:00am - 12:00pm



*In Memory Of*  
*January and February 2021*

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK BY DR. MARK CROSBY

FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

In the month of March we often look forward to some warmer weather, the beginning of spring and the joy and hope of Easter. As we look forward to our Easter celebration in April, we are reminded that before the resurrection, there was the crucifixion. The crucifixion of Jesus is one of the primary pillars of our faith, but why? What happened on that cross in 32 AD outside of Jerusalem? Why is the cross the symbol of our faith? What significance does it have and why have followers of Jesus for centuries, preached the cross, sang about the cross, and looked to the cross as God's symbol of grace and justice?

In the month of March we will analyze the cross, as we look at, **"The Purpose of the Cross, The People at the Cross, The Power of the Cross, and The Person on the Cross."** This will be a series that I hope will remind all of us of God's grace and God's love that provides for us the gift of salvation.

A gift paid by Jesus on an old rugged cross.

So come out in March, follow us on-line, and open your hearts to God's Word as we look at **"The Purpose of the Cross,"** an event that brought grace and justice to humanity, opening the gates of heaven to all who would believe.

We pray you will have a great Easter Season, as we prepare our hearts to be renewed and refreshed, as we rejoice in the cross. We hope to see you Sunday as we proclaim the Cross.

God bless

Mark C.



# GOD'S MONEY AND YOU BY JIM OTKEN



**M**any in our congregation are not aware of all of the ministry funds we have at Live Oak Church. Anyone who gives online through PushPay will see the fund options below.

Budget	Counseling	Student Ministry	Building Fund
Men's Ministry	Worship	Children's Ministry	

However, we have many other funds available for donation. Below is a table showing the remaining funds we have. Donations to these funds are spent only on their respective ministries / purpose. It is important to note that **the funds shown in the below table are not available for donation online**, so if you are wanting to donate to one of these funds, you can either mail in your donation or drop it in the donation boxes in the foyer of the new sanctuary.

Adoption Assistance	Deeper Life - Women	Pastor Appreciation	Bell Choir
Disaster Relief Mission Team	Play-N-Pray Basketball	Benevolence	Discipleship
Quilting Fund	CD Ministry	Evangelism	Refuge
Central America Missions	Fall Festival	Safety Committee	Children's Church
Family Ministry	Scouting	Children's Home - Ruston	Foster Care & Adoption
Seminary Scholarship	Christmas Missions Project	Funeral Food	Senior Adult Ministry
Church Service & Decoration	Gloves	Upper Room	College & Young Adults
Grief / Loss Ministry	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	Connect Camp Scholarships	Military / Veteran
Women's Bible Study	Women's Ministry	Connect Camps	Missions
Deeper Life - Men			

Also, if you are wanting to support other charities out there that are doing God's work (such as St. Jude, Shriner's Hospital, or Samaritan's Purse), please send your donations directly to those organizations and not to Live Oak Church.

If you have any questions about any of these funds, please feel free to contact me at [jim@loumc.org](mailto:jim@loumc.org).

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



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LIVE OAK WORSHIP BY TRENT BARNETT & SETH DOIGA

**T**he heart of a worship leader is to point people to Jesus and help them take steps in their relationship with Him. Leading others in worship is itself an act of worship. A worship leader uses music and lyrics to point people to Jesus. The songs we play, the melodies we use, and the lyrics we sing are all a vehicle used to point people to Jesus. There is no person, no song, nor riff that will ever be more important than the person of Jesus. Louie Giglio has said, "**We are not offering a show; we're holding out a Savior.**"


The staff and volunteers in our church have a passion for the Lord and sincere hearts for worship. They sacrifice their time, talents and energy to point people to our Savior, Jesus Christ. They've seen the power of His grace and love in their lives and want others to experience it just the same.

If you have a heart for the Lord, and want to use your talents to help others pursue Him, we'd love to hear from you. Right now, our biggest need is more depth at a few key positions - namely **drums, keys, and AV**. Email [worship@loumc.org](mailto:worship@loumc.org) so we can get to know you and find your place to serve!

4. If they were drinking a glass of water as the water was turned to blood, did their glass stay water or did it turn to blood?

