

Texas Oaks Baptist Church

We Exist to
Know Christ
Intimately
and to
Share Christ
Passionately



**We are here to
serve you.**

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Welcome 2015

Happy New Year!



TOBC's Weekly Schedule

Sunday

- 8:30 am Praise Team Practice
- 9:00 am Prayer w/ Pastor (Room 18)
- 9:30 am Bible Study for All Ages
- 10:45 am Worship Service

Wednesday

- 6:15 pm Healthy Living Group
- 6:45 pm Coffee House
- 7:00 pm Road Warriors
- 7:00 pm Mid-Week Refuel Service

**Look inside for a
calendar of this
month's full list
of events!**

**Nursery provided for all
Sunday & Wednesday
Activities.**

From the Pastor

How often in movies or books do we come across the word "Destiny"? I did a google search that came up with 1,044 quotes from famous people.

It is also a very common word in movies. In fact, how many of us can place this movie quote, "It is your destiny"? (let me give you a hint, say it as if you are gasping for air, on an intergalactic ship...did that help? ☺).

But did you realize that as Believers in Jesus Christ, and as children by adoption, we too have a destiny? Here's how the Apostle Paul captured it in Ephesians 1:5:

"In love, He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will."

Paul is not speaking about some dark sithlord declaring his parenthood; he is speaking about someone far more real and powerful: the God of all Creation.

And He is not calling us to partner with him in some galactic control plan (He already owns and controls all things...checkout Hebrews Chapter 1), but He is inviting us into intimate fellowship with Himself ... and then some.

One of my favorite versus, hidden behind another favorite verse of most believers, is Romans 8:29.

It says "*For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.*"

See, church, we have a Destiny! Our Destiny is to be like Christ. Our destiny is to be conformed INTO the image of Christ. But what exactly does it mean "to be conformed into the image of Christ"? I will answer this question as we make our way through our next Sermon Series:

"Our Destiny to be Like Christ"

I hope you will join us as we start 2015 looking at the characteristics of Christ with the eager anticipation of the Heavenly Father changing us and the Holy Spirit transforming us, so we too will take on the characteristics of our Savior Jesus Christ.

It's time to make our Father proud!

In His Grace, His Mercy, His Truth...Pastor James

TOBC Corner

Family Night January 4th

Make plans to join us for the first Family Night of 2015.

Business Meeting
5pm
Family Night
6pm
Potluck Fellowship
7pm

Secret Sister Reveal Brunch January 17th 11:00am

Please join us to find out who your secret sister is & bring your favorite snack item to share. Questions? Contact Angelica.

Road Warrior's Barbecue January 11th

The kiddos are hosting a barbecue. Questions? See Kristen or Dave!

Deacon & Elder Meeting January 25th @ 5:00pm

Christmas Decorations January 4th

Stay after service to help take down the church Christmas Decorations.

Senior Men's Breakfast & Wives Coffee
Monday, 1/5 @ 9:00am
Men - Meet in the church parking lot.
Ladies - Meet at Paneras Bakery.

Women's Conference

February 27 - 28, 2015



Every year the ladies from TOBC meet together at Highland Lakes Conference Center to celebrate Christ and encounter life changing events.

This year's focus is Pursing God's Peace
Come and learn about the true peace from God we can live out in our daily lives. Experience God's perfect peace with Him, others and within ourselves.

Option 1 - \$50.00

One Day
Price includes 2 meals & activities.

Option 2 - \$75.00

Two Days
Price includes 4 meals & refreshments.
Friday: Lunch/Dinner AND
Saturday: Breakfast/Lunch
3 Worship Services, 2 Bible Study Sessions,
Prayer Labyrinth, & choice of Topical

Registration Deadline - January 15th
Contact Angelica Tyson for details & registration.

Youth Ministry

Saturday, January 24th 6:30pm Slacker Christmas Party

© Its just a month late! ©
Join other youth for a White Elephant and play Christmas games, and all that good stuff. See Deborah or Eric for questions.



Courtney Raquel Flores
and
Jonathan David Grizzle

Request the honor of your presence at their marriage

Saturday, the tenth of January
Two Thousand and Fifteen
At 4 o'clock in the afternoon
Texas Oaks Baptist Church
9910 Bilbrook Place, Austin, Texas

Reception following the ceremony
Bride & Groom respectfully request cash gifts

2015 is the year of discipleship at TOBC!

It starts with ***knowing the Scriptures.***

I've encouraged every family to read through the Bible together. There are several Thru-the-Bible plans in the foyer (one is a New Testament only plan). There are also several online plans (the one we use is on the Ligonier app). Pick one, and let's allow the Word of God to begin transforming our lives and our homes!

It continues with ***memorizing Scripture.***

Our children have been memorizing one passage a month, and we are going to join them! Learning 12 passages a year may not sound like much, but folks, it's a start. Please join us in learning January's verse:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." John 11:25

And it concludes with ***learning Catechisms.***

Once again, our children have been accomplishing this for over a year; now we get to join them! Each month, as a church, we will work on 3-4 questions a month. Some will ask, why learn catechisms? I'm so glad you asked. And on family night, January 4th, I will answer that question, plus the ones below.

I hope you will be there to hear the answers, and to get our first set:

What is a catechism?

What is the history of this catechism?

Is there a Biblical pattern of doctrine?

Why is it important?

How shall we begin?

The first set of questions for January are:

Q. What is the ultimate purpose of man?

Q. What ultimate standard has God given us to glorify and enjoy Him?

Q. What is the Word of God?

Q. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

Excited about 2015!

