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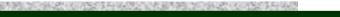
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Pelcome... to our church family

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Worship Service



Wednesday **Coffee House Refuel Road Warriors** Mid-Week Service

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

Nursery provided for all Sunday & Wednesday Activities. The Oak Leaf

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March is here! And I'm excited about all that's coming up. During Spring Break, Cathy & I, along with Joshua, Alaina, Kenzie & Judah, will be heading to Florida for our annual Ligonier conference. It is always encouraging to sit under some of the most wonderful "giants" of the faith. It can also be very challenging, physically & spiritually. Please pray for all of us during that time.

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March also begins the official countdown to Easter. With that comes Lent (not a popular word in Baptist circles, but a great way to prepare your heart and mind for the Easter season) and our Trail of Life.

Even though as a church we have never emphasized Lent. want to challenge each family to try something different this year that will prepare our hearts and our homes for the event that changed the course of history – the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As with many other Christian holidays, it is easy to get wrapped up with everything other than Jesus. The candy, baskets, egg hunts, new clothes, etc, often consume much of our energy and squeeze out the true meaning of the season. This year, I'm encouraging families to implement a family devotion time during Lent, which also happens to be the 40 days leading to our Easter Trail of Life (Wednesday, March 5th- April 17th). I have chosen some material from the Gospel Coalition (thank you, Son, for your help). It will have a daily study that can be used personally, as a couple or as a family; there is a devotion for each day. On Sundays, new packets will be in the foyer for the upcoming week; feel free to pick up as many as you & your family will use. This is the first time Cathy & I attempt Lenten devotions, and I encourage you to join us.

The next countdown that also begins next month is for our Easter Trail of Life. I don't know about you, but after not getting the chance to share the visual, living message of the gospel during Christmas, I am beyond excited for the upcoming opportunity.

This year, we will only have presentations on one night, Good Friday, April 18th, rather than two nights. We will need actors for the Garden of Gethsemane & the Crucifixion. We will also need folks to help with props at the Last Supper scene, lightning at each scene, and greeting our guests as they arrive. Begin asking God where He wants to use you; then ask Him to help you be faithful.

In the past, members have been personally contacted about volunteering; this year, I want to make sure no one responds to a pastor but rather to the Lord, Himself. So, we're doing things a little differently. There will be no personal emails sent requesting help; instead, I have asked Debi to simply put signup sheets in the foyer and Sunday School classes. If, after prayer, the Lord leads you to volunteer, then sign up by March 16th.

Blessed to be walking along you all during this new season of the year! May we strive to bring God glory as we faithfully walk in the path He' established for us, our homes and our church family.

Pastor James

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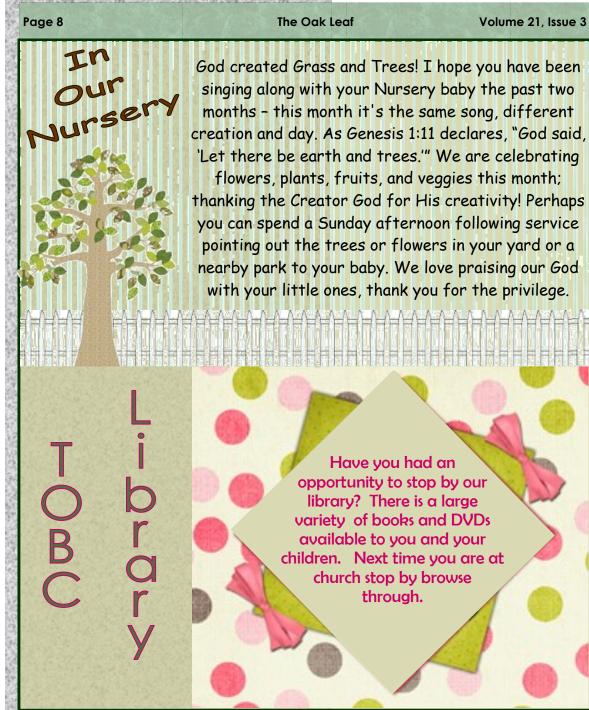












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| 9th | Kay Maddox | Wanda White | Matthey Vannoy | | Denise San Luis & Debbie Shirley | | Joy Class | | |
| 16th | Debi Walsh | Donna Vannoy | Chris Walsh | | Bob Newman & John Loyd | | Askew/Vannoy Class | | |
| 23rd | Cathy Torrey | Joanna Vannoy | Ryan Askew | | Kristen Vannoy Bertha Esparza | | Youth Class | | |
| 30th | No Preschool | Julie Fisher | - | Caleb owley | Ramon San Luis & Jim Vannoy | | Tyson Class | | |
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