- I spent a week studying the Bible, commentaries, asking almost every person on staff, even searching on the internet and you know what? I couldn't answer the first question those kids had with a definite answer.

The kids that night were really on a role with the questions and I was just amazed at how their little minds worked. Let me just share with you the questions that just stomped me.

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- You know what I hated? I hated not being able to just give them facts and tell them what the correct answer was.

But you know what I loved?  
I really loved the fact that  
these kids challenged me in  
my study of the Bible.

Back in November, I decided my word for 2021 was thrive. Part of thriving in children's ministry for me and the kids this year was to dig into the Word and boy kids ministry is showing 2021 how to thrive.

These kids in children's ministry might be young, but boy they sure are mighty. I love each and every one the kids here at Live Oak, but what I really love is that

they challenge me to be more, to be better, to know more. Want to learn more about the Bible, come join us in kids ministry. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.



Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith, *and* purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

- 1 Timothy 4:12



# STUDENT AND COLLEGE MINISTRY

BY NATHAN LOTT



**W**hat does Live Oak church offer for middle school, high school and young adults? These are among the most commonly asked questions we receive, and the answer is exciting. For students 7th - 12th grade we have a great mix of Bible studies, worship services and activities both on and off campus. For our college and career young adults we have a Sunday morning Bible study and a monthly Sunday worship night. We would like to invite you to come join us in these exciting ministries that focus on using the Bible to help our students further develop a Biblical worldview.

## 7th - 12th Grade

## 12th Grade - College

**Sunday Bible Study 8:45am & 10:00am**

**Wednesday Nights 6:00pm - 7:30pm**

## Events:

Students 7th - 12th Grade

Wednesday, March 10th 9:00am - 11:00am

Outing at Airborne Extreme - \$12 per student

College and Career - Worship Service

In the chapel 6:00pm - 8:00pm


The last Sunday of each month

Please email Rev. Nathan Lott for more information at [nathan@loumc.org](mailto:nathan@loumc.org).

## REFUGE BY SAM LOBELLO



**Thursdays at 7pm**  
**in Room #2**

 Our **REFUGE Group** is a Christ Centered Support Group helping people who struggle with addiction. REFUGE has a unique blend of instruction, support, encouragement and accountability.

The teaching and sharing that takes place within our group is helpful and enriching. What we teach is often life changing!

If you wrestle with addiction issues 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 Bro. Sam at [sam@loumc.org](mailto:sam@loumc.org).



## SENIOR ADULTS BY LANDRA REED



*The righteous will flourish like a palm tree... They will still bear fruit and old age, they will stay fresh and green.  
- Psalm 92:12,14*

I love this verse. It reminds me that just because we get older doesn't mean we wither to nothing. Quite the opposite. As we get older, as we nurture our faith in Christ, our branches get stronger, longer, and greener. As long as we continue to feed the branches, the leaves will continue to grow and multiply. They multiply by sharing the seeds of faith in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. Isn't that exciting! You may never know how many seeds you have planted, but continue to share your story with others. You've been there and done that, but you've also seen God's grace and love get you through one trial and disappointment after another. God has shown you many wonders. If you were to sit back and think of them all, the only words you would be able to say are the words "Thank you Lord, I am blessed."



We had a really good turn out for our Celebrating Love lunch in February. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success. Our next gathering will be on March 12th at Big Mike's in Denham Springs at 11:00a. Please sign up at the Information Desk no later than March 7th. Looking forward to seeing you there.



## MEN'S MINISTRY BY SAM LOBELLO



Deeper Life Bible Study for Men, Mondays at 6:30 PM in Room #2

Men's Play & Pray Basketball, Thursdays at 6:00 PM in FLC

REFUGE Addiction Recovery Group, Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Room #2

Iron Man Bible Study, Fridays at 5:30 AM in Conference Room

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Second Saturday monthly at 7:30 AM, Conference Room



## The COMEBACK

### SPEAKERS



Rick Burgess



Phil Waldrep



Ike Reighard



Herschel Walker



Gary  
Chapman

### MUSICIANS



Charles Billingsley



Jonathan Evans

**June 18 - 19, 2021**

Huntsville, AL at the Propst Arena

**Cost is \$175**

\$50 Deposit due by May 2nd

Sign up at the Registration Desk



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WOMEN'S MINISTRY BY JEANETTE CLARK & MALLORY WILLIAMS

**H**i ladies!

We hope that you all have remained well throughout the trying times of February!