Pastor James



We've had a couple weeks off of the normal routine, and all teachers are ready to get back in the swing of things!

Sunday School and Wednesday night classes resume the week of January 5th!

If your child has been attending, we'd love to see him/her again.

If your child has not attended, we'd love to have them start!

Our January emphasis will be:

JESUS IS POWERFUL!

What a wonderful focus to have as we all start 2015!

We are also very excited that the rest of the church will be learning Bible verses right along with us!

So, youth & adults, feel free to stop one of our little one in the hall and practice the verse with them.

They'll love knowing they're not doing it alone!

Committed to teaching children to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength!

Your Sunday morning team,

Charlotte, Holly, Bertha, James, Kyle & Sarah,

Your Wednesday night team,

Dave, Cathy, Donna & Cameron

Wednesday Nights

Hey kids! We know it's tough getting back into the swing of things, so we're gonna try making things as easy and comfortable as possible!

Feel free to wear your PJs every night in January, and be ready to sing, learn & memorize we sip on chocolate!

Parables of Jesus

Beginning Wednesdays / January 7th @ 7:00pm

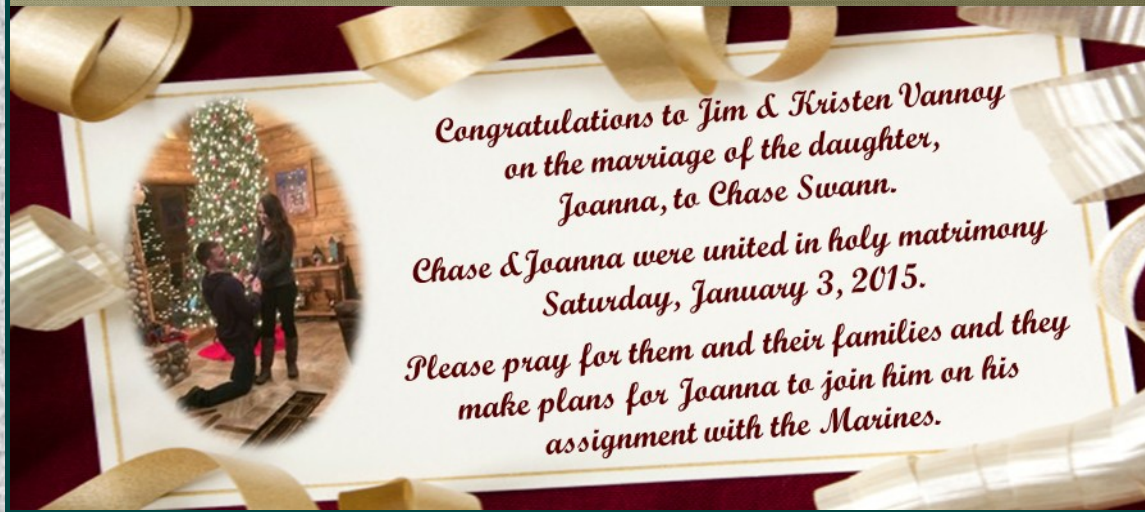
We will begin a new study on The Parables of Jesus. I will be following an outline from Dr. James Montgomery Boice. The outline will be broken down into the following:

- Parables of The Kingdom (4 Weeks)
- Parables of Salvation (5 Weeks)
- Parables of Wisdom and Folly (4 Weeks)
- Parables of The Christian Life (5 Weeks)
- Parables of Judgment. (4 Weeks)

We will also share with you each week which book, chapter and verses from each specific parable I will be covering. Hopefully, this will allow you some time to read the text and maybe even study it some yourself before we gather on that particular Wednesday.

We could possibly be getting back to corporate praise time on Wednesdays. We are also planning to hear a few more messages from Jim and Eric. So, after I complete each group of parables, plan on receiving a message from one of those men. I eagerly look forward to continuing to study God's Word with you!

in Christ, *Scott Tyson*



Happy Birthday

JANUARY

1/4
Brittany
Hall

1/19
John
Loyd

1/7
Jim
Vannoy

1/26
Denise
San Luis

1/17
Griffin
Tyson

1/29
Hannah
Torrey



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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1 		2		3 1:00pm Joanna Vannoy Chase Swann Wedding		
4 12:30 Take Down Decorations 5:00pm Business Mtg. 6:00pm Family Night & Potluck	5 9:00am Sr Men's Breakfast & Wives' Coffee 	6	7 Wednesday Activities Resume	8 	9	10 4:00pm Jonathan Grizzle Courtney Flores Wedding
11 12:30pm BBQ by the Road Warriors	12	13	14	15	16	17 11:00am Secret Sister Reveal
18	19 	20 9:30am Soup Kitchen	21	22	23 	24 6:30pm Youth Party
25 5:00pm Deacon/Elder Meeting	26 	27	28	29 	30	31



Sunday

	Preschool Helper	Nursery Workers	Power Point	Tellers	Visitor's Center
4th	Ashley Fisher	Kristen Vannoy	Matthew Vannoy	Debbie Shirley Denise San Luis	San Luis/Franco Class
11th	Elisabeth Maddox	Wanda White	Youth Volunteer	Jim Vannoy Chris Kimbrell	Joy Class
18th	Ruby Franco	Shary Evans	Caleb Shrader	Jackie Scoggins Bertha Esparza	Tyson Class
25th	Faith Shrader	Joanna Vannoy	Ryan Askew	Jeremy Scoggins Ramon San Luis	Askew/Vannoy Class

Wednesday

Preschool Helper			
7th	14th	21st	28th
Mary Wild			