Our next event will be April 17th for our Lifeway Women Live Simulcast. Authors such as Jackie Hill, Lisa Harper, and Kelly Minter will share ways we can learn to pursue Christ together in order to have a deeper connection with Him.

September 25th - Going Beyond Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer

\*More information will be provided closer to each event

As always, please consider joining us for our weekly Ladies Bible study with Mrs. Jan on Monday nights at 6:30 in the Chapel.

We still have several things in the works so continue to check in with us!



***PURSUING CHRIST TOGETHER***  
***APRIL 17, 2021***

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MARCH

### March 1st

Ella Otken  
Alen Matheny  
Lorraine Reeves  
Larry Milan  
Melvin Ott

### March 2nd

Katie Hagan  
Cole Delaughter  
Katheryn Haley  
Missie Spring  
Corey Milton  
Grace Campbell  
Harlie Guerin  
Rosa Cutrer  
Amy Caine

### March 3rd

Jan Tate  
Curtis Nickels  
Sara Elbon  
Presley Messina  
Russell Rose  
Kailey Villagomez  
Joseph Roussel  
Oakley Orges  
Heidi Spring  
Harold Rawls  
Janelle McClendon

### March 4th

Janice Penn  
Julie Perkins  
Todd Soileau  
Kim Fontenot  
Brennen Botos  
Brody Blanchard

### March 5th

Kyle Stebbing  
Melanie Rushing  
Cole Crenshaw  
Bob Crain  
Mark Lewis

Elizabeth Flurry  
Garrett Martin  
Timothy Campbell  
Liam Signorino  
Larry Pittman  
Luke Bates

### March 6th

Gene Covington  
Kellyann Bates  
Ethan Delaughter  
Raymond Brooks  
Charleigh Rae Huerta

### March 7th

Adam Bailey  
Kainen Clark  
Sawyer Ferguson  
Aimee Chemin  
Jakob Lewis

### March 8th

Carl Lister  
Sharon Gunter  
Jodi Lowrey  
Kylene Holman  
Anita Palmer  
Charles McCumsey  
Shaun Leiva

### March 9th

Drew Gourley  
Tracye Johnson, II  
Anthony Kennedy  
Andrew Lusby  
Tyler Bickett  
Travis Alessi  
Daniel Tuminello

### March 10th

Brent Offner  
Betty Lessard  
Douglas Flitter Jr  
Alicia Oxley

### March 11th

Terrie Jenkins

Al Reamer  
Presley Calvin

### March 12th

Joan Cate  
Leanna Andes  
Peyton Matherne  
Lauren Crutchfield  
John-John Crutchfield

Ernie Kelly  
Kevin Corkern  
Caroline Barnett

J. L. Cutrer

### March 13th

Carol Justice  
Alex Use  
Abigail Hess  
Kelsey Hebert  
Alec Barcelona  
Rooney Pittman

### March 14th

Allen Williams  
Braxton Foster  
Bella Dunnam  
Kathy Williford  
David Easley

### March 15th

Deana Erdey  
Jackie Chavers  
Bubba Deaton  
Jodi Blouin  
Jason Alleman  
Michael Thomas  
Melissa Chassaniol  
Kathy Drennan

### March 16th

Chloe Elizabeth Harvin  
Cooper Davis  
Brandon Peters  
Lauren Storck  
Kelly Rhea  
Nikki Sims



Terry Firmin  
 Peggy Molcany  
 Lauren Storck  
 Jake Smart  
**March 17th**  
 Brock Mouille  
 John Dunn  
 Sally Simpson  
 Randy Ott  
 Ian Leopold  
**March 18th**  
 Steve Muller  
 Jaxson Torres  
 Neal Tadlock  
 Tori Darnell  
 Natalie Johnson  
 Laura Johnson  
 Dauton Sibley  
**March 19th**  
 Briana Devall  
 Carter McClure  
 Wayne Messina  
 Jenny Bauer  
 William Thames  
 Roy Smith  
 Mattie Rogers  
**March 20th**  
 Sarah Bates  
 Lenox Valentine  
 Erica Huerta  
 Melinda Grace  
 Bo Perry  
 Elizabeth Buckhalter  
 Alyssa Bueche  
 Payton Gremillion  
 Tressa Guidry  
 Sandy Simoneaux  
**March 21st**  
 Travis Jones  
 Gracie Fernon  
 Lacy Griffith

Stephanie Crawford  
 Johnny Milano  
 Nicholas Santosuosso  
 Rhonda Bell  
 David Prescott  
 Grant Schiltz  
**March 22nd**  
 Dany Martin  
 Sarah Fernon  
 Randy Hooe  
**March 23rd**  
 Hollie Price  
 Matthew Wallace  
 Gloria Newton  
 Angela Harris  
 Jenae Adams  
**March 24th**  
 Harold Howard  
 Matthew Aucoin  
 Britt Miguez  
 Ally Taylor  
 Kim Taylor  
 Debra Edge  
 Grayson Roy  
 Ronnie Langlois  
**March 25th**  
 Conrad Harthoorn  
 Colton Roundtree  
 Gabrielle Hunt  
 David Strong  
 Ellie Ridgell  
 Mendi Robinson  
**March 26th**  
 Abbie Bunch  
 Kim Peake  
 Tyler Thomas  
 Gracie Miller  
 Anthony Jarreau  
 Madison Cummins  
 Hailey Panks  
 Grant Edward Harvin

Ryan Gelpi  
**March 27th**  
 Riley Stebbing  
 Ida Fitzgerald  
 Brian Gunthrie  
 Kini Schollian  
 Ashley Merchant  
 Ashton Devall  
**March 28th**  
 Karen Fuselier  
 Turner Thompson  
 Paige Penton  
 Robbin Lott  
 Carley Levy  
 Michelle Botos  
 Rocky Curtis  
**March 29th**  
 Caleb McKernan  
 Carlee Swindle  
 Brinnyn Sibley  
 Baryn Phenix  
 Mia Gagliano  
 Katie Copeland  
**March 30th**  
 Cassie Mycoskie  
 Gail Naul  
 Lena Hooper  
 Julie Smith  
 Faith Storck  
 Sue Boutwell  
**March 31st**  
 Gabriel Lejeune  
 Audrey Easley  
 Dawson Blount  
 Kandris Ratcliff  
 Bryce Glover  
 Sydnie Griffith

## PEW PURCHASING

# LIVE OAK

Interested in owning a piece of Live Oak history in your home?

If you are interested in purchasing a pew from our previous church building (now the chapel and Children's Church), please scan the QR code and fill out the form or call the church office no later than April 15, 2021.

Please e-mail  
[carl.d.griffin1991@gmail.com](mailto:carl.d.griffin1991@gmail.com)  
with any questions.





# March 2021 | Calendar of Events

## A TIME AND A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

For more information about groups and events visit [www.loumc.org](http://www.loumc.org) or call (225) 664-4801

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### **SUNDAY**

8:00 AM Worship Service  
 8:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
 8:45 AM Co-ed Sunday School Classes:  
     Pastor Mark Crosby - Chapel  
     Bob Morrison - Conference Room  
     Dickie Davis - FLC  
 8:45 AM Senior Adults Sunday School Classes:  
     Beverly Thames - Room #2  
 9:30 AM Men's Sunday School Class:  
     Robert Poole - Conference Room  
 9:30 AM Children's Church  
 9:30 AM Worship Service - In-person & Livestream  
 11:00 AM Children's Church  
 11:00 AM Worship Service - In-person & Livestream

Last Sunday of each month:

6:00 - 8:00 PM College and Career Worship Service - Chapel

#### **MONDAY**

Every other Monday afternoon - Worship Team Devotional - Online  
 6:30 PM Women's Deeper Life  
 6:30 PM Men's Deeper Life  
 6:30 PM Men's Home Bible Study - Robert Poole's House

#### **WEDNESDAY**

9:30 AM Worship Wednesday - Online  
 6:00 - 7:15 PM Kingdom Kidz - Kindergarten through 3th Grade  
 6:00 - 7:30 PM Axis 456 - 4th, 5th and 6th Grade  
 6:00 - 7:30 PM 78Jump - Junior High  
 6:00 - 7:30 PM FocalPoint912 - High School

#### **THURSDAY**

6:00 PM Men's Play and Pray Basketball - FLC  
 7:00 PM Refuge - Room #2  
 7:00 PM Mid Week Worship - Chapel

#### **FRIDAY**

5:30 AM Iron Man Study - Conference Room  
 6:00 PM Adult Co-ed Bible Study - Conference Room

### ADULT EVENTS

#### **NEW MEMBER'S CLASS**

8:45am in Room #16  
 4 Week class that restarts the first Sunday of every month.  
 For more information email Sam LoBello at [sam@loumc.org](mailto:sam@loumc.org)

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

6:30pm in the Chapel  
 Second and fourth Tuesday of each month.  
 For more information email Stephen Hebert at [stephen@loumc.org](mailto:stephen@loumc.org)

#### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

Men's Gridiron Conference  
 June 18 -19 in Huntsville, AL at the Propst Arena. Cost is \$175.  
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Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 Second Saturday of each month at 7:30am

#### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Lifeway Women Live Simulcast on April 17th  
 Authors such as Jackie Hill, Lisa Harper, and Kelly Minter will share ways we can learn to pursue Christ together in order to have a deeper connection with Him.

Going Beyond Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer on September 25th

More information will be provided closer to each event.

#### **SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY**

Lunch at Big Mike's in Denham Springs, March 12th at 11:00am.  
 Sign up at the Information Desk no later than March 7th.

### STUDENT EVENTS

#### **7TH - 12TH GRADE**

Wednesday, March 10th from 9:00am - 11:00am  
 Outing at Airborne Extreme.  
 Cost is \$12 per student.  
 For more information email Rev. Nathan Lott at [nathan@loumc.org](mailto:nathan@loumc.org)

#### **COLLEGE AND CAREER WORSHIP SERVICE**

6:00pm - 8:00pm in the Chapel  
 The last Sunday of each month.  
 For more information email Rev. Nathan Lott at [nathan@loumc.org](mailto:nathan@loumc.org)

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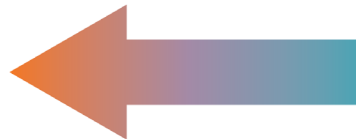
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# MEET OUR TEAM

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Coming together from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences, our skilled team of pastors and ministry professionals are the backbone of Live Oak. 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. Dickie Davis  
Associate Pastor



Rev. Stephen Hebert  
Minister of Pastoral Care

## FINANCE



Jim Otken  
Treasurer

## ADULT MINISTRY



Rev. Sam LoBello  
Director of Adult Ministries

## COLLEGE & STUDENT MINISTRY



Rev. Nathan Lott  
Director of College and Student Ministries



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Trish Graves  
Children's  
Ministry Director



Faith Storck  
Children's  
Ministry Assistant

## NURSERY



Ila Clark  
Mother's Day Out  
Director



Austyn Chopin  
Nursery Director

## WORSHIP



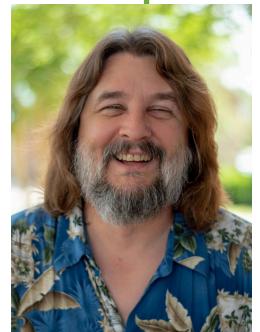
Rev. Trent Barnett  
Director of  
Worship Ministries



Seth Doiga  
Music Director



Rev. David Easley  
Assistant Music  
Director



Danny Wilson  
Audio Engineer

## OFFICE



Linda Holdman  
Administrative  
Assistant



Kim Pamplin  
Office  
Professional



Thanette  
Hunsberger  
Office  
Professional

## MAINTENANCE



Chris Lacara  
Maintenance  
Director